Dear Members and Colleagues,

HAPPY NEW YEAR and warmest regards! The AIA International Region has had an incredible second year. As you take some time to celebrate the events of 2015, please also reflect on how the AIA International Region has risen to meet requests for global relevance and addressed its mission to ‘provide a collaborative leadership platform to empower members and encourage global success through best practice, innovative thinking and design excellence’.

A few major events are highlighted below, followed by brief write-ups from each of our six international Chapters.

1) Collaborative Leadership Platform:
"Inaugural AIA IR Conference in Kyoto, Japan, sets the bar high!"

Bringing professionals together from around the world to experience the historical host city; tour masterpieces of architectural design; learn from innovative leaders - including but not limited to Prof. Fumihiko Maki, Kengo Kuma, Shigeru Ban and Ken Yeang - and create lasting international relationships for future collaborations (see more complete coverage under AIA Japan's newsletter update).

2) Global Relevance and Outreach: 'Memorandum of Commitment' towards COP21
In Kyoto, we took a stand for a sustainable future with a 'Memorandum of Commitment' as stewards of the built environment. This pledge touched many members and colleagues profoundly. People found it of "great significance", and were thankful that "the AIA IR continues to serve as a global role model". The letter was emulated by our friends and professionals in related industries, and colleagues from other Institutes also signed the Memorandum in recognition of our shared commitment to collaborative global solutions. If you have not had a chance to add your name to the MoC or would like to add additional comments the link is on the IR website.

Below: The Letter of Commitment is signed by the leadership of all AIA IR Chapters, AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, International Practice Committee Advisory Group Chair George Miller, FAIA, IR Director George Kunihiro, FAIA, along with members and colleagues at the IR Kyoto conference and at events in many cities thereafter and on-line. Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBQS5QS
Outreach and Global Events: This Fall, Institute President Richter, FAIA and Institute CEO Ivy, FAIA joined AIA IR and local chapter leadership and members at special events in Singapore, Seoul, Shanghai, Thailand and beyond. If you would like to help organize events in your city please contact us and specifically, for Asia reach out to Manon Sora Koestoer, AIA, Director of Unassigned Members. We are also active in Canada, India and South America. Get involved!

The Institute continues to work side by side with our sister institutes around the world including the UIA, FPAA and many more. The recent ARCASIA Forum (November 13-15) in the ancient city of Ayutthaya, Thailand served as a wonderful place to bring together professionals from nineteen Asian Architectural Institutes to discuss best practice on issues including sustainability, affordability, accessible regional design regional design, innovation and more. A special appreciation to current ARCASIA President Sathirut Nui Tandanand and IPP Pei Ing Tan for their warm and inclusive welcome. President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, CEO Robert Ivy, FAIA, International Director, past ARCASIA President George Kunihiro, FAIA and IR IPP Christine Bruckner, FAIA represented the AIA in different workshops, tours and discussions, strengthening lasting friendships in the region and exploring new opportunities for AIA members to collaborate and share expertise with their colleagues. The family-like atmosphere of the gathering is one we hope to continue at future AIA IR events - similar to the Kyoto Conference - as a wonderful atmosphere for collaboration and learning. The next ARCASIA Conference will be held in Hong Kong in Fall 2016. HKIA will be the host, and AIA IR Zone 2: AIA Hong Kong Chapter will support. Please stay tuned and join if you can.

Left: November 2015 in Thailand with ARCASIA President Nui Tandanand, IPP Pei Ing Tan, JIA President Ashihara, BoA Singapore President Rita Soh, AIA President Richter, Int. Director Kunihiro, and architects from the AIA IR Zone 2).
Past President's letter continued:

3) **Design Excellence: AIA IR Design Awards 2015** - Second year recognizing excellence in Architecture internationally

International jurors convened in Kyoto:

**Mr. George H. Miller, FAIA** - Jury Chair  
AIA IR Zones 3/2/1 (Americas/Asia/ME-Europe); Chair, AIA IPC/AG; Managing Partner | Pei Cobb Freed & Partners

**Prof. Fumihiko Maki, Hon. FAIA**  
AIA IR Zones 1/3/2 (Asia/ America/ Europe); Principal | Maki and Associates

**Mr. Giancarlo Alhadeff, FAIA, RIBA**  
AIA IR Zones 1/2/3 (Europe-Middle East-Africa/Asia/Canada-Americas)  
Principal | Alhadeff Architects

The International Region Design Awards Program continued in 2015. Submissions were received from members in all three zones of the International Region with representation from all International Chapters and unassigned members. AIA IR Design Awards Program utilizes an easy, on-line submission process with in-person adjudication by internationally acclaimed jurors. Following the Kyoto Conference, the IR Awards Presentation was combined with the first AIA Hong Kong Annual Dinner where award certificates were presented to winners. The HK SAR Minister of the Environment, architect K.S. Wong, gave a keynote address on shared sustainable future; the AIA IR 2015 awards booklet was distributed (designed and produced sustainably with appreciation to DuttonBRAY & Page) and additional recognition and full Design Exhibition is scheduled for the 2016 Convention in Philadelphia. Do join us there and get ready to submit for AIA IR 2016 Design Awards this summer (for further details see the link on the IR website).

**OTHER EVENTS**


**COMMUNICATION**

Do get involved – please drop a line to let us know where you are; which initiatives you would like to get involved with and which existing chapter or new city you might like to help in. If you have important news, ideas or events to share please forward to our IR Secretary or any Board member. If you can help with writing content for our newsletter and events publications, please write in!

**SUPPORT**

We would like to take a moment to **sincerely thank our confirmed AIA IR Founding Sponsors:**

- AECOM
- AHEC
- Dornbracht
- Dow Corning

They, along with our International Chapters and leadership, have made it possible to initiate so many incredible benefits at our region’s inception. We will continue to recognize all of our supporters at coming events. If you have colleagues that would like to join us and take advantage of this one time opportunity to help found our region, please act quickly and contact us.
THANK YOU (and please see the IR website for a link to my “expanded” Thank You!)

