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**CoreNet Global's Benelux Chapter announces winner of annual Student Awards (BE)**

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CoreNet Global's Benelux Chapter has announced that Delft University of Technology graduate Richa Singh is the winner of their third annual Student Awards.



*Richa Singh.*

Richa was awarded the prize for her thesis 'Organizations Location Choices – drivers for the clustering and dispersal of functions across geographical area'. The paper was successful because it was judged to make an outstanding and innovative contribution to the development of CREM (Corporate Real Estate Management), uniquely combining both urban economic and CREM disciplines and making them applicable at an organizational level.

The research paper examined the suitability of the functional mix offered by office parks, and discussed the disadvantages of a concentration of the real estate portfolio. The paper examined the location of the entire portfolio – not just corporate headquarter buildings – of several organizations, including BNP Paribas, Fortis, ING Group, ABN AMRO and the European Commission.

Richa is an ambitious, international student from India who has graduated cum laude from TU Delft in Real Estate and Housing. She was supervised by Herman Vande Putte and Philip Koppels. Following graduation, Richa moved to Dubai.

Monique Arkell presented the award to Richa during the Benelux Chapter's successful New Year event held at the Richard Rodgers-designed Antwerp Courthouse/New Palace of Justice, the design of which is inspired by waves or sails and is built of glass and steel to sustainable and conservation standards.

During the event, the Presiding Judge Jacques Mahieu commented that the new courthouse building is successful, as many courts are now all housed together in one building, and expressed a wish that other courts were located there too.

The New Year meeting was followed by a reception in the 16th century renaissance-style Antwerp City Hall. During the reception, Chairman Flip Verwaaijen, Vice Chairman Kees Rezelman, and other board members presented a review of the Chapter's activity in 2010 and plans for 2011, which include a joint Benelux and Central Europe chapter event (Liège, March 22-23) which will focus on regeneration, as well as this year's European Summit which will be held in Paris, September 18-20.

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