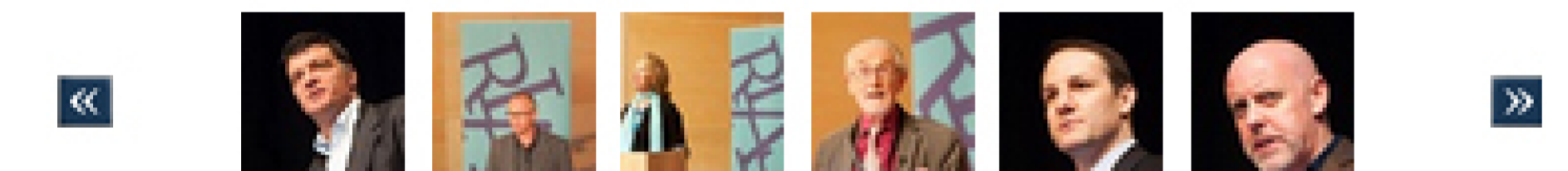


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RIAS Conference round-up: Kelpies, Holl and shining Scandinavians

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A quartet of reports from this year's RIAS Conference in Glasgow

Last week more than 120 people attended the annual RIAS Convention, the second day of which was held in the new £50million Stephen Holl-designed Glasgow School of Art.

With the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow this summer, highlights included a speech from the CEO of Glasgow 2014, David Grevenberg, Alessandro Zoppini of Milan-based Studio Zoppini which has worked on a number of high-profile stadium projects, and Tom Jones of London 2012 stadium-designer Populous.

While the Glaswegian sculptor Andy Scott discussed the recently completed high-profile Scottish Kelpies project – two 30m-tall giant steel horse heads in Falkirk – which RIAS secretary Neil Baxter described as 'an artistic and engineering triumph'.

Four perspectives on the RIAS Convention

Neil Baxter, RIAS secretary

"You get the programme out early, juggle logistics of venues, catering, travel, rooming lists, a plethora of AV (embedded film clips are a bloody nightmare) and you book the jazz singer for Friday's party. She was, incidentally, brilliant. Then you pray that the speakers, and delegates, will make magic. They did.

The UJA Sports Group were a superb curtain raiser for the Glasgow



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