Thank you all for your participation - keep dreaming and sharing your ideas and energy. Please join me in celebrating the dedication and commitment of the 2015 AIA IR Board, support and liaisons. This IR team reaches out to members everywhere and helps organize events, symposium, design award programs, presentation dinners, educational series, tours, workshops, newsletters, website updates, exhibitions, virtual open meetings, membership and sponsorship queries and much more. The commitment has been stellar!

Thank you to our International Director, George Kunihiro, FAIA, for his three years of service crowned by becoming our Kyoto Conference Chair and leading - with his partner Junko - a ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ conference that was beyond all expectations.

We now look forward to a great year ahead with President James Wright, AIA, and Vice President Thierry Paret, FAIA. James has been a continuous champion for the IR from its inception, drafting bylaws, setting up accounts and embracing new technology and initiatives; Thierry has stepped forward after his term as Treasurer. Please join me in giving both James and Thierry your full support, as they will be looking to fill committees and receive ideas from everyone - do get involved!

Finally, a personal thank you to our Institute support staff and to the local Chapter, AIA Hong Kong, that has welcomed and supported the IR during my Presidency with events, venues and the staff resources of Vivian Chan and Catherine Wong on special surveys, registration, awards-related follow up and more.

To all those with whom I have had the honor to collaborate, thank you again for all of your insights and support in 2014 and 2015 and best wishes for a new year of opportunities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine E. Bruckner, FAIA
Immediate Past President, AIA International Region
Dear members and friends of the AIA International Region,

The IR enters the new year with a number of new officers and directors, along with a broad agenda designed to boost support for our 2,400 members living and working worldwide.

The IR bylaws provide for phased election cycles, meaning that the officer and other board director positions are never all on the ballot at one time in order to assure a degree of continuity and stability. In 2015, former IR Treasurer Thierry Paret, FAIA, was elected to a two-year term as First Vice President (Thierry was also appointed to the AIA Board of Directors as an at-large member), and Loay Quota, AIA, was elected Treasurer (Loay served as AIA Middle East President 2014-2015).

The representative Board Director positions also are on election cycles; Mark Hall, FAIA, was appointed as one of the two Directors representing our over 1,200 unassigned members (IR members not within the geographic realms of the six current IR chapters); Tannar Whitney, AIA, was appointed by AIA Middle East to be its IR Zone 1 Director; AIA Japan announced that former AIA International Director George Kunihiro, FAIA, would complete the current AIA Japan Zone 2 Board Director term, and as of this writing, AIA Shanghai was still deliberating on its Zone 2 Board Director. Finally, in line with the restructuring of the AIA Board of Directors, the IR now has a representative to the AIA Strategic Council: Steven Miller, FAIA, will represent our interests to this influential group advising the Institute’s governing body.

At its December, 2015 meeting, the IR Board approved a bylaws change that created a 12th Board position, that of Past President. This non-officer position is intended to take advantage of the immediate Past President's experience and expertise, particularly with respect to continuing a focus on certain initiatives undertaken while serving the IR as President. We are delighted that Dr. Christine Bruckner, FAIA, has consented to continue on the IR Board in this newly-created position.

Which brings me to...me. I am very honored to assume the IR President office for 2016-2017, having been the First VP the last two years. My primary goals for the IR are these:

- Improve communications and the coordination of events, design award programs and other scheduling with the six IR components;
- Engage the unassigned members and support the establishment of new chapter components;
- Engage all IR members in IR governance by introducing online voting for the annual IR members meeting;
- Consider co-sponsoring international venue events with sister professional organizations such as RIBA and ULI;
- Continue to build corporate sponsorship of the IR such that the additional revenue will enable the IR to offer more program and learning opportunities in all global zones.

I wish to thank our departing Board members for their many, many hours of volunteer service helping launch and build the AIA International Region:

Stuart Howard AIA, FRAIC, as Director, Unassigned Members;

Vincent Marani, AIA, as Director, Zone 1;

Peter Basmajian, AIA, as Director, Zone 2;

Yasuykui Sakurai, AIA, as Director, Zone 2.

And as previously noted, we are very pleased to have Christine Bruckner, FAIA, and George Kunihiro, FAIA, returning to the Board in new roles. Both of you deserve standing ovations for your tireless work on behalf of the International Region.

More than ever before, the American Institute of Architects is focusing strategies and resources on a range of international practice initiatives. We are in the perfect position to inform these strategies and lead in implementing policies and programs. It is all about speaking up, getting involved, and following through with time and energy.
I look forward to hearing your questions, comments and suggestions! Contact me anytime.

Best wishes for peace and prosperity in 2016,

James M. Wright, AIA
President, AIA International Region
(jwright@pagethink.com)

A Note from our 2015 Treasurer
By Thierry Paret, FAIA

The International Region’s finances are strong given the addition of event sponsors Big Ass Solutions (Platinum Plus) and Tianjin Northglass (Platinum) who made significant financial contributions to our Kyoto Conference. We welcome these new sponsors and look forward to working with them on future International Region conferences, events and initiatives.

We continue our relationship with founding sponsors Dornbracht, AECOM, American Hardwood Export Council and Dow Corning who have been instrumental in supporting quality programs and initiatives for our global membership.

We also thank AIA International chapters AIA Hong Kong, AIA Continental Europe, AIA Middle East, AIA UK, and AIA Japan for contributing to the International Region’s coffers via dues assessments.

Digital Transformation and the International Member
By Brian McLaren, AIA

AIA is overhauling the online digital experience for members. The existing technology infrastructure that AIA’s website and communication is built on hasn’t seen an update in many years and is at the end of its useful life. At the end of 2014, the AIA Board of Directors approved the spending of excess funds from AIA’s reserves. The Board’s direction to staff was to overhaul AIA’s digital presence and communications so that members interacting with AIA online will be able to find information easily and so that the process will be relevant to the membership.

A lot of work has been done to set up the new infrastructure needed to make this happen. The first tangible result of AIA’s digital transformation is coming. This year, members will be able to renew using an online renewal facility. The process has been streamlined from 7 steps to 3 so that it is both quick and is a visually fresh experience for members. By the end of the year, AIA will launch a new online public experience that brings the relevancy of architects to the everyday person in a clean, simple voice that makes architecture understandable and approachable. In the first part of next year, AIA will launch a completely new AIA.org site that will be focused on the members. In addition to a new look, technology will allow members to access AIA information across multiple devices such as phones, tablets, and desktops. Members will have easier access to resources and content that they care about, including an online member directory, which will help members—especially those in our international chapters—find and contact each other with ease.

