December 22, 2014

Dear Members & Friends,

What a fast year 2014 has been!

The AIA International Region celebrated a stellar first year with the inaugural AIA International Design Awards Presentation and Dinner. The event was fully subscribed and filled with new and old friends (see details and photos below). The focus on excellence in International Architecture and best practice will continue annually and we look forward to your 2015 submissions. Join us in congratulating our award recipients and note that projects were recognized throughout the Region’s three zones with a wide diversity of participants including both full AIA and International Associate AIA member architects, many members of the six International Chapters and several unassigned where we hope to develop increased member support moving forward.

We are delighted that we have accomplished many of the goals we set out for ourselves in January. A quick look at 2014 highlights include:

Regional Symposium - AIA IR aims to organize and present an annual Symposium or conference to bring experts together from different cities and continents to share best practice. This year’s AIA IR Asian Cities Symposium brought together 10 international expert speakers in a full day of shared best practice on sustainable urban development and liveable cities with rooftop cocktails and interactive dinner workshop.

Stay tuned, a full Regional Conference is being planned in Kyoto for September 11 through 14th, 2015 led by our International Director, George Kunihiro, FAIA.

International Region Design Awards Program with fully on-line submission developed and face-to-face jury of FAIA architects, and new award opportunities created to include all AIA and International Assoc. AIA members around the world. In addition a beautifully published recycled material booklet designed by duttonBray which you can get at the AIA IR Awards exhibition at AIA Headquarters in D.C. in March 2015 (see upcoming events at the end of the newsletter).

Global Events AIA App - is being tested by the AIA HK office this month and will go live and be populated by all the Chapters in the IR and be available for you to access in the new year!

A special thanks to our AIA IR Founding Sponsors: AHEC, AECOM, Dornbracht and Dow Corning! We would like to give our additional appreciation to our AIA IR event supporters BSC and JEB and continued appreciation for the support of our AIA Leadership and International Chapters on behalf of their global members.

The Region serves the wider community of AIA members and colleagues internationally and we welcome your continued insights and participation.

Best wishes for the new year!
Happy Holidays

Sincerely,
Dr. Christine E. Bruckner, FAIA
President AIA International
AIA International Region Design Awards
President Christine E. Bruckner, FAIA

The AIA International Region celebrated its inaugural Design Awards Presentation and Dinner on the 19th November at the American Club, Hong Kong, with President Christine Bruckner and IR Zone 2 Director Peter Basmajian in attendance.

This sold out event, the first of many more to come, was filled to capacity with more than 80 AIA members, guests, affiliates and press.
AIA International Region Design Awards (cont.)
President Christine E. Bruckner, FAIA

Awards were presented for 18 projects in Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban Design and Open International, for works completed by AIA member architects living and working outside of the United States, as follows:

Honor Awards for Architecture
• Burj Khalifa, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill
• Times Clubhouse & Commercial Complex, CL3 Architects

Merit Awards for Architecture
• University of Amsterdam, Wade Scaramucci, AIA (AHMM)
• The Park Hotel Hyderabad, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Special Commendation for Architecture
• Angel Building, Wade Scaramucci, AIA (AHMM)

Honor Awards for Interior Architecture
• Masan Singapore Office, M Moser Associates

Merit Award for Interior Architecture
• East Hotel, CL3 Architects

Special Commendation for Interior Architecture
• Facebook Hong Kong, Richards Basmajian

Honor Award for Urban Design
• Zunyi Oasis, RTKL International

Merit Awards for Urban Design
• Pak Tsz Lane Park, Ronald Lu & Partners
• Wenying Lake Park: An Urban Utopian Garden, AECOM Asia
• Baietan: Heart of Guang-Fo, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Special Commendation for Urban Design
• Handicapped Assoc. Cerro Cachito Public Space, Daniel Basurto, Int’l. Assoc. AIA (Vertical Arquitectos)

