



PRESIDENT'S REPORT Patricia Emmett Pr Arch MIArch

EXORDIUM

A requirement of the Constitution is that the President should report on the activities of the Board at the end of their term of office. Writing this report has made me realise how much has been achieved by relatively few people who give of their time voluntarily.

Taking over from Jan Ras was not easy. I salute Jan who now leaves the Board after ten years of service. Stan Segal has also served ten years on the Board as the Chairman of the Practice committee.

During his term as President, Jan introduced the committee system which added the Benefits, Education, Promotions, Communications and Habitat committees to the existing committees of Practice and Heritage. The number of meetings of the Practice committee was reduced so that every committee met twice a year. The committee system brought experts from the regions to augment the Board members making up the committees.

The current Board saw the need for more focus on practice. The Practice committee now meets before every Board meeting, i.e four times a year. We also decided to change the way our subscriptions are levied. Individual subscriptions were halved to encourage salaried architects and academics to join the Institute. A practice or corporate subscription was introduced so that we could improve our service to the members. Increased income ensured that we could appoint a Director of Practice and Education. Bryan Wallis has added value to the team lead by Su Linning, our Executive Officer who works tirelessly for the Institute. We were fortunate to have Jacquie Cullis join SAIA as the Office Manager. The new structure has added immensely to the work of Esther van Tonder, our bookkeeper. Letta Pokomise's voice is the one you will generally hear when you phone the Institute. We are hopeful that the next Board will be able to appoint a Director of Promotions and Marketing.

The night I made my acceptance speech as the new President, I spoke of the focus I wanted to have on design. To showcase South African architecture as well as the architecture of Africa, during the UIA Congress 2005 in Istanbul, we bid to host the World Congress in 2011. The bid was presented by James Maseko (the DG of Public Works), Rodney Harber, Jean Jacques Cotto (the President of the Africa Union of Architects who supported the bid) and myself. The fact that nine people out of a voting assembly of 251 determined that the Congress went to Tokyo (they were bidding for the third time) has encouraged us to try again at the UIA Congress in 2008 in Turin to bid to host the 2014 Congress.

The following is a quote from the article "Istanbul, Sliding Door" by Alessandra Comazzi

"At Istanbul, and in the name of architecture, the representatives of the old Europe met those from emerging countries, the Japanese, determined to host the XXIV Congress after Turin 2008, met the spectacular South-Africans. The city of Durban was, along with Tokyo, the other candidate to host the meeting of 2011. Tokyo was the winner in the end (it had already been beaten twice, by Istanbul first and Turin later), but the South Africans were liked even more because of it. In presenting their applications, the Japanese projected a gloomy video of a city that recalled Batman Gotham City, dark, oppressive and wicked. Durban architects instead were playing their African drums. And they were dancing. And they offered an appealing and cheerful image of their city. It was strengthened by the willingness to drive away from the mind of the international audience the idea of the racial barriers that the whole world has learnt to associate to South Africa. Tokyo was the winner, but it is the elegance of Durban which remains in the hearts of participants.

The theme of Africa, of operational and professional solidarity, not based on sheer charity, was one of the common threads of the congress. It wasn't officially so, but one could feel it in the air. One could breath it along with the scent of people who are willing to engage themselves, to work and think that good architecture can improve the world. The old Europe showed some signs of wear and tear: not only in comparison with Africa, but also with the countries of the former Soviet Union. In front of their colleagues from Kirghiztan, Kazakhstan, Georgia, numerous and enthusiasts, European representatives looked spoilt and snobbish. Are we really that way, we, who come from the Old Continent?"

On the theme of good design, the SAIA Awards programme has resulted in 29 national Awards of Merit. The Awards for Excellence in Architecture are yet to be announced. I thank the jurors, Mr David Jack (a prominent architect and recipient of the Institute's Gold Medal for Architecture), Prof. Roger Fisher (an architect, critic and academic), Mr Lucas Chauke (an eminent person, being a Past President of the Association of SA Quantity Surveyors and a past Council Member of the SA Council for the Architectural Profession), and particularly Mr Peter du Trevou (Managing Director of Corobrik, our new sponsors).

Our members have excelled in several international competitions over the last year, and we congratulate the winners and every participant. We also salute Noero Wolff Architects who won the RIBA Lubetkin Prize (the most outstanding work of architecture outside the UK and the EU by an RIBA member) for their Red Location Museum at Port Elizabeth.

