UIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO UIA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION MEETING, LE MERIDIEN HOTEL, NEW DELHI, INDIA, THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2009

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UPDATE ON THE TWO UIA COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD IN COSTA RICA & BRAZIL IN 2009

1.0 FRANCINE TROUPILLON

Francine Troupillon, our former Director of Administration retired from UIA on 31st July 2009, after nearly 43 years of service. We held a retirement party for her in Paris on 22nd July. At a party for her birthday during the UIA Council Meeting, and at the end of the Council meeting in Brazil we thanked her on behalf of the UIA family, for her exceptional and dedicated service to UIA. We will miss her very much.

2.0 NICHOLAS JELANSKY

Nicholas Jelansky joined UIA as the Director of Finance and Administration on 1st August 2009. He has a background in Theatre financial management and administration in France and is very interested in architecture. He came to the UIA Bureau Meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at the beginning of June and the UIA Council Meeting in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil at the end of July. He is enjoying this position.

3.0 WORLD DAY OF ARCHITECTURE 2009

This will be celebrated on Monday 5th October by the UIA Bureau in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The theme is ARCHITECTS ENERGY VERSUS THE FINANCIAL CRISIS. We are interested in information of activities happening in each member section on this day.

4.0 DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED GAZPROM TOWER BUILDING, ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, HERITAGE AND ETHICS FEBRUARY 2009

I decided that UIA should have discussion item on Architecture and Quality at the beginning of each Council Meeting. This was the first topic. The meeting resolved that the PPC look at the ethical questions posed for architects by this example during its review of the UIA Code of Ethics.

5.0 DISCUSSION ON MANMADE AND NATURAL DISASTERS JULY 2009

This was the second discussion item on Architecture and Quality. It explored the role of UIA before and after disasters occur. The meeting resolved to compile a list of all the papers and information that UIA already has, to set up a UIA web site node with contact details of people and organisations available to help in all UIA Regions/Member Section countries as an information hub, and to ask the Member Sections to provide the names of people with expertise and experience in their country.

6.0 UN-HABITAT PROFESSIONALS FORUM (HPF)

L. Cox stated that during her participation in the last Nairobi Forum, it was suggested that UIA take over the secretariat of HPF and chair the Habitat Professionals Forum in relation with UN-Habitat from March 2010 at the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro. This proposition was presented to Council, who agreed that UIA take over the Secretariat and Chair, as it would certainly be an opportunity for concrete action resulting from the UIA/UN-Habitat agreement.

7.0 COP 15 COPENHAGEN

This is the Conference of Parties that signed the UN Climate Change Convention in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992. Only official party delegates – government representatives- or authorised observers can take part in the Conference. We have applied for official observer status through our Danish member of the Nordic section, but we are still waiting to hear if we have been accepted.

8.00 FPAA AND UIA DISCUSSIONS

The last two Council Meetings have been held in Region III. At both meetings FPAA executive and some other members have been observers at the UIA Council meetings, which created a much greater understanding between the two organisations. In Brazil we also had a two hour joint discussion together.

9.0 INTERNET MAGAZINE FLUIDBOOK G2C OF ABSTRACT (ARCH.) MAGAZINE

This is now active and can be accessed through the UIA web site. Every two weeks there is a new internet issue. If anyone wants to subscribe to the hard copy of the magazine, this can also be done through the internet.

10.0 NEW STUDENT COMPETITION ON THE INTERNET ON HERITAGE

The Agreement was signed last week between the French Ministry of Culture & Communications (DAPA), UIA, Docomomo International, CNRS:MAP and Autodesk˙ and this will officially start in mid October 2009 and finish in April 2010. Autodesk˙ is supplying the two software packages.

11.0 YOUNG ARCHITECTS AND THE L'AQUILA, ITALY, EARTHQUAKE

UIA has written to all member sections asking them if it is possible for any of their architect members to give an internship to any of the 180 young architects of L'Aquila who have lost their jobs. China has made an offer but if it is possible for any members of UIA PPC to do so that would be excellent.

12.0 FUTURE UIA COUNCIL AND BUREAU MEETINGS 2009 TO 2011

UIA Bureau, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire 6th & 7th October 2009
UIA Council, Sydney Australia 17th & 18th January 2010
UIA Bureau, Bangkok, Thailand 29th and 39th April 2010
UIA Council, Tokyo, Japan 29th & 30th July 2010
UIA Bureau, Mexico City, Mexico 2nd & 3rd October 2010
UIA Council, Beirut, Lebanon late January 2011
UIA Bureau, China, 2nd & 3rd April 2011
UIA Council, Singapore, 5th & 6th June 2011
UIA Council, Tokyo, Japan 25th September 2011 day before the 2011Congress
UIA Council, Tokyo, Japan 1st October 2011 after the 2011 Assembly

13.0 FUTURE UIA FORUMS AND CONGRESSES

UIA Forum, "Equilibrium" Bangkok, Thailand 27th April to 2nd May 2010
UIA Congress and Assembly 2011 Tokyo, Japan 25th September to 1st October 2011
UIA Congress and Assembly 2014 Durban, South Africa