



# Network

**News**

**May 2008**

**Important Notice For All AECB Members**

The AECB's EcoBuilding Conference and AGM is being held 13th and 14th June at the University of East Anglia. The AGM business will be dealt with at 19.00 hours on 13th June and AECB members are invited to attend. The Agenda is set out below and is also on the website with the Annual Report (including the report of the Chairman).

For full details of this exciting and stimulating conference please visit [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net) or refer to the advert and insert that were sent out with your Spring issue of Green Building magazine. If you wish to attend you are encouraged to book as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Please note that any AECB member can attend the AGM business session only free of charge.

If you have been an AECB member for more than 12 months are you interested in standing as a Trustee of the Board? If you are interested please telephone the existing Chairman, Chris Herring, on 01484 461705. He will be able to explain what is involved and the input the AECB needs. It would also be useful to visit the member's area at [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net) where minutes, reports, trustee and company information is posted. If you have any item you wish to include on the agenda for the meeting under Item 8 please let Sally (email: [sally@aecb.net](mailto:sally@aecb.net) or tel: 0845 456 9773) have full details before the 30th May. The agenda, annual report, accounts, minutes of the last AGM and other relevant information can be viewed at [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net).

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Association for Environment Conscious Building (Ltd)(AECB)

Meeting 19.00 hours on 13th June 2008 at the University of East Anglia

1. Apologies
2. To receive the minutes of the AGM held on 30th June 2007. (Note: these are available on-line at [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net))
3. To receive the accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2007. Please note that all these documents are available on-line at [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net))
4. To receive the Trustees' annual report of the AECB's activities to year ending 30th September 2007 (Note: this is available on-line at [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net))
5. To accept the retirement of all existing Trustees
6. To elect a maximum of 12 trustees - (for a list of those standing and profiles of each please visit the website from the 30th May)
7. To appoint Keith Bridgford and Co as auditors
8. To discuss and determine any issues of policy or deal with any other business

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**Special Offer For AECB Member Exhibitors for Ecobuild 2009**

Ecobuild 2008 was a great success, with a bigger and better AECB stand and a very successful launch of the CarbonLite programme. We have already organised our stand for 2009, which again has been provided free in recognition of the environmental credentials of the AECB.

Those of you who did go may have noticed that the event is getting more and more corporate every year. This may be no bad thing but it would be good to see some more really solid sustainable products and companies there. There were quite a few AECM members exhibiting and I know from our personal experience it was really worth being there. As the PR from Ecobuild 2008 states, "over 25,500 visitors, 500 exhibitors and 500 speakers participated in the world's biggest event dedicated to sustainable design, construction and the built environment."

Ecobuild 2009 takes place on the 3-5 March at Earls Court. If you want to have a stand there the Ecobuild organisers are pleased to offer AECB members the opportunity to book into the 2009 event at the preferential onsite rate and will extend the deadline to secure this rate until the 31st May. If you would like more details on the Ecobuild 2009 event or would like to see detailed statistics from the 2008 show please contact Michael Costain on [mcostain@ibeltd.com](mailto:mcostain@ibeltd.com) or 07930944147.

Cath Hassell, Cut the Carbon, email [cath.hassell@ech2o.co.uk](mailto:cath.hassell@ech2o.co.uk)

### **European Standards For Sustainable Building A Step Closer**

The UK's leading organisation in strawbale building, amazonails, has hosted two simultaneous series of meetings of representatives from several European countries to work towards standards and courses for sustainable building, which will apply and be taught across Europe. The meetings took place during the week ending 19th April in the historic weaving village of Heptonstall in the Calder Valley, close to amazonails' headquarters in Todmorden, West Yorkshire.

ConstructionSkills, the building and construction Sector Skills Council which accredits 85% of courses in the UK, is working with amazonails and its partners across Europe - including Germany, France and Bulgaria - to finalise the curricula and course content over the next 18 months - based on courses which have been developed and are currently being taught by amazonails.

Barbara Jones, director of amazonails, led one series of meetings to start the development of common courses, including clay and lime plastering and building with other natural materials, which will lead to NVQs and City & Guilds qualifications in the UK and equivalent qualifications in other European countries.

