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Letter from the Chair



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Chair, International Committee

For those who are not familiar with our mission and charge, the International Committee Advisory Group covers three broad areas of interest: International Practice; International Relations; Overseas members

Its charge is **to explore and monitor global issues, to advise** the AIA Board of Directors and leadership **on issues affecting international practice** and **ensure communication** among the AIA's international constituencies, **to maintain relationships and exchange information** with trade, regulatory and professional associations; and **to promulgate best practices and programs** for international practice.

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Upcoming Conferences and Events



4-6 October 2009, AIA International Conference, Dubai International Exhibition Centre

In association with the [Cityscape Dubai: World Architecture Congress](#), the AIA International Region and the AIA International Committee, Conference Committee Chair Steven Miller, FAIA, is pleased to announce the [The Survival Guide for Architects: Recession and Recovery](#). Steven Miller comments "Dubai is the architectural capital of the Middle East and North Africa. Visiting Dubai will give you a taste of the region and an understanding of the intensity to develop a contemporary society within in a historical context and sensitivity to a unique world culture and religion. Those of us planning and designing here can attest to the excitement and opportunities for the architectural professional world".

AIA members can [register](#) for the three-day Cityscape World Architecture Congress for \$350 when done before 4 September. Questions regarding registrations should be sent to register@iirme.com. AIA members should anticipate a chapter meeting on Sunday afternoon, 4 October, as well as other exclusive AIA activities to be announced. Attendees can keep up to date on the latest conference news by consulting the website of [AIA Continental Europe](#).

[Check out more international events on the AIA Events Calendar](#)

In the News

A New International Membership Category

In December 2008, the Board of Directors voted to sponsor a bylaws amendment from the Membership Committee concerning several issues related to membership. The creation of a new category for international architect members was of particular interest to the AIA's international constituencies. This membership category was intended to replace the current category of International Associate, the category for all architects who are licensed by a non-U.S. jurisdiction. [Read more...](#)

Call for Nominations for the International Committee (IC) Advisory Group

Deadline: Friday, August 28, 2009

The AIA IC is now soliciting applications for 2010 appointments to the committee's Advisory Group. All IC members are encouraged to consider this opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity. [Read more...](#)



2008 AIA National Convention & Expo News

[Read what happened this year at the International Events at Convention.](#)

Features

Export Assistance: the Federal Government Has Got Your Back

Upheaval in the financial markets over the past nine months has brought greater risk to architects working internationally. Even as good clients deferred payment or negotiated terms for discounted fees, other clients declared bankruptcy or simply disappeared. AIArchitect recently published an article on Getting Paid for International Work, excerpted from The Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice, 14th edition. The chapter was originally developed from the presentations at an AIA International Committee conference in 1993, but the advice is sound and bears rereading regularly. [Read more...](#)

NCARB International Regulation 2009

NCARB provides an annual update on the status of international agreements negotiated by the Council, along with a FAQ addendum that provides details on many implementation procedures. [Read more...](#)

Nominate an International Architect for Honorary Fellowship

Refer to the [Memorandum](#) and [submission forms](#) from AIA Senior Director of Honors and Awards, Robin Lee, Hon. AIA, for guidelines and information on sponsoring a 2009 Honorary Fellow; or, take a look at the AIA Awards web site for [more information about honorary fellowship](#).

Competitions, Awards, and Project Opportunities

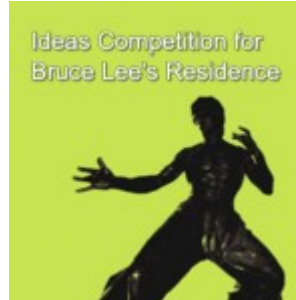
International Urban Planning and Architectural Competition for Land and Urban Development Conceptual Design of the City Centre Of Gorzów Wielkopolski (Poland)

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Ideas Competition For Bruce Lee's Residence

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