

PRESS RELEASE

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Paul Morrell to give Happold Medal Lecture

Paul Morrell OBE, the government's Chief Construction Adviser will give this year's lecture and become the seventh recipient of the prestigious Happold Medal Award, which is awarded jointly by the Construction Industry Council and the Happold Trust.

Established in 1998, The Happold Medal Lecture is held in memory of the CIC's first chairman, Professor Sir Edmund (Ted) Happold, the founding senior partner of Buro Happold.

Paul Morrell will receive the Happold Medal after delivering a lecture entitled, 'Can we get there from here?' which will focus on integration and industry reform. The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 May 2011 at 7.00pm at No 4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ.

It is 41 years since Ove Arup delivered a major speech that conveyed the messages of integration; 17 years since Michael Latham issued his report "Constructing the Team"; and 13 years since John Egan's "Rethinking Construction".

"Integration" is now a mantra, chanted as an essential element of fundamental industry reform, and there are very few who challenge its premise. Paul Morrell will argue that the green shoots of that reform, and the day when our clients can expect a cohesive proposition, aligned with their interests and running continuously from briefing, through design and construction and into operation still seem fragile or frost bound. Are the habits of hundreds of years now so deeply embodied in our education, institutions, business models and culture that we should just own up and give up – and make aggressive competition our clients' only guardian? Is the vision of integrating just a mirage? Or can we get there from here?

Construction professionals are welcome to attend and applications from young professionals will be particularly welcomed. Attendance to the lecture is free, but numbers will be limited and therefore early booking is essential. For further details and to register for a place please visit <http://www.cic.org.uk/Contact/HappoldReg.asp> or contact Tamara Dale (tdale@cic.org.uk) at CIC on 020 7399 7405.

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Notes to the editor

1. The six previous Happold Medal recipients have been:

Patrick Bellew

Professor Sir Peter Hall

Sir Howard Bernstein

Tessa Tennant

Amory Lovins

Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO

2. CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

3. The Happold Trust was founded by the partners of Buro Happold during the lifetime of the late Ted Happold. It is a Registered Charity (no. 1050814) for the promotion of education research and training in fields applicable to the construction industry, engineering, design, technology and architecture.

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