The second series of meetings, led by Jakub Wihan of amazonails, was working to take the first steps to gain European Technical Approval for straw bales as a construction material, to develop a European code for load bearing strawbale structures, and the aim is to launch a European Strawbale Building Association in 2009. National strawbale building associations and constructors from Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia and Spain were represented.

### **Lime Green Products**

We manufacture / distribute a range of building products based on NATURAL LIME; our range includes Renders, Mortars, Plasters and paints. As you may be aware, NATURAL LIME is far more ECO-FRIENDLY than cement or gypsum and actually draws carbon from the atmosphere during curing. As well as supplying products we provide a full technical service for help with specification and if required, training for end user operatives.

Lime Green Products Ltd, Coates Kiln, Stretton road, Much Wenlock Shropshire. Email [enquire@lime-green.co.uk](mailto:enquire@lime-green.co.uk), contact Simon Ayres or Mike Rafferty on 01952 728611 or visit [www.lime-green.co.uk](http://www.lime-green.co.uk)

### **C&C - The Most Merit" - David King**

Professor Sir David King now declares about the Climate Change dilemma, that "Contraction and Convergence (C&C) is the approach with the most merits." Dr King recently stated he had been gagged by Government when he was their Chief Scientist.

Now, on the anniversary of the assassination of his famous name-sake Dr Martin Luther King, Dr David King has communicated this news by letter to the Global Commons Institute (GCI) [www.gci.org.uk](http://www.gci.org.uk) through the legal counsel representing the publishers of his latest book on climate change, "The Hot Topic".

Go to [www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=94&book=9780747593959](http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=94&book=9780747593959) for details on the book.

### **Bad News At The Pump**

The latest commentary, "The Bad News at the Pump," from Professor Michael Klare ("Resource Wars," "Blood and Oil" and featured in "End of Suburbia") makes interesting reading. He includes a review of the world oil situation; costs, demand, supply and his prediction for the future, including his best estimate of the moment of Peak Oil output. He also has an analysis of the impact on the American consumer which, given our economic similarities, may resemble our likely future. If you are one of those oft-quoted people who are dispirited by the best available information and are prompted into denial by a less than rosy prognosis, I suggest you don't read this. If, however, you believe that the best solutions grow from the best, and most honest, information, then you may find this article very helpful.

To view this article click go to:

[www.tomdispatch.com/post/174904/Tomgram%3A%20%20Michael%20Klare%2C%20The%20Permanent%20Energy%20Crisis%20Hits%20Home](http://www.tomdispatch.com/post/174904/Tomgram%3A%20%20Michael%20Klare%2C%20The%20Permanent%20Energy%20Crisis%20Hits%20Home)

### **Environment Committee Votes For Waste Prevention And Recycling Targets. What's Next?**

[Brussels, 17 April 2008] The Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and sustainable Resource management (ACR+) welcomes favourably the positions voted by the Environment Committee of the European Parliament on 8 April 2008. The vote is in keeping with the position advocated by ACR+ in favour of waste

prevention and recycling targets, which are vital to ensure the implementation of a multi-level waste management hierarchy. However, this vote is not a final decision and one may fear that the requirements be weakened in the next steps of the procedure. Indeed, before the adoption by the Parliament at its plenary session scheduled for 16 June 2008, the rapporteur Caroline Jackson must now negotiate with the Council in order to reach agreement in second reading. Should this fail, a conciliation procedure will be conducted, probably into Fall 2008. Therefore, it is important to show support for the positions voted by the Environment Committee of the European Parliament.

To read ACR+ full position on this go to [www.acrplus.org](http://www.acrplus.org)

### **World Habitat Day Awards**

Established in 1985, the World Habitat Awards seek to identify practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing issues faced by countries. Entries are assessed by a panel of international judges and an award of £10,000 is presented to winning projects. Stage I of the submission process requires only a concise summary of the project. Further details can be found on the World Habitat Awards website at [www.worldhabitatawards.org](http://www.worldhabitatawards.org). Entry deadline is 1st June 2008.

