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SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD MARCH 14-15, 2013 IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

INTRODUCTION:

The second UIA Professional Practice Commission (PPC) meeting of the current triennium was held in Durban, South Africa, on March 15 and 16. President Albert Dubler, Secretary General Michel Barmaki, Treasurer Patricia Emmett and Vice President Thomas Vonier attended. A total of 29 members of the commission attended from 19 countries.

The South African Insitute of Architects (SAIA) and the Durban 2014 committee were our hosts.

We reviewed the 2012 Tangier report to the Council in Manila and reminded ourselves of PPC's core goals.

Aspirational Standards – The commission and the subsequent accords were developed to provide a basis for uniform practice.
Implementation of these standards – At this point, the most important effort is to develop a plan for implementation.
Achieving global architect mobility – Through Education/Internship and Practice Standards.
Equity Issues – Great economic, educational and regulatory disparity issues exist and the commission strives to minimize these.

SUMMARY

During this meeting we reviewed **the progress and evolution of our 12 approved work progams.** We directed their further development and confirmed leadership and drafting panels for those required while directing one to move to final approval for updating the accord document.

We received **two informational case studies**, one on architects' mobility in Canada and the second on Brazil's recently implemented national regulatory organization.

We took a careful view of the **PPC ITG (Implementation Task Group)** and developed focus group teams to support their efforts as we move toward the 2014 Congress.

We **followed up on items from Tangier** regarding the Congo, FIDIC and database developments requested by the PPC.

We discussed PPC strategies for the 2014 Congress, including presentations, educational venues and offerings. The PPC has specifically requested **the Council's feedback regarding the performance of the PPC.**

WORK PROGRAMS – REVIEWED AND ACTIONS AGREED

Architect Compensation – Sven Silcher, Germany
Approved to final draft for submission to Council at next meeting.

Update on Quality of Architecture – Albert Dubler, France and Vlad Gaivoronschi, Romania
Evolved to higher order standard of architectural leaderhip in sustainability. Vlad continues with broad collaboration with other work groups within the UIA.

Both of the following have completed evaluation of current Accord and have now activated drafting panels to prepare guideline or practice notes.

Project Delivery Systems/Alternative Project Delivery – Ross Clark, Austrailia

Practice Standards Outline – Eugene Barnard, South Africa

Outsourcing of Architectural Services – Balbir Verma, India
This is a new topic: information was presented, feedback provided, and Balbir will move into full evaluation and guideline development.

Professional Integrity and Plagiarism – Sven Silcher, Germany
Sven, upon completion of the Architect compensation effort, has offered to take on this important topic and will bring an assessment of the accord for next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL CASE STUDIES/PROPOSALS

Report on the Canadian Broadly Experienced Foreign Architects (BEFA) Registration System – Randy Dhar, Canada

Proposal by FIKA to establish a summary/ database of FTA and MRA talks. PPC moved this be made part of ITG efforts.

Report, questions and counsel to Brazil on their recently implemented federal regulatory system for architects (CAU) – Raul Martins, Brazil

PPC IMPLEMENTATION TASK GROUP

Implementation Task Group and Update on Database and Website – Esa Mohamed

This is an extremely active group as we move toward the Congress. We have now activated several sub work groups to support their work.

- Practice in a Host Nation implementation (passed along to the Secretariat; distributed request to regional leadership for inclusion in individual code of ethics)

- Evaluate the barriers to Accord adoption in whole and parts – Evaluation, Overview Team
- Database population and refinement of questions: goal for 100% participation by 2014 – Esa Mohamed, Steven Nutt, Regional VPs
- Development of case studies for utilization of member sections in government and regulatory discussions – Ishtiaque Zahir
- Creating overview of MRA and collaboration frameworks/templates and status. Includes Practice in a Host Nation and desires a simplified interpretation of status globally – Rick Lincicome

These efforts are a high priority and interim activities and task teams have been identified.

We reviewed the updated website and database progress and supported full implementation.

We request the Council to bring focus to each of their member sections to achieve 100% population of the database by the World Congress 2014.

FOLLOW UP TO CONGO, FDIC AND DATABASE REQUESTS FROM TANGIER MEETING

We did not have recent update on the Congo Practice in a Host Nation (PHN) from our Tangier session. We will seek directly.

We also received word that the discussions with FIDIC continue to this day.

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNCIL ON PPC EXPECTATIONS AND PERFORMANCE

The PPC looks forward to any feedback the Council may provide.

NEXT MEETING

We have two generous offers: one from Sudan and one from Melbourne, Australia. Thank you both!

We are coordinating with the Bureau, Council and Work Group meetings. Our preferred date is around March 2014. Discussions are underway and we will need to notify decision in 60 days time.

End of Summary
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