Honor Awards for Open International
• Redux House, Marcio Kogan, Hon. AIA (studio mk27)
• Grotto Sauna, Jonathan Friedman, Int’l. Assoc. AIA (Partisan Projects)
• Hong Kong Design Institute, Thomas Coldefy, Int’l. Assoc. AIA (CAAU)

Merit Awards for Open International
• North Solaris Fusionopolis: Vertical Linear Park, Dr. Ken Yeang, Hon.FAIA
  UN City, Kim Herforth Nielsen, Int’l. Assoc. AIA (3XN)
AIA International Region Design Awards (cont.) & AIA Hong Kong
Peter Basmajian, AIA
Director (Zone 2)

Guest of Honor Mr Paul Chan, Secretary for Development of the Hong Kong SAR, spoke about the importance of architects in society and the need for increased awareness of issues to do with housing, transportation and heritage preservation, among others.

The Awards Presentation and Dinner were very kindly sponsored by the JEB Group, who are also a long time AIA Hong Kong Corporate Affiliate Member, and photographs of the winning entries are now available at http://www.aiainternational.org/past-events/

AIA Hong Kong Honors & Awards Ceremony
Peter Basmajian
AIA Director (Zone 2)

The AIA Hong Kong Honors & Awards Ceremony was held on the 14th November at The Rotunda in Exchange Square. In addition to the 15 awards presented for outstanding Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban Design and Unbuilt Projects, Community Citations were awarded to:

- Greg Girard & Ian Lambot
- MCCM Creations – Mary Chan
- Dare Koslow
- Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation

AIA Hong Kong Honorary Membership was bestowed on Dr Lee Ho Yin of Hong Kong University.

AIA Hong Kong continued their series of evening lectures in the tri-partite Materials of the Future series, most recently featuring talks by Ted Givens and Warith Zaki (10 Design), Jason Carlow (Carlow Architecture and Design) and Kristof Crolla (LEAD), all of whom are based in Hong Kong – with other guest speakers from local universities and engineering consultants.

Topics covered have included advanced materials such as graphene and self-healing concrete, and the latest trends in façade design, digital design tools and ‘real world fabrication with robots.’
AIA Continental Europe
International Conference and Chapter Meeting
The Anticipated Urban Thaw
Vincent Marani, AIA
Director (Zone1)

Twenty years ago the AIA Continental Europe chapter was established in Paris, France a year after the AIA UK was established. Thomas Vonier served as the first President of the chapter and has gone on to develop the AIA International Region and today is serving as a Vice President of AIA National.

AIA Continental Europe has celebrated its 20th anniversary in style with a chapter conference in Paris. The Paris conference was filled with great architecture and great fun. The highlights of the architecture tours were the just completed Foundation Louis Vuitton, by Frank Gehry and the Islamic gallery in the Cour Visconti of the Louvre by architects Rudy Ricciotti and Mario Bellini. There was gala dinner in the impressive Cercle de l’Union Interalliée, the Palace next to the French President’s Palace. AIA Continental Europe was honored to have the following guests present: Helene Combs Dreiling FAIA, 2014 AIA President, Elizabeth Chu Richter FAIA, 2014 AIA President- Elect., Thomas Vonier FAIA 2014-2016 AIA Vice President, Rick Bell FAIA New York Chapter CEO, and Susan Chin, FAIA Design Trust for Public Space. Robert Ivy AIA CEO sent his well wishes via video.
AIA Continental Europe
International Conference and Chapter Meeting (cont.)

“We are quite fond of AIA Europe — both the special members and the general approach to «chapter-hood». The Paris event only served to cement that sentiment in our minds! Please convey our kind regards and sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors and the organizing committee. All of you should be quite proud and pleased! Our admiration continues…” —Helene Combs Dreiling FAIA, 2014 AIA President

During the gala dinner the chapter presented a life time achievement award to Alan Schwartzman, FAIA for his contributions to the chapter. Alan now 93, sharper than any post-graduate student, was a founding father of the AIA Continental Europe and has served as President and has been the chapter’s Fellow chair and Parliamentarian.