### **Barclays Commercial Bank Launch The Green Leaders In Business Awards**

The Awards are a search for UK and Ireland's top businesses who are developing and implementing innovative new solutions to help protect the environment. Ten national finalists will be invited to present to an expert judging panel, which includes The Carbon Trust, the WWF and Tom Burke CBE and the Awards will culminate in a gala luncheon for 250 guests in London in September. To find out more about the Awards and how to enter visit: [www.barclayscommercial.com/greenleaders](http://www.barclayscommercial.com/greenleaders).

### **Solving Climate Change Saves Billions – The 2030 Blueprint Study**

A groundbreaking study released by Architecture 2030 this week shows that an investment of just \$21.6 billion towards building energy efficiency would replace 22.3 conventional coal-fired plants, reduce CO2 emissions by 86.7 MMT, save 204 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 10.7 million barrels of oil, save consumers \$8.46 billion in energy bills and create 216,000 new jobs.

The 2030 Blueprint study gives a comparative analysis of three approaches to addressing climate change – building energy efficiency, 'clean' coal (with carbon capture and sequestration) and nuclear power – while laying a new roadmap for solving the global warming and US economic crises. This plan, the 2030 Blueprint, is generating excitement amongst many diverse industries and groups for its practicality and achievability.

To download the complete 2030 Blueprint study go to [www.architecture2030.org](http://www.architecture2030.org)

### **Hard-Fought Success In Washington Is Round One For The 2030 Challenge**

When legislation containing the 2030 Challenge targets for federal buildings was signed into law on Capitol Hill last December, Architecture 2030 celebrated an enormous victory. As Edward Mazria sees it, though, this is just the beginning.

An article in this month's Metropolis magazine celebrates the progress of Architecture 2030 to date, with success in Washington by which "not even Al Gore can claim such rapid headway." In it, Mazria explains that having "the weight of the federal government behind the standards... sets the wheels in motion to establish conservation standards for the whole country."

Full story at [www.architecture2030.org](http://www.architecture2030.org)

### **Miami Hails "No More Coal" As The Silver Bullet For Global Warming**

Edward Mazria made headlines after an appearance in Florida last month, presenting what the Miami Herald called "a clear-cut plan for solving not only the problem of greenhouse gas emissions but also the slumping U.S. economy."

The event was attended by local business and community leaders who applauded action to increase energy efficiency in buildings and end our dependence on coal. Global warming is an urgent issue in South Florida where, as Architecture 2030's research has shown, as little as one-meter of sea level rise would have devastating effects.

Architecture 2030 illustrations of Florida sea level rise can be viewed at [www.architecture2030.org](http://www.architecture2030.org)

## **Events**

### **Green Roof DIY Workshop – 17 May 2008**

Learn about green roofs and how to build one for your garden shed. Run in partnership between Brighton and Hove Building Green and Brighton Permaculture Trust. Full details and bookings at: [www.brightonpermaculture.co.uk](http://www.brightonpermaculture.co.uk)

### **Eco-Innovation Workshops – 21st May 2008**

Governments can play a key role in accelerating the take-up of eco-innovations by deploying a coordinated set of policy instruments: legislation, public procurement, standardisation, labelling, certification and complementary instruments. A smarter policy approach will give industry and entrepreneurs the opportunity to commercialise leading-edge products, services and technologies aimed at satisfying new high-growth greener markets. In an attempt to enable this the EC have established a Lead Market Initiative (see <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/leadmarket/leadmarket.htm>) which will focus on four eco-innovative markets: sustainable construction; recycling; bio-based products; and renewable energies. These sectors have been chosen because they are: highly innovative; supported by well characterised customer needs; founded on a strong technological and industrial base in Europe; and depend on the creation of favourable framework conditions resulting from public intervention.

