

# International Fab Lab Association



## Newsletter – December 2011

Here is our December Newsletter, also as PDF. We will inform you about what is happening in our association and abroad and how you can participate. Feel free to forward it further.

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### From the board

In our board meeting via Skype on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 we discussed again our website (coming soon!), our contribution to the FutureEverything Festival 2012 (see Digital Manufacturers Unite!) and our intentions to spread the Fab Lab word in international communities, e.g. on learning/education as well as some governance issues.

Our next board meeting has been scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. We will send you our January Newsletter one week later.

**Seasons greetings and best wishes for 2012!**

### Picture of the month

What are you seeing, where on earth is this found and what is its relation with Fab Labs? The answer will be revealed in our next issue.





Let it rain,  
let it rain,  
let it rain ...

The picture in the November issue of our Newsletter was the bronze statue of Amida Buddha (height 13 m), which stands on the grounds of Kotokuin Temple in Kamakura, Japan. The friendly and creative city of Kamakura (less than one hour by train from Tokyo center) houses not only the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, but also the first Japanese Fab Lab. That is the link we asked for. And of course Hiroya Tanaka himself links the two as well, as the small picture (left) proves.

The Kamakura Fab Lab is housed in a small and beautiful traditional Japanese house. The crew is full of energy and creativity. When in 2013 the Fab community will travel all the way to Kamakura to celebrate Fab9, they might be surprised by finding not only a Fab Lab but also a Fab City there.

Our association finally got its bank and Paypal account. Now you no longer have to wait sending us your money ☺. We urgently want to pay off a loan for notary and sworn translator (constitution) and need money to pay our expenses. Please, consider a generous payment to cover:

- Your membership fee for 2011 – you have no obligations to pay a membership fee for 2011, but still paying let's say EUR 20 for 2011 is greatly appreciated!
- Your membership fee for 2012 – this is compulsory, the amount is EUR 20 per person; if paying is a problem, please contact our treasurer Betty Barrett ([bb1@illinois.edu](mailto:bb1@illinois.edu)).
- Any additional gifts, especially to cover the initial costs of establishing our association.

You can send your payment to the International Fab Lab Association via Paypal [fablab\\_association@fabfolk.com](mailto:fablab_association@fabfolk.com), or via your bank to iban NL20 TRIO 0254 3246 57 – bic TRIONL2U (Triodosbank, Zeist, The Netherlands).

Thank you, very much!

P.S. If you need a separate invoice, please request one from the secretary, Peter Troxler, [trox@fabfolk.com](mailto:trox@fabfolk.com).

Digital Manufacturers  
Unite!

#### **Join the European Fab Summit in Manchester UK in May 2012**

FAB-✱ Manchester seeks to bring together all of the digital manufacturing community in Europe with a view to establishing an exchange network among EU FabLabs. This will be your chance to showcase and discuss what you're all about in Manchester's incredible historic venues, Victoria Baths and the Museum of Science and Industry, at the UK's leading festival of digital culture. We are seeking a crowd-sourced programme with contributions from any and all labs all over Europe.

FutureEverything takes place in Manchester UK from 16-19 May 2011. This annual festival brings every year thousands of visitors to Manchester UK. It brings them cutting-edge art, music and ideas from where technology meets creativity. It scans the horizon of art, technology, society and the environment. FAB-✱ Manchester will run as part of the annual festival alongside the main conference and the established

Handmade Digital Craft event.

Our Association, together with Fab Lab Manchester, will become partner of the 2012 FutureEverything Festival that takes place in Manchester UK from 16-19 May 2011 for FAB-✱ Manchester.

To submit an expression of interest or suggest a topic for presentation simply fill out the expression of interest form at <http://bit.ly/eufabsummit>. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS - Friday 27th January 2012 - 12 noon. Contact: Peter Troxler, [trox@fabfolk.com](mailto:trox@fabfolk.com).

## FABulous News

- **Steve Gallagher from Fab Lab Appleton WI, USA, is our hundredth member! Welcome, Steve, and Congratulations!**
- **In November we welcomed three new Fab Labs:** Fab Lab Grenoble, France (planned), Fab Lab Marymount School New York, USA (CCAC); Fab Lab Ehoze Career Center, Milan, Ohio, USA (AAAB ).
- **Our congratulations for Fab Lab Leon, Spain, for its recent AAAA rating.** It brings the total number of Fab Labs rated AAAA to 11.

More details can be found on the official list of Fab Labs at <http://wiki.fablab.is/wiki/Portal:Labs>.

May we have your votes,  
please?



Waag Society has been nominated for the Rotterdam Design Prize.

You may vote via <http://www.designprijs.nl/en/waag-society-open-design-0>.

## Reading and watching

- **FABWORKS; Diseño y Fabricación Digital para la Arquitectura; Docencia, Investigación y Transferencia;** Manuel Gutiérrez de Rueda García, José Pérez de Lama Halcón, Narciso Vázquez Carretero, Percy Durand Neyra (editors); Universidad de Sevilla, 2011. Free download of [cover](#) (2MB) and [full text](#) (72MB).
- **Design Thinking for Educators;** Design Team Riverdale Country School and IDEO; 2011; free download (94 pages, 20 MB) via <http://www.designthinkingforeducators.com/>.
- **Fab Lab Business Models;** Presentation to the first Artilect Fab Lab Conference; Toulouse, France, October 2011; Peter Troxler; 2011; free download (8 pages, 1 MB) via <http://square-1.eu/fab-lab-business-modelling>

## Upcoming events

- 15 December 2011: Sevilla (Spain): Symposium on Digital Design and Fabrication for Architecture; <http://htca.us.es/blogs/fabworks>
- 9-18 January 2012: Winter bootcamp in various locations; crash course in Fab Lab tools and processes; [coordination@fabacademy.org](mailto:coordination@fabacademy.org).
- 18 January 2012: start of Fab Academy; <http://tinyurl.com/d7j4bfr>
- 16-19 May 2012: Manchester UK: Future Everything Festival; <http://futureeverything.org/festival/>
- 18-24 June 2012: Bootcamp in various locations; Fab Lab management and installation; [coordination@fabacademy.org](mailto:coordination@fabacademy.org).
- 27-31 August 2012 (not sure yet): Fab8 in New Zealand

**Statistics** - Our association has 100 members (individual persons). If you know people interested in becoming a member, let them fill in the form you find on <http://fablabinternational.org>.

There are now 109 Fab Labs. Please, check your ratings!

FAB LABS	1 Oct. 2011	1 Nov. 2011	1 Dec. 2011
AAAA rating	10	10	11
Other ratings	40	48	49
Not rated	49	49	49
<b>Total</b>	99	107	109

**Colophon** - This Newsletter is sent to you on behalf of the Board of the International Fab Lab Association. Our central email address is [association@fabfolk.com](mailto:association@fabfolk.com), the address of our preliminary web site is <http://fablabinternational.org>.

Of course, you also can contact our board members directly:

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