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In this edition of SAIA's newsletter, we include notes of our President's activities in March and a note from the desk of the Executive Officer, reports concerning the important UIA Durban 2014 Congress in 2014 and other items of interest...

The President's Diary...

The President represented SAIA on the Fulton Awards Panel of Adjudicators during the first part of March, and although this honour took him out of the office for some length of time, work carried on regardless.

The IMC meeting was successfully held on 12 March 2013, which furthered the Board's plans. The next SAIA full Board meeting will take place on 23 May 2013 in Johannesburg at the Intercontinental Hotel at OR Tambo International Airport.

Mr Ngonyama met with Minister Nxesi of the DPW at the Built Environment Indaba ([click here](#) for the Minister's speech), and a follow up meeting was arranged in Cape Town on 25 March, where Hassan Asmal, Nina Saunders and Fanuel Motsepe met with the Director General of the DPW, Mr Dlabantu. The focus of these meetings was on the ever-nearer and most exciting UIA Durban 2014 Congress.

Our President also participated in the validation inspection of UKZN as an accredited Architectural Learning Site (ALS).

In the middle of the month a series of important UIA meetings were hosted in Durban. As President of SAIA, Mr Ngonyama assisted in hosting and welcoming our international guests.

From the desk of the Executive Officer

SACAP – Call for SACAP Council Nominations

SACAP is inviting nominations for the 4th Council which should be submitted in the prescribed manner on to SACAP at the address below no later than **01 May 2013**. No late submissions will be accepted. For further information please contact SACAP at the contact details below.

[Click here](#) to download the SACAP Nomination Form for the 4th Term Council (2013 –2017).

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SAIA Strategic Constitutional Reform

As reported in earlier communications, work on the constitutional reform is proceeding, and the comments received from the Regional Committees on the draft documentation were considered by the Interim Management Committee (IMC) in March.

In evaluating the comments it was evident that, apart from some unfortunate misunderstandings which it is hoped can be addressed in due course, one of the fundamental concerns which was raised by several Regions, relates to the financial viability and the independence / interdependence of SAIA and the Regions in the proposed structure as it is generally understood. Another concern raised in this and previous IMC discussions, was to what extent there was wasteful duplication between the activities of SAIA and the Regions at executive and/or at operational level.

In order to present a strategically sound constitutional model to the membership, additional information has been requested from the Regions to determine the most desirable operational and financially sound model for our organisations. Completion of the exercise is expected before the end of April.

SAIA Subscriptions – Thank You!

Our general call to the membership for outstanding subscriptions to be paid without delay was met with a most encouraging response, and we thank everyone who responded to our plea over the past two months. The situation has improved tremendously, but we are not out of the woods yet!

With just over R800,000 of corporate fees still outstanding for the current year, we encourage every remaining defaulting member to settle his particular portion of these dues without delay.

Should anyone 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).

With only three months to go to the end of this financial year, some of the Regions have also indicated that they will be implementing removals for non-payment of individual subscriptions quite soon. **Anyone who is still not fully paid-up, is advised to contact their Regional Institute to ensure that their membership is continued uninterrupted.**

Su Linning PrArch MIArch

UIA 2014 Durban World Congress on Architecture

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Congress Patron

2013 has been an exciting year so far for the UIA 2014 Durban World Congress on Architecture, and the Organisation Committee is proud to announce that Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has generously agreed to be Patron of the Congress. Archbishop Tutu is one of the greatest living moral icons of our time, and it is anticipated that his presence will lend significant weight to Congress PR and Communications efforts over the coming 18 months.

March meetings a resounding success

As part of its UIA 2014 contractual commitment to the UIA, SAIA hosted a series of meetings for the UIA Council and its related bodies from 13-19 March. This week of activities, organised by the UIA 2014 Secretariat and sponsored and supported by EtheKwini Municipality, was extremely successful. Over 100 delegates from around the world attended the week's meetings, and left Durban with a resoundingly positive impression of both the city and progress of the Congress to date.

"Our assessment of the week of meetings and related activities is that it has catapulted us to another level as far as the World Congress is concerned," said Hassan Asmal, President of the UIA 2014 Organisation Committee. "We won the hearts and minds of those who attended; our organization and hosting was of such a standard that we have raised expectations further; and our challenge now is to deliver on these in the interests of both the UIA as well as Durban."

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Visit the Congress website

Three short films on Durban and the Congress theme, 'Architecture Otherwhere', have been uploaded to www.uia2014durban.org. You can experience the architecture and culture of the city through the eyes of storyteller Sthembiso Nbonambi, and architects Andrew Makin and Andile Ncapai. You can also register your interest on the website to receive regular updates on the Congress

Karen Eicker PrArch MIArch

UIA 2014 Commissary General

The Professional Practice Commission meets in Durban

What relevance does the UIA Professional Practice Commission have for the lone practitioner who is struggling to survive in rural Limpopo, or for that matter in downtown Johannesburg? Seemingly not very much; maybe as much as global efforts to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have on the shopkeeper in the same places.

