June 15, 2009, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce the recognition recipients at The 2009 Annual Meeting. Jennifer Busch, Editor in Chief, Contract Magazine, Haworth Inc., and Hilda Longinotti of Herman Miller received industry recognition. Additionally, David Hanson, IIDA, CID, RB and Ken Wilson, FIIDA, AIA, LEED AP were recognized for outstanding leadership.

The six winners in the 35th Annual Interior Design Competition were chosen from nearly four hundred projects submitted in the following practice areas: Commercial, Education/Institutional, Government, Healthcare, Hospitality, Residential and Retail.

1. Project: Greenhouse Nightclub – New York, NY
   Firm: Bluarch Architecture + Interiors – New York, NY
2. Project: Nishimura Restaurant, Shangri-La Hotel – Beijing, CHINA
   Firm: CL3 Architects Limited – Hong Kong, CHINA
3. Project: Museum of Tolerance – Los Angeles, CA
   Firm: Cannon Design – Los Angeles, CA
4. Project: Fornari Headquarters – Milan, ITALY
   Firm: Giorgio Borruso Design – Marina Del Rey, CA
   Firm: Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects – Seattle, WA
6. Project: Cathedral of Christ the Light – Oakland, CA
   Firm: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP – San Francisco, CA

Our first award is an Honorary IIDA Award, for Jennifer Teal Busch of Contract magazine. The IIDA Honorary Appellation has been awarded to less than 20 individuals, and is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to IIDA and the Interior Design Community.

Jennifer has been serving the commercial interior design industry in an editorial capacity for the past 19 years. As the editor in chief of Contract magazine since 1996, she routinely reports on the social,
political, technological, economic, and business trends impacting the practice of commercial interior design, with a particular emphasis on design’s influence on society, and its potential as an effective business tool for commercial clients.

Since 2001, Ms. Busch has presided over the Interiors Awards, one of the industry’s most important competitions recognizing excellence in interior design, and the coveted Designer of the Year Award, which each year honors a single designer or design team that has contributed in some significant way to raising the standards of professional interior design practice. As a member of the executive board of Interior Designers for Legislation in New York, she also works to raise the legal status of the interior design profession in the State of New York and elsewhere. Recently, she also served as an advisory board member for the School of Design at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

During her tenure at editor in chief of Contract, Ms. Busch has used her influence to promote design’s important role in business and society, focusing the magazine’s content on the value of good design to commercial enterprises with real business goals. Her work goes far beyond the printed word.

For these reasons, we bestow on Jennifer Busch the title of Honorary IIDA, a Member for life.

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“We were pleased to see so many entries this year from which our distinguished panel of judges selected a globally diverse group of winners representing multiple areas of practice,” stated Viveca Bissonnette, IIDA, CID, LEED AP, IIDA Vice President of Communications and associate at Carrier Johnson + CULTURE. The winning projects range in size and scope but all exemplify IIDA’s mission to enhance the quality of life through innovation and excellence in interior design.”

“In the midst of so much economic turmoil, it is encouraging and rewarding to see winning entries representing museum and gallery spaces, a sustainable nightclub, a hotel restaurant, and a corporate space repurposing historic porcelain workshops,” according to Cheryl S. Durst, Honorary IIDA, LEED AP, Executive Vice President and CEO, IIDA. “The design community is a pinnacle of creating touch points for people, no matter where they come together, demonstrated by this year’s winners.”

Judges for the distinguished competition included Suzanne Tick - President, Suzanne Tick Inc.; DB Kim - Principal Designer, D.B. Kim Inc.; and Erla Dogg Ingjaldsdottir, Associate IIDA - Principal, Minarc. The judging took place February 28, 2009 in Chicago.
All winning projects not previously published will be featured in the NeoCon issue of Interior Design Magazine, the publishing partner for the competitions. The judges selection for Best of Competition will be officially revealed and all winners will be celebrated at COOL, IIDA’s NeoCon Gala to be held Sunday, June 14 in the Grand Ballroom at the Westin Chicago River North. For table purchases or ticket information, please contact Jenny Palmer at 888.799.4432, jpalmer@iida.org or visit www.iida.org.

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IIDA is a professional networking and educational association of 13,000 Members in 10 specialty Forums in 29 Chapters around the world. Additional information is available on IIDA’s website www.iida.org.