“Sustainable lighting for sustainable cities”

From Tuesday October 28th to Tuesday November 4th
San Luis Potosi
Mexico
Distinguished members of this Assembly, San Luis Potosí shines with the intensity of being the City of Light headquarters of the Annual General Meeting of Cities of Light 2008, organized by the Lighting Urban Community International (LUCI).

The three work days that you will have, added to the quality and the warmth of the potosinos, guarantee the success of this great event, of which I am sure very pleasant memories will be taken.

The Government of the State of San Luis Potosí that I honor myself to head has special interest in highlighting the wealth of our architectural, cultural and historic heritage; and the scenic lighting is without any doubt, a fundamental element to achieve it.

This is your home, your City of Light. Enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Marcelo de los Santos Fraga
Constitutional Governor
of the State of San Luis Potosí

It is a great pleasure to greet you for LUCI’s 7th Annual General Meeting here in San Luis Potosí, the “Ciudad de Luz” of Mexico, and the first city on the American continent to welcome a LUCI meeting!

As each year, this major event in the life of our organisation is an important moment for sharing experiences, learning about different visions of lighting and networking. Around the theme “Sustainable lighting for sustainable cities” this year’s Annual General Meeting will also be the opportunity for the LUCI network to engage itself in promoting a certain vision of lighting. A vision in which lighting and sustainable development are inextricably linked, as cities across the world show a growing concern for reducing energy costs and for the quality of life of their urban environments.

I am glad to see LUCI contribute in this way to one of today’s major debate in the lighting world.

Thank you to San Luis Potosí for their warm welcome and I wish an excellent Annual General Meeting to all.

Jean-Michel Daclin
President of LUCI Association
Deputy Mayor of Lyon
TUESDAY OCTOBER 28TH:
20:00 – 22:00 Evening reception – Sky room, Panorama Hotel, San Luis Potosi

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH:
» 9:00 - 12:00 Executive Committee (for LUCI EC members only), Central University Building
  12:15 -13:45 Lunch, Federico Silva Museum
» 13:45 - 14:00 Registration, Central University Building
» 14:00 - 15:00 Greetings by LUCI and by San Luis Potosi, Central University Building
  Presentation of the lighting strategy of San Luis Potosi
» 15:15 - 18:00 LUCI General Assembly, Central University Building
» 18:00 - 18:30 Executive Committee (for LUCI EC members only), Central University Building
» 19:00 - 20:30 Philips/LUCI international “city.people.light” award ceremony, La Paz Theatre
  Opening by the Governor of the State - Presentation of the book “San Luis Potosi, Mexico’s City of light”
  20:30 - 22:00 Dinner, Aranzazu Plaza

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30TH:
» 9:00 - 10:30 Main Conference, Central University Building
  Leni Schwendinger, Artist and Lighting Designer, Light Projects - Reclaiming the dark side of town: an underpass becomes a gateway
  David Keith, Lighting Consultant, Marshall Design Inc.- Urban light now – and decades from now
» 10:45 - 12:00 Speed Networking, Central University Building
  12:15 - 13:45 Lunch, Laberinto de las Ciencias Museum
» 14:00 - 15:15 First 2 Commission meetings, Central University Building
  Culture: Emily Emerson, Lighting Designer, Speirs and Major Associates - Design practices within a cultural context - case studies from London to Abu Dhabi
  Technological trends and Prospects: Graham Phoenix, Lighting Designer, GP: LV - Control and management in lighting strategies
» 15:15 - 16:30 Second 2 Commission meetings, Central University Building
  Environment and Economy of Lighting: Jocelyn Peissel, Director of the Lighting Concepts Department, Citelum Mexico - Lighting strategies and sustainable development in Mexico – case studies of Morelia and Mexico City
  Urban Strategies: Piero Castiglioni, Architect and Lighting Designer - Light (in) visible
  18:15 - 19:15 Tranvia City Tour
  19:30 - 22:00 Dinner, Booth style Featuring Traditional foods, Centro de las Artes Building

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST:
» 9:00 - 10:00 “LightLinks” information meeting (Thorn/LUCI)
» 10:00 - 11:00 Exchange between Lighting Technicians from cities

OPTIONAL PROGRAM:
FRIDAY OCTOBER 31, SATURDAY/ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 AND 2: HUASTECA POTOSINA
October 31
12:25 Flight for the Huasteca region
November 2
17:10 Return to San Luis Potosi

MONDAY NOVEMBER 3:
MAGIC DESERT (1-day option)
20:00 Return to San Luis Potosi

MONDAY/TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3 AND 4:
MAGIC DESERT AND REAL DE CATORCE (2-day option)
November 4
20:00 Return to San Luis Potosi
Leni Schwendinger’s discussion addresses the challenge of emerging districts, the structures that typify them, and the designer’s role in balancing civic imperatives, aesthetic objectives and sustainability goals. All these are elements arising in the 13-year narrative of Triple Bridge Gateway. Unveiled in October 2008, Triple Bridge Gateway is a luminous metallic “skin” that transforms the previously bleak bus ramps at the “back door” of the United States’ largest bus stations.

