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Zachary Semke of Hammer & Hand to Deliver Opening Keynote Address at PHIUS 11th Annual North American Passive House Conference

Joe Lstiburek, Principal at Building Science Corporation, to deliver technical keynote at Philadelphia event highlighting the latest tools, techniques, and products for achieving climate-specific passive buildings of all types

Chicago, – June 9, 2016 – Passive House Institute US (PHIUS) announced that **Zachary Semke, Director of Business Development & Chief Evangelist at Hammer & Hand**, will deliver the opening keynote address at the 11th Annual North American Passive House Conference (NAPHC) on the first day of core conference Friday, September 23, 2016 in Philadelphia. **Joe Lstiburek, Principal at Building Science Corporation**, will deliver the technical keynote on the second day of core conference Saturday, September 24, 2016.

“We are thrilled and honored that Mr. Semke will join us for this year’s keynote to continue his vision and discussion from this past year’s conference,” said PHIUS Executive Director Katrin Klingenberg. “We look forward to his inspirational remarks on leveraging the benefits of high-performance passive building to achieve a more resilient future. Where better to start working together to achieve this goal than in the City of Brotherly Love?”

Semke’s address “On Buildings, Swans, and the Power of Arithmetic” kicks off two days of core conference presentations covering multiple tracks including the most exciting large-scale multifamily passive buildings in the country as well as climate-specific strategies for achieving the PHIUS+ Passive Building Standard. Lstiburek’s address will feature the latest updates on the perfect wall for all climates.

The core conference will be accompanied by optional pre-conference technical workshops from September 21-22, 2016 and a tour of Philly-area passive projects on September 25, 2016.

The conference is presented in partnership with Passive House Alliance US and will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Philadelphia’s Center City. NAPHC is the largest, most established, and most prominent passive building conclave in North America, drawing many hundreds of architects, policy makers, affordable housing developers, builders, and energy consultants from around the world. Dozens of high-performance building component manufacturers and service providers will also display their cutting-edge products and services at the conference trade show. For more information and to register visit naphc2016.phius.org.

About PHIUS

PHIUS is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to making high-performance passive building the mainstream market standard. PHIUS is transforming the building sector by developing and promoting North American specific standards, practices, and certifications for buildings, professionals, and products to create structures that are durable, comfortable, healthy, and super energy efficient.

Founded in 2003, PHIUS has trained over 2,000 architects, engineers, energy consultants, energy raters, and builders in the passive building standard. The organization is the leading passive building research and information provider in North America. PHIUS released the PHIUS+ 2015 climate-specific building standard, developed under a DOE grant in partnership with Building Science Corporation, in March of 2015. In addition to the DOE, PHIUS has also established strategic relationships with key organizations including RESNET and the Home Innovation Research Labs, among others. The organization has received funding from the Richard King Mellon Foundation and, more recently, the John D. and Katherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Through its [Passive House Alliance US \(PHAUS\)](#) program, a membership-based organization with over 800 members across 18 local chapters and dozens of corporate sponsors, PHIUS is building a robust national network of passive building communities across North America.

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