Watch a video from AlArchitect that shares some of the behind the scenes things going into the digital transformation of AIA.
Final Year on the Board
Time flies. We are already into the final month of 2015. As an International Director, I had the privilege of participating in a historic transformation of the organizational structure of the AIA in the campaign for “Repositioning”. As I had reported previously, our class of 2015 on the former National Board has all resigned from the post last year and we have become members of the newly established “Strategic Council”. Although we no longer have direct participation in the fiduciary function of the Institute, the Council raises issues relevant to the public, the profession and to the membership and makes recommendations to the Board for action. We are in the final stage of the process to firmly establish the rules of the Strategic Council, so that more members with expertise in certain areas can be nominated to the Council and members with interest in volunteering for the leadership can step into the role of At-Large member of the Council. In the new structure, the Board meets four times a year, whereas the Council meets twice a year and holds teleconferences several times a year when issues need to be discussed. As you can see, the Council is moving forward in uncharted waters, but hopes to complete our work this year so that the future Council can step right in to begin making the "Repositioning" drive effective for the Institute and society.

Action Memo of the National Board
Just to give you a glimpse of what the members of the Council receive from the Board, here is a bit of what we received from Washington most recently:

1. The Board adopted the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan
   a. Extension:
      A.1. Civic Engagement
      A.2. Art and Architecture
      C.2. Design of Structures for Human Occupancy or Use
      D.3. Practice and Education Cultures
   b. New Position Statement:
      A.1. Civic Engagement
      A.2. Art and Architecture
      C.2. Design of Structures for Human Occupancy or Use
      D.3. Practice and Education Cultures
   c. Sun-setting:
      C.4. Architectural Education Requirements
      C.5. Emerging Professional Development
      C.6. Examination
      C.7. Timing of Registration Examinations
      C.8. Use of the Title Architect and its Derivatives
      C.9. Licensure Board Composition
      C.10. Enforcement of Licensing Laws
      C.11. Interstate Reciprocity and International Practice
      C.12. Expanding Professional Service Settings
      C.13. Interdependence of Education and Practice

In addition to the actions taken as outlined above, the Board also:

- Engaged in a generative discussion on workforce and the future of the profession;
- Received an update on the Institute’s proposal Global Opportunities and Priorities Plan and the 2015 AIA Diversity Study;
- Heard recommendations from representatives from the 2015 Strategic Council for 2016 Council activities;
- Received reports on the activities of the Institutional Membership Category Task Force and the Path Forward Task Force of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA);
- Reviewed proposed amendments to the AIA Rules of the Board, Institute Bylaws, and Administrative Procedures Manual;
- Discussed status of the Board-level committees in 2016 and beyond;
- Received a management report from EVP/CEO Robert Ivy, FAIA, including a strategic outlook.

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Report from George Kunihiro, FAIA, Representative to the AIA Strategic Council (continued)

I had the privilege of attending the "Board Week" in Washington for the final time. The week began with the orientation of the incoming Board and Strategic Council members, and respective meetings were convened. I participated, along with Steven Miller, with the incoming International Director representing our region, in the Strategic Council meeting. The Council heard reports from the various committees studying issues relevant to the AIA today.

The finale of the Board Week was the Presidential Inaugural Gala held at the Smithsonian Institute's Hall, recently renovated by Sir Norman Foster. Here, Russell Davidson, FAIA, our 2016 National President, was inaugurated as Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, stepped down as the 92nd President.

During one of the dinners held at the AIA Headquarters, Junko Kato, my partner and I had the honor of receiving the Presidential Citation from President Chu Richter, for the successful organization of the International Region Conference held in Kyoto in September. I was also told that AIA Japan also received the Presidential Citation for its effort at the conference.

While we were staying in Washington D.C., Steven Miller and I, along with our spouses, had an opportunity to visit James Wright, AIA, President-elect of the International Region at his beautiful office. We had a fruitful meeting discussing the future of the Region during a break from the scheduled events at the AIA Headquarters.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to President Christine Bruckner, FAIA, the Board of the International Region, the leadership of the six chapters and the members of the International Region for the support I received during the past three years representing the IR and serving as a member of the National Board and the Strategic Council.

Our next three years will be in good hands with Steven Miller, FAIA, on the Strategic Council; Thierry Paret, FAIA, on the National Board and Tom Vonier, FAIA, Vice President and President-Elect 2017, at the helm...all our "Homeboys"!

Let us move forward as the important group critical to the Global Strategy of the American Institute of Architects.

AIA International Region Conference 2015 Kyoto

I would like to take a moment to thank all the participants and those who helped in organizing this historic, first-ever IR Conference. From all the messages we received from those who experienced the four days in Kyoto, I am happy to report that the conference was a "one-of-a-kind", "hard to top", "most memorable" event.

Organizing the Kyoto Conference was especially important to me as back in 2013 I had the privilege of proposing the conference for our newly established Region.

Since the proposal to establish the IR was approved when I arrived in Washington, D.C., I decided to make it my goal to promote the International Region and our 2,400 plus constituents to the general membership through my colleagues in the National Board. I must give credit to Tom Vonier who advised me to set a goal for my three years in Washington, D.C.

I believe that the success of our Kyoto Conference will further spread the word of our influence globally, as we are set to function as an integrated AIA region. Please refer to the Conference Report by IR President Christine Bruckner, FAIA. I look forward to the next IR Conference somewhere on our global turf.
AIA International Region 2015 Design Award Honors
By Christine Bruckner, FAIA

The International Region 2015 Design Awards Program continues in excellence! Submis-
sions were received from members in all three zones of the AIA IR with representation
from all International Chapters and unassigned members by August 20, 2015. The Jurors
met in Kyoto at the Inaugural AIA International Region Conference on September 12,
2015 and selected the Award recipients. A gala dinner Awards Presentation was held in
Hong Kong on November 12th and additional recognitions will be shared with recipients
at a prestigious exhibition at the AIA National Convention in Philadelphia in May, 2016 as
well as through international chapters and the Internet.

