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IIDA WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS INTO ESTEEMED COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

Chicago, IL — Peggy Noakes, FIIDA, College of Fellows Chair for the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), has announced the induction of three IIDA Members to its prestigious College of Fellows. This year’s honorees include sitting President Jim Williamson, FIIDA, LEED AP; Barbara Dellinger, FIIDA, MA, EDAC, AAHID, CID; and Judy Pesek, FIIDA, LEED AP. All three will be introduced and celebrated at the IIDA Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 9, 2013, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

Admission to the College of Fellows is the highest honor paid by IIDA to its Professional Members, recognizing those whose activities and efforts have benefitted and enhanced IIDA, and whose design works have influenced and enhanced the Interior Design profession.

“The College of Fellows is honored to receive these three proven leaders in the profession,” Noakes said. “Their outstanding dedication, the exemplary standard of their work and their achievements in the field speak to their commitment to Interior Design and to the goals of IIDA.”

Jim Williamson, FIIDA, LEED AP
IIDA President Jim Williamson, FIIDA, LEED AP, is Global Practice Leader and Principal at Gensler’s Washington, D.C. office. In his 23 years of experience, he has performed more than 3 million square feet of design. A creative and pragmatic workplace strategist, Jim is a Past President of the IIDA Mid Atlantic Chapter, and as President of the International Board, has employed his vast industry experience and long-term client relationships to position IIDA, its Members and the Interior Design profession for a robust future. Jim also participates on the Design Leadership Council (DLC), a collaboration of Interior Design and architecture principals from the D.C. Metro Area who meet monthly to share ideas on how to work together to enhance the industry and to strengthen the relationship between Interior Designers and architects, and devotes his time and energy to numerous charitable organizations that benefit the Washington, D.C., community. Jim hopes to use his IIDA Fellowship to continue to serve IIDA and to further the Interior Design profession.

Barbara Dellinger, FIIDA, MA, EDAC, AAHID, CID
Associate Vice President and Director of Healthcare Interiors at HDR Architecture Inc. in Alexandria, Va., Barbara Dellinger, FIIDA, MA, EDAC, AAHID, CID, has put an emphasis on integrating research into her design work. Among her many accomplishments, she highlights being the first to use EBD research for two projects of more than 1.2 million square feet for DOD/MHS; having her EBD Furniture research checklist mandatorily included in the DOD/MHS World Class Tool Kit; and her invitation earlier this year for the Center for Health Design’s Research Coalition. In her role as IIDA Fellow, she hopes to mentor, to help implement educational programs and to advance Interior Design through her representation of IIDA on the Advisory Boards on which she sits.

Judy Pesek, FIIDA, LEED AP
As Regional Managing Principal of Gensler’s South Central Region and Managing Director of Gensler, Dallas, Texas, Judy Pesek is dedicated to making the most of her leadership positions. In her 25 years with Gensler, she
has been instrumental in growing the business of the D.C.; Houston, Charlotte and Dallas offices. And in the 11 years she has served the Dallas office, she helped to guide it to two IIDA Pinnacle Awards, designation as AIA Firm of the Year (2008) and Corporate Citizen of the Year (2012). As an IIDA Fellow, she aspires to connect to Universities to mentor the next generation of designers, and to continue to use the power of design to effect positive change in the community.

For more information about the IIDA College of Fellows and the Annual Meeting, visit www.iida.org.

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The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association with more than 13,000 Members practicing worldwide in more than 50 countries. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in Interior Design and advancing Interior Design through knowledge, value and community. IIDA advocates for Interior Design excellence; nurtures a global Interior Design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its Members and the Profession with visionary leadership. IIDA has helped reveal new Design talent through a variety of education initiatives and competitions, including the Interior Design Competition, Global Excellence Awards, Emerge Italy and Hospitality Product Design Competition, among others. www.iida.org.