We would like to invite you to our next chapter conference in Milano 21–24 May 2015. The conference will focus on the Milano Expo. The Expo will be open at the time of the conference. If you intend to come please make travel and stay arrangements far in advance because of the Expo.
AIA UK

Annual Student Design Charrette

Robert Rhodes, AIA
2015-2015 Director (Zone 1)

On Saturday the 8th of November AIA UK, along with the British Institute of Interior Design, held our annual Student Charrette – continuing a 20+ year tradition. For the third year running, the event was hosted by our generous sponsors Laufen, at Zaha Hadid’s Roca London Gallery in West London.

A capacity attendance of 40 architecture students and 40 interior design students from universities spanning the United Kingdom participated in the intense, one-day design competition – this year focused on the idea of Natural Urban Swimming. Teams representing the different universities were allocated the mouth of Chelsea Creek as their site, and given the day to design “a new leisure facility that considers the actual, natural water space as an urban amenity – to reclaim the natural water courses for recreational use.”

Over the course of the day students worked together to analyse the site, thrash out a design and then present to an esteemed jury of architectural dignitaries. The jury this year was chaired by Edna Luddecke from JDS Architects (Copenhagen), Michael Holms Coats from Kent School of Architecture (University of Canterbury) and Dan Hopwood, director of Studio Hopwood and presenter of BBC2’s “Great Interior Design Challenge.”

The winning team this year was the 3rd year architecture students from University of Westminster, mentored by Francis Hur of Francis Hur Architecture Ltd. All of the participating students were applauded for their heroic efforts, and were invited to apply for the 2015 AIA UK Noel Hill Travel Scholarship in the spring.

The Charrette was made possible thanks to the generous support of the AIA UK sponsors, Callprint and Laufen – and the gracious hosts at the Roca London Gallery. The Charrette was held in conjunction with the Roca London Gallery exhibition “Urban Plunge”, which featured current and theoretical wild swimming projects in London, New York, Copenhagen.

AIA UK Legal Lecture Series

Michael Lischer, FAIA

On the 12th of November, an AIA UK sponsor hosted the Chapter’s second «Legal Issues» seminar. Presented by, Andrew Croft from Beale and Company Solicitors, this discussion addressed the often baffling subject of warranties. Among the issues discussed were:

- Warranties in an appointment
- Contractual Warranties
- Collateral Warranties
- And, warranties to avoid!

Andrew’s presentation was followed by an informative Q&A session. The questions were addressed by Andrew and two of his colleagues, Will Buckby and James Hutchinson.

The «take away» from the presentation was the importance for architects to fully understand the warranties and their liabilities before they sign up to them! A special thanks go out to our sponsor for taking such good care of us and to Andrew, Will and James for presenting such an informative talk.

We are considering organizing another Legal Lecture in the Spring and open to suggestions of topics about which you would like to hear. Under consideration is a talk on the novation of design teams to design-build contractors.

See you at the next one!!
AIA Middle East
AIA Middle East Year End Conference + Regional Design Awards
Amel Abdulla, AIA
Communications Director, AIA ME Board

November 14-15th, 2014 Doha Qatar

The AIA Middle East Chapter held its 2nd Annual Year End Conference on the 14-15 November in Doha, Qatar at the Hilton Hotel. The theme of the conference “Super and Small”, focused on the super projects of Qatar and the Gulf Region and the small details that make them possible.

The 1st day of the conference featured architectural presentations by distinguished professionals and scholars, and culminated with the Design Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner that took place at the Msheireb Enrichment Center. The awards honored works of excellence in architecture by AIA members. SOM stole the show, winning 5 awards in 3 catagories. This year the AIA ME introduced a student graduation category.

