

Submission

ID: 122931

Awards Program Information

Organization: **The American Institute of Architects**
Application: **2008 Fellowship**

Fellowship Nominee Information

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*Nominee Name

Category of Nomination

Pick only one from the following five objectives of nomination.

1. To promote the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession

2. To advance the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training and practice

3. To coordinate the building industry and the profession of architecture

4. To ensure the advancement of the living standards of people through their environment

5. To make the profession of ever-increasing service to society

Section 1: Summary

Describe how the nominee's work may be considered notable and how it has advanced the profession of architecture.

Summary Statement is limited to 350 total characters (including spaces and punctuation) and 35 words.

*Summary statement

Summary of Achievements is limited to 4200 total characters, including spaces and punctuation.

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Institute's first survey of its 1,300 overseas members. The data from this survey is influencing development of AIA's international program, long range planning and revised membership categories. To expand international membership, Mr. Lischer is leading discussions with the Korean Institute of Architects and the Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica about establishing new international components. After moving to England in 1989 from Kansas City, Mr. Lischer joined the Royal Institute of British Architects and obtained his UK registration. His RIBA activities have fostered productive relationships between RIBA and AIA, resulting in 24 AIA/RIBA lectures, exhibits and educational events since 1993. Mr. Lischer was appointed to AIA's International Committee Advisory Group in 2005. In this leadership role, he worked to organize a 37-member roundtable to discuss offshore outsourcing of architectural services. This meeting resulted in the formation of a subcommittee he chairs that is preparing an educational program to advise practitioners on utilizing this new global resource. AIA/UK Leadership Mr. Lischer was one of several AIA leaders who established the Institute's first international component, which required new AIA organizational and governing structures. The AIA/UK Chapter was chartered in 1993, based on the principles of advocating international design excellence and providing education and fellowship for members. This new chapter set an AIA precedent, and inspired the creation of three more international AIA components. Of AIA's 1,300 overseas members, 420 belong to international components. Mr. Lischer has served on the AIA/UK board of directors since 1993. As Membership chair, he created a new database to enhance communication and service to chapter members. As a result of his efforts, the AIA/UK Chapter has been the fastest growing component in several years. The Chapter grew by over 300 percent in 10 years from 1994 to 2004. Education Mr. Lischer has educated and informed thousands of international design and construction professionals through public speaking, and as an advocate for design excellence. He made 32 presentations in the last 10 years to over 6,000 students and professionals at international meetings, conferences and universities. His outreach has raised public awareness of the value of good design in international sports facilities, the focus of his practice. Mr. Lischer has organized international conferences in London promoting global practice. A Fall 2007 Knowledge Community conference examining the design-build process attracted attendees from 17 countries and 18 states. Participants created a joint AIA/UK-RIBA committee to produce a White Paper. A 1998 London conference he organized attracted a record 180 attendees. As a passionate supporter of emerging professionals, he has mentored young architects and two AIA Associates participating in the Intern Development Program. He created the AIA/UK's Super Saturday continuing education program. Since its founding in 1999, 350 participants have earned 2,800 learning units. Practice As founding partner of London-based Sport Concepts, Mr. Lischer's global practice has ongoing projects in Singapore, Turkey, England, Scotland and the Czech Republic. His experience includes over 250 projects in 21 countries including 14 Olympic Games. Conclusion Michael Lischer has advanced the architectural profession through his international advocacy, leadership, education and international practice. As the Institute's international ambassador, he has made a significant impact on AIA's international programs and its influence in the global arena.