Welcome to the International Region

Dear Members and Colleagues,

We are delighted to share with you the activities and initiatives of your new International Region!

As the 19th Region of the American Institute of Architects we are here to directly support our more than 2400 international members and affiliates living and working outside of the USA and to develop a supportive network for the 83,000+ strong Institute globally.

Here are some initiatives the AIA IR is helping to develop:

LICENSING EXAMS - ARE in London | Hong Kong | Abu Dhabi
The CEO of NCARB, Michael Armstrong, came through Asia recently to celebrate the successful launch of the ARE in Hong Kong and spoke at a live-in-three city event with members in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tokyo. We will be sharing links for study programs and supporting those interested in the licensure process (www.ncarb.org) now that the ARE can be taken in London, Hong Kong and Abu Dhabi.

AIA IR AWARDS
The inaugural International Region Awards - first time ever! Please answer the survey sent to all IR members to help shape this awards program to make sure it is designed to best serve you. We need your input.

GLOBAL CES EVENTS
Conferences and symposiums and information-sharing events like the NCARB update should reach more than one audience simultaneously. This is one way that our globally disparate International Region can share expertise, events and CES. Please see the Global Calendar for an ever-growing list of events and share any that you are involved in and think that fellow members would enjoy.

COMMUNICATION
Newsletter: a quarterly e-publication should soon reach all members. If you have important news to share please forward to our Secretary: Info@AIAInternational.com. We are always looking for content and may publish some special editions on certain topics like the inaugural International Awards, global discourse and more, moving forward. If you would like to help with content, please write in!

INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR
Calendar inclusive of AIA and Partner events globally. See a first iteration of the calendar (link below). Development of a single calendar that members can use wherever they are to know what events are on in the city or region they are based in (or travelling through). This calendar is being developed so that it can soon be sorted by city or date.
One of the exciting initiatives that the International Region is undertaking is the creation of an interactive ‘global calendar app’ for all members. We hope you will share important events that you know of with our calendar committee so that we can together develop a go-to Calendar to connect AIA members wherever they are.

**CONFERENCES**
Excellent events have been unfolding globally - including the AIA UK and CE Conference in London this past April - and the upcoming conferences and symposums at all of our International chapters in Paris, Doha and Hong Kong to name a few.

This month please join us at the Global Practice Workshop (June 25) at the AIA Convention with 20 speakers covering 5 continents. While in Chicago, make sure to participate in our members meeting (on June 26). See further links and details in newsletter and website.

**OUTREACH**
We are working to reach more unassigned members and international colleagues and hope to continue to grow our vibrant network of expertise and friends throughout the region. Please get involved - just drop a line to let us know which initiatives you would like to support. We welcome your input and are building teams to work on all of the above so please share your name, interest and contact details. We hope to see you soon.

**FINANCES**
With the recent opening of the International Region’s bank account we have started to collect pledged funds from the International Chapters for calendar years 2013 and 2014. The AIA IR is in a good financial position as the only significant expenditure to date has been the cost of the website. The region’s board will formally review the 2015 budget during the upcoming annual board meeting at the National Convention. We are in the process of securing sponsors and will update you on these developments in the coming months.

**SUPPORT**
We appreciate the continuous support of our International Chapters and the inaugural support of our founding sponsors. Join us in sharing the official International Region unveiling and appreciation in Chicago and note that there are just three Founding Sponsorship opportunities still available. If you have colleagues that would like to make sure to catch this one time opportunity to help found our region, please contact us...Most of all, join us at the events and start thinking about your AIA IR award submissions!

Thank you on behalf of the AIA International Region,

Dr. Christine E. Bruckner, FAIA  
President, AIA International Region,  
A Region of the American Institute of Architects  
...working together around the world...

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

On April 24, 2014 a notice was sent our to our membership regarding the Annual General Meeting of the AIA International Region.

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the members of the AIA International Region will take place Thursday, June 26, 2014, commencing at 2:30 p.m. (Central Daylight Time), in Room S502, McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60616, USA. The meeting will be conducted for the purpose of nominating and electing the officers and directors to succeed those whose terms are about to expire; for receiving the annual reports of the Board and the Treasurer; and for the transaction of such other business as may be appropriate.

All members of the AIA International Region are invited to attend. For additional information, contact AIA Senior Vice President and General Counsel Jay Stephens, Hon. AIA, at jstephens@aia.org, or Emily Dorey, Director, International and Unstaffed Components, at emilydorey@aia.org. Additional information will also be available soon on the AIA International Region’s Web Site at www.aiainternational.org.

