

NOTES FOR THE UIA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMISSION MEETING DELHI, INDIA, SEPTEMBER 2009 PRESENTED BY LOUISE COX UIA PRESIDENT

REFLECTION GROUPS REPORT

1. The Reflection Group Meeting on 25th May 2009, in Paris, agreed to amalgamate the 7 groups into 3 larger groups as follows:
 - Group 1 Charter (1) and Validation (6)
 - Group 2 Sustainability (2) and Heritage (7)
 - Group 3 Learning (3), Research (4) and Training (5)
2. Initial working papers for all groups were circulated to everyone by 7th July 2009, asking for comments.
3. Presentations by the Reflection Groups for the UIA Tokyo Congress were discussed and started.
4. The meeting agreed to ask the Secretariat to make another call to the UIA Member Sections for further participants in these Groups and to ask the members of the Canberra Accord if they would like to join the UIA Reflection Groups. This was done and we now have more people for these Reflection Groups.
5. The next meeting will be held in Paris, France on Thursday 12th November 2009

UIA ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT

1. As per the unanimous decision of the UIA Bureau, Dr Sungjung Chough of the Republic of Korea has been appointed Co-Director of the Architectural Education Commission with Fernando Ramos of Spain continuing as the other Co-Director. They have both agreed what they will be doing together.
2. The Architectural Education Commission agreed the new members of this Commission. UIA Council ratified these members in July 2009.
3. Revisions to the UNESCO-UIA Charter for Architectural Education and the Education Policy Paper, *Reflections and Recommendations*, have started with the addition of the question of Mobility and the amalgamation of the 11 principles and the 5 special points in Clauses II.3 and II.4 of the Charter into 16 UIA Principles. Comments to UIA on both papers were required by 26th June 2009.
4. The request for the support of the proposed architecture school at Yaounde were discussed after the principles of the school had been presented to the Education Commission by Jean-Jacques Kotto. The components of the proposed study programme were examined quickly and a French speaking sub-committee examined these in detail on 7th July 2009. Comments and suggestions were sent back to Jean-Jacques Kotto.
5. Wolf Tochtermann made the suggestion that UIA should set up a Funding Trust or similar body for the Yaounde School, to provide funds to send special speakers to this school on a regular basis. This was greeted with great enthusiasm and support by the Education Commission which asked that this proposition be presented to the UIA Bureau and Council Meetings for endorsement. A paper was prepared regarding this proposition for the UIA Council Meeting in Brazil. The UIA Council agreed to this proposition and a separate bank account will be opened that will receive these donations.
6. The next meeting will be in Paris, France on Friday 13th November 2009.

UNESCO-UIA VALIDATION COUNCIL REPORT

1. The UNESCO-UIA Validation Council agreed at its Meeting in Paris on 27th May 2009 the new members of this Council. The UIA Council ratified the list of new members in July 2009.
2. The Validation Council agreed to the recommendations in the Report submitted to the meeting to recognise the Japanese accreditation system, JABEE, visited in December 2008, with the five years starting from May 2009. This is a milestone for UNESCO and UIA, and the first System that has been recognised.
3. The Validation Council noted the report and recommendations given to the study programme, from the Preliminary visit to the Department of Architecture in the University of Cairo, in March 2009.
4. The Council agreed to recognise the Korean accreditation system, KAAB, visited in November 2006, with the five years starting from May 2009. This is also a milestone for UNESCO and UIA, and the second System that has been recognised.
5. It agreed to the proposed new documents to facilitate Preliminary visits regarding documentation required to be produced before the visit and a suggested programme for the visits. Another document regarding logistics and procedures to be followed by RIBA when a visit is requested will be prepared by UIA and presented to the next Validation Council for agreement.
6. The Validation Council had a presentation made of the Central American Validation System.
7. The next visit to the KasGaza Study Programme needs to be set up for 2010.
8. Requests have been received for a Preliminary visit to the Helwan School in Egypt and the Tunis School in Tunisia, and one of the Barcelona Schools is trying to set up a Spanish accreditation system.
9. The next meeting will be held in Paris, France on Saturday 14th November 2009.