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Announcing ISIAQ Board of Directors: 2009-2012

ISIAQ President Kwok Wai Tham, President of the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, has announced the Board of Directors for 2009-2012. He reported that the Nominating Committee selected its slate of candidates: In accordance with the By-laws, on Saturday, June 13, the ISIAQ Nominating Committee met and approved the nominations:

- President: Richard Shaughnessy (USA)
- Vice-President, Policy: Pawel Wargocki (Denmark)
- Vice-President, Practice: Laura Oatman (USA)
- Vice President, Research: Yuguo Li (Hong Kong)
- Treasurer: Carl-Gustaf Bornehag (Sweden)
- Secretary: Anne Hyvarinen (Finland)

According to the ISIAQ By-laws, if no other nominations are received at the deadline for such nominations (90 days prior to the Annual General Meeting), the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be elected by acclamation. Since the Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 15th, during the Healthy Buildings 2009 conference, the nomina-

tions deadline was June 17.

In addition to the elected Officers who will be the voting members on the next Board of Directors, several individuals serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. These include the following:

- Immediate Past President: Kwok Wai Tham (Singapore)
- Editor of the *Indoor Air* journal: Jan Sundell (Sweden, USA)
- President of the Academy of Fellows: Shin-ichi Tanabe (Japan)
- President of the next Indoor Air conference: Richard Corsi (USA)
- President of the next Healthy Buildings conference: (To be determined)

The new Board of Directors will serve from the conclusion of the 2009 Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the AGM in 2012.

Revision of ISIAQ By-laws

The recently-balloted revision of the ISIAQ By-laws passed on the ballot concluded on June 20th. There were no negative votes. Some members submitted excellent suggestions for improvements to the By-laws that will be considered for inclusion in the next round of revisions, planned for later this year.

If you would like to read the adopted By-laws, you can read them on line or download them from our web site, <http://isiaq.org>.

Visit the new ISIAQ web site

ISIAQ has launched its new web site.

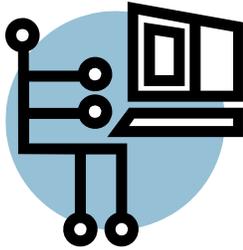
The site was developed under the direction of the Secretariat by Net-Corps, an Oregon-based web consulting firm that specializes in web-sites for non-profit corporations.

The new site has been launched in the hope that Members will find it useful. If you have any comments or suggestions to improve the site, please send them to the Secretariat, info@isiaq.org.

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HB2009 Update, Discounted fees deadline July 15



Send us a note about indoor air news in your part of the world – info@isiaq.org.

More than 500 papers are scheduled to be presented. 45 technical sessions are being planned. Conference organizers are expecting more than 1000 participants including 100 students from around the world. Forums are also being planned on hot topics such as *nano particles and health* - look for some exciting discussions at HB2009.



Activity at the HB2009 registration site has been brisk. Participants from 28 countries have already registered. Register before the July 15 deadline to get the best rate..

Don't miss out on the chance to save money by registering early for ISIAQ's Healthy Buildings 2009 conference, being held in Syracuse, NY, September 13-17. Go to the conference web site, www.HB2009.org, to learn more about the conference or register now.

Milestones

In Memoriam:

Thad Godish, ISIAQ founding member, IAQ pioneer, and author of 4 IAQ books, died June 20 at the age of 67, following a two-year battle with stomach cancer. He will be missed by many of us who knew and were inspired by him.



Donald Weekes, past-Vice President – Practice of ISIAQ, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA). Mr. Weekes has worked in indoor air quality consulting for thirty four years in both the United States and Canada.

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Mold Initiative in the United States

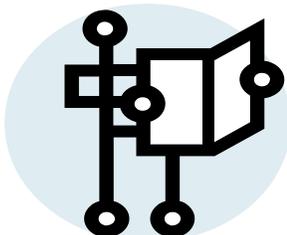
A September 2008 Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report titled "Indoor Mold: Better Coordination of Research on Health Effects and More Consistent Guidance Would Improve Federal Efforts" (GAO-08-980) identifies coordinative needs to more effectively address mold in indoor environments. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08980.pdf>

was primarily instructed to help to articulate and guide research priorities on indoor mold across relevant federal agencies and provide information to the public on ongoing research activities. In doing so the effort is intended to ensure that it sufficiently alerts the public, especially vulnerable populations, about the potential adverse health effects of exposure to indoor mold and educates them on how to minimize exposure in homes.