SAIA is making two very special Awards; Julian Elliott will receive the Gold Medal and Danie Theron will receive the Medal of Distinction.

1 THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Each region elects a board member (usually the President of the Region), to represent their interests on the Board of Representatives. The larger regions, i.e the Cape and Gauteng have two representatives. SAIA is structured as a 'bottoms up' structure, what happens in the regions and their concerns should drive the national body. This system allows all architects in South Africa to have a say in SAIA. The Board meets four times a year and deals mainly with executive matters and professional issues. Many of these are practice-related, and should ideally be coordinated nationally. The Chair of the Practice committee, the President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects and the immediate Past President also have a seat on the Board.

Thank you to all the Board members, particularly those serving a second term, for your support and expertise. The term of office of this Board has been particularly challenging.

2 THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee meets four times a year. It has consisted of myself, Hassan Asmal (Vice President), Gillian Adendorff and Kwasi Agyare-Dwomoh. I thank the committee for their time and expertise, particularly Hassan who has stood in for me on many occasions and who can always be relied upon for his sound advice.

3 EXECUTIVE MATTERS

3.1 MINISTERIAL INTERACTION

National Department of Public Works

The National Department of Public Works (NDPW) Professional Association Liaison Forum meets on a quarterly basis and considers matters affecting the working relationship of built environment professionals and the NDPW. Three issues have received attention recently:

- Qualifying requirements for professionals appointed for services to the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) projects;
- Architects being required to assume responsibility as the employer's agent to fulfil the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Construction Regulations;
- Procurement processes for professional services, including the roster of professional service providers and competitive bidding for architectural appointments.

A competition for all the architects in Africa for the Pan African Parliament Building is being co-ordinated by the Department of Public Works.

Department of Housing (Social Housing Compact)

SAIA, as a signatory to the Housing Compact, participates in ongoing discussions around the role of architects in social housing. SAIA made a strong case for involving built environment professionals, especially architects, in the housing delivery process - from project inception through to the design and construction of the buildings themselves - so as to achieve socially responsible, integrated settlements. SAIA will participate in the work groups where we can most effectively influence policy and promote the value of architectural involvement in the whole process.

We are currently investigating the most appropriate fees to charge for work in this field, which will be presented to the Department in due course.

Other Departments

We are also in consultation with Treasury about the Regulations on Public Procurement and more specifically to find a solution to the problems associated with Fee Bidding.

3.2 NATIONAL INTERACTION

BEP Grouping

The BEP Grouping consisting of SAIA, ASAQS, SAACE, SABTACO and other voluntary organisations meet on a quarterly basis to discuss matters of mutual interest. We are delighted that in January 2006 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed wherein the parties agreed to work together on matters that affect the Built Environment Professions represented in the Grouping.

Construction and Property Charters

After nearly 18 months of active engagement in the consultation and drafting process of the Construction Charter, through the Construction Transformation Charter Group, SAIA was one of the stakeholders that took part in the formal signing ceremony with the Minister of Public Works in Pretoria on Friday, 17 March. It is expected that the Charter will become effective later this year. The introduction of Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment will affect procurement, not only in the Public sector but throughout the South African economy, and members will be able to make a meaningful contribution to transformation of the profession through observance of the Charter.

The group is now finalising the remaining requirements for setting up the Construction Charter Council to oversee BEE in the sector.

Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)

The CIDB's prime focus is on the implementation of an integrated strategy for the reconstruction, growth and development of the construction industry. It has already established a graded Register of Contractors, and is currently considering setting up a Register of Professional Service Providers (Consultants).

The CIDB consults with us through various Focus Groups which are established and convened as required. Many members have taken part in the past. A number of Best Practice Standards have been published. Last year several of SAIA's experts took part in setting up a compendium of construction-related legislation. This information is available on the CIDB's website.

The CIDB's Procurement Focus Group provides guidance to the CIDB on matters affecting procurement of works and services in the construction industry, with a focus on public sector procurement processes. Matters of direct concern addressed at the last meeting are:

- Client/Architect agreements for work in the public sector;
- Building contracts required to be administered by the architect.