The second day offered a full day program of guided tours to outstanding landmark projects of architectural grandeur in Qatar designed by renowned architects, such as the Doha Tower by Jean Nouvel; Islamic Museum by I.M Pei and Qatar National Convention Center by Arata Isozaki, and concluded with a walk thru and dinner at Souq Waqif.

The conference was chaired by Thomas Vonier FAIA, AIA Vice President and Secretary General of the International Union of Architects. The conference program received good reviews from the attendees and participants.

«As a 15 year member and a past President of the Continental Europe Chapter who have two yearly multi day programs I can say that the Doha program was as good quality and content as any of them. This also includes programs I have been to with the UK Chapter. I congratulate all and say build on it and you will have more members and members from other Chapters joining with us in the future.»

Steven Miller, FAIA, RIBA
A Chapter Founder and Fellowship Director»
AIA Middle East (cont.)
International Trade Mission
Thierry Paret, FAIA
AIA Middle East Chapter
AIA IR Treasurer

November 18-19th, 2014 Doha Qatar

The American Institute of Architects and the International Trade Administration held a trade mission to Doha, Qatar on November 18th and 19th, with a stop in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The purpose of this mission was to introduce small and mid-size U.S. firms to the expanding and diversifying Qatari and Saudi markets. The AIA delegation included 2014 First Vice President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA who accompanied AIA National Staff and 14 American firms taking part in the trade mission. The three days included multiple opportunities for firms to meet potential local partners firms and government authorities and developers. These meetings took the form of “speed dating” sessions and presentations given by influential clients such as Qatar Foundation, Ashghal (Qatar Public Works Authority) and Lusail City each being owners of substantial project portfolios. The trade mission also included visits to key large scale ongoing developments in Qatar such as Qatar Foundation’s Education City and Lusail City. The highly successful and informative three day mission concluded with a wonderful reception held under the stars at American Ambassador Dana Shell Smith’s residence in Doha.
AIA Shanghai
Hisham Youssef, AIA
Zone Director (Unassigned Members)

Following the successful launch of AIA’s newest international chapter in Shanghai in late September (see last newsletter), AIA Shanghai continues to coordinate with AIA’s leadership in Washington to ensure that all the chapter infrastructure is in place.

High on the agenda, given the time of year, is Membership Renewal. AIA Shanghai has managed since its informal organization in 2012 to gather information on many of the AIA members, assigned, and unassigned who live and work in Shanghai. The chapter leadership continues to work through the professional network of firms in Shanghai to ensure that as many members who may be assigned to other chapters elsewhere join the nascent chapter in Shanghai.

Parallel to this effort, AIA Shanghai continued to deliver Learning Unit focused events. On 9 October 2014, AIA Shanghai led an exclusive tour for AIA members of the nearly completed iconic Shanghai Tower, the world’s second tallest tower and China’s tallest. The group learned about the design of the exterior envelope of the tower, and culminated with a review of the future Observation Deck on the 119th floor. The venue provided panoramic and awesome views from above the clouds of the city of Shanghai below. Following the success of this tour, AIA Shanghai had a tour of neighboring Wuzhen water town, the site of Artech Architects’ Kris Yao’s (Honorary FAIA) design of the Wuzhen Theater. The tour included members of AIA in Shanghai, Hong Kong and even a member from Chicago. The tour coincided with the third installment of the Wuzhen Theater Festival. The day long trip included a tour of the water town, a visit of some of the traditional theaters some of which were adapted to modern use by Artech. The tour culminated with a presentation by Kris Yao (Honorary FAIA) about the design of the Wuzhen Theater, and more insights into his design process. And as the old adage goes “all work and no play…..”, AIA Shanghai held its signature monthly “Last Wednesday de_Compression” with an open networking event at the famed Otto e Mezzo’s recently opened terrace with wide views of the historic Bund and the restored Yuanmingyuan pedestrian road in the Rock Bund area of Shanghai. Oh, and let’s not forget the bubbly and the famous Italian Aperol Spritz.