The report directs the lead Administrator, the US Environmental Protection Agency, to use the Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) to coordinate action based on the document. The CIAQ

As of May 2009, the initial actions being undertaken by the CIAQ include:

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Tell us about exciting research projects and results.

(1) The CIAQ is in process of identifying point of contacts for each agency engaged in mold-related research or that has issued public guidance on mold.

(2) CIAQ will compile a list of existing mold guidance (with links/ordering info) and make it available on the CIAQ website.

(3) Transparency of the process is encouraged as those interested in progress can access information and updates via the CIAQ listserv, website, and tri-annual meetings/ webinars.

Ongoing progress of CIAQ in response to the GAQ Report can be tracked at the [CIAQ website](#)

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/meetingschedule.html>

Additional resources provided by CIAQ for those interested include:

EPA's mold website: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/mold/index.html>

Mold & moisture in your home: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldguide.html>

EPA's mold resources page: <http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldresources.html>

Mold Remediation in Schools & Commercial Buildings: http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold_remediation.html

Introduction to molds: http://www.epa.gov/mold/append_b.html

EPA Science Inventory: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/si/index.cfm>

UConn Clinicians Guidance: <http://oehc.uchc.edu/images/PDFs/MOLD%20GUIDE.pdf>

CDC mold website: [Mold](#)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mold/>

CDC Mold resources page:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mold/links.htm>

NIEHS mold website: [Mold](#)

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/mold/index.cfm>

NIOSH mold website: [Dampness and Mold in Buildings](#)

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/indoorenv/mold.html>

National Institutes of Allergy & Infectious Diseases: [Airborne Allergens](#)

http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/topics/allergicDiseases/PDF/airborne_allergens.pdf

Institute of Medicine's "Damp Indoor Spaces:"

[http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?](http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=11011&utm_source=WID%16180102120090430142357&utm_medium=Widgetv3&utm_content%20t=11011&utm_campaign=Widget&utm_term=homeview)

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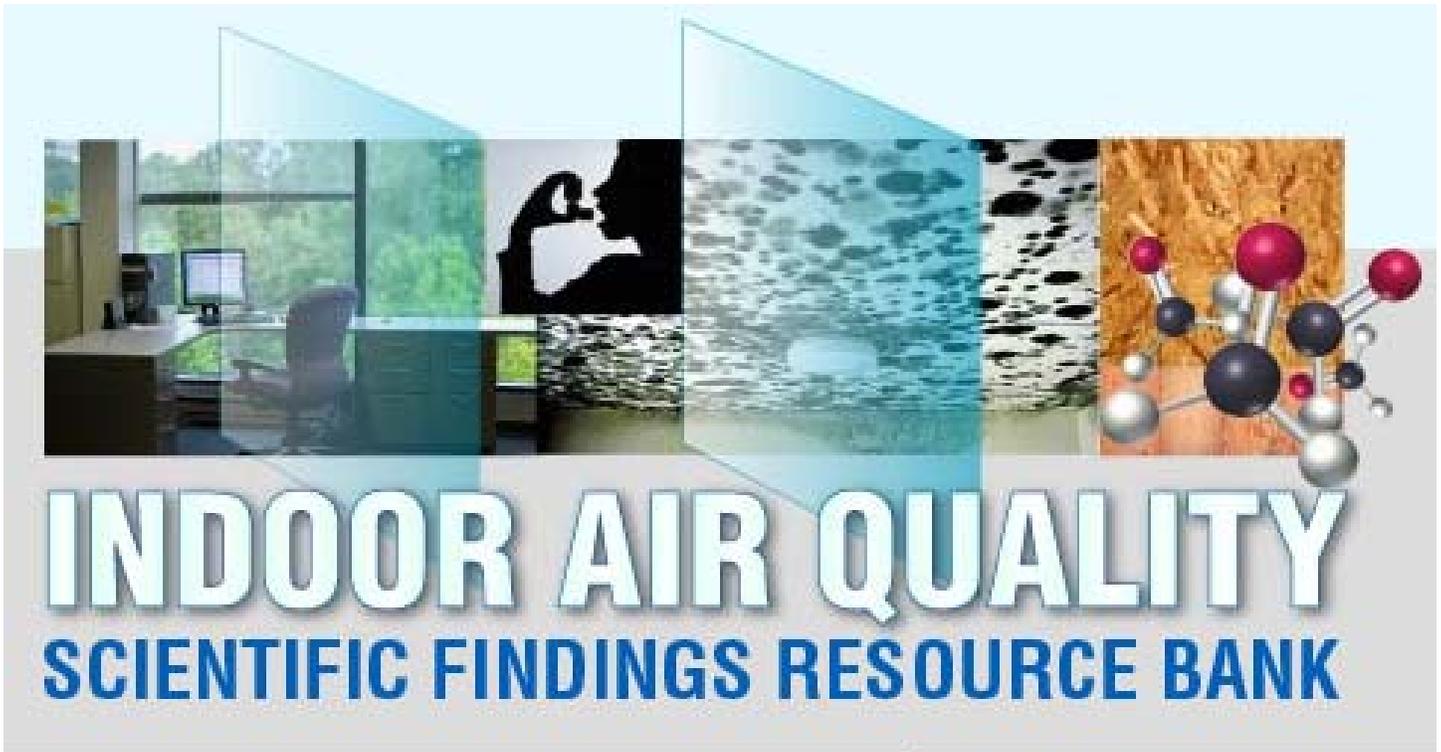
Bill Nazaroff, and Bud Offerman of the US and Peder Wolkoff of Denmark at a session of Indoor Air 2008.