- Excellent international Jury;
- Entire submission process conducted on-line;
- Get ready for 2016!

AIA IR Adjudication Host Chapter
AIA Japan at the AIA IR Conference
Kyoto, Japan, 12 September 2015

Design Awards Presentation Din-
ner Event Sponsor
The Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong
12 November 2015

AIA IR Awards Event / Exhibition
Venue
AIA National Convention
Philadelphia, May 2016
AIA International Region

Design Awards Adjudication 2015

Jurors | 2015 AIA IR Design Awards

Mr. George H. Miller, FAIA—Jury Chair
AIA IR Zones 1/2/3 (Europe-Middle East-Africa/Asia/Canada-Americas)
Chair, AIA International Practice Committee Advisory Group
Partner | Pei Cobb Freed & Partners

Prof. Fumihiko Maki, Hon. FAIA
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Mr. Giancarlo Alhadeff, FAIA, RIBA
AIA IR Zones 1/2/3 (Europe-Middle East-Africa/Asia/Canada-Americas)
Principal | Alhadeff Architects

Technical Advisor
Mr. James M. Wright, AIA
President-elect, AIA International Region
Past Chair, AIA International Practice Committee Advisory Group
Senior Principal | Page Southerland Page, Inc.

Venue Coordinator
Prof. George T. Kunihiro, FAIA
2015 AIA International Director

List of Awards

Honor Award for Open International/Architecture

*Museo Jumex*, David Chipperfield, Ho. FAIA / David Chipperfield Architects
Mexico City, Mexico

Honor Award for Architecture

*Flower + Kindergarten*, Jungmin Nam, AIA / OA_Lab
Seoul, Korea

Merit Award for Architecture

*Burntwood School*, Wade Scaramucci, AIA / Allford Hall Monaghan Morris
London, UK

Merit Award for Interior Architecture

*arvato Shanghai Headquarters*, M Moser Associates
Shanghai, PRC

Merit Award for Interior Architecture

*Millennium Mitsui Garden Hotel*, CL3 Architects Ltd.
Tokyo, Japan

Honor Award for Urban Design

*Wolong Lake Waterfront Park*, AECOM
Shenyang, PRC

Merit Award for Urban Design

*Yong River Platform Park*, AECOM
Ningbo, PRC

View the design awards booklet at
http://www.aiainternational.org/
AIA UK Student Charrette 2015
By Fred Grier, AIA and Robert Rhodes, AIA

On Saturday November 7th, 2015, AIA UK held its 21st annual Student Charrette – a juried, one-day design competition for UK students of architecture.

Taking place at the Zaha Hadid designed Roca London Gallery, the Charrette gave students the opportunity to design collaboratively whilst being mentored by an experienced practicing AIA UK architect. The one-day event was intended to encourage students to work as a team and to represent their school or university. The competition, which was also open to individual students, took place in conjunction with the Roca London Gallery exhibition, *Childhood Re-Collections: Memory in Design*, featuring exhibits from Daniel Libeskind, Kengo Kuma, Zaha Hadid and others.

“The AIA Student Charrette is an opportunity for architecture students from across the UK to work together in a fun, creative and competitive environment,” comments Robert Rhodes, AIA, organiser of the Charrette, past AIA UK President and current Zone 1 Director of the AIA International Region. “The Charrette is a CAD-free event. Students are required to produce only drawn, modelled or collaged presentations. Students must rely on essential drawing and modelling skills to communicate their ideas and produce something substantial in a very limited time. The event enables the tradition of the “charrette” as a friendly, productive competition to continue and gives participants something real to take away at the end of it.”

The annual competition is open to all second and third year students enrolled in any UK school of architecture. More than 50 students participated from universities from London, Liverpool, Sheffield and around the UK. The theme this year was dubbed, “Interrupted Connections” and was focused on civic art, public space, way-finding and identity. Groups were given the task of making sense of the neighbourhood surrounding the Roca London Gallery, called the Chelsea Design Quarter.

The winning team, mentored by AIA UK Director Bea Sennewald, AIA, hailed from The University of the Creative Arts in Canterbury, Kent – with one student joining from University of Kingston (London).

The competition was juried by an esteemed panel, chaired by architect and educator Patrick Lynch, PhD, RIBA (Lynch Architects, London). Other jurors were Karin Templin, Design Fellow at University of Cambridge Faculty of Architecture and AIA CE member, Nicholas Gilliland, AIA of Tolila + Gilliland Atelier d’Architecture (Paris).

This year’s competition was made possible thanks to long-time AIA UK and AIA CE sponsor Laufen, and the generosity of the Roca London Gallery.

Photos:
Winners – University of the Creative Arts students, at the pub after the Charrette
1 – Kent School of Architecture students with mentor Francis Hur, AIA
2 – University of East London students with mentor Pierre Baillargeon, AIA
3 – University of East London students presenting to the jury
4 – The jury (R to L) Patrick Lynch, Nicholas Gilliland, Karin Templin
5 – Winning team University of Creative Arts + Kingston presenting to jury
AIA UK 2015 Keynote Lecture
By Amrita Raja, Assoc. AIA

On November 3rd, 2015, the AIA UK Chapter in conjunction with RIBA re-launched the Annual AIA/RIBA Keynote Lecture. Since its inauguration, the AIA/RIBA Keynote Lecture series has brought renowned architects, including William Pedersen, Antoine Predock, Peter Eisenman, and Ricardo Legorreta, to the UK.

This year’s event, organized by Lester Korzilius, AIA, RIBA, and Amrita Raja, Assoc. AIA, took place at Jarvis Auditorium at the RIBA Headquarters, and featured a talk by Tod Williams and Billie Tsien. Their eponymous firm, TWBTA, is known for site-sensitive and well-crafted buildings, encompassing a wide range of types and geographies, from a single family residence in Long Island, NY, to a technology campus in Mumbai, India. Their work has received numerous awards and international recognition, most recently earning the RIBA International Fellowship (2014) and the AIA Architecture Firm Award (2013) - and even achieved infamy, when MoMA’s 2014 demolition of their much-loved American Folk Art Museum, less than 20 years after its completion, had the architectural community up in arms.