If you are an AIA member, whether visiting Shanghai on business or pleasure, please let us know in advance at info@aiashanghai.org, and join other fellow AIA members at events.

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AIA Shanghai can also be accessed from the AIA website http://aia.org/about/structure/components/AIAS078541

AIA Officers and Directors serve alternating two year terms.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our 2014 AIA IR Board members who are stepping down this year and to thank them for their time and service to the AIA International Region in its inaugural year.

Special appreciation to:

Secretary, Etain Fitzpatrick, AIA; Zone 1 Director Sherif Anis, AIA; Zone 2 Director Hisaya Sugiyama AIA; and Unassigned Members Director Hisham Youssef, AIA.

Our new AIA IR Board Members joining January 2015 include:

Manon Sora Koester, AIA
AIA IR Zone Director
(Unassigned Members, 2015-2016)

Manon is currently managing CPG’s protect portfolio at National University of Singapore to be awarded Green Mark for District Gold Plus.

Manon was in-charge of a 17-story research laboratories with teaching facilities project that was led by him in 2007, Chaithanya Smaran.

Manon is a Senior Principal Architectural Associate at CPG Consultants, Pte Ltd in Singapore. Having been registered architect in the Texas, he has 15 years of combined experience in architectural practice and master planning in United States, Singapore, India, Indonesia and United Arab Emirates.

Manon is a contributor and lecturer at CPG Academy, a community dedicated to organise and conduct continuing education workshops and lectures for architects and engineers within CPG.

He advocates AIA representation in Singapore to work together with the Singapore Institute of Architects in sharing the continuing education point system for AIA members.

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A PRIMER ON IR GOVERNANCE: WHY WE EXIST AND HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED
James Wright, AIA
Vice President AIA IR

The primary purpose of an AIA region is to serve as a bridge between membership components (chapters) and the AIA Board of Directors. Regions elect Regional Directors having direct connection to the Institute governance body, and serve to facilitate communications between the Board and the components, thereby forwarding the objectives of the AIA, unifying its efforts, and improving overall administration.

The AIA International Region is unique among the Institute’s 19 regions in many ways—only the AIA Northwest Pacific Region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands) even approaches having similarities to the expansive nature of the IR; other than the four domestic regions spanning two time zones, all 13 of the other AIA regions are located within a single time zone. The IR spans all 24 basic world time zones; to be perfectly accurate, we can claim to span the world’s 40 Coordinated Universal Time zones owing to countries observing half-hour zones.

Despite the inherent challenges, the concept of an international region was around for a number of years prior to the formation of a task group in early 2012 springing from the AIA International Committee Advisory Group. The mission of this task group was to support an Institute bylaws amendment that would enable the AIA Board of Directors to establish a new international region (prior bylaws limited the Institute’s authority to establish regions to states of the United States). Knowing that an earlier attempt to change the bylaws had failed to gain sufficient AIA member support to pass, this second attempt was better organized and benefitted from senior AIA leadership support. Once members voted to approve this change to the AIA bylaws at the 2012 national convention, the task group continued its work by preparing a report to the AIA Board of Directors in...
Robert Rhodes, AIA
AIA IR Director (Zone 1, 2015-2016)

Robert, 37, is the owner / director of Robert Rhodes Architecture + Interiors, a boutique, London-based architecture practice that focus on very high quality, bespoke residential and commercial commissions in London, the UK and continental Europe. Prior to establishing RRA+I in 2009, Robert worked for several leading UK practices focused mainly on the conservation and restoration of historic buildings.

Robert is a registered architect in the US, holding active New York and NCARB registrations. Robert is also a regular visiting critic at the University of Cambridge Department of Architecture and the Kingston University (London) Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture.

Within the AIA, Robert became an active member of AIA UK following his registration as an architect in 2008, initially involving himself in the Chapter’s Emerging Professionals programme.

