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John Assael
FRIBA, DiplArch Dip(Consv)AA MSc HonDDes, FRSA

John is co-founder of Assael Architecture, a practice that has won many awards for excellence in design, being an exemplar employer and for their charitable initiatives. John has devoted much of his time to championing the profession at the RIBA. He was previously Chair of the RIBA Journal and Vice President for Professional Services, and is currently their Honorary Treasurer having served on Council for ten years. John was also previously an elected member of the Architects Registration Board and has been a Trustee of the Architects Benevolent Society since 2004. Throughout his career, John has campaigned for the next generation of architects. He has taught at universities across the UK and has employed and mentored hundreds of students, giving them practical experience and essential business skills to be well-rounded, professional architects. In 2017, Oxford Brookes University, where John is a Visiting Fellow, awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Design. He is also Master of Students at the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, through which he initiated the Assael Architecture Award for Tenacity.



Richard Coutts
FRIBA, M.Eng, DipArch

Richard is a founding Director of Baca Architects, which won The Urban Design Group's - Practice of the Year in 2016/17, and was the Project Architect for the UK's first Amphibious House, which can withstand up to 2.5m of floodwater. The Amphibious House has won numerous awards and has been featured on Grand Designs. Richard has contributed extensively to research and innovation around the hugely important area of living and working with water, including his publication "Aquatecture: Buildings and Cities Designed to Live and Work with Water", and his development of the technology that made the Amphibious House possible. He has also played integral roles in the Core Cities Advisory Group for Her Majesty's Government, and the Defra-funded LiFE (Long-term Initiatives for Flood-risk Environments) project, which aimed to identify ways in which the means of managing flood risk can be integrated within development sites. Richard is currently working on a floating city which can enable the delivery of smart sustainable growth with integral energy provision and infrastructure on water.



Gordon Gibb
FRIBA, BArch, DipArch(Mackintosh), LLM

Gordon is the Principal of Gibb Architects, and has won numerous awards for conservation and design. One particularly notable project involved the regeneration and extension of a Category A listed building, on a site formerly used as an airship construction station in WW1. He has delivered publications, including "The Contract Game", an electronic learning tool to train students in contract administration and has contributed to "The Architect's Legal Handbook", and "Demystifying Architectural Research: Adding Value to your Practice". Gordon has been an ARB Board member and Vice-chair and has dedicated time and energy to joint working groups with the ARB and the RIBA, in one instance leading on the development of the Part 3 Criteria. He teaches and examines Professional Studies throughout the UK, he is an ARB Architect Investigations Panel member, a member of the Finance and Audit Committee of the RIAS and is chair of APSA. Gordon is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is an expert witness with thirty years of court experience.



Gary Haney
FRIBA, FAIA

Gary Haney is a Design Partner at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. A global designer, educator, and mentor, he has pioneered engineering innovations, tall building efficiency, materials research, and customized sustainable solutions for over 60 projects worldwide. His buildings express the structural and material elements that shape them. He embraced parametric design to create Al Hamra Firdous Tower, the tallest building in Kuwait. His BBVA Operations Center in Mexico City features a sophisticated glass facade with vertical fins that follow the pattern of the sun. His work is also distinguished by the early adoption and use of sustainable technology, such as the Active Modular Phytoremediation System, a green wall system that cleans the air within an office workplace. Haney has served as a GSA Peer since 2000. As Chairman of the Board of the National Building Museum (2015-2018) in Washington, D.C., he created educational programs to attract more visitors, including children. He lectures globally, and teaches at leading schools of design.



Barrie Ho
FRIBA, BA(AS)(First Hon), MArch(Dist)

Barrie is the Founder & Director of BARRIE HO Architecture Interiors Ltd, based in Hong Kong. Barrie has worked extensively in exploring new architectural phenomenon “Incubation Architecture” in China regions, as well as regenerating and transforming disused industrial buildings and utilizing leftover spaces, such as the space under fly-overs, into community architecture. Barrie has been a Member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority(HKHA) since 2012, serving the Commercial Property Committee, Tender Committee and Building Committee, and as a result has played a huge role in advising the HKHA on architectural design, procurement strategy, policy and approving tenders for public housing projects. Barrie has won over 150 international design awards, and an impressive number of other personal accolades.



Ingval Maxwell
FRIBA, DA(Dundee), FRIAS, FSA(Scot)

Ingval is a conservation architect, who has contributed extensively over a long and illustrious career to architectural conservation. Within Historic Scotland he initiating a number of conservation-led groups including: the Scottish Conservation Forum in Training and Education; the Scottish Stone Liaison Group; the Scottish Historic Buildings Fire Liaison Group; and the Rural Buildings Conservation Initiative to name a few. In 2002 he was appointed Director of Historic Scotland's Technical Conservation, Research and Education group, and under his leadership the group researched, produced and launched some 140 technical conservation publications over his 15-year tenure. In 1999 he initiated what would become the pan-professional “Edinburgh Group”, in seeking to mutually enable an emerging range of professional body Architectural Conservation Accreditation schemes from a clients' perspective. He has been and continues to be active in a number of conservation groups including, currently, holding the Chair of the Council on Training in Architectural Conservation. In 2003 he was awarded an OBE for services to technical conservation in Historic Scotland.



Hitesh Mehta

FRIBA, FAAK, FASLA, Associate AIA, BArch(Nairobi) (First Hon), MLA (Berkeley)

Hitesh is the President of HM Design, and is a leading authority on ecotourism physical planning, and architectural aspects of ecolodges. Among a large number of notable projects, he was the Consultant Team Planning and Design Leader for Nankunshan Experience, the first Ecotourism destination in China and Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, a sustainably built hospitality project, using largely natural and recycled materials. He was also instrumental in the introduction of modern structural Bamboo building technology to China. Other Ecolodges that Hitesh has worked on include Nihiwatu, Kwanari Ecolodge, Eagle View Camp and Cerro Verde Ecolodge to name a few.

Hitesh has also had a sustained involvement in education and research throughout his career. In addition to lecturing and examining roles, he also conducts his own 5-day Ecodesign and Ecoplanning capacity-building workshops. He is the author of many research papers, and books, including Authentic Ecolodges, the first coffee-table book exploring sustainable tourism. Furthermore, Hitesh is a Board Member of both the International School of Sustainable Tourism and the Global Ecotourism Network.



Dr Geoffrey Purves

FRIBA, BA, BArch, FRIAS, FRSA

Geoffrey is Principal of Purves Ltd, with involvement in the design of healthcare buildings for much of his career. Developing a specialism in primary health care led his practice to design 50+ GP surgeries; his work being used in the NHS guidance notes and The Metric Handbook for GP surgery design. He has extensively researched the design of primary health centres publishing two books; 'Healthy Living Centres: A Guide to Primary Health Care Design', and 'Primary Care Centres: A Guide to Health Care Design'.

In addition, Geoffrey has previously played various leadership roles in a number of different working groups including Branch and Regional Chairman, RIBA Council and Honorary Treasurer of the RIBA, Director of RIBA Enterprises, Director of both the Newcastle Architecture Workshop and Newcastle Architectural Centre, Director of the British Architectural Library Trust and Council Member of ARCUK (now ARB). Appointed a Lay Canon of Newcastle Cathedral in 2010 and editor of 'Churches of Newcastle and Northumberland, A Sense of Place'. Currently Chairman of the Architects Benevolent Society.