But if you attach any value to aspirational efforts to make the practice of architecture more uniform, to participate in the implementation of those standards, to achieve more global mobility for architects and to contribute to the debate on equity issues, then the PPC has relevance for you and your practice. Does the word "architect" have the same meaning in South Africa as it has in India? Can you apply for a job in Australia and be confident of your qualification and experience. Does an architect's standard service mean the same for clients in different countries? Can an architect from China put up shop on your doorstep and can you cross the Mpumalanga border to do work in Mozambique?

The above issues and many more are the focus of the PPC as it meets annually in different parts of the world. This year approximately twenty five Commission members met in Durban from 13 to 15 March to do more work on a variety of topics. The meeting was attended by delegates from as far afield as the Brazil and Canada in the west to Singapore, Korea and China in the east, not to mention those in between.

Very few of the readers of this report have probably ever visited the UIA's website www.uia-architectes.org or www.aia.org/about_uia and simply clicked on the link that takes you straight to the Accord on International Standards of Professionalism in Architecture and the work of the PPC. If you haven't, do it! You'll be amazed at the content.

By the way, the international delegates could not stop commenting on the beauty, hospitality and warmth of South Africa and its people. Two in particular totally underestimated the Durban weather. Having come from sub-zero temperatures and a foot of snow in Europe, they paid the (dermatological) price for spending a couple of hours on Durban's North Beach, bathing. But they vowed to be back in August 2014 for the Congress!

I suggest you diarise the Congress dates too: 1-10 August 2014. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and not to be missed.

*Eugene Barnard PrArch MIArch
Convenor SAIA Practice Committee and Member of the UIA PPC*

SAIA Awards Programme: 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.

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

NOTE: To improve the coordination of regional adjudication criteria throughout the programmes. all of the Regional Institutes have been invited to send two members (preferably convenor and one representative) of the Regional Adjudication Panels each to join the National Adjudication Panel in a workshop on 26 April 2013 at The Intercontinental Hotel, OR Tambo International Airport.

Loeries entries are open - AGAIN providing opportunities for Architects!

Save 10% on your entry fee when you submit your work by 15 April!

The entries are officially open for the 2013 Loeries. **Submit your work by 15 April and get 10% off your entry fee.** The **final deadline for entries is 31 May 2013.**

The following Categories are available to Architects:

DE2 -Three Dimensional & Environmental Design

All permanent and temporary environments contributing to brand equity: Retail, corporate, restaurant, museum, gallery, concept stores, show rooms, museums, galleries, exhibits, visitor attractions, restaurants, cafes, bars, clubs, hotel interiors, offices, studios, reception spaces, showrooms, banks, airport interiors, community & public environments, seasonal display, signage, shop front, window display, mobile demonstration units, exhibition and event stands, visitor attractions, trade shows.
NOTE: Billboards should be entered in the Posters and Billboards category.

Entries may include single elements (e.g. signage, fixtures & furniture) or whole spaces.

- a. **Architecture**
- b. **Interior Design & Temporary structures**

[Click here to find out how to enter](#)

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CPD - SAIA Validated Activities - 2013

Activity reference: CPD SAIA 13-03
Activity title: Straw Bale and Earth Construction
Nature of activity: Course presented in two modules comprising lectures and practical application
Activity provider: Eco Design Architects and Consultants

EMAIL: andy@ecodesignarchitects.co.za

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Presenter: Andy Horn
Activity dates and locations: Course dates and locations as notified by activity provider from time to time

Duration and sub-reference:

CPD SAIA 13-03	Full 2-day course	2 days
CPD SAIA 13-03/1	Module 1 (day 1)	1 day
CPD SAIA 13-03/2	Module 2 (day 2)	1 day

NOTE:

- Module 1 may be attended as a stand-alone activity
- Module 2 may only be attended if module 1 has been undertaken

SACAP Category One	CPD SAIA 13-03	Full 2-day course	3 credits
CPD credit value:	CPD SAIA 13-03/1	Module 1 (day 1)	1 credit
	CPD SAIA 13-03/2	Module 2 (day 2)	2 credits
Equivalent UIA CPD credit value:	CPD SAIA 13-03	Full 2-day course	30 credits
	CPD SAIA 13-03/1	Module 1 (day 1)	10 credit
	CPD SAIA 13-03/2	Module 2 (day 2)	20 credits



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