Etain Fitzpatrick, AIA
Secretary, AIA International Region

Going International

WE203: When Change Means Going International

International Practice Committee
PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP
AIA 2014 National Convention
Wednesday, June 25, 2014
WE203: When Change Means Going International

The AIA International Practice Committee Advisory Group—with the assistance of many members of the International Region—will be conducting a full day, pre-convention workshop at the AIA 2014 National Convention and Design Exposition held at Chicago’s McCormick Place. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, a day before the full start of the convention. This is an ambitious expansion of the half-day workshops of previous conventions, involving 20 presentations covering eight global markets.
International Practice Committee (continued)

Participants will gain up-to-date knowledge of the current and emerging marketplace for global architecture services, coupled with an understanding of how the AIA international community, the UIA, NCARB, and the U.S. Federal Government all can help with resources and information. Those who are less familiar with international practice will receive instruction on recognizing risks, opportunities, and potential rewards, and how outcomes are impacted by varying political systems, design and construction regulations, building codes, delivery methods, and cultural and environmental factors.

Discover how to find local partners; how to navigate legal issues pertaining to overseas practice; and how to deal with ethical challenges that arise in many under regulated environments. Get an oversight into emerging economic development trends so you can anticipate where architects can expect to find the most opportunities in the immediate years ahead. The workshop will have two components: a three-hour morning seminar and a series of afternoon breakout sessions, with a box lunch and a special presentation being provided at mid-day.

In the morning session, four presenters will cover broad topics related to architectural practice outside U.S. borders—how to evaluate your readiness to “go international”; economic data and trends showing the rise in American architects and construction companies working abroad; how, in general, international practice differs from domestic practice; what resources are available to assist in finding project opportunities and delivering the needed services; and how international practice has evolved over the past thirty years—and where it is heading.

Workshop participants will select four 60-minute geographic regional breakout sessions to attend in the afternoon from a list of eight being offered (two sessions will run simultaneously): China, Middle East, India, Brazil, Mexico, Africa, Canada, and Europe. Each break-out session will be led by two presenters, with project case studies utilized as a means of demonstrating the specific challenges in each region.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to learn from a team of experts in the international services arena. Time will be reserved for discussion in all sessions, so bring your questions and gain valuable insight from your peers as you earn 7.5 continuing education learning units.

REGISTER AT
aia.org/CONVENTION
WE203: WHEN CHANGE MEANS GOING INTERNATIONAL
AIA UK
Conference - Tale of Two Cities
AIA UK and AIA CE celebrate 20 years!
London, April 10-12, 2014

The AIA UK and AIA Continental Europe hosted a joint conference in London from the April 10 – 13th, 2014, in celebration of their 20th year Anniversaries. This conference was a combination of lectures and building tours which focused on three particular areas of regeneration in London; King’s Cross, London Bridge, and the Olympic Park, with one day focused on each area.

Friday focused on King’s Cross, the centrepiece of which is the 27 hectare redevelopment in the area immediately north of the Kings Cross and St Pancras train stations. Presentations were given on the masterplan, and the group toured buildings including Central St. Martin’s College (Stanton Williams), Kings Cross station (McAslan and Partners), St Pancras station, and King's Place (Dixon Jones).

Saturday focused on London Bridge which has undergone significant redevelopment with More London (masterplan by Foster and Partners), London Bridge Quarter including the tallest building in western Europe, The Shard by the Renzo Piano Building Workshop and London Bridge Station by WSP and Grimshaw Architects. Talks were integrated with the tours of More London, Borough Market and the View at the Top o the Shard. The conference was attended AIA IR President Christine Bruckner, FAIA who gave a presentation on the International Region.

On Sunday we visited the Olympic Park in east London where we were given an overview of the development, and the extensive legacy plans for the area. Visits included the Velodrome (Hopkins) and the Aquatics Centre (Hadid).

At the Saturday night Gala dinner at the British Museum, AIA President Helene Combs-Dreiling, FAIA awarded the AIA UK Chapter with a Presidential Citation in honor of their 20 years of achievement.

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AIA CE Chapter
International Conference and Chapter Meeting

The Anticipated Urban Thaw
Paris, October 23-26, 2014

Join us in Paris.

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of AIA Continental Europe and take a closer look at a city you think you know, perhaps soon to see the most important urban & architectural renewal program since the 1970s.

Proposed changes, a response to the challenges posed by a growing suburban population (1 in 6 French lives in greater Paris), will affect the very understanding of existing city limits and potentially modify the urban landscape by authorizing greater building heights in specific neighborhoods. The latter, if implemented, will see proposals designed by Herzog & de Meuron and Jean Nouvel among the first built.

Both of these changes need to happen within the context of a city that, for many, defines the very notion of a historic landmark. Current projects will offer us a glimpse on how contemporary architecture finds its place in a centuries-old urban and architectural fabric.

