



## RESEARCH ON ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE AROUND THE WORLD.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION MEETING IN DELHI

### 1. NEW INTERFACE

A new improved interface is needed for the visualisation of the contents. Taking advantage of the changes, it will be adapted to the UIA general graphic guidelines (Please notice that all drawings in this report are tentative and should not be considered final).

It is intended that In order to improve efficiency and reduce costs, the new dataset structure should give the UIA Member Sections the possibility to modify their information on-line, even if these changes must be validated by the general manager before they can be seen by the public.

It is intended that the new front page of the research will constitute some kind of a portal for all those that are into international practice, adding general resources for them and making it open to the web 2.0 features (followable on Twitter, markable for Delicious, etc..) and flexible for the ulterior introduction of new technologies to come.

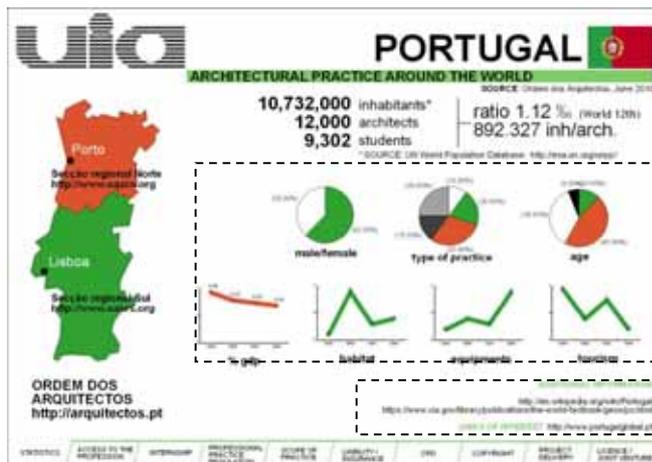


#### general resources

Refers to all the subjects and resources that are of general interest and are not related to any country in particular, such as the international model contract for architects, international agreements, links to transnational organisations, international public procurement tenders info, etc. , to be available from the frontpage.

#### by country

The country files are already very long (there are some 80 questions at present), and with further enlargements the length will increase beyond the correct usability. In order to avoid too much scrolling and offer a clear overview of the content and therefore a more accessible and usable navigation, it is necessary to limit each theme to a screen and enable tabbed browsing through the file.



new data

documentation

The files will have a pdf version for download and printing.

### new data

More information could be gathered about the Member sections in order to increase the value of the research.

### new documents

Unlike in the recent past, nowadays practically all the legal resources and professional norms and bylaws are available on internet or, at least, in a pdf format. The Sections will be requested to submit these documents and, if available on the Internet, the valid links to the sites that contain them. In this way, all the answers will be reinforced by the complete documentation relative to the subject in question.

The Sections will also be asked to keep awareness of the links and to update the information regularly in case of changes in the regulations. In the case the Wiki system is adopted, it will be easy for the Sections to permanently keep the information updated and to add new contents directly.

### **by subject**

The existent online statistic engine will be merged with the main database. The interface will be graphically adapted to the UIA standards.

## 2. NEW SUBJECTS

Some new Policies have been approved since the database was last updated. Among them, the Policies on Procurement, Project Delivery Systems and Practice in the Host Nation. In order to introduce them to the Research, the Professional practice Commission should reflect on the relevant questions to make to the Sections in order that they can inform on these aspects of the profession.

### **Procurement**

public  
private

### **Project Delivery**

competences  
agents

### **Joint Ventures**

formats  
search of partners

Furthermore, some existent questions might need revision.

### 3. PUBLICATION

In this occasion, the research results should be published before the Congress in order to be presented and distributed at it. New contents should be approved by the Commission with sufficient time to be incorporated into the process and the all the information obtained on time. The timeline presented here has been elaborated upon the supposition the Commission would meet in Autumn 2010 as usually. In the case the Commission could meet before the summer, the periods for collecting the new information and for the preparation and edition of the publication would be more dilated and would allow the better quality of work.

### 4. FINANCING

Until now, the access to the information was free. The great interest in the Research, however, inspires the possibility to exploit it economically as it could be a steady source of incomes for the Union. Possible ways of financing could be established through three means: sponsoring, charging a small access fee to individual users or institutions other than the UIA Sections, and establishing links to some websites that relate to architecture and would pay to the UIA to have a banner on our research pages.

**- sponsors**

**- users**

UIA Sections and Working Bodies (free –with some limits-)  
institutions  
individuals

**- links to websites**

(Architect, World Architecture, different Job search engines, blogs and forums related to architecture, or any other site that would pay to have a banner on the APAW frontpage)

### PHASES

2009		2010				2011		
VII - IX	X - XII	I - III	IV - VI	VII - IX	X - XII	I - III	IV - VI	VII - IX
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**1. [present]**

merging the three databases  
data transfer to the UIA server  
re-definition of the management visual software  
new management procedure definition

**2. [01 oct 2009 – 31 jan 2010]**

new submission form - design and programming  
new interface graphic design

**3. [01 feb 2010 – 30 jun 2010]**

call for updates  
revision and validation

**4. [15 aug 2010 – 31 jan 2011]**

definition of new contents  
(documentation to be provided by sections, new subjects to be included)  
database enlargement

**5 [01 feb 2011 – 30 apr 2011]**

call for new information  
revision and validation

**6 [01 may 2011 – 29 sep 2011]**

publication  
presentation of results

**5. REQUEST TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

The initial work, as indicated, is under way. Any comments and suggestions on the information contained in this or the other documents that have been circulated is welcome.

In-between this meeting of the PPC and the coming one, Sections will be asked to up-date the existing information. PPC members are kindly requested to contribute to that.

In addition, at our next PPC meeting we will have to reflect on the following questions in order that they can be discussed and decided:

- New data to be asked to our Member Sections (about the profession, the construction sector, ...)
- New documents to be provided by the Member Sections
- New subjects to be incorporated into the research (related to the newly approved policies or other)

Commission members are kindly asked to provide their comments on these items in order that a well prepared proposal can be brought at our next meeting.