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New Programs, New Partnerships

2007 is an exciting year for the International Institute of Bau-Biologie™ & Ecology. The Board of Directors, staff and a team of dedicated volunteers have spent the first quarter of 2007 modernizing IBE's existing programs and developing new seminars.

The former mini-course has been updated and has been renamed the Natural Healthy Building Course. This introductory course will serve as the starting point for anyone interested in building biology. The Natural Healthy Building Course is designed to provide an overview of the field, describe professional relevance and educate homeowners. The Natural Healthy Building Course will be available online by mid--May.

The Correspondence Course is undergoing a thorough renovation as well. Although much of the content will remain intact, the format and overall appearance of the course materials is being revised to be more user-friendly. In the future, the entire Correspondence Course will be available online as well.

A new two-day Natural Building Seminar will be held several times throughout 2007. This seminar introduces students to Bau-Biologie™ principles. The seminar will be conducted independently and in conjunction with partnering organizations. A schedule of dates and locations will be announced shortly.

The International Institute of Bau-Biologie & Ecology™ is committed to developing partnerships so our members can save money. As such, IBE is pleased to announce a new partnership with Safe Living Technologies. This partnership allows IBE members to save 20% on environmental products available from Safe Living Technologies. To begin saving immediately, call or visit www.safelivingtechnologies.com.

Stay tuned for more program and partnership updates.

Calendar of Events

March 31, 2007

May 24 – 28, 2007

June 29 – July 1, 2007

August 16 – 20, 2007

October 19 – 22, 2007

Membership Renewal Deadline

IAQ Seminar Clearwater, FL

Natural Healthy Building Seminar Ft. Collins

EMR Seminar Clearwater, FL

IBE Annual Conference Nashville, TN

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CALL FOR PAPERS

If you are interested in presenting at the 2007 IBE Annual Conference, please submit an abstract describing the proposed topic. The theme of the conference is "Natural Home, Healthy Home. Abstracts must be received by May 30, 2007. Please submit to vwarren@buildingbiology.net or 1401 A Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33755

2007 IBE Annual Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee

The 2nd Annual Building Biology™ Conference will be held Saturday, October 20th - Sunday, October 21st, 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of the conference is *Natural Home, Healthy Home*. "The conference will cover innovative, informative building and design methods to demonstrate natural, healthy building principles from home/office conception to completion," said Rowena Finegan, IBE Board Member & Chair of the Annual Conference Committee.

Conference planning is underway with a host of informative presentations and interactive demonstrations. Guest presenters include Dietrich Klinghart, M.D., and Wolfgang Maes, or his substitute.

In addition to the Conference Schedule, Dr. Klinghardt will be teaching a one-day workshop on Friday, October 19th on medical reasons for a healthy home and Maes will be teaching a one-day workshop on Monday, October 22nd on Bau-biologie™ inspection protocols. Both workshops and the conference will earn CEUs for BBEC's and BBEI's. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for additional information.

Where Are They Now?

Building Biologists in Action - Mary Cordaro



Mary Cordaro is the president of H3Environmental, providing healthy home consulting to improve indoor air quality and eliminate environmental pollutants. Mary integrates the fields of green building, Building Science and Bau-Biologie; she has just launched an elegant line of organic, customizable mattresses and bedding under her own name.

Mary Cordaro graduated with the first group of US Bau-Biologists™ in 1992 and was determined to identify ways to apply Bau-Biologie™ principles to the "stick frame" method of building in the United States. Mary found, however, that she did not have the "stuff" to make a good building inspector; Mary doesn't like crawl spaces and attics! So, Mary turned her mission to becoming a generalist in the building biology field. She aligned herself with specialists and focused on gaining working, current knowledge of all the related fields and to integrate and prioritize relevant issues for her clients.

Over the years, Mary was drawn more toward specifying materials and systems for remodels and new construction. As often as possible, Mary took hands-on natural building classes. In order to gain more direct experience, she turned her own home into a "lab", which became an environmental demonstration home. In the years since her graduation from IBE, Mary has worked to create a bridge between the Bau-Biologie™ approach to the healthy home and the US style of light frame building, particularly the bedroom. As a result, Mary created H3 Environmental, a healthy home consulting and products' company and the development of the Mary Cordaro Collection of organic mattresses and bedding.

