IIDA INDUCTS THREE NEW MEMBERS INTO PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

June 8, 2008, Chicago, IL – Lewis Goetz, FIIDA, FAIA, College of Fellows Chair for the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), inducted three IIDA Members to the Association’s College of Fellows at IIDA’s Fourteenth Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 8. Admission to the College of Fellows is the highest honor that the Association bestows upon Professional Members, recognizing those who have made outstanding contributions to IIDA and to the interior design profession. The three new IIDA Fellows are:

Gail Burns, FIIDA, AAHID, WHR Architects (Houston, Tex.)
Gail Burns has more than 20 years of experience in the profession and is committed to using the power of interior design to improve the lives of clients, colleagues and the community at large. Gail is an interior designer with WHR Architects, a healthcare design firm based in Houston, Texas. She has spoken on the topic of healing environments to students and professional colleagues within IIDA, ASID and the University of Houston, and has been published on both her process and projects in the national design press. In 2005, Gail became a founding member of the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers, an organization committed to the qualification of healthcare interior designers. Gail has served IIDA as President of the Texas/Oklahoma Chapter, Director of the Houston City Center and most recently as the 2006-2007 IIDA Foundation Chair. Her efforts within the profession – from mentoring and teaching to supporting legislation at the Texas State Capitol – have exemplified her professionalism and concern for the profession, and as a Fellow she hopes to continue these initiatives through an ever-stronger platform within IIDA.

Barbara Dunn, FIIDA, CID, Gensler (Santa Monica, Calif.)
Barbara Dunn has designed environments for corporations, financial firms, entertainment companies, professional service firms and law firms in her 27 years in the interior design profession. Barbara is currently Partner/Principal with Gensler in Los Angeles, California. She is the recipient of a number of professional awards, including the Southern California Chapter’s Calibre Award, an Institute of Business Designers national design award, and a DOC Award, and was awarded Fellowship with the College of Law Practice Management. Barbara has spoken at tradeshows and been featured in publications such as the Los Angeles Business Journal, Interior Design magazine, Contract magazine, and the Wall Street Journal. Barbara is currently the Southern California Chapter’s President-Elect. As a Fellow, she hopes to continue to elevate respect for interior design and to promote dialogue with senior leadership in the profession to further the development of design as an integral part of the business equation.

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Jean Hansen, FIIDA, CID, AAHID, LEED AP, HDR, Inc. (Piedmont, Calif.)
Jean Hansen's 25-plus years in the profession of interior design have focused significantly on healthcare design, though not exclusively. She is currently HDR's Sustainable Interiors Manager in San Francisco, California. Jean's expertise and advocacy for sustainability has led to her involvement in the development of the Green Guide for Healthcare, the LEED for Healthcare product, the BIFMA Sustainable Furniture Standards and the ACT Sustainable Textiles Standard. Jean has been an active leader within the Northern California Chapter having served as President, Healthcare Forum Advisor, San Francisco Leaders Breakfast committee member and co-creator of the sustainable product fair, "Sustaining Edge". Under her leadership, the Chapter earned the Chapter of the Year Award in 2005. As a Fellow, Jean hopes to continue to enhance mentoring opportunities and the sharing of the design experience and sustainable knowledge with her peers, junior designers, clients and students, as well as influence the development of educational programs and events within IIDA and the design community.

For more information about IIDA’s College of Fellows, please visit www.iida.org.

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