In addition, to increasing public sector interest in the eco-innovation space, the Third Green Consumer Wave is presenting a range of new opportunities. Many businesses and consumers have a growing interest in eco-innovative solutions that, for example, help reduce carbon footprints, increase recycling and save money. Companies are responding, Philips have recently announced that they will spend €1 billion on green innovation to 2012 and Google are now moving into solar technologies. However, getting good eco-innovative ideas from that eureka moment in the shower to the drawing board and then through research and development to the market requires many elements to come together - customers, luck, judgement, drive, skill, finance, creativity and more. The Eco-Innovation Networking Conference will showcase the inspiring stories of a series of eco-innovative entrepreneurs who will present their journeys through the commercialisation of sustainable construction, recycling, bio-based and renewable energy technologies and products. The conference will be an essential resource for entrepreneurs, funders, policy-makers, researchers and others that are interested in understanding the coal-face realities and practicalities of eco-innovation, clean-tech, and sustainable product and technology development.

There is a £88.13 fee for attending the conference, The Eco-Innovation Conference, University College for the Creative Arts, Farnham, Surrey. Organised by: eco-i net ([www.cfsd.org.uk/eco-i-net](http://www.cfsd.org.uk/eco-i-net))

### **Towards 6\* Energy Rated Sustainable Homes – Wednesday 21 May 2008**

Product Development Centre, Innovation Centre, Hastings

This one-day seminar will provide an overview of the energy related criteria for the Code for Sustainable Homes. The seminar will review the demands for energy in houses, identify the requirements of the code and review the renewable energy technologies appropriate for reducing the consumption of fossil fuels. Attendance at the seminar will benefit and interest professionals from any built environment discipline, including architecture, surveying, developing and contracting. The seminar will be held in the Product Development Centre at the Innovation Centre, Hastings. The Product Development Centre is an exciting initiative to support businesses, designers and engineers with their understanding and use of rapid product development.

Cost: £95 + VAT (£111.63), full details at [www.brighton.ac.uk/ctc/courses/course\\_6star.htm](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/ctc/courses/course_6star.htm)

### **Llanidloes Eco-Home Open House Day Sun, 25 May, 2pm to 5pm**

A chance to see houses locally of all ages and types where super insulation and renewable energy systems have been installed. Learn from the home owners themselves about insulation, wood fuel boilers, solar heating, wind energy and much more.

Find practical and inspiring ideas on how to make your own home warmer, brighter, healthier, cheaper to run and ready for the climate change century.

Full details at [www.lles.co.uk](http://www.lles.co.uk)

### **Austrian Trade Mission – 28-30 May 2008, Invitation To Join The UK Delegation**

Austrian Trade, in association with Consulting With Purpose Ltd, is organising a Trade Mission to Austria for UK companies and organisations. The purpose of the trade mission is to provide participating UK delegates with a unique opportunity to forge strong commercial links with Austrian companies operating in the renewable energy and sustainable construction sectors. Austria occupies a leading role among European countries within these sectors and is widely considered to be one of the most prominent EU countries for biomass. Renewable energy technologies, efficient manufacturing processes and sustainability concepts for the entire supply-chain are becoming increasingly important to the Austrian economy. Austria's solar thermal sector alone is expanding rapidly and has seen exports increase by an average of 37 percent per annum since 2002. The exceptional quality and reliability of Austrian plant and equipment has contributed to this impressive growth and, in the UK, Austrian products are a popular choice.

UK delegates will be senior representatives and decision makers from UK companies and organisations. They will wish to meet with technology and equipment suppliers for the purposes of establishing commercial relationships and/or for securing services, plant and equipment for specific projects. The UK delegation will

comprise of 7-10 individuals who will join with delegates from other western European countries to form total delegation of approximately 25.

The Trade mission is subsidised in part by Austrian Trade and Go International. The fee to UK delegates wishing to join the Austrian Trade Mission will be in the order of £400.00. This will cover flights, accommodation, transport in Austria, some meals and administrative fees.

If you would like to join this trade mission as a member of the UK delegation please contact Nicola Pugh at [nicola@cwpltd.com](mailto:nicola@cwpltd.com). Places are limited and delegates are encouraged to respond quickly.

