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“Design for Living: Creating an Inclusive LifeSpace for the Aging”

In preparation and recognition of the IDSA 2012 International Conference: The Future Is…, Prof. Ricardo Gomes, Chair of the Design and Industry Department at San Francisco State University will be presenting for the IHCD Lunch & Learn session, “Design for Living: Creating an Inclusive LifeSpace for the Aging”

The presentation will feature a Graduate Industrial Design Studio at SFSU that was held last Spring Semester 2012 that focused on inclusive, universal design applications in regards to identifying and developing responsive methodologies and procedures that encompass the promotion of flexible independent living environments that evolve with the user. The purpose of this seminar was to address and assess how design can be utilized to facilitate the micro and macro living environment (“LifeSpace”) of as wide a range of the users as possible regardless of the user’s ability, disability, age or gender. The seminar featured design concepts for the product environment and interior space that facilitates the universal access of essential spatial environments in the home that are key in sustaining and promoting “independent living” for both the elderly and persons with disabilities. These paramount issue of safe use, access and comfort confront and benefit all users on daily basis in their primary LifeSpace, can be interpreted as their home space; work space; creative space; recreational space; or spiritual space. The Grad Seminar supported a collaborative, interdisciplinary project that was human-centered and involved the participatory input of the designated users/beneficiaries. Although the Grad Seminar was a designated “ID” Studio, the studio employed a very interdisciplinary design methods and techniques based upon the IDEO HCD AB Rail-Volution 2012 

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program. As well as an introduction to what it means to be a user-expert. Meeting two days a week our interns examined the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, the Old State House, and new pedestrian bridge connecting North Point Park with Paul Revere Park. The summer program culminates in a presentation of user/expert findings to Linda Jonash Director of Planning and Design of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy.

IHCD Welcomed Elena Cruz Gonzalez of Foundation ONCE based in Madrid Spain for two weeks.
New Webinar available on Universal Design for Learning

Universal Design for Learning: Growing Momentum in States and Districts: On May 15, 2012, this Webinar on Universal Design for Learning offered new insights about how Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is emerging as a national innovation that is transforming curriculum and instruction for all learners. See the free Webinar or Download Report - Here's what you’ll learn: UDL expert, Dr. David Rose, describes the UDL framework, followed by highlights from co-author Dr. Patti Ralabate on the findings of Universal Design for Learning: Initiatives on the Move, the first comprehensive study of the use of federal funding for UDL initiatives in 14 states and over 130 local districts. [http://www.udlcenter.org/advocacy/state/report](http://www.udlcenter.org/advocacy/state/report)

News from the Congressional Roundtable luncheon featuring Congressman Jim Langevin.

Oce Harrison, Project Director of the New England ADA Center, Christopher Degrave, RI Governor’s Commission on Disability and Casey Gartland, Perspectives Corporation participated in the New England Council Congressional Roundtable luncheon featuring Congressman Jim Langevin. The Congressman highlighted some of his work on cyber security issues. In addition to co-chairing the Congressional Cyber security Caucus, the Congressman sits on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

To that end, Rep. Langevin explained that he is partnering with the SBA and the Rhode Island Small Business Development Center to host a program to inform small businesses of some of the funding opportunities available, including the SBIR (Small Business Innovation and Research) program.

IHCD works with the Open Society Institute and Habitat for Humanity in Romania.

Read the full store: ACCESSIBLE HOMES AND OPEN COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Kenguru Wheelchair-Accessible EV

One major issue facing transportation is accessibility, especially for those in wheelchairs. From public to personal transit, a wheelchair presents unique mobility challenges. Sure, it’s possible to outfit existing vehicles for wheelchair accessibility, but the process is expensive and doesn’t always yield a complete, integrated solution. That’s where Kenguru changes things. The Kenguru is an electric vehicle with no seats, made in the US by a woman with a disability that allows drivers to control the car from their wheelchair.

Nielsen Norman Group Report:

"Beyond ALT Text: Making the Web Easy to Use for Users With Disabilities"

Learn about 75 Best Practices for Design of Websites and Intranets, Based on Usability Studies with People Who Use Assistive Technology
Children with disabilities more likely to experience violence

Children with disabilities are almost four times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children, according to a review commissioned by the World Health Organization and published today in the medical journal The Lancet.