The only procurement document for professional services currently accepted by the CIDB as a best practice document is the CIDB Standard Professional Services Contract. In response to SAIA's comments, the CIDB agreed to certain amendments, but the document is still not considered appropriate for the procurement of professional services in the construction industry. The CIDB will form a working group to formulate a construction-specific professional services agreement.

Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA)

The BEP's have two representatives on the CETA Board; one member from the established BEP's, and a SABTACO representative. There have been serious financial problems over the last two years or so, but these appear to be in the process of being resolved. We need CETA to operate effectively, because we need to tap into the funds for training and CPD purposes.

3.3 INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

SAIA is affiliated to several international organisations, and interaction with these bodies takes place at Board and Executive level. The organisations are Institutes of Institutes, so members cannot join in their own right, but SAIA's participation opens the door to the outside world for the benefit of our members and the entire profession.

Africa Union of Architects (AUA)

I am a Council Member of the AUA while Khotso Moleko is the Vice President of the Southern Region. Prof Rodney Harber was recently appointed Chair of BERT (Bureau of Education, Research and Technology). In the past two years we have met in Stellenbosch; Dakar, Senegal; Abuja, Nigeria; Algiers, Algeria and Accra, Ghana. SAIA co-ordinated an exhibition for Africa at the UIA World Congress 2005 held in Istanbul. A video of African architects discussing the challenges of working in Africa accompanied this exhibition.

Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA)

SAIA's Secretariat hosts the administration of the CAA Secretariat. Llewellyn van Wyk was elected President in 2003 and his term of office comes to an end with the General Assembly from 25 - 28 November 2006. This will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A Projects2Partner initiative will be launched at the Conference.

International Union of Architects (UIA)

The UIA is a global organisation recognised by the UN through UNESCO. The UIA is focussed on interaction with relevant world bodies (like the WTO) and agreements are reached at high level. A number of International Accords, ranging from International Standards for Architectural Practice and Education, a generic Code of Ethics, and an accord on Practice in a Host Nation, etc, sets a common standard worldwide. South Africa regained its seat on the Council of the UIA in 2004 (we had been asked to leave in 1987). Rodney Harber was appointed to the UIA Education/Validation Work Group. SAIA bid to host the World Congress in Durban in 2011 during the UIA World Congress 2005 in Istanbul. We were narrowly beaten by Japan who were bidding for the third time. We will be bidding to host the World Congress in 2014 during the next World Congress being held in 2008 in Turin. To this end we will be hosting a UIA Council meeting during February 2008.

I have attended UIA Council meetings in Tokyo, Japan; Istanbul, Turkey; Hammamet, Tunisia; Casablanca, Morocco and Vancouver, Canada.

International Committee on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

SAIA is a corporate member of ICOMOS SA, the UNESCO-driven organisation responsible for the listing of World Heritage Sites.

3.4 PROFESSIONAL INTERACTION

South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)

The Act for the Architectural Profession is now 5 years old and a new Council was appointed by the Minister at the end of 2005. Malcolm Campbell was re-elected President of SACAP. Catrina Hambly was appointed Registrar, taking over from Martin Knoetze, who has retired after many years of dedicated service to the profession.

The Council reconvened several committees to continue the work relating to Fees, Identification of Work, Categories of Registration, CPD and several other important matters that affect our profession. SAIA is represented on all the SACAP Committees. One of the most significant decisions taken by the new Council is the adoption of compulsory registration of all persons in an appropriate category, which was implemented on 01 July this year. The CPD guidelines were finalised and will be introduced on 1 January 2007 as a requirement for re-registration every 5 years. The Board of SAIA participated in a joint workshop hosted by SACAP at the end of May. The challenges effecting our profession were discussed.

Project Management Council (SACPCMP)

SAIA has applied for recognition as a VA of the SACPCMP, and Bryan Wallis attends quarterly meetings.

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE)

The CBE is the umbrella body that generally interacts directly with the six professional Councils that fall under it.



NATIONAL COMMITTEES

The Board established a comprehensive committee structure, consisting of seven national committees, each focussed on promoting and maintaining one of the objects of the institute, viz:

- Practice: the art, science, research and practice of architecture;
- Benefits: the interests of members;
- Promotion: the dignity of the profession of architecture;
- Education: high standards of conduct, professional competence and integrity;
- Communication: opportunities for the interchange and recording of knowledge and experience of architecture;
- Heritage: the architectural environment and cultural heritage;
- Habitat: the interests of society in matters concerned with architecture in relation to the environment.