In the case of Triple Bridge, new ideas of energy conservation, accompanied by new technologies, were integrated with an eight-year old design. Leni will explain how decisions and compromises were made to align the project with the public agency’s concern for public perception vis-à-vis energy savings.

Lighting provides light - and a lot more. Exterior lighting helps with safety and security and also lets urban settings come alive at night. This valuable contribution to the community requires investment in design, finance, maintenance and oversight. Presently, the lighting industry is changing - all the way from its basic units to its stated goals and objectives. Meanwhile, decisions need to be made - decisions that will have consequences for years to come, including some that will be unintended, unforeseen or undesirable. This presentation discusses how current developments in knowledge, technology, globalization and environmental issues present the lighting industry with more opportunities and challenges in the near and further futures.
Philips has been engaged in a process of exploring how lighting can develop and improve the quality of city life, the objective being to stretch the intellectual and creative boundaries towards more innovative and relevant solutions.

This research program brings together the three key notions of ‘city’, ‘people’ and ‘light’ in one comprehensive approach.

With the international city.people.light award, Philips wishes to reward those towns or cities that are attempting to rehumanize the urban environment through the medium of light. This competition, created by Philips, is being run in conjunction with the Lighting Urban Community International Association (LUCI).

LightLinks, the urban lighting initiative devised by Thorn and LUCI is now fully underway. The project aims to contribute to the development of urban lighting in disadvantaged communities by encouraging cities from high and low income countries to partner together. The first beneficiary is Jericho, who is receiving support from the City of Lyon and Thorn, with the assistance of lighting designer Philippe Hutinet. This first LightLinks project will culminate in the lighting of two heritage sites – the giant tree of Zacchaeus and the ruins of Hisham’s Palace. The LightLinks initiative will be opened to new projects involving new partnerships in coming years. A meeting is planned during the AGM for all potentially interested participants.
Sociologist Richard Sennett argues in The Conscience of the Eye that the physical design of our cities is a mirror of society and culture. The discussion of urban lighting design within a cultural context starts from this point as a base to look at some of the key issues facing lighting designers that work in a variety of urban contexts. Through a comparison of a lighting Master Plan in London and Abu Dhabi, key themes or issues will be addressed.

Emily Emerson trained as an architectural engineer. She graduated from Kansas State University and moved to Amsterdam for a lighting design internship with Hollands Licht. She then moved to London to work with Arup Lighting and while there worked mainly on museum and gallery lighting, including both day lighting analysis and creative lighting design. While working, she completed an MSc in City Design and Social Science at the London School of Economics. Emily has experience not only as a lighting designer but also as an urban designer.

As lighting strategies have developed from their early beginnings it has become increasingly clear that the management and control of the lighting over the whole city is vital to the overall success of the strategy. It is no longer sufficient to install lighting schemes and leave their operation to the whim of the building owner. Central operation has implications for how the strategy is set up and these needs to be borne in mind from the outset. The talk will look at how and why this has not worked in the past and how technology will increasingly enable this in the future.

Graham Phoenix is one of the UK’s best-known independent lighting designers and has an unrivalled experience in urban lighting issues, particularly in strategic lighting planning for historic towns and cities, sensitive lighting of buildings, especially cathedrals and theatres. He formed Graham Phoenix: Lighting Design (GP: LD) in 2006. Graham was originally a stage lighting designer. In the early 80’s, after around 15 years in stage lighting, he moved into architectural lighting.
Pietro Maria Castiglioni is graduated in architecture in 1970. From 1973 to 1979, he works on lighting with his father. During this period, he creates several lightings for public or private art galleries, temporary exhibitions, show rooms, offices, hotels and habitations in Italy and in foreign countries. After his father's death, he goes on working in lighting with new collaborators, in the same office. He is technical advisor and designer for different lighting manufacturers and luxury boutiques. He is also lecturer at the Universities of Milano, Geneva and Lausanne.

Environment and Economy of Lighting
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30TH: 15:15 - 16:30

Jocelyn Peissel

Lighting strategies and sustainable development in Mexico
Case studies of Morelia and Mexico City

Urban Strategies
Piero Castiglioni
Light (in) visible

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In Mexico DF and Morelia, planned investments on lighting started in 2007 and should end in 2010. Lighting Plans in Mexico tackle the issues of anarchical lighting in cities as well as the management of investment expenditures on urban lighting installations. The main objective aims at promoting the image of the city. This means above all ensuring safety on public spaces and roads, but also enhancing the main tourist sites. This is done with a concern for lighting efficiency, energy costs and lighting pollution.

Jocelyn Peissel studied art in Lausanne and industrial design in Barcelona before orienting himself towards lighting design in 1998. He illuminated the Château de Sully on that year and then moved on to become artistic director and lighting designer for Citelum. He is director of the lighting concepts department of Citelum Mexico.

All you need is light but light has to be integrated in architecture. Only in this way we are sure that light is visible IN architecture and so invisible. Architecture need light to be visible but in the same time light has to light rightly architecture because it can destroy it or make it alive. Light is emotion, light is space, light is sound... light is the 4th material of architecture so it has to be used correctly and this is the big task of the lighting designer who interprets the language of architecture.
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