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From the desk of the President

It was interesting to listen to Minister Pravin Gordhan delivering his budget speech in Parliament on the 27th February 2013, particularly when he was articulating figures relative to infrastructure development, as it is the space within which we operate. It immediately dawned on me that the Minister can only give a "political speak" which in itself is commendable (*as it is the official statement and government's intention*), but unless the people in the industry roll up their sleeves, craft details and present inputs to whomsoever is mandated by government to put together the implementation and roll out plan, these ideas will remain unrealisable pipe dreams.

Some of the points the Minister touched on were the following:-

- R825 billion commitment to large scale projects of which almost 50% of this figure will go towards building of educational and health infrastructure.
- Commitment to "Urban Development" in acknowledgement of the 62% of the South African population living in our cities, as indicated by the latest census.
- Investment in Low Carbon Economy.
- Reinforcement of stronger links with Africa with respect to infrastructure development, and acknowledgement of South Africa's potential in playing a leading role in these initiatives.

All of the above points impact directly on our space as Built Environment Professionals and particularly on us, as architects and architectural practitioners. This synoptic analysis brings me to the point that these are the opportunities we can lobby and capitalise on as your Institute, for the benefit of yourselves as individual and corporate members, by way of influencing policy. However in order for us to be able to do so,

1. Firstly we need your "buy in" and your trust, that as your leadership we are indeed representing your interests.
2. We need your intellectual support in helping us craft strategies for engagement with government, in unlocking these opportunities so that they become tangible projects.
3. Most fundamentally, we need everyone's commitment to the payment of stipulated subscriptions. Without funds the national office and SAIA's officer bearers cannot function!! May I thank those members who continue to honour their financial obligations to SAIA and encourage others to follow suit.

It is my firm belief that SAIA's national office has a clear idea as to what its role and purpose is. I am equally mindful of some of the frustrations which have been unofficially expressed by some of our members around the "*perceived non-delivery by the national office*", which in some instances have led to reluctance by some members to pay their dues. This fact has tempted me to want to invite comments from all our regions to unpack and re-affirm what in their respective views, the national deliverables should be, as this will give all of us a common understanding, and help all of us move

forward united.

Having stated the above, I can however confirm that there is a lot of work that is undertaken on a national basis (although it may not always have been sufficiently and efficiently communicated to the general membership), which justifies and warrants your support.

May I repeat what I indicated last time; that we all need to be aware that the environment within which we operate is dynamic – politically, socio-economically and physically - it therefore requires all of us to adapt and keep our methods of doing business in constant check, so as to ensure that we do not get left behind and further lose our space in society. SAIA is aware of the aforementioned fact, hence it strives to fulfil this mandate on your behalf, albeit within the tight economic situation in which we operate. We are grateful to those of our members who acknowledge this fact and constantly give support, constructive criticism and positive inputs towards achieving our common goal.

Sindile Ngonyama PrArch MIArch

From the desk of the Executive Officer

SACAP – Call for comment on the requirements for the recognition of Voluntary Associations – Extension granted & member comments invited

In our previous communication, we reported that SAIA had submitted its preliminary response to the Registrar on the call for comment to the above. At the time SAIA had also requested an extension of the deadline of 24 December 2012, as there was insufficient time for adequate consultation at that time of year.

We have now been advised by SACAP in a letter dated 22 February 2012, which we received by email on 25 February 2012, that an extension had been granted until 15 March 2013. In addition, SACAP has advised all registered persons to submit any comment to their respective VA's.

SAIA would therefore appreciate any additional comments to be submitted to us on admin@saia.org.za and exec@saia.org.za by close of business on 12 March 2013. This will allow us the necessary time to collate your comments for incorporation into the already drafted comments submitted by SAIA earlier.

[Click here](#) for the SAIA comment on the SACAP Notice.

SAIA Constitutional Reform

I am pleased to advise that comments on the draft Constitutions for SAIA and the Regions have been received from the Regional Committees and will be reviewed by the Interim Management Committee of SAIA at its upcoming meeting on 12 March.

SAIA Subscriptions – all outstanding dues required urgently

The plans to move forward with a more integrated, well-defined, efficient organisation which is hoped to result from the constitutional reform, are however hampered by the number of members who have not yet paid their subscriptions. A total amount of over R2million is currently outstanding on our books for the 2012/13 financial year.

This is placing a huge burden on SAIA's cash flow and is affecting our ability to maintain normal operations, not only within the secretariat but more importantly also on the overall governance structures of the Institute. Our ability to serve you – our member – is being affected adversely by this regrettable situation.

I therefore appeal to you to settle this debt without delay.

Members whose subscriptions are not yet paid are requested to contact their Regional Institutes as a matter of urgency.

Should corporate members wish to arrange for instalments, please contact Esther van Tonder (SAIA Accounts) on accounts@saia.org.za or tel 011 782 1315 (from 09:00 – 15:00).

