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The annual COTE Top Ten Toast was held at COOKFOX Architects in New York City. Image: Kim Shinn



Dear COTE Colleagues,

New York City in June...a great way to start the summer and an excellent host city for all of the positive energy at A'18! From Battery Park to Bryant Park to the Highline to Times Square, NYC proved that density and livability are not mutually exclusive. [Read more >](#)



Can a single-family house be a model of sustainable design?

by Kira Gould, Allied AIA

The project seems an obvious contender for exemplary sustainable design excellence, the purpose of COTE Top Ten. On the other hand, does a 4,000-square-foot house for six people really represent the pinnacle of sustainable design? [Read more >](#)



Introducing the COTE Top Ten Toolkit

by Tate Walker, AIA and Corey Squire, Assoc. AIA

The document provides a stepwise method for setting healthier materials goal and criteria definitions, product selection, tracking, and specification, no matter the size and scope of the project. It also suggests tools and provides examples from case studies to assist with each step. [Read more >](#)

Seen & heard at A'18



by Kira Gould, Allied AIA

The AIA Conference on Architecture is always very busy, and dropping it into New York City seemed to heighten that quality—and infuse it with a keen sense of celebrating the city.

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New AIA Healthier Materials Protocol

The document provides a stepwise method for setting healthier materials goal and criteria definitions, product selection, tracking, and specification, no matter the size and scope of the project. [Read more >](#)



Protecting vulnerable populations in the face of climate change

by Katherine Flynn

Climate change will have the biggest impact on those who are already the most vulnerable. What can architects do about it? [Read more >](#)

AIAU course: Responding to Climate Change

How resilient design can help slow—and perhaps reverse—the current climate change trajectory? [Learn more >](#)

Collaboration to close the gap: Changing the materials industry and advancing our practice

by Lona Rerick, AIA

There is often a disconnect between our individual actions as designers and the downstream impacts of those decisions. We say what we want healthy, responsibly sourced products in every building. But it's time to close the gap between the world we want and the actions we take. [Read more >](#)

How green, flexible infrastructure can make cities resilient

by Patrick Sisson | Curbed

NatureStructure looks at how engineers and architects can work with, rather than against, the natural world. [Read more >](#)

COTE Around the Country

On June 26, AIA COTE Chicago hosted a webinar in which Atelier Ten leaders, Nico Kienzl, Director New York, and Emilie Hagen, Associate Director San Francisco, reviewed recent work. They focused on local lessons learned and how insights derived from one project influenced other projects at different scales and varied climates across the United States.

[Watch a recording >](#)

Calendar

AAH Webinar: Carbon/Energy Roadmaps for Healthcare Organizations

August 21 at 2pm ET | 1 LU, HSW

Learn about the energy/carbon roadmap developed for UC Davis Medical Center to meet the goal of carbon neutrality by 2025. [Register >](#)

2018 AIA Upjohn Research Initiative Grants

Deadline: Sept 1

Every year, the Upjohn program funds up to six research grants of \$15,000-\$30,000 per recipient. Project must be completed in a 6- to 18-month period and the research should relate to architectural knowledge that can be applied within the discipline. One grant will be dedicated to design and health principles. [Learn more >](#)

Living Products Expo 2018

September 11-13, Pittsburgh

Gain access to some of the most innovative products available today and meet the industry leaders who are bringing them to market! [Register >](#)

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