The Indoor Air conference series began in 1978 with the Indoor Climate conference held in Copenhagen. It has been held every 3 years since: 6 times in Europe, twice in the U.S., once each in Canada, Japan, and China. The next conference will be in Austin, Texas, in June 2011.

The Healthy Buildings conference series began in 1988 with the first conference in Stockholm. It has been held five times in Europe, twice in the U.S., and once in Singapore. The next conference will be in Syracuse, New York, September 13-17, 2009.



Jan Sundell, Editor of *Indoor Air* journal, at Indoor Air 2008



INDOOR AIR QUALITY SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS RESOURCE BANK

The **Indoor Air Quality Scientific Findings Resource Bank** web site has been developed under an interagency agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The web site is a resource for public health professionals, building professionals, and others who seek scientific information about the effects of IAQ on people's health or work performance.

The web site was initially posted in April 2008 and is updated periodically to address additional scientific topics and incorporate new information. Information is presented in a "drill-down" format that starts with concise summary points with web links to allow users to access more in-depth technical information, including downloadable journal articles and lists of supporting references. The currently available topics include:

- Health and Economic Impacts of Building Ventilation
- Impacts of Indoor Environments on Human Performance and Productivity
- Indoor Dampness, Biological Contaminants and Health
- Indoor Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Health

Visit the **Indoor Air Quality Scientific Findings Resource Bank** web site at www.iaqscience.lbl.gov.

About ISIAQ

ISIAQ is an international, independent, multidisciplinary, scientific, non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the creation of healthy, comfortable and productive indoor environments. We strongly believe this is achievable by advancing the science and technology of indoor air quality and climate as it relates to indoor environmental design, construction, operation and maintenance, air quality measurement and health sciences.

As a Society, our major role is to facilitate international and interdisciplinary communication and information exchange by publishing and fostering publication on indoor air quality and climate. We organize, sponsor and support initiatives such as meetings, conferences, and seminars on indoor air quality and climate; and we develop, adapt and maintain guidelines for the improvement of indoor air quality and climate. We also cooperate with government and other agencies and societies with interests in the indoor environment and climate.

To find out more about us, visit our website: <http://isiaq.org>

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If your organization is involved in indoor air science, policy, or practice, a corporate membership in ISIAQ will place you in the limelight with the international indoor air community.

- ISIAQ reaches more than 40 countries around the world.
- ISIAQ's conferences, considered the most important in the field, have been attended by more than 4,000 individuals.
- The official Society journal, *Indoor Air*, is respected by scientists and policy-makers as the most reliable way to keep up with the latest scientific findings in the field.

To learn more about the benefits of corporate membership in ISIAQ, visit the membership page on our web site and click on the [corporate membership link](#).

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