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International engineering interest in new Nelson timber building



Carl Devereux from Aurecon points out the sophisticated seismic features in the NMIT's wooden three-storey building.

This week over 40 timber engineers and designers from all over the world attended the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction forum in Nelson hosted by Canterbury University.

The forum's venue was changed to Nelson to incorporate a visit to the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology's groundbreaking new Arts and Media building which is currently under construction.

[See last month's story here.](#)

Wood Solutions Seminars

Last chance to register - register now



On Aug 31st - September 2nd, the Timber Design Society is holding three half day seminars in **Christchurch**, **Wellington** and **Auckland** in conjunction with NZ Wood. They will be presented by local practising designers and overseas experts at the forefront of timber design and

construction.

The focus is on the capability of wood across a diverse spectrum of multi-storey, light commercial, industrial, community and multi-dwelling constructions. Emphasis will be on solutions to tricky problems in wood design, particularly in non-traditional wood applications.

Visit the [NZ Wood Seminars page](#) for more info and to register.

STIC Design Guidelines out soon



NZ Wood interviewed Robert Finch, CEO of the Structural Timber Innovation Company, about current research and development for structural timber.

The first set of design guidelines for the use of wooden structural products in single-storey complexes is due to be released at the end of this year. [Read the full story...](#)

Design Aids

The NZ Wood website has a focus on helping with the HOW.

In HOW WOOD, the section on [Design Aids](#) brings together a number of links to information and software that can help you to use the sustainable option of timber for structural design and other applications.

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