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Crime in Milan



'DESIGN AGAINST Crime', the exhibition based on research work by Central Saint Martins' Dr Lorraine Gamman, went to the Milan Furniture Exhibition with spectacular success. About 1000 people turned up for the exhibition's press reception and the stand drew crowds every day.

The exhibits ranged from anti-theft chairs and bags to a bulletproof parka by Vexed Generation and elegant clothes with anti-theft pockets by New York designer Yeohlee. A techno bra on show measures the wearer's heartbeat. In the event of a sudden increase in heart rate, the bra will first issue a warning alarm and then telephone one of your friends with information from a global positioning system on your whereabouts.

'The important thing is that we had a lot of bag manufacturers sniffing round. I would be de-

even if they don't commission us as designers,' says Lorraine. The success of 'Design against Crime' was noted by the British press. 'The Daily Express' ran a major story on it in April.

A free CD-Rom with information on designing against crime also went like hot cakes at the Milan show. Originally intended for British design schools, there has been massive interest in it from the industry and from the police.

'The police want them because they are useful for training,' explains Lorraine. 'The information that is on it hasn't been compiled like that before. The police didn't know the six hot products and they hadn't isolated the perpetrator's techniques.'

Now the 'Design Against Crime' show heads for Barcelona before returning to London, followed by a tour of British venues. Lorraine is in discussions with design schools in Italy and Spain to see if there is an international aspect to the research and she is interested in developing research links across the Institute most particularly with the

Honorary awards 2001

THIS YEAR'S honorary awards were presented at the Conferences Ceremony which were held at the Banqueting House Westminster on the evening of 24 May 2001 ■

HONORARY MASTERS

Peter Stubbs Chairman of UK Retailing and advisor to government on the retail industry.

HONORARY DOCTORATES

Tina Brown
Editor of 'Tatler' and 'Vanity Fair' before taking over at the 'New Yorker'. 'Talk' magazine is her latest venture.

Harold Evans
Former editor of 'The Sunday Times'.