

APPA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION A GREAT SUCCESS

As APPA begins its second century

as the association of choice for educational facilities professionals, we look back at the July 21-23 conference as the culmination of our first century of change, growth, and challenge. More than 900 attended APPA 2014 in San Diego, and we had a great time.

Fourteen past APPA presidents were in attendance, as well as visitors from Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Finland, and Mexico. We heard tremendous plenary sessions from UT Austin professor Jeremi Suri, Richard Katz and Mo Qayoumi, and a panel of seasoned and emerging professionals who discussed the facilities management profession and their involvement in APPA.

Conference attendees also had the opportunity to view a fascinating database of images and memories from APPA's history through a set of touch-screen monitors loaded with nearly 3,000 photos from APPA's archives. Members could view by decade, browse by people, regions, or campuses, and listen to short testimonials from APPA members past and present.

We've collected videos of the plenary sessions and history articles from recent issues of Facilities Manager on the APPA website, and we invite you to visit the page and view these useful and entertaining features. Just go to http://www.appa. org/APPA_Celebrates100years.cfm.

Photo highlights from the conference can be found elsewhere in this issue, as well as an article on APPA's strategic direction written by Lander Medlin, APPA's executive vice president, who this year celebrates 20 years of service on the APPA staff. We also proudly feature all five recipients of the 2014 Award for Excellence in

Facilities Management: Philadelphia University; Soka University of America; University of Michigan; University of New Mexico; and University of North Carolina Charlotte.

We're also proud to profile our new APPA President, Randolph Hare of Washington and Lee University. Randolph has a long career at W&L and has served on APPA's Information and Research Committee (both as an elected vice president and as a rep from SRAPPA) and the APPA Board of Directors. Read more about Randolph's background and plans for APPA.

Finally, we direct you to the back of the book to read Part 1 of the 2014 Thought Leaders report, Leveraging Facilities for Institutional Success. It is a valuable resource for you and your senior administrators, and we urge everyone to read and use the document at your institutions. Part 2 will be published in the November/December issue, and you can download the full report by going to APPA's bookstore at www.appa.org/bookstore.

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