Member contact details and SAIA Corporate Member (Practice) Register

In our efforts to follow up on outstanding debts, we have come across instances where the contact and employment details of individual members and of practices have changed. Members are requested to keep their contact details up to date by notifying SAIA and the Regional Institutes of any changes as these may occur.

Members are also reminded that it is a requirement in terms of the SACAP Code of Professional Conduct (Board Notice 154 of 2009) to advise the council within 30 days of any change in personal contact details or changes to a practice. This is required where a practice is closed, where a new practice is established or if there is a name change or a change in the number or identities of the principals within a practice (refer Rule 5 – The Establishment of an Architectural Practice and carrying on of a Business).

[Click here](#) for the Board Notice 154 of 2009

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OpenArchitecture

The proposed Office-Based learning Course, which has been evolving for over three years has reached a state of virtual operational readiness, as demonstrated during the Safal "Other Paradigms" conference, at the end of last year.

SACAP have been presented with the proposal. One requirement seems to be that Open Architecture needs to operate through an existing accredited "Architectural Learning Site." Several of these have been approached and at least one is very interested, sensing the opportunity to expand their student numbers and open up other avenues for students to proceed to professional registration.

This is very promising, but the bad news is that this will apparently take up to three years to be fully registered as an accredited course!

This situation needs to be juxtaposed with the urgent issue of transformation within our profession. In 2012, eighteen years after our democratic dispensation, less than twenty South African born African-students graduated with a professional degree in architecture.

Even "a leading institution of higher learning on the African continent" only graduated one African!

SAIA is currently undertaking a survey of schools of architecture to obtain more detailed information about transformation trends, amongst black students.

The point is that the Office-Based Course would offer another route for students who have an initial architectural qualification. They have to be employed in the office of a registered architect, which will also enhance SACAP.

It is now time to muscle the political will to bring about transformation by getting active support from influential people like Minister Blade Nzimande. Otherwise this worthy experiment will continue to be pushed from one bureaucracy to another while literally hundreds of half-baked professionals remain

frustrated.

Prof Rodney Harber

UIA Durban 2014

As part of our contractual responsibilities and to promote the Durban Conference, SAIA will be hosting a number of UIA and AUA meetings in March starting with Professional Practice Commission of the UIA (2 days), UIA Council meeting (2 days), AUA Bureau Meeting (1day) as well as Scientific Committee and Co-ordinating Council of the Durban 2014 Conference.

Have you seen the [latest Durban 2014 Newsletter](#)? We would appreciate your feedback.

For more information about Durban 2014, [click here](#).

SACAP Professional Practice Examination

The SAIA PPE Study Aid is available from SAIA's offices and from certain regional institutes' offices (check availability). The cost of the Study Aid over the counter is:

SAIA	members:	R	456,00	(incl	VAT)
Non-members:		R	627,00	(incl	VAT)
Postage (ordinary post): R 62,70 (incl VAT)					

SAIA wishes candidates taking the examination every success.

10 Years + 100 Buildings - Architecture in a Democratic South Africa

Available for Sale from SAIA's Randburg offices or from the Regional Institutes on order!!!

Regional Awards Call for Entries

Architecture is the most visible and public of the arts. An important function of all the regional institutes and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) is to recognise and promote excellence in architecture and to create public awareness and debate on architectural issues. The awards programme is in support of these goals, and is run in two stages over a two year period.

During the first stage, the Regional Institutes invite submissions, appoint and convene a panel of jurors to decide the regional Awards for Architecture and eligible projects to be submitted for national consideration. The regional Awards for Architecture are announced and made at a regional function that takes place during 2013. The second stage of the programme starts during 2013 with the submission of entries by the regional panels of assessors for consideration of the SAIA Awards of Merit and the SAIA Awards for Excellence. A national panel of jurors, convened by the SAIA president, will convene in November 2013 to select the projects it wishes to inspect from the submitted entries. During the first few months of 2014 the national panel of jurors will inspect the projects in loco. The SAIA Awards of Merit and the Awards for Excellence will be announced at a national function during the latter half of 2014.

Projects completed between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2012 qualify. The submitted project should be entered into the Regional Institute where the project is located. Please remember that all entries receiving regional awards will automatically be entered into SAIA's Award for Merit and Award for Excellence which will be conducted in 2014, provided that the entry is that of a SAIA Corporate Member. Should you thus be entering the awards programme this year and would like to qualify for a national award, please ensure that your practice adheres to all conditions. A great deal of thought and energy has been spent setting up a programme that inspires the confidence and endorsement of our

members and guarantees a return to the core values of evaluating architecture.

Please contact your local region to receive the forms and requirements for entry from your local region.

Top Honours to Al Stratford!