To learn more Click Here....

Disaster Accountability Project

Billions in Relief. Millions Still Falling through the Cracks.

Disaster Accountability Project saves lives and reduces suffering after disasters by maximizing the impact of preparedness, response and relief through citizen oversight and engagement, policy research and advocacy, and public education.

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Upcoming Conferences & Calls

Bridging the Gap, Creating a Community of Support for Survivors with Disabilities.

The Bridging the Gap: Creating a Community of Support for Survivors with Disabilities conference is being held on October 31 and November 1, 2012 in Louisville, Kentucky. This conference brings together professionals from a variety of fields including criminal justice, disability rights, Deaf rights, self-advocacy, violence against women, and other to highlight promising practices for serving survivors with disabilities; explore emerging issues at the intersection of violence and disability; and foster networking among those working to end violence against people with disabilities. The conference features 5 keynote addresses, more than 30 workshops, a promising practices showcase, and an art exhibit.

To learn more please Click Here....
To register please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BTGRegistration

Next Generation Design Competition 2012

For 2012 Metropolis Magazine will be challenging you to develop solutions that empower, advance and include audience groups often overlooked in the design process (including but not limited to, our rapidly increasing aging population and citizens with disabilities). The form is up to you; consider how tech savvy people are becoming and what devices, materials and modes of transportation will stay relevant 20 years from now. Keep in mind what other audience groups will benefit from the design.

Metropolis encourages you to think big and test your ideas through the Next Generation® competition.

For further information, contact NextGen@metropolismag.com

Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo, October 2-4, 2012, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

For 25 years the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo has been the forum where leaders share ideas on healthcare delivery improvement and how the physical space directly impacts the staff, patients and their families. Architects, Engineers, Facility Managers, Healthcare Administrators, Interior Designers and Construction Professionals alike come together as friends to collaborate, hear fresh perspectives, understand current trends and discover new products and solutions. Spend just three days at the Symposium and you will be inspired to evoke change and the advancement of a better delivery of healthcare. Use VIP Code DCHM9M to receive a 20% discount on your Full Conference Pass!
Visit www.hcarefacilities.com/ihcd

Registration for the 2012 ANFA Conference is now open! Space is Limited so please register now!

The ANFA Annual Conference will provide a forum for architects and neuroscientists whose presentations will advance our knowledge of the links between neuroscience research and a growing understanding of human responses to the built environment. The Conference will explore, from a scientific basis, the range of human experiences with elements of architecture, through collaboration between architects and neuroscientists.

To learn more Click Here......
Rail~Volution 2012 Conference Registration Now Open!

This year Rail~Volution travels to Los Angeles where rail and rapid transit will double in the next decade. Come along and immerse yourself in a four-day learning lab of ideas, cultures and transit projects where the best and brightest ideas on livability will be debated, tested and shared.

October 14-17, 2012
Los Angeles, California

To learn more Click here....

Call for Papers!

EDRA44 Providence are currently accepting Proposals through Friday, September 21, 2012. EDRA44 has a special focus on health policy implications for environmental design in addition to promoting the value of research for advancing environmental design and theory building. The 2013 conference is co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Health and together we invite EDRA44 participants to contribute to developing health policy through environmental design research.

To learn more and submit proposals please visit: http://www.edra.org/content/edra44providence

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Featured Publications

I Can Dance: My Life with a Disability by: Laurie Hoirup

I Can Dance tells of a child diagnosed with a form of muscular dystrophy who achieved education (bachelor’s and master’s degree), friendships, family, and professional employment as teacher and administrator. Throughout, the author speaks with frank intimacy about her life with a disability, the good, the bad, and the sometimes strange and surprising. I Can Dance will open eyes and hearts to the potential of people with even severe physical disabilities and show a unique and vibrant individual growing and thriving amidst challenges and opportunities in the lively background of the 1960s and 1970s and beyond, from childhood to grandparenthood. This is a life lived fully and told with enthusiasm. Foreword by Catherine Campisi, former Director, California Department of Rehabilitation, and disability advocate. Click here to learn more.....

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