The committees meet twice annually and generally comprise the convenor supported by three or four experts appointed by the Board. Regional participation is facilitated through additional regional contacts who receive all documentation in order to participate electronically in the work of the committee. The committees of the 2005-2006 term held four meetings in accordance with SAIA's national committee roster:

- 03 March 2005 in Johannesburg;
- 26/27 August 2005 in Bloemfontein;
- 08 March 2006 in Johannesburg ; and
- 31 August 2006 in Bloemfontein.

Practice meet four times annually, generally a day in advance of the Board, and in addition to the nominated experts, every Region is represented directly on the committee.

In order to prevent duplication the committees were grouped into pairs, with a member of the Management Committee involved to ensure the coordination of activities. The groupings are as follows, and the committee reports follow in this order:

- Practice & Education : coordinated by Kwasi Agyare-Dwomoh
- Promotion & Communication : coordinated by Gillian Adendorff
- Heritage & Habitat : coordinated by Hassan Asmal
- Benefits resorts under the jurisdiction of the Vice-President.

Much of what was achieved by this Board took place under the jurisdiction of the national committees, and I am pleased to include the individual reports of the convenors as part of my report before I conclude.

PRACTICE

Convenor: Mr Stan Segal (BoR)
Assisted by: Mr Bruce Clark (KZNIA)

Experts: Mr Bryan Prisgrove (GIfA)
Mr Eyvind Finsen (GIfA)
Mr Peter Bold (2005)
Mr Adriaan Louw (2006)
Mr Eugene Barnard (LIA)
Mr Bryan Wallis (Director Practice & Education)

Regional Representatives:

Mr Johan Nel (BKIA)
Mr Richard Honikman (ClfA)
Mr Piet Bakker (ClfA Alternate)
Mr Johan Staats (ECIA)
Ms Erna Wiese (FSIA)
Mr Piet van Wyk (GIfA)
Mr Jacques Terblanche (MPIA)
Mr Ian Alexander (PIA)

There is a considerable need - on a wide range of activities in which the Institute is involved - for the expertise of the members of the Practice committee. Due mainly to the fact that practicing architects, especially those running smaller practices, are finding it more difficult to voluntarily give of their time and expertise in handling practice matters for the benefit of the SAIA members, the full time employment of a Director of Practice and Education became a first priority in improving our service to members. As convenor of Practice, I can already see the benefit that SAIA is deriving from the appointment of Bryan Wallis.

The main issues dealt with during the past two years include the following:

Practice Manual

Updates, practice notes and new documents are in various stages of preparation and final editing before publication. A coordinated effort is to be made to obtain sponsorship/advertising to enable the above information to be published. The committee has decided to re-launch the manual electronically once the format, functionality, intellectual property protection and distribution issues have been resolved.

Architectural Fees

The SACAP fees committee on which I serve is currently dealing with the following matters:

- investigating an alternate “add-on” fee structure based on the proposal submitted by the PIA
- revising the formula for calculating additional fees for extended contracts
- examining suggestions made by the DPW regarding
 - copyright on repeat use of drawings
 - fee bidding
 - reducing fees to pay other specialists
 - architect to pay for a clerk of works when on full fees
 - implications of the OHS Act and Construction Regulations and signing the Department’s indemnity form
 - principal agent’s fees where principal agent is not necessarily the project architect

There is a dangerous move to reduce architect’s fees even further by omitting certain elements from buildings where, it is alleged that the architect does not design or, for that matter, take responsibility for such elements of the building. A concerted effort is required by SAIA and its members to prevent this move from spreading and being implemented.

SACAP has requested the SAIA Practice committee to comment on the following:

- To review issues concerning government projects repeated across the country (copyright)
- Application of construction regulations in terms of the OHS Act

SACAP is to undertake research into architect’s fees and to this end members of Practice have been actively participating in the Council for the Built Environment’s study on Professional Fees which was initiated in January 2006 and which is ongoing.

Joint Building Contracts Committee (JBCC)

SAIA is represented on the JBCC Technical committee, the Preliminaries committee, the Executive and Board of Directors by Eyvind Finsen and myself.

The use of the JBCC contract documentation continues to grow; the 4th Edition of the PBA has been published incorporating the State’s requirements and provision for adjudication as an alternate means of dispute resolution.

