

Code Council Signs MOU with SFPE

International Code Council CEO Rick Weiland, Government Relations SVP Sara Yerkes and International Operations Director Sylvana Ricciarini met with David Evans, Executive Director of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), to discuss opportunities to work together and for SFPE to become more involved in the code development process. The two organizations recently co-published a new book, *Guide to Smoke Control in the 2006 IBC*.

Weiland and Evans then signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SFPE.

Code Council International Operations Director Sylvana Ricciarini (left), SFPE Executive Director David Evans, Council CEO Rick Weiland and Government Relations SVP Sara Yerkes discuss opportunities to work together and for SFPE to become more involved in the code development process.



International Codes for UTA School of Architecture

Progress continues with the Code Council and the Building Officials Association of Texas (BOAT) partnership to place a set of the *International Codes*, including current Spanish versions, in the eight schools of architecture across the state of Texas. This presentation of the International Codes to the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) School of Architecture also included a set of International Codes for the UTA School of Civil Engineering.



Front row, left to right, Jim Olk, Past BOAT President; Selso Mata, North Texas Chapter of ICC; Beverly Carver, UTA Fine Arts Librarian; David Jones, Associate Dean, UTA School of Architecture; Sia Ardekani, Professor of Civil Engineering; Paul Shover, Lab Technician, School of Civil Engineering; and Bijan Yousefzadeh, Director of Architecture. Back row, left to right, project coordinator Ravi Shah, BOAT President; Madan Mata, Professor of Architecture; Ali Abolmaali, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering; and Mike Foreman, North Texas Chapter of ICC.

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Saudi Arabia Learns about the International Codes



Training and Education contract instructor Dilip Khatri (right) shakes hands with an engineer attending the Saudi Aramco

The International Code Council's Training and Education department conducted an intensive, two-week training program in Dharan, Saudi Arabia, on the *International Building Code* and *International Fire Code*. Saudi Aramco, the state-owned national oil company of Saudi Arabia and largest oil corporation in the world, hosted this first-of-its-kind, customized international program. Saudi Aramco brought in 20 engineers to attend the Code Council program taught by contract instructor Dilip Khatri.

Because the program was delivered onsite, the Council's Training and Education department had a unique opportunity to modify the curriculum to include both traditional classroom training and practical, field-based exercises to reinforce classroom training. The participants are responsible for plan reviews, facility construction and inspections.

"All of the attendees are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about using the *International Codes*," said Dilip. "They are very excited to have an opportunity to learn about the codes directly from the International Code Council, to share their experiences and to obtain answers to their questions. Based on our initial success, I anticipate they will be requesting additional onsite training in the future."

Peters Appointed to Editorial Advisory Boards



Jay Peters

Code Council Executive Director of Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG) Jay Peters was appointed to the editorial advisory boards of *Plumbing Engineer* and *Reeves Journal* and will contribute feature articles to both publications. *Plumbing Engineer* is the authoritative source for plumbing, hydronics, fire protection and PVF. *Reeves Journal* serves the plumbing, heating and cooling industry in 14 western states.

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Mexico Delegation Visits Codes Forum

A delegation from the Mexican Housing Authority (CONAVI) attended the Code Council's Codes Forum in Palm Springs to receive training for their Code Development Program under a matching grant from the World Bank and Mexico's Federal Government. Mexico is restructuring its building regulatory system under guidance from the Code Council.



Lynn Underwood (left), Code Official, City of Norfolk, Virginia, is explaining the Code Council's code development process, and his role as a building official in this forum, to CONAVI architect Christina Gonzales, and Interplan Developer Jose Antonio Soto and Planning Coordinator Eleazar Acuna.