

The LET Annual Lecture 2006 – Sponsored by Thorn Lighting

Research was the subject of the LET Lecture, presented at University College London on 5th June. The theme was “What We Might Do and What We Can Do” and the audience, drawn from all parts of the lighting profession, heard first from Dr Kevin Mansfield, course director of the Light & Lighting MSc Built Environment at The Bartlett School of Architecture and subsequently from Peter Raynham, researcher and LET Lecturer at The Bartlett.

The quality of research activity, a major component requirement of universities, plays a vital role in attracting funding. Lighting is no different to other subjects in that research is necessary for its development and, indeed, enhances the teaching.

Kevin Mansfield opened by considering what were the characteristics and drivers for lighting research. He went on to review four themes in lighting research: Performance and Health, Lighting Appearance, Light Measurement and Light Colour Specification, suggesting possible tools and techniques for progress in these areas.

He was followed by Peter Raynham reporting on the research done at the Bartlett. Peter considered the imperatives of research driven by such factors as costs of poor lighting in terms of energy costs and road accidents. He then examined work in the area of lighting simulation and calculation before exploring the research applied to the areas of using daylight to save energy, the study of urban and road lighting and study of glare.



The speakers were introduced by Hugh Ogus, Chairman of the Lighting Education Trust, who highlighted the importance of the modest subsidy given by the LET that enables the Bartlett to demonstrate tangibly that it has the support and is meeting the needs of the lighting profession. Thus the university can leverage additional external grants for its programmes, enabling it to maintain its position as the European leader in lighting teaching and research.

The Trust is sustained by donations from a broad array of companies within the lighting and related industries and Hugh Ogus thanked Thorn for its rock solid support over many years and for its generous sponsorship of this event. He pointed to the value of the Company’s laudable policy of investment in education and training being reflected in its market position, adding that the benefits of Thorn’s altruism reach right through the industry.

The speakers were thanked by Angus Shield, UK Marketing Manager of Thorn Lighting, who then wound up proceedings.

Pictures Taken at the Reception Following the Lecture