Mid-Career Courses – CPD

Unfortunately the financial assistance provided by SACAP in the past for subsidising the cost of mid-career courses has been discontinued resulting in the demise of the very worthwhile courses run by SAIA. A few specific courses have been run in various centres by certain individuals and a course on glazing was presented by SAIA in partnership with AAAMSA.

Now that registration in the architectural profession has become compulsory and the introduction of CPD to retain registration as from 1st January 2007, a window of opportunity has opened for Practice and Education to liaise with one another to formulate a program for a new series of mid-career courses.

PROCSA Client/Professional Consultant Services Agreement

As the SAIA representative on this committee, I am pleased to report that after almost 4 years of meetings, discussions, consultations with experts in various fields and receiving comments from SAPOA and the participating constituent bodies,

the document was completed in March 2006 and is available on the internet. It must be noted that this document is regarded as a “living” document and will be updated as and when the need arises.

Being a generic document, the PROCSA Agreement cannot be used without the annexures covering the scope of services and applicable fees. To this end a subcommittee of Practice has been set up to prepare the “scope of services” and fees annexures which will be tabled for comment at the Practice meeting at the end of August 2006.

The PROCSA drafting committee has met with the CIDB in an endeavour to harmonise the CIDB’s Consultant Contract with the PROCSA Agreement – the initial meeting took place on 21st June 2006 and there was general consensus that this process of consultation may eventually lead to the industry having one document for both the Public and Private sectors.

Identification of Architectural Work Committee

The Practice committee established a subcommittee to prepare and submit constructive comments on the identification of work document published for comment by SACAP. Unfortunately, the basic stance taken by SAIA on this matter was not well received by SACAP as SACAP is not keen on retaining the square metre basis for identifying work for the different categories of registration.

It is understood that the CBE will be calling for final comment on the matter before the system is implemented.

S A Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions

To the best of my knowledge the undertaking given by the President of SACPCMP to schedule a series of individual working committee meetings with the various built environment councils to discuss and resolve the problem areas has not materialised.

Liaison with the Department of Public Works, CIDB & BEP Grouping

Liaison with the DPW and meetings of the BEP Grouping take place on a quarterly basis and SAIA has been represented at these meetings by the President, executive director, director of practice and members of the Practice committee as appropriate.

These interactions have resulted in the issue of a Practice Advisory on EPWP and a Practice Note on the OHS Act and Construction Regulations to SAIA corporate members.

There has been ongoing liaison with the CIDB with particular focus on professional services procurement for public sector clients.

At the end of August 2006, I will have completed ten years as convenor of this committee and I would like to sincerely thank all of the past SAIA presidents during my term in office being Bryan Prisgrove, Vivienne Japha (deceased), Llewellyn van Wyk, Jan Ras and Trish Emmett for having given me the opportunity of putting something back into the profession and of being of service to the members of SAIA.

My thanks are also due to Su Linning, all of the members of Practice and more recently Bryan Wallis for their input, assistance and support.

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EDUCATION

Convenor: Mr Phillip Crafford (BoR)

Experts: Mr Jan Willem Ras (BoR)
Mr Alan ter Morshuizen (GIfA)
Mr Dennis Claude (KZNIA)
Prof Andrè de Villiers (PIA)
Mr Bryan Wallis (Director Practice & Education)

Regional Representatives:

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Madelane Gerber (FSIA)
Khotso Moleko (GIfA)
Pieter Joubert (LIA)
Phil Tasker (MPIA)

The Education committee has a wide remit, and while progress was, and is being made in certain areas such as Continuing Professional Development and closer contact with the Schools, progress on CETA liaison and the Rome Scholarship has been disappointing due to factors outside the control of the committee.

Ongoing issues within the remit of the committee are:

- CETA Liaison: funding for courses both pre and post graduate
- The Education Fund: for students and projects
- The Rome Scholarship: to an individual architect, in view of dissemination to the full membership
- SAIA Archives: to take care of the large number of valuable drawings and documents now becoming redundant in practices
- The accreditation of the period of practical training as an academic qualification: to obtain funding
- Contact with the schools of architecture: to better integrate practice and academia
- Liaison with SACAP: to better integrate pre and post graduate training
- Continuing Professional Development: a working group has been established to assist the SAIA Director of Practice and Education in setting up a framework for the compilation and accreditation of CPD courses. It is anticipated that the

working group will continue with its activities beyond August 2006, with the objective of establishing a suitable national framework/reference system to be in place when the SACAP requirements for CPD come into effect on 1 January 2007.