Learn more about Mary Cordaro and her products at www.h3environmental.com.

IBE Announces New Trademark Guidelines

As always, the International Institute of Bau-Biologie™ & Ecology (IBE) appreciates our members' commitment to our organization and mission. It has come to the attention of the IBE Board of Directors that several students and graduates are unsure about the appropriate use of the IBE logo, trademark and educational materials.

In an effort to promote and market IBE and Bau-biologie™, some graduates are mistakenly reproducing and distributing IBE materials or using the trademark without properly acknowledging the Institute. The following information is provided as a guideline for the appropriate use of IBE trademarks and copy written material:

The IBE logo may be used by BBEI's and BBEC's on personal and/or professional websites as long as the individual is a member in good standing (i.e. his/her membership dues are current).

Any and all materials provided by IBE for educational purposes are the exclusive intellectual property of IBE and may not be reproduced, distributed or disseminated, in whole or in part, without the express written permission of IBE.

Graduates are encouraged to promote IBE for marketing purposes; yet, there is a clear distinction between marketing IBE & Building Biology and instructing/teaching the public about Building Biology. Incorporating IBE educational materials, in whole or part, in any outside, non-IBE approved forum is an educational infringement.

IBE educational material, including the 25 Principles, may not be incorporated, duplicated or referenced in the written published works of any current or former student without the express written permission of the Institute.

BBEI/BBEC certification does not authorize an individual to use IBE course materials to teach or lecture on Building Biology subject matter. An individual who has completed the correspondence course, seminars and final exam is certified to perform home assessments, not teach building biology as an instructor.

IBE is in the process of establishing a certification program for Building Biology instructors. In the meantime, individuals wishing to teach Building Biology are required to request and submit an Instructional Request to IBE. Each instance will be reviewed and a decision made on a case-by-case basis. This is especially true in the event that Building Biology is being taught as in whole or in part of any other certification program, stated or implied.

If you have any questions regarding appropriate versus inappropriate use of IBE trademarks or copy written materials, please contact the Institute at (727) 461-4371.

"This clarification of policies will allow our students, graduates and members to continue promoting IBE without risk to the Institute." – Lawrence Gust, IBE Board President

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IBE Unveils New Course Prospectus

The International Institute of Bau-Biologie™ & Ecology offers several certification programs which aim to provide an introductory level of course study suitable for individuals from varying backgrounds who have an interest in the built environment and its' effect on the health of people and the natural environment.

IBE offers three different certification tracks in order to meet individual needs:

- Building Biology Practitioner (BBP)
- Building Biology Environmental Consultant (BBEC)
- Building Biology Environmental Inspector (BBEI)

The Building Biology Practitioner track is a two-three month home study course which teaches how to create a healthy indoor climate free of electro and water pollution through the use of natural building materials and building materials. There is a companion two-day Natural Building Seminar to further explain the material.

The Building Biology Environmental Consultant track is a six-month correspondence course supplemented with three separate five-day seminars composed of hands-on training. The content of the BBEC program facilitates the building process. The BBEC program is ideally suited for builders, architects, civil engineers, manufacturers and distributors of non-toxic and non-hazardous building materials & numerous other professions related to built structures.

The Building Biology Environmental Inspector track offers a variety of specialized, advanced seminars emphasizing the identification and mitigation of potential indoor environmental risks. These seminars are designed for the experienced individual and experienced Bau-Biologist to advance professional knowledge and expand abilities to educate and assist in the creation of healthier homes.

Course Descriptions

Courses 101-111

IBE 101 Natural, Healthy Buildings – Overview of Bau-Biologie™

IBE 111 Natural Building Seminar

Courses 201-205

IBE 201 Introduction to Bau-Biologie™

IBE 202 Building Materials & Sciences

IBE 203 Building Design & Construction

IBE 204 Living Environment

IBE 205 House Systems

Courses 211-213

IBE 211 Indoor Air, Water & Materials

IBE 212 Environmental Radiation

IBE 213 Environmental Investigations

Courses 311-313

IBE 311 IAQ Sampling

IBE 312 Extremely Low Frequency Radiation

IBE 313 High Frequency Radiation