After introductions by Brianne Hamilton, AIA, AIA UK Chapter President, and Stephen Hodder, RIBA Past-President, to whom the AIA presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of our chapter, the architectural duo took the stage, leading the audience on an introspective journey from private residential interiors to significant cultural work. Beginning with an investigation of their own New York apartment, Williams/Tsien expressed their growing interest in interiority and the effect of light on spatial perception. In their early work, they discovered an affinity for the handmade, and for inverting relationships between the building and its natural context through the use of light and captured landscapes.

During the second half of the lecture, Williams/Tsien presented their projects within this framework of light and interiority. Of the many works shown, two stand as exemplary of their architectural ethos, the Cranbrook Natatorium and the Barnes Foundation. Both projects generate their own interior landscape, kept hidden from the exterior creating a surprise for guests to discover. The Natatorium, engulfed by conifers, contains a jewel of a space; above the pool, light wells with operable roofs open up to bring the outdoors in, from rain to the scent of the adjacent forest. Likewise, the Barnes’ stone exterior reveals nothing of the light-filled volumes within. Strict constraints required them to reproduce the collection’s existing sequence of rooms. In inverting the concept of ‘gallery in a garden’ found in the collection’s original context, to ‘garden in a gallery’, Williams/Tsien inserted two voids within gaps in the visitor narrative. Each houses a meeting space connected to the landscape via a light well, creating a new interior context for the collection.

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Photos:
1 – Lester Korzilius, AIA, RIBA, and Stephen Hodder, MBE, PPRIBA, with Tod and Billie
2 – Tod and Billie on stage in Jarvis Hall, RIBA HQ
3 – Audience representing AIA and RIBA architects and students
AIA UK 2015 Keynote Lecture (continued)
The duo’s camaraderie was evident on stage, as they took turns elaborating on their work and making a few choice ‘revisions’ to the other’s interpretation of events - generating a few laughs along the way. The lecture concluded with a few questions from the audience, and the conversation continued in the adjacent room over glasses of wine. The evening was an inspirational insight into the work of two formidable architects. Many thanks to Tod Williams and Billie Tsien for coming to London to share their exceptional work, and to the team at RIBA without whose hard work this event would not have been possible.

Photos:
4 – Tod and Billie on stage in Jarvis Hall, RIBA HQ
5 – Drinks reception afterwards at RIBA HQ

New Sponsor Beale & Company Joins AIA UK
By Michael Lischer, FAIA
The AIA UK board of directors is excited to announce specialist construction law firm, Beale & Company, as a new chapter sponsor. Beale & Company is a commercial law firm with a long history of acting for consultants and architects, with specialist experience in the construction, engineering and infrastructure sectors, both in the UK and internationally. Beale & Company has offices in London, Bristol, Dublin and Dubai.

As a new benefit for AIA UK members and a key part of their sponsorship, Beale & Company is providing a free legal helpline to members. This entitles chapter members to a free 20 minute consultation per month (although there is some flexibility) to cover typical issues faced by members, including those arising from appointments, collateral warranties, novation, health and safety and so on. Beale & Company has long provided the same service to Chartered RIBA members. To access the Beale & Company Helpline, simply call +44 (0) 20 7469 0400 (please quote “AIA UK Helpline”).

Beale & Company will continue to present various legal lectures throughout the year, dealing with a range of ‘hot topics’ of interest to architects. To date, Beale & Company has hosted three legal lectures for the chapter and one webinar. These events have been very popular and we look forward to continuing our Legal Lecture Series in the future.

http://www.aiauk.org/
Fall Conference in Vienna and Annual Design Awards
By Vincent Marani, AIA, AIA-IR Zone 1 Director

AIA Europe held a very successful and well-attended Fall 2015 Conference in Vienna. Special thanks to Les Jordan, AIA, for the hard work coordinating the event! Attendees visited important historic modernist buildings by Otto Wagner and Adolf Loos, and were given a walking tour of the new Vienna University of Economics campus by Laura Spinadel; the campus features a Zaha Hadid building. The last day of the conference centered on the new development area around the new train station.

The AIA Europe chapter held a design award competition for the first time in over 10 years. The awards program was aptly chaired by Yael Kinsky, FAIA, culminating with the awards being presented at a gala dinner in Vienna. Running independently of the design awards program was the presentation of the Alan Schwartzman Scholarship, awarded for the summer of 2015 to Julia Kwolyk of the University of Virginia.

The chapter held its annual business meeting at the conference. The next president of the AIA Europe chapter will be Nora Demeter, Intl. Assoc. AIA, and the president-elect will be Tiffany Melancon, Assoc. AIA.

AIA Europe’s next conference will be held in the spring of 2016 in Barcelona—we hope to see you there!

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The following are the winners of the 2015 AIA Europe Honors & Awards Program:

To: Tabanlioglu Architects
   Melkan Gursel & Murat Tabanlioglu Ihsan, Int'l Assoc. AIA
   Project name: Loft Gardens
   **Architectural Design Award**

To: Tabanlioglu Architects
   Melkan Gursel & Murat Tabanlioglu Ihsan, Int'l Assoc. AIA
   Project name: Astana Train Station
   **Unbuilt Project Honorary Mention**

To: Marani Architects
   Vincent Marani, AIA
   Project name: Villa Dolni Brezany
   **Architectural Design Honorary Mention**

To: Bitnar Architects, PC
   Thomas Bitnar, FAIA
   Project name: Complete Renovation of 1904 Mansion with Contemporary Addition
   **Architectural Design Honorary Mention**

To: Pickard Chilton
   Jon Pickard FAIA, RIBA, William Chilton FAIA, RIBA and Anthony Markese AIA, RIBA, LEED AP
   Project name: Eaton House
   **Architectural Design Honorary Mention**

To: ŞANALarc
   Murat Sanal, AIA, Alexis Sanal, AIA
   Project name: Şişhane Park
   **Urban Design Award**

To: PLP Architecture
   Kevin P Flanagan, AIA
   Project name: PLP Office Building, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
   **Environmental Design Award**

To: ŞANALarc
   Alexis Sanal, AIA, Murat Sanal, AIA
   Project name: SALT Research Center
   **Interior Design Award**

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Update from Hong Kong

By Peter Basmajian, AIA

The AIA Hong Kong Chapter focus for 2015 has been “Architecture and Cities”. Monthly speakers, events and seminars have been planned, organized and executed to raise awareness of various aspects of Innovation, Invention and Inspiration.