Robert joined the AIA UK Board of Directors in 2010 and in 2012 was elected to serve as Chapter Vice President / President Elect. Robert served as AIA UK Chapter President in 2013. Most recently he has helped to organise the joint international conference on behalf of AIA CE and AIA UK in London, and the Annual AIA UK Student Charrette with the British Institute of Interior Design (BIID). Robert is an active member of both AIA UK and AIA CE.

The governing body of the International Region is the Board of Directors; there are currently 11 members on the Board. The IR bylaws provide for a President, First Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each with staggered two-year terms; and Zone Directors, also with staggered two-year terms, as follows: a Zone with two or more components shall have two Directors; a Zone with a single component shall have one Director; and a Zone with no components has no Director. Currently, both Zones 1 and 2 meet the minimum two-component requirement and each has two Directors, whereas Zone 3 (the Americas) does not have a Zone Director since currently there are no organized components. To assure that the many unassigned members have Board representation, the bylaws provide for two Directors to be selected by unassigned Architect, Associate, and International Associate members; the Unassigned Directors also have staggered two-year terms. The final Board member is the AIA International Director, ex officio. With the establishment of the International Region, the responsibility of selecting the International Director became the responsibility of the International Region in a manner determined by the IR Board; the International Director serves a three-year term. Together, the IR Board and the International Director assure a direct connection to the Institute headquarters and its Board of Directors.

Why is this important? The International Region exists to support existing international chapters, promote the creation of new ones, and act as the umbrella support organization for all those unassigned to a chapter. As we come into 2015, look for increased access to continuing education opportunities, design awards programs, engagement in global practice and design and planning issues, and a focus on better, stronger communication channels between wherever you are in the world and your international colleagues. We are your voice to the American Institute of Architects.
PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR THE 2015 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION
INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE WORKSHOP
James Wright, AIA
Vice President AIA IR

Planning is underway for next year’s full-day, 7.5 Learning Unit pre-convention international practice workshop in Atlanta on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 8:30 AM–5:30 PM. The 2015 workshop will offer a condensed international practice primer aimed at domestic practitioners, followed by a more in-depth focus on various practice matters in selected areas within each of the three AIA International Region global zones. George Miller, FAIA, Managing Partner of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, will serve as the workshop host; Zone 1 (Europe/Middle East/Africa) will be led by Justin Cratty, AIA, LEED AP, Associate at Gensler; Zone 2 (Asia/Pacific) will be represented by Gregory Yager, AIA, HKIUD, Senior Vice President of RTKL; and Sergio Saenz, Intl. Assoc. AIA, Associate Principal of HKS, will coordinate discussions on Zone 3 (the Americas). Please contact the Session Organizer, James Wright, AIA, Senior Principal of Page (jwright@pagethink.com) with your suggestions, ideas, and especially your willingness to participate as the success of this workshop will rely on practitioners from all three zones offering insight and advice.

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Global highlights - Upcoming Events:

2015

March 4-6  AIA Grassroots 2015, Washington DC
Save the date:
March 4, 5PM tbc for: AIA IR Design Awards Reception
First Floor Gallery
preceding AIA Headquarters Open House
(1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC)

May 13-16  AIA Convention 2015, Atlanta, GA
Save the date:
May 13, 8:30AM-5:30PM (7.5LU)
AIA International Practice Workshop (WE203)
Joint event of AIA IPC/AG and AIA IR
at Georgia World Congress Center
Also please join the AIA IR General Meeting +
the IPC Reception

May 21-24  AIA CE Spring Conference, Milan, Italy

(Mid-summer AIA IR Design Awards Call for Entries - stay tuned!)

Sept. 11-14  AIA International Conference 2015, Kyoto, Japan
Save the dates for this first full AIA IR Conference with
Pritzker winning line up of keynote speakers (stay tuned!)
and AIA IR General Meeting - open to all AIA IR members

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