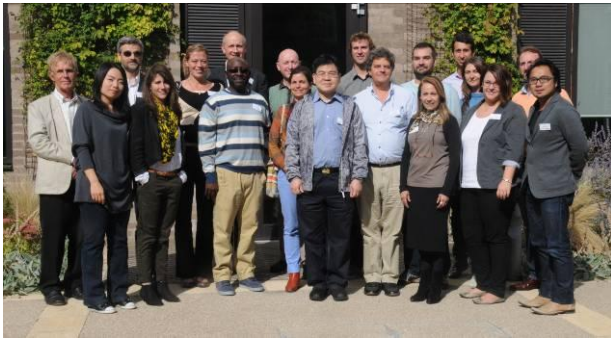
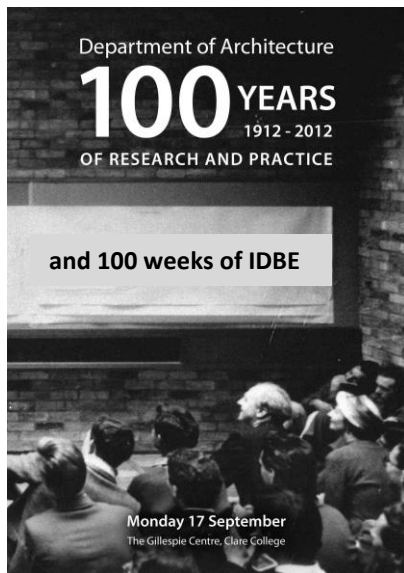


Welcome to Cohort 19 and week 100!



In September 2012 we welcomed our latest cohort of students, the nineteenth group to start the IDBE course. For a while it seemed as if we would also have nineteen students on the course, which appealed to our tidy minds, but in fact there are only eighteen. One aspect we are particularly proud of is that, after a steady creep upwards, this year exactly half of the students are women (and half are men, in case you were wondering). Below, the new students grapple with the artificial sky during their first studio project, an exercise in interdisciplinary team work and façade design.



And what is tidy is that this course week, the one hundredth since the course began, happened to coincide with the one hundred year anniversary of the Architecture Department. The centenary symposium happened to be held at Clare College on the first day of the IDBE course week, and we couldn't resist

inviting our very newest students to join other students, academics and alums Joanna van Heyningen, Peter Clegg, Eric Parry and Dean Hawkes. (OK, so I doctored the photo.)



And farewell to Cohort 17

The final course feast for IDBE17 was held in July in Trinity Hall College. The dinner was held in the splendid surroundings of the mediæval dining hall where Stanley Melbourne Bruce (8th Prime Minister of Australia, just for Matt), novelist JB Priestley, physicist Stephen Hawking and Andrew Marr (BBC political journalist and super-injunctionalist) also once sat. Probably.

The studio project was on the subject 'The challenge of 2050: how shall we live and work ...together?', and was led by Stephen Hill, director of C20 Futureplanners. Extra fun was had at the SmartLife Centre in Cambridge, where the IDBE students built houses in timber frame, lightweight steel and insulated concrete formwork – some seemed more confident than others...

Accreditation again!

Regular readers will know that the course was recently recommended for re-accreditation as a Masters for further learning with the ICE, IStructE, CIHT and IHE. This has now been officially ratified, and following a panel visit in September the course has also been recommended for accreditation for the first time with CIBSE.



Cohort 45 in the making?



(Not to scale)



The last two years has seen an impressive number of significant events in the lives of cohort 17. Weng Kong and Derek Farman have each had two babies, while Brian Lopez, David Wilson and Derek Roberts are lagging with only one, and Holly Knight is about to have her second. Michael Trousdell and Craig Webster have both got married. In Cohort 18 at least one baby so far to Jason Barisano, and one on the way for Marco B-C. Thank you to all, and to Michael Trousdell (IDBE17) and Rocio de Ariton (IDBE19) who have sent us these beautiful photos of their weddings. We wish you all many happy years ahead!



And life goes on in the IDBE office

Many of you may wonder what goes on in the lives of the IDBE course team when the students are not with us. Simply keeping the show on the road, participating in the many parts of the University we belong to, developing the course, finding the best speakers, recruiting and retaining great supervisors, and talking with accrediting bodies, our external examiner, our industry advisory panel, and our academic committee, badgering students for course work, and a host of tiny but important tasks, make our lives pretty full.

However we do find a little time around the margins to continue to develop our research contacts and interests. Sebastian has recently been appointed Academic Advisor for Architecture at the University of Teknologi in Malaysia, where we expect him to be travelling as often as he can to escape the Cambridge winter. He is also bound for the Ukraine, as part of a research project led by Milan Polytechnic sharing knowledge of sustainable urban development between west and east Europe. Closer to home, he continues his work with the Design Futures Council, and as a reviewer for the EPSRC (as I write he has a thick pile of grant proposals on his desk which he is diligently, if somewhat gloomily, marking up). In November both Sebastian and Alice presented their research at the UCL conference on *Urban Sustainability and Resilience* in London. Sebastian's paper, co-authored with a group from Arup, develops a framework for resilient cities, while Alice's poster looks at redesigning schools for changing climates, as part of the Technology Strategy Board *Design for future climates* programme.

Alice has just had a paper on embodied carbon analysis awarded 'journal paper of the year', which actually comes with a small financial reward – mince pies all round in the December week! In October she hosted the 'International Energy Agency ECBCS Annex 57 on embodied carbon and energy in buildings'. Over 20 international experts from Japan, Korea, Australia and Brazil, and several other European countries, discussed tools, methods and case studies, and sampled English cuisine, which they were surprised to find wasn't too bad after all!



Annex 57 at Browns at the end of a long day



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