SAIA congratulates past president Al Stratford on the success of his new furniture design. STRATFLEX™ furniture has won the Design Indaba 2013 Innovation Award.

For more information, [click here](#).

SAIA Practice and Education News

Architectural Guideline Professional Fees: 2013

Although the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) published a call for comment on the proposed amendment to the 2012 guideline for the professional fees, no formal notification of any amendment has yet been published. SAIA has been advised that for the present, the 2012 professional fees guideline, *Board Notice 194 of 2011 Annual update of the professional fees guideline*, issued in terms of section 32(2) of the Architectural Profession Act No 44 of 2000, applies until notified to the contrary. [Click here](#) to view and download the notice.

Members are reminded that the guideline professional fees published annually by SACAP are **only a guideline**. The quantum of the professional fee for any project is subject to agreement between the client and the architect at the time of appointment.

Both the SACAP Code of Professional Conduct and the SAIA Code of Ethics require that the appointment of an architect must be reduced to writing.

UIA Protocol: Practice in a Host Nation

At its last meeting in October 2012, Council of the International Union of Architects (UIA) resolved to encourage UIA Member Sections (which includes SAIA) to include its **Recommended Guidelines Policy on Practice in a Host Nation** which forms part of the UIA's *Accord on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice* in member sections' national codes of conduct.

Continuing Professional Development

SAIA will of course respond positively to this request but members will note that the SACAP Code of Conduct (Board notice 154 of 2009) does to some extent address this issue. [Click here](#) to download the SACAP code.

SANS 10400-XA Energy – applications for building plan approval

With reference to the recognised courses on this topic addressed in SAIA's last News@SAIA, we apologise that we did not include the course presented by the Pretoria Institute for Architecture (PIA). This omission is rectified below:

CPD SAIA 12-11: The application of the amended National Building Regulations

Activity Provider: Structatherm Projects in association with WSP Green By Design African Stainless Steel Development Association

Contact: Howard Harris

Tel: (012) 460 8683

e-mail: howard@spenergy.co.za

CPD SAIA 12-12: SANS 204 Maths and Physics Workshop

Activity Provider: Peter Wyness

Contact: Peter Wyness

Tel: (011) 648 5788

e-mail: peterwyness@vodamail.co.za

Energy efficiency in buildings (SANS 10400-XA & SANS 204) workshop

Activity Provider: Pretoria Institute for Architecture (PIA)

Contact: Mauneen van Wyk

Tel: (012) 346 1051

e-mail: management@pia.org.za

Energy Efficiency in Buildings Workshop

Activity Provider: SAIAT

Contact: Peter Brown / Frans Dekker

Tel: (011) 622 3168

e-mail: cpd@saiat.org.za

Dates and venues for upcoming courses are obtainable from the activity providers.

CPD - SAIA Validated Activities - 2013

The following Category One CPD activities have been validated by SAIA during the month of February 2013:

CPD SAIA 13-03: Strawbale and Earth Construction

Activity Provider: Eco design Architects

Contact: Andy Horn

Tel: (021) 462 1614

e-mail: andy@ecodesignarchitects.co.za

Website: www.ecodesignarchitects.co.za

Presenter: Andy Horn Pr Arch, MIA, CIA BAS & BArch (UCT)

This activity is presented in two 1-day modules. The first module is largely in lecture format; the second module is practical application of the techniques.

CPD SAIA 13-04: SAFHE and CEASA Biennial 2013 Conference and Exhibition

Activity Provider: South African Federation of Hospital Engineers (SAFHE) and Clinical Engineering Association of South Africa (CEASA)

Contact: Natalie Smit (SBS Conferences)

Tel: (021) 914 2888

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Website: <http://www.concretesociety.co.za/conferences>

Presenters: Various experts in the field, including Llewellyn van Wyk (CSIR) on using alternative building technology to improve PHC facilities in South Africa.

This activity is a 2½ day conference comprising plenary sessions with three concurrent topic sessions. The conference runs from 12-14 March 2013 At the International Conference Centre, Cape Town

CPD SAIA 13-05: Conversations on Architecture

Activity Provider: Thebe Exhibitions (Pty) Ltd

Contact: Josephine Sekwelenkwe

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Website: www.decorex.co.za

Presenters: International speakers: Alex de Reijke, Jorg Leeser & Solano Benitez; and local speakers including Jeremy Steere, Rodney Choromanski, Kevin Boyd, Heinrich Wolff, Jonathan Green, Johan Slee, Brian McKechnie, Anton Comrie.

This is a 1-day conference/workshop which runs alongside Decorex exhibitions, presented in three centres around South Africa:

20 March 2013 Durban

25 March 2013 Cape Town

27 March 2013 Johannesburg

SAIA is committed to keeping our members informed and up to date on the latest in the architectural profession. If you have any content or information to submit...

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