Site visits will include the Fondation Louis Vuitton by Frank Gehry, the Département des Arts de l'Islam by Rudy Ricciotti, and the new Halles shopping center by Patrick Berger — each offering a distinct context. Paris will elect a new mayor in 2014. For a capital city seeking international visibility (after losing the Olympic bid to London) and where vacant lots are scarce, all eyes are turned on urban policies and architecture.

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AIA Hong Kong Chapter

Founded in 1997 and now totaling nearly 400 members (in all categories), the AIA Hong Kong Chapter continues to host a wide range of lectures, building tours, technical seminars, brown-bags, panel discussions, workshops and charrettes.

A few of the speakers we have recently welcomed to Hong Kong – or with whom we have conducted virtual presentations - include:

Moshe Safdie, CC, FAIA – the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Gold Medalist who shared with us his great insights into nearly 50 years of global experience since his seminal project, Habitat ’67.

Peter Eisenman, FAIA - who joined a live-in-two-cities virtual panel to discuss the urban aspects of architectural character and revitalization, with Michael Manfredi, FAIA, Jill Lerner, FAIA, and others.

Bing Thom, FRAIC – Vancouver based architect who, with local firm Ronald Lu & Partners is designing the new Xiju (Drama) Theatre at the West Kowloon Cultural District, now under construction.

Prominent architects who have visited Hong Kong and given talks to our members also include:

Rafael Vinoly, FAIA
George Miller, FAIA
Gene Kohn, FAIA
Frank Gehry, FAIA
Cesar Pelli, FAIA

And we have conducted tours to the following buildings, among others:

- Guangzhou Museum by Rocco Yim, FHKIA, RIBA, Hon. AIA (HK), RA
- Opus Hong Kong by Frank Gehry, FAIA
- Hysan Place by KPF
- Guangzhou Opera House by Zaha Hadid, Hon. FAIA
AIA Hong Kong Chapter (continued)

Coming Up

In September, we will be hosting the Asia Cities Symposium with Institute president Helene Dreiling. Ideally, this will coincide with the show Practical Utopias: Global Urbanism in Hong Kong, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo, developed by AIA New York, with live discussions in multiple cities as well as with an exhibition, details to follow.

And finally…
After 17 years of sharing office space, AIA Hong will move into permanent premises at the revitalised Police Married Quarters building on Aberdeen Street in Central, in early July. The PMQ is a heritage renewal project that will become a new design hub for artists, architects, designers and non-profit groups from throughout Hong Kong, and will also house the AIA International Region until 2016. We are very excited about our impending move and welcome all of you to visit us there - when you are next in Hong Kong!

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AIA Middle East Chapter

AIA Middle East is off to a good start this year now that the board has been decentralized from the UAE with President Loay Quota, AIA in Saudi Arabia and past president Thierry Paret, FAIA now based in Qatar. The board has reached out further by adding Country Representatives in Bahrain and Jordan, look for more exciting events in those countries soon!

AIA ME is planning for its second annual year end conference (YEC) to be hosted in Doha Qatar in mid November along with an annual design awards. This year’s theme will focus on big and small, everything from planning to divine details and we expect this years program to be even better than last years’ with tours of many of the exciting mega projects happening in Qatar as they prepare for the World Cup - now only 4 years away!

AIA ME continuing education programs continue to deliver interesting programs and tours of LEED Platinum buildings in Dubai and conservation projects in Riyadh. There have been more than a dozen learning units delivered and all of the events have been well attended by the membership and community as the Middle East economy sees a resurgence in its economies.
AIA Middle East Chapter (continued)

Please join us in supporting AIA Middle East and let us know if you are in a Middle Eastern country without representation and have the desire to volunteer your time to extend our programs to architects on your region and represent the AIA!

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AIA Japan Chapter

AIAHK NCARB Video Conference
AIAJ members participated in a Video Conference with AIA Hong Kong and Shanghai at Prof. Kunihiro’s Lab at Kokushikan University. Christine Bruckner of AIAHK and NCARB CEO Michael Armstrong presented the inauguration of the ARE (Architectural Registration Exam) being able to be taken under the auspices of AIAHK through Prometrics. However, one must first decide and apply with a U.S. State to start the licensing procedure. Other current test locations include London and Abu Dhabi. For Japan, another option would be the U.S. Territory of Guam.

