

Focus on the USA

Right from our first issue, *Lights!* has stressed the global nature of lighting for entertainment and architecture setting out to promote the exchange of ideas, showcase product applications and provide technical guidance to a world-wide readership.

Major trade shows this year in Paris, Las Vegas, Berlin London and Cologne have already provided the debut for important new products from Strand Lighting. And November 1992 was the turn of the LDI show in Dallas - a venue chosen by Strand Lighting to unveil a new range of LEKO[®] fixtures.

Leko - a named formed from the conjunction of Century Lighting mentors Levy and Kook - is a product whose name is synonymous with Strand and Century, continuing a tradition extending back some sixty years. A new Leko therefore is an event of no small importance and the new product that carries forward this name is itself a landmark in lighting instrument design. It is also the first time that a product has featured on the front cover of *Lights!*

Another change in design is that our production process enables us to introduce two issues of *Lights!*; this issue, and a version for North America.

Another landmark is the publication of Fred Bentham's autobiography reviewed in this issue of *Lights!* His is another familiar name with a story to match. A book that is a must on the reading list and bookshelf of everybody involved or just curious about the subject Fred refers to as the 'arcane world of creative lighting'. *Lights!* readers will be pleased to find an opportunity to own a copy of "Sixty Years of Light Work" through an offer in this issue.

Quality and Strand products are synonymous so it is gratifying to announce the award by the British Standards Institute following compliance with the BS5750 quality standards.



Dr Lewis Moonie MP for Kirkcaldy (right) presenting the Certificate of Registration for the BSI Register of Firms of Assessed Capability (BSI 5750 Part 1) to Managing Director, Chris Waldron (left) and Operations Director Neil Gilmour on 14 October 1992 (see News item - page 4).

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