#### **Introduction To Green Roofs – Thursday 29th May 2008 9.30-4.00pm, ICOSS Building, Sheffield**

Green and living roofs are layers of vegetation that sit on top of a conventional roof surface. They offer a very wide range of environmental and economic benefits; in particular their insulation and cooling properties, ability to significantly reduce rainwater runoff from roofs, and their value in promoting biodiversity and habitat in built-up areas. Green roofs have come to be significant elements of sustainable and green construction. Moreover, because they are often highly visible, they signal intent for sustainable building and can give a very positive and distinctive image to a building or development.

The course is aimed at anyone with an interest in green roofs and does not require any previous knowledge of the technology. Cost £150 + VAT per person.

If you would like to book a place on the course please book online at [www.thegreenroofcentre.co.uk](http://www.thegreenroofcentre.co.uk). Numbers are restricted, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information contact Anna Cooper, Green Roof Officer on 0114 263 6425 [anna@thegreenroofcentre.co.uk](mailto:anna@thegreenroofcentre.co.uk)

#### **Global Leakage Summit, 17-18 June 2008, Thistle Marble Arch, London**

Integrated Water Leakage Management Strategies That Deliver Results

The volume of leakage globally is truly staggering. Each year more than 32 billion m<sup>3</sup> of treated water are lost through leakage from distribution networks. An additional 16 billion m<sup>3</sup> per year are delivered to customers but not invoiced because of theft, poor metering or corruption. A conservative estimate of the total annual cost to water utilities worldwide is 14 billion US dollars (source: World Bank Discussion Paper no 8 – December 2006). In some low-income countries this loss represents 50-60% of water supplied, with a global average estimated at 35%. Saving just half of this amount would supply water to 90 million people without further investment.

For more details go to [www.global-leakage-summit.com](http://www.global-leakage-summit.com)

#### **REA Annual Conference, 19th June 2008, Flett Theatre, Natural History Museum, London.**

This year's conference will be chaired by Radio 4's Today programme's John Humphreys. The event will look at the drivers for the new low carbon energy economy, with sessions on the overall policy agenda, integrated renewables, renewable transport and merchant energy.

Confirmed speakers include Martin Crouch of Ofgem, Tim Abrahams and Simon Virley from BERR and Richard Tarboton of BT will present BT's view of how best to supply and market Green Tariffs. Norman Baker shadow transport secretary for the Lib Dems will speak about the party's view of sustainable transport and the unmissable Ben Gill will doubtless give a lively contribution.

Full details are at [www.r-e-a.net/home.fcml](http://www.r-e-a.net/home.fcml)

#### **Eco Open Houses – 28-29 June And 5-6 July 2008**

A joint project between Brighton Permaculture Trust, Low Carbon Trust and Brighton & Hove City Council. Full details of the event will be announced in May. Has your house got any eco features? Would you be willing to open it as part of the event? If so please see full details at: [www.ecoopenhouses.org](http://www.ecoopenhouses.org)

#### **1st International Hemp Building Seminar, 17-18<sup>th</sup> June 2008, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, Ireland**

The development of the Hemp materials for use in construction and of the methods used to apply or install them has expanded greatly in the last 5 years. Since writing the first book on the subject Steve Allin has received reports of pioneering projects from around the world and requests for more information on many aspects of how hemp can be used in various specific situations.

This has led to the organising of the 1st International Hemp Building Seminar, a 2 day event which will take place in the town of Kenmare in S.W. Kerry. It will be an opportunity to hear the worlds top experts talk of their experiences and projects and to see the latest techniques demonstrated, and to share ideas with others from around the world. If you are already building with Hemp or interested in its potential then this is an event not to be missed.

To book your place email: [hempbuilding@eircom.net](mailto:hempbuilding@eircom.net)

### **The Local Government Association Annual Conference And Exhibition, 1 – 3 July**

Held at Bournemouth International Centre, Bournemouth this event brings together 2,000 of the leading players in councils, central government, partners and business. The LGA is a cross party organisation which represents councils in England and Wales, who together, employs 1.6million people, spends £85billion and has more than 20,000 elected members. Councils have more impact on the lives of local people than any other public or private body. 24 hours a day, local government is at the heart of delivering services that improve the lives of local people. The conference will be the major focal point for listening and talking to key national figures in local government; showcasing new ways of delivering services; sharing technological innovation and investigating ways to deliver services ever more efficiently.