In addition to AIA-IR President Christine Bruckner, FAIA, many other members of AIA Hong Kong also attended the inaugural AIA-IR Conference in Kyoto, 11-14 September. Attendees to the Kyoto conference included: 2015 President Sujata Govada, 2016 President-elect Ken Hau, Vicky Lew, Ronald Vitale, William Lim, Sung Won Lee, Seong Choi, Guy Perry, Yu Chang Chang, Yu Chieh Chiang, John Sellery, and Peter Basmajian.

What’s Been Happening  We have continued to host building tours, seminars and other events.

F11 Heritage Building Tour

Cracking the Nutshell: the Do’s and Don’t’s of International Practice

ABOVE, BELOW: Zero Carbon Building (ZCB) Tour
Building tours, seminars and other events (continued)

ABOVE AND BELOW: First Impression HK Design

BELOW: AIA Hong Kong 2015 Honors & Awards Ceremony

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A Momentous Third Quarter in Japan

AIAJ/JIA-Sponsored 2015 Student Study Trip To USA

By Yasu Yanagisawa

In 2013, AIA Japan launched the “AIAJ Student Study Trip” program. It is a unique opportunity for Japanese university students to visit the U.S. and encounter an actual architectural office environment they would not easily be able to visit on their own. The inaugural year was a great success with many highlights and lessons learned. Now AIA Japan has successfully completed its third year, the 2015 Tour.

This year we visited the Pacific Northwest—specifically Portland and Seattle—for three weeks (13 September through 4 October). Five students from four different universities were selected after a rigorous selection process and awarded the opportunity to “shadow” at host firms as well as to participate in critiques at university architecture programs. Thanks to kind support from many AIA colleagues in both cities, students enjoyed truly unique experiences. They attended meetings with professionals, visited construction sites, participated in design discussions and socialized with professionals and peers.

College students in Japan tend to struggle with achieving English language proficiency, so this is proving to be one of the program’s biggest challenges. The students may need assistance in daily conversation with staff members at host firms. Students also may not be familiar with the casual American social dynamic (for example, in the U.S. people tend to speak up frequently, asking questions and seeking clarification whereas in Japan, especially young people are expected to remain quiet). So, for the first few days, most of the students faced some difficulties with this. It was not a problem of proficiency or design skill but simply a new way of interactive communication and self-expression. With a lot of encouragement, about half way through the program, all of the students seemed to become used to the new environment. They started enthusiastically sharing their ideas not only with each other but also with their host firm colleagues. From their host colleagues they learned not just about American architectural practice, but also more broadly about collaboration, team work, trust and achieving work/life balance. Many thanks to participating firms: Hacker, ZGF, and PLACE STUDIO in Portland; and Miller Hull, Mahlum, and Portico Group in Seattle.

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AIA International Region Kyoto Conference 2015
By Yasu Sakurai

AIA Japan hosted the first AIA International Region Conference in the beautiful city of Kyoto, Japan. Here are some highlights of the conference in snapshot photos.

Following the Memorandum of Commitment signing ceremony (left to right):
George Kunihiro, FAIA, International Director and Organizing Committee Chair; George Miller, FAIA, Chair, International Practice Committee Advisory Group; AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA; AIA International Region President Christine Bruckner, FAIA; Robert Rhodes, AIA, AIA United Kingdom; Thomas Bitnar, FAIA, AIA Continental Europe; Richard Moriwaki, AIA, AIA Japan; Sujata Govada, Intl. Assoc. AIA, AIA Hong Kong; Loay Quota, AIA, AIA Middle East; Gregory Yager, AIA, AIA Shanghai

Kyoto City Mayor Kadokawa giving a welcome speech

Opening remarks from U.S. Consul General Allen Greenberg

Fumihiko Maki, Hon. FAIA, Pritzker Prize and AIA Gold Medal Winner, delivering his Keynote Speech, "Modernism On The Open Sea"

Kengo Kuma, Hon. FAIA introduced by AIA Hong Kong's William Lim, FAIA

George Miller, FAIA, surrounded by Kyoto Geiko

Scott Gold, AIA Japan Secretary and Richard Moriwaki, AIA Japan President

Ken Yeang, Hon. FAIA

2014 Pritzker Prize winner Shigeru Ban

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AIA International Region Kyoto Conference 2015: Tours

FAR LEFT: Kyoto Machiya townhouse tour by Geoff Moussa, American architect living in Kyoto

NEAR LEFT: Geoff explaining the renovation work on a Kyoto Machiya townhouse

LEFT: Kyoto Garden of Fine Arts museum designed by Tadao Ando

FAR LEFT: Kyoto Golden Pavilion Temple

NEAR LEFT: Kyoto International Conference Center by Sachio Otani
AIA International Region Kyoto Conference 2015: Tours

FAR LEFT: Katsura Imperial Villa

NEAR LEFT: New National Museum by Yoshio Taniguchi

FAR LEFT: Ryoanji Stone Garden

NEAR LEFT: Interior of Ryoanji Temple

FAR LEFT: View from the Kyoto National Museum by Fumihiko Maki

NEAR LEFT: Kiyomizu Temple
AIA International Region Kyoto Conference 2015: Tours

ABOVE AND LEFT: Miho Museum designed by AIA Gold Medal recipient I.M. Pei, FAIA

FAR AND NEAR LEFT: Sagawa Museum, Takenaka Corporation, design-builder

FAR LEFT: Daitokuji Temple garden

NEAR LEFT: Tour of a traditional carpentry shop in Kyoto
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AIA INTERNATIONAL REGION KYOTO CONFERENCE 2015: FAREWELL PARTY AT KODAIJI TEMPLE

ABOVE: The receiving line at Kodaiji Temple

ABOVE: Ms. Atsuko Takao playing her Stradivarius violin

FAR LEFT: AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA receiving a Kyoto doll gift

NEAR LEFT: Kodaiji Temple gardens light projection display

See you at the next AIA-IR conference!

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Thank you once again to our AIA IR Conference Sponsors!

