Peter Rice – Life and Work

Presentation by Professor Philip O’Kane, University College Cork

Abstract
Peter Rice was an Irish structural engineer (born in Dundalk, graduate of Queen’s University Belfast) who started to work at Arup Consulting Engineers in London in 1956. In his early career he was the resident engineer at the Sydney Opera House. Rice went on to collaborate with Piano and Rogers on the Centre Pompidou, Paris. Other notable structures that he worked on include the Lloyds building in London, the Pyramids at the Louvre and Kansai International Airport Terminal.

Speaker
Professor Philip O’Kane, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UCC, has previously given this presentation in London to IStructE/EI (Eastern Region) members and guests, and to Engineers Ireland in Dublin. Professor O’Kane has for many years studied the works of Peter Rice and revisits many of the finest examples of Peter’s work.

- 20.00 Tuesday, 4 March 2008 in Lecture Theatre IT 3, Cork Institute of Technology
- Preceding the Lecture (18.00) there will be a cheese and wine reception – sponsored by Arup Consulting Engineers – in the Main Hall of the Tourism and Hospitality Building of the Institute.
- The President of the Institution of Structural Engineers, Sarah Buck, will attend and the occasion will be used to announce the setting up of the “Peter Rice Virtual Archive – PRVA”

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