This year's Council Worker of the Year Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Thursday 3 July at the BIC. Join us for this fantastic awards ceremony which celebrates the hard work and determination of local council employees who will receive their prestigious awards.

For further information and to purchase tickets please contact Rachel Corp at Webs Edge on 0207 612 1830 or email [rachel@websedgetv.com](mailto:rachel@websedgetv.com). For full details go to <http://annualconference.lga.gov.uk>

### **Employers In Voluntary Housing Annual Conference & Exhibition 17 - 19 October 2008**

The Fairmont Hotel, St. Andrews

The EVH Annual Conference and Exhibition is renowned in the Scottish Housing and Voluntary Sector Events Calendar as a high level, knowledge sharing event, coupled with an unrivalled networking and social programme. The event has grown in the last few years to be one of the biggest housing and voluntary sector events in Scotland and to reflect this, it has moved to one of the most exclusive and luxurious venues in Scotland – The Fairmont Hotel, St. Andrews. The conference and exhibition is attended by over 350 key decision makers including Chairpersons, Chief Executives, Board Members, Tenants, Directors and staff from voluntary housing organisations and social enterprises. Take a look at our "Know Your Delegate" page to get an idea of the remit and responsibilities of those who attend the event.

The programme also allows for unlimited networking, on a one-to-one basis, through its fantastic social programme. The perfect opportunity to get your glad rags on and socialise with Scotland's influential decision makers in the housing & voluntary sector over gourmet food, fantastic entertainment (including the fabulous Craig McMurdo Floorshow) and a dram or two!

Full details at [www.bigbrightstar.com/currentevents/evhhome](http://www.bigbrightstar.com/currentevents/evhhome)

## **Courses**

### **Study And Practice Strawbale Building With Amazonails.**

The UK's leading strawbale builders, amazonails, have released details of their courses during summer 2008, covering a variety of locations in the UK, including the Orkneys, Scotland, and also a course in Bulgaria.

The courses in Orkney will be building a straw bale house with a turf roof which is camouflaged in the landscape. The site is beautiful and reflects the tranquillity found in Orkney. Because of the climate, the build needs to be a hybrid between infill and load bearing to accommodate the windows and the weight of the roof which has been designed specifically for this climate. The plastering courses will be a combination of theory and practical in clay and lime renders and will involve plastering/rendering the strawbale building. There will be the opportunity to explore the beautiful island when not working on-site. This is the first straw bale house to be built on the islands, and so there may be interesting challenges for this build which will be unique because of the location!

Current dates announced:- 12th – 16th May - Strawbale Building Course, 2nd – 6th June - Strawbale Building Course, 14th-18th July - Lime Plastering Course, 21st-25th July - Lime Plastering Course, 11th-16th August - Lime/Clay Plastering and Rendering, 18th-22nd August - Lime/Clay Plastering and Rendering, all on Orkney

The charges for the course have been adapted to allow as many people to participate as possible: £40 per day unwaged, £60 per day low-waged, and £85 per day high-waged. On courses organised and run by amazonails itself, such as those on Orkney, course fees vary from £40/day to £85/day depending on the participant's employment situation. On courses taught by amazonails for other organisations the course fees may be fixed.

For more information on all currently-arranged courses, and to be kept informed of those which may be arranged in the future, contact amazonails by email to [info@amazonails.org.uk](mailto:info@amazonails.org.uk) or phone 0845 458 2173 There are also more details of current courses on the amazonails website: [www.amazonails.org.uk](http://www.amazonails.org.uk).

### **Environmental Management and Auditing – 16-20 June 2008**

Cockcroft Building, University of Brighton

Auditing skills are vital to many forms of management - this five-day intensive IEMA accredited course provides the ideal opportunity to gain essential training. It presents environmental management and auditing with a practical rather than purely theoretical approach and includes a site visit to audit a real company. The course will be tailored to complement your experience and meet the needs of your workplace.