Special recognition to BAS for being the Platinum Plus Conference Sponsor, including hosting the welcome dinner and coordinating the prestigious Haiku fan giveaway.

Deep appreciation to Dornbracht for being both an AIA IR Founding Sponsor and a special conference event sponsor, and to TNG for generously supporting the AIA IR conference event in Kyoto.

A warm thank you indeed to all of the AIA IR Founding Sponsors, Conference Sponsors and to all who stepped forward to support and attend this important inaugural conference.
News from the Middle East

By Amel Abdullah

AIA ME Chapter Egypt Launch Event in Alexandria

On July 30th, 2015 the AIA ME inaugurated its presence in Egypt with a presentation at the Library of Alexandria. The AIA ME has expanded from its origins in the UAE to nine MENA countries over the past five years, with Egypt being the home of the most recent extension of the chapter. The event was hosted by Dr. Sahar Hamouda, head of the Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center, and was attended by around 200 guests including academics, architects, and students.

Dr. Mohamed Awad, architect and Bibliotheca Alexandrina consultant, gave the welcoming speech, followed by Mr. Habbak, the AIA ME Country Representative. Loay Quota, AIA, AIA ME Past President and Regional Director, highlighted the AIA ME and its activities in the MENA countries through a 45 minute presentation.

"Star Architects Show and Tell Movie" was shown after the break followed by open discussion about AIA ME membership, services, and more. Two architects won AIA gifts through a raffle at the end of the conference.

AIA ME Dubai – Façade Lecture Series

The AIA Middle East Chapter in Dubai held a series of successful Building Facades lectures, beginning in the spring of 2015.

"The Rise of the Vertical Gardens" lecture explored how the vertical garden works in the United Arab Emirates, what the different styles are and whether vertical green walls provide environmental integrity. John Dyer of Biotecture presented "Living Walls for the GCC Region", an overview of the anatomy of hydroponic living walls including the relevant design considerations, and environmental and aesthetic benefits. He was followed by Neelesh Gala of Vertical Green who expanded the discussion in "Flexible Vertical Garden System / Designing Greenwall (Exterior) in GCC Countries". Senthil Nathan (Gover Horticulture) closed the lecture series with the "Beneficial Effects of Vertical Green Walls".

Wood Façades: The durable contemporary timber solution

This presentation by Bernard Hayek of Parlex, showcased a wide range of special outdoor paneling, made from natural wood that is subjected to special manufacturing process that gives wood strength and durability, making it ideal for use on building exteriors.

AIA ME Riyadh – King Abdullah Financial District upcoming site visits

AIA Middle East in Riyadh held three site visits to the Public Pension Agency’s King Abdullah Financial District, one of the Kingdom’s most ambitious projects, located in the capital city of Riyadh. Consisting of 59 towers in an area of 1.6 million square meters, it will provide more than 3 million square meters of space for various uses, 62,000 parking spaces and accommodation for 12,000 residents.

22 October 2015 Site Visit: The Model
19 November 2015 Site Visit: Skywalks
17 December 2015 Site Visit: The Wadi
AIA ME 2015 Annual Conference and Design Awards

The American Institute of Architects Middle East Chapter held its Annual Conference and Design Awards in Abu Dhabi on November 13-14, 2015. With over 100 registrants, this year’s conference was based around innovation in architecture and planning in the MENA region, focusing on projects, academic studies and construction methodologies that are changing the way we develop buildings. The first day of the conference introduced several notable speakers presenting innovative design concepts, along with new construction projects, sustainability strategies, and urban planning accomplishments.

Tannar Whitney, AIA, President of the AIA Middle East chapter, opened the conference, welcomed the attendees and introduced the conference chairman and first speaker, James Wright, 2016 President-Elect of the AIA International Region, Senior Principal of Page Southerland Page, Inc. Mr. Wright, delivered a presentation titled “Opportunities & Challenges at the Kuwait University Sabah Al Salem University City Project”.

Kishore Varansi, Principal and Director of Urban Design, CBT Architects, led the attendees through the evolution of the masterplan of Masdar City and how it its design supports Innovation Economies.

Kris Geldof, Architect at Atelier Jean Nouvel, fascinated the audience with a talk on how the dome of the Louvre Abu Dhabi was inspired, and the numerous iterations of the complex pattern and its construction challenges.

The program culminated with the AIA Middle East Design awards ceremony which took place at Manarat Al Saadiyat Island, a beautiful gallery and exhibit space which hosts art and other cultural events throughout the year (see the next page for more on the design awards).

The AIA Middle East 2015 Awards honors works of excellence in architecture by its members and aims to bring outstanding examples of architecture to public attention. The award categories for this year were: Architecture (Built and Unbuilt), Planning and Urban Design and Student Graduation Projects.

Day 2 was a full architectural tour day, when some of the most notable buildings in Abu Dhabi were toured. The conference attendees began the day on the Louvre Abu Dhabi construction site, walking into and around Atelier Jean Nouvel’s dramatic project. The twin Al Bahr Towers were toured next, with attendees getting a very detailed look throughout this signature project. The tour bus next took attendees to Masdar City for a first-hand look at the first phase of the world’s “most sustainable eco-city”. The tour day ended with a guided tour of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. Following a full day of tours, the conference was capped off with a delightful farewell dinner at the Galleria Mall on Al Maryah Island.

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**BUILT**
MERIT AWARD, commendation in design for a built project
*Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, HDR Inc., Design Architect* (top right)

MERIT AWARD, commendation in design for a built project
*Cayan Tower Dubai, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP* (middle right)

DESIGN AWARD, in recognition of design excellence for a built project
*Al Hamra Tower Kuwait, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP* (bottom right)

**UNBUILT**
HONORABLE MENTION, citation in design in unbuilt project
*Nozul: Lusail Marina Doha Qatar, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP* (below left)

DESIGN AWARD, recognition of design excellence in unbuilt project
*Al Ahmadi Cultural Center Al Ahmadi Kuwait, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP* (below right)

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AIA ME 2015 Annual Conference and Design Awards (continued)

PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN
DESIGN AWARD, in recognition of design excellence for Planning & Urban Design
Masdar City Phase 2 Detailed Master Plan, Masdar City, Abu Dhabi, CBT Architects