AIAJ Student America Tour: Five Samurais Enjoyed US Journey
Five Energetic Students Enjoyed Their Journey In US Pacific Northwest! Former AIA Japan President, Yasuyuki Yanagisawa, escorted five students from Meiji University, Hosei University and Keio University on a trip to Pacific Northwest of U.S. The samurais landed in Portland, Oregon and visited three cities; Portland, Eugene and Seattle. During their visit, they were welcomed with interactive receptions from Thomas Hacker Architecture (Portland), Mahlum (Seattle) and University of Oregon (Eugene). They visited studios at universities and professional firms to gain their understanding of how architecture is instructed as well as practiced through various types of interactions. Five students made their presentations at AIA Japan November Event after their return.

CES Lecture Series: Indian Architect Ms. Sheila Sri Prakash
Venue: Temple University Japan Campus
October 16th, starting at 19:00
Sheila Sri Prakash, Founder & Chief Architect of SHILPA Architects Planners Designers Pvt Ltd., is based in Chennai, India. Ms. Prakash’s lecture on “Indian Design” includes an overview of India’s geography, people, culture, art and history. She relates this to designing in India by identifying the current trends and challenges with some case studies, and concluded by talking about Globalization and the opportunities it presents for collaboration and synergies.

Dialogue with Architecture For Humanity
AIA Japan’s first meeting with Architecture For Humanity (AFH) was hosted by former President, Yasu Yanagisawa and took place at his residence. The cordial meeting was attended by AIAJ members and AFH executives, Mr. Eric Cesal, Director of Reconstruction and Resiliency Studio and Mr. Yoichi Nakabayashi, Director of Strategic Partnership. Architecture for Humanity, led by Cameron Sinclair, is a global non-profit organization, headquartered in San Francisco, helping with reconstruction and resiliency issues in disaster-stricken areas of the world. They have established their first office in Japan at Ishinomaki, Tohoku to assist in the reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Through the newly-established relationship between AIA National and AFH, AIA Japan strives to help with AFH’s efforts in Japan and our initial meeting was an important step in understanding each other’s organizations and exploring
AIA Japan Chapter (continued)

areas that AIA Japan and our members can contribute the most. In the near future, we have requested Eric for a presentation about AFH and their ideas on resiliency to our members and affiliates, so please look forward to this newly-networked relationship that we as architects can help contribute to society.

Plan For AIAJ-Sponsored School
An AIAJ-sponsored educational school program is being planned to be offered to architectural students as well as professionals. The school will be held in Tokyo and anticipated number of students attending is 30 with approximately half from Meiji University, which AIAJ has an existing relationship with student summer workshops. Student - instructor ratio is expected to be 10:1. Program includes design charrettes, lectures on American architectural practices, programming, and other topics of interests. All instructions will be in English and there will be an English language class planned as well.

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AIA International Region is developing chapters globally

Please note that there are several areas where our members are working to develop strengthened networks and eventual Chapters. Specifically in Asia there are many areas with growing AIA activity and we hope to see new city chapters developing in Shanghai, Beijing, Mumbai, Singapore, Seoul, Canada and beyond. If you are living and working in an area that is not yet chartered and would like to help it develop and host some networking events please send us a note. We welcome your participation.

Final reminders:

1) Join us or advise how your voice can be heard at Convention via phone or proxy please find the form here.
2) Start thinking about your AIA IR Awards submissions
3) share exciting AIA and Partner events for our shared global calendar Get involved!

Mission Statement:

*The American Institute of Architects: driving positive change through the power of design.*

AIA International is the broadest geographical region of the American Institute of Architects, providing a collaborative leadership platform to empower members and encourage global success through best practice, innovative thinking and design excellence.

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Other news

**AIA RIBA CE/CPD Cooperation Agreement**

The AIA and RIBA have agreed to establish a formal relationship to support the professional growth and development of their respective members, which has resulted in a cooperation agreement around CE/CPD and provider status within each organization’s provider networks.

In the cooperation agreement, the AIA and RIBA agree to:

- A mutual exchange of continuing education provider status.
- To recognize as providers the national and chapter programs of the AIA and RIBA. Note: this recognition does not include manufacturers or other third party allied organizations In other words, education programmes from CES Providers and RIBA CPD Providers Network subscribers will not be included in this agreement.
- Approved programs may be offered face-to-face or as distance or online education and the courses can be provided globally.
- RIBA chapter and national programs must be submitted and follow the AIA’s standard CE review process in order to qualify for AIA Continuing Education (“AIA CE”) credit.
- RIBA and AIA national agree to list one another’s approved events in each organization’s course directory.

For more information see [www.aia.org/riba](http://www.aia.org/riba)

**AIA IR Newsletter**

The next AIA IR Newsletter deadline is Monday, September 1, 2014  
Please submit articles and photos to AIA IR Secretary Etain Fitzpatrick, AIA at info@aiainternational.org