IIDA ANNOUNCES NEW KNOWLEDGE CENTER LIBRARIAN

October 24, 2005, Chicago, IL – Cheryl Durst, Hon. IID, LEED AP, EVP/CEO of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), announces the addition of Jane Larkin to the IIDA Staff. Jane comes on board as Knowledge Center Librarian, responsible for the collection of research and management of the expansion of the online research repository.

Ms. Larkin’s 25-year career has revolved around librarianship, information retrieval, and software development. Jane obtained her Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In her career as a librarian, she worked for the American Medical Association where she provided research services to member physicians. Jane also worked as a business reference librarian in the banking industry. In the 1990s, she worked for NOTIS Systems, a developer of library management systems serving the college and research libraries market. There she developed extensive experience in creating user manuals, designing online help systems and managing a quality assurance team.

“Jane brings a wealth of experience to the Librarian position and we are pleased to have her on board,” stated Cheryl Durst. “We look forward to the expansion of this important online tool under Jane’s direction for the benefit of all of IIDA’s members and their colleagues.”

The IIDA Knowledge Center is a virtual research repository, allowing users to conduct customized searches to find specific research materials. Designers have access to information to support current projects, statistics to back up proposals, and courses to direct their continuing education. Three menus offer the opportunity to define one's own professional development exploration by searching via: Topic Index, Career Focus, and Client Type. You may also do a "quick search" to scan for documents by subject or author. Augmenting this research, is a local events calendar and a CEU presenter list to find local leaders on your search topic.

Jane can be reached at jlarkin@iida.org or at 888.799.IIDA (4432) x5134. For more information about the Knowledge Center visit http://knowledgecenter.iida.org/.

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