The course is ideal for environmental professionals who want to understand and develop their environmental auditing skills, environmental managers who want to carry out internal reviews and audits to identify risks and issues within their organisation, employers who wish to ensure they comply with recent legislation and health and safety managers who want to be fully aware of their environmental responsibilities.

The course is taught by a highly experienced team from the University's School of the Environment, including Professor Barrie Mould, a Principal Auditor under the IEMA auditor scheme, who has many years of international experience of management systems and due-diligence auditing. Dr Kirsty Smallbone is the course leader.

Standard fee £980, early booking discount by 19 May 2008, £900. Please contact us for fees where more than one person is attending from the same organisation.

On successful completion of the assessment at the end of the course delegates gain a basic qualification towards professional membership of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and 20 M level CATS points. Full details are at [www.brighton.ac.uk/ctc/courses/course\\_ema1.htm](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/ctc/courses/course_ema1.htm)

### **Pond Design And Construction Course – 18th-19th October, Near Wells, Somerset.**

This two-day course goes through the process of designing and constructing various types of pond and contains a mixture of theory and hands-on practical sessions. The venue is an agroforestry site with existing ponds and is powered by wind turbine.

Contact: Steve 01761 434349 [mail@ediblelandscape.co.uk](mailto:mail@ediblelandscape.co.uk)

## **Publications**

### **New energy saving book from Hockerton Housing Project**

Saving energy in the home by Nick White (Published by: Teach Yourself in association with Hockerton Housing Project)

Saving energy in the home offers you straightforward and achievable strategies for reducing your energy bills and living a more environmentally aware life. With lots of useful tools to assess your energy and carbon use, it gives practical advice on everything from heating homes to managing those teenage consumers.

Nick White is a director and member of the Hockerton Housing Project (HHP), the UK's first earth sheltered, self-sufficient ecological housing development, and the winner of several sustainability awards. Nick has been a member of HHP since the start of the construction of the homes in 1996, and contributed to the self-build. Since 1998, Nick has led the development and marketing of the Project's on site 'eco-business', including coordinating publicity and media coverage.

Signed copies for £11 (inc p&p) – Please send a cheque made payable to 'HHP Trading Ltd', to Hockerton Housing Project, The Watershed, Gables Drive, Hockerton, Southwell, Notts NG25 0QU.

### **AECB Member Special Book Offers From Earthscan:**

15% OFF: Bioclimatic housing: innovative designs for warm climates, edited by Richard Hyde

Bioclimatic Housing covers creative, vernacular architecture to present both the theory and practice of innovative, low-energy architecture. It interweaves the themes of social progress, technological fixes and industry transformation within a discussion of global and country trends, climate types, solutions and technologies. Prepared under the auspices of a five-year International Energy Agency (IEA) project, this is a truly international and authoritative work.

Paperback, RRP £49.95, AECB Price £42.50 [www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=1111](http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=1111). Quote the following code in the 'voucher code' box when checking out: Q50

15% OFF: Advances in passive cooling, edited by Mat Santamouris

This book offers the latest knowledge and techniques on passive cooling, enabling building professionals to understand the state of the art and employ relevant new strategies. With separate chapters on comfort, urban microclimate, solar control, ventilation, ground cooling and evaporative and radiative cooling, this authoritative text will also be invaluable for architects, engineers and students working on building physics and low-energy design.

Hardback, RRP £80.00, AECB Price £68.00 [www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=1106](http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=1106). Quote the following code in the 'voucher code' box when checking out: Q50

15% OFF: Geothermal Heat Pumps: A Guide for Planning and Installing, Karl Ochsner, with introduction by Robin Curtis

Geothermal Heat Pumps is a comprehensive guide to the selection, design and installation of geothermal heat pumps. This manual presents the most recent information and market developments in order to put any installer, engineer or architect in the position to design, select and install a domestic geothermal heat pump system. Internationally respected expert Karl Ochsner presents the reasons to use heat pumps, introduces basic theory and reviews the wide variety of available heat pump models.

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