STUDENT GRADUATION PROJECTS
HONORABLE MENTION, citation in design for a student graduation project
Be-ah Reclaimed Wall, American University of Sharjah (top right):
Professor Daniel Chavez, Abrar Al Baba, Aisha Bin Nassar, Albert Kolambel, Amal Taryam, Arghavan Hatami, Carmen Muhtashem, Hafsa Tameez, Hanin Hazeem, Haya Aymen, Lujaine Rezk, Maryanne Owais, Nada Ahmed Salem, Reem Helal, Zainab Zayed

MERIT AWARD, commendation in design for a student graduation project
AVM PAVILION, American University of Sharjah (right, second from top)

MERIT AWARD, commendation in design for a student graduation project
DT | DUBAI TIME, ZAABEEL - Dubai, UAE, Farah Sabobeh (right, third from top)

DESIGN AWARD, in recognition of design excellence for student graduation project
CAAD Display Wall, American University of Sharjah (bottom right):

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End of Year 2015 Report
By Greg Yager, AIA

It has been a year for the Shanghai Chapter of the AIA where we are beginning to walk after getting our Petition for Charter approved in 2014.

During the 2015 year, we have been working to get our WOFE (Wholly Owned Foreign Enterprise) approved by both the national AIA and the local Chinese authorities in Shanghai. With the legal entity in the US established, we are now able to submit our documentation to the government for both the approval of our application and our Chinese name, we will be submitting the paperwork before the end of 2015 with the expectation that we will be approved in early 2016. In preparation for establishment of the legal AIA Shanghai entity we have appointed a WOFE Board and have added Ron Vitale, AIA; Albert Chan, Associate AIA; and Katherine Zhu-Schleiss, Associate AIA, as WOFE board members with Christine Bruckner, FAIA, serving as our Supervisory Board Member.

Changes to our leadership for 2016 include the addition of Peteris Rata, AIA, who will become our Secretary for the remainder of the term of Stephen Protz, AIA. Stephen has recently announced his intentions to spend more time in Texas in 2016, thus Peteris will step in and finish Stephen’s term for 2016. Stephen will still be engaged with the Chapter as he is one of the founding members of the formation committee for Shanghai AIA. We thank Stephen for your hard work on behalf of the Chapter and he assures us that he is not leaving Shanghai so soon so we will keep him engaged in one way or another. Our current leadership team for 2016 in addition to Peteris Rata, includes Greg Yager, AIA, President; Christopher Chan, AIA, First Vice President; and Silas Chiow, AIA, Treasurer.

As for events for 2015, the Chapter has participated in a number of events including: the visit to Shanghai of AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, and AIA CEO Robert Ivy, FAIA. Elizabeth and Robert visited Shanghai and hosted a reception for the members of AIA Shanghai during which they presented their visions for the new global organization of the AIA and the plan to serve AIA members globally.

AIA International Region Conference in Kyoto - Several members of our Chapter attended the engaging conference held in Kyoto in the Fall of 2015. Our group from Shanghai included Greg Yager, AIA, Silas Chiow, AIA, Ron Vitale, AIA, Leon Qia, AIA. many positive comments on the Conference were made and it was enjoyable and educational experience for all Shanghai AIA participants.

Ed Mazria - Architecture 2030 - Ed Mazria visited Shanghai in September to present his thoughts and ideas regarding how we as design professionals must address climate change and global warming in our practices as well as discussing the China Accord, which will join International firms with local design institutes in working together to improve our response through the planning and design of our projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and carbon utilization. Over 75 people attended the event which was held at the District of Columbia Center in Tomorrow Square.

Moshe Safdie, FAIA, Lecture - Held at the Tongji Design Institute Auditorium, Moshe Safdie, FAIA, and AIA Gold Medal Winner for 2015, presented a lecture entitled “Specialty of Culture” which included a life time of work and how his early trips to China in the 1980’s and his early work in Montreal, Canada has influenced his thinking and work. His presentation included many of his projects that illustrates his attention to the craft of integrating culture, context and craftsmanship into projects globally. The lecture was attended by approximately 300 people and was inspiring to all.

As for 2016, Our chapter will kick off the new year with a leadership workshop on January 8, 2016 to plan our events and organization for 2016. We have our leadership in place, our additional board and committee members as well as our legal status as a WOFE in China. we are looking forward to dynamic and prosperous 2016 in China…
Unassigned Members and the AIA-IR  
By Stuart Howard, AIA-IR Director (Unassigned Members)

Those of us that do not belong to a AIA component are labeled “unassigned”. We are the largest group of AIA members within the International Region, but because of our diverse locations around the world, we have the least opportunity of any group of members to meet and interact, do those things that Chapter members do, continuing education, community involvement, design competitions, etc. Consequently we meet in ways that shrink those distances and hopefully learn from each other.

One of the goals of the Board of the International Region is assisting in the development of chapters. There are a number of chapters outside of the U.S., but certain IR global “zones” are definitely under represented, namely the Americas. There appears to be interest in Canada and several Central American countries in developing one or more chapters in those countries, but it will take a commitment of a number of AIA members within those countries to work together to build a chapter, that includes fund raising, management, and petitioning AIA National.

In other areas of this newsletter you will read about our first regional conference, our awards program, and what activities the components of the region have accomplished. The Unassigned “component” has organized a couple of teleconference calls over the last few months, and while they were sparsely attended, they were productive. We will continue to have these phone meetings for unassigned members, but we will try harder to make sure more of you are aware of them.

The end of 2015 brings an end to my term on the Board. It has been an interesting three years, with the first year spent helping develop the region itself. Going forward the unassigned directors will be helped in their communication with a subcommittee of members from around the globe, and hopefully that will make connecting with all of you easier.

Thank you for your support, and your support of both the Region and the AIA.

The AIA International Region Teams with BAS in Singapore  
By Manon Sora Koestoer, AIA, Director (Unassigned Members)

In cooperation with the AIA-IR, BAS held an event on 18 August, 2015 to promote sustainable design using mixed mode mechanical ventilation. The guest speaker was Ken Yeang, Hon FAIA. The successful event was attended by the President of Building Construction Authority; the President of Singapore Institute of Architects; the Director of Singapore Green Building Council; and over 200 local architects and engineers.
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