Phillip Crafford : Convenor SAIA Education

PROMOTIONS

Convenor: Mr Hynn Engelbrecht (BoR)

Experts: Mr Charles Louw (ECIA)
Mr Henning Rasmuss (GIfA)
Mr Ivor Daniel (KZNIA)
Mr Louw Whitehead (LIA)
Mrs Cecilia van Rensburg (MPIA)

Regional Representatives:

Mr Brian Coates (BKIA)
Ms Debbie Preller (ClfA)
Mr Jacques Laubscher (FSIA)
Mr Nick Ristic (GIfA)
Mr Zander Thomson (PIA)

At the first meeting of the Promotions committee in March 2005, the following terms of reference were agreed:

- the promotion of good architecture and of the profession to the broad public;
- the promotion of the Institute and of the work of members to the broad public.
- Future activities and structure - involvement in national arts festivals; media liaison; creation of exhibitions; control of competitions, etc
- General responsibilities – evaluation of the guidelines for the national awards programme (Commendation, Award of Merit and Award for Excellence); involvement in UIA & other conferences; creation of advertising material, etc.

Ongoing issues under the jurisdiction of the committee are:

- Exhibitions: gathering suitable material on an ongoing basis for exhibition at national conferences and arts festivals throughout the country;
- Awards Programme: evaluation of the logistical problems resulting from the large number of entries for national inspection;
- Competitions: the accreditation of competitions that meet international (UIA) standards to encourage active participation;
- Life and Honorary membership: as a means to lift the profile of the profession;
- Medal of Distinction and Gold Medal for Architecture: to honour members of the Institute;
- Electronic Promotions: through a more dynamic website.
- Public relations and Media liaison: to develop a stronger relationship with the media on architecture related matters. This is an ongoing activity carried out in cooperation with the Communications Committee.

The following activities were carried out and/or facilitated by the committee:

Exhibitions

KKNK : Awards 2004

SAIA participated in the Klein Karoo National Arts Festival in Oudtshoorn in autumn 2005, where the 2004 Awards of Merit and Awards for Excellence entry posters were on exhibition for the duration of the Festival. The entries into the UIA Celebration of Cities competition were also on display. There was a tremendous amount of interest in the exhibition resulting in the successful marketing of architecture.

Due to certain logistical problems we were unable to obtain a venue in 2006 but our presence at the next festival in 2007 will be addressed with the new 2006 Awards of Merit and Awards for Excellence entry posters.

Award Entries 2005

A poster exhibition of the entries to the current Awards programme formed part of the International Housing Conference held at the Pretoria University in September 2005 and were also incorporated into the KZNIA Festival of Architecture held in October 2005 in Durban.

Housing Exhibition

In partnership with Picasso Headlines, the publishers of SAIA's Journal and the Digest, three young architects were invited to take part in the Housing Exhibition held at the Sandton Convention Centre in February 2006. Kate Otten and Pieter Mathews presented a selection of residential work and Zola Kgaka spoke about the role and appointment of an architect.

Marketing

The requirement for banners branding the Institute was addressed and ordered for use at functions and exhibitions with SAIA presence. Two pull out banners were used with great impact at the Student Congress. The investigation into sponsored flags required for larger exhibitions remains on the agenda.

Public Relations & Media

World Day of Architecture

In partnership with VISI, SAIA celebrated World Day of Architecture on 02 October 2005 with a project in which the public and members of the profession could vote for their best building. The Regional Presidents nominated buildings in their areas. The Tree House by Van der Merwe Miszewski Architects won the public vote for the best building in South Africa!

The President and several architects from across the Regions participated in radio interviews on the day in 2005.

The award entries are being put up for public vote this year and the winner of the public vote will be announced in the following edition of the magazine. VISI will have an editorial in all of the regional newspapers on World Architecture day that will assist in making the public aware of the event.

SAIA Awards

The Awards programme is being monitored on a continual basis, and recommendations for adjustments to the format will be put forward for the Board's consideration.

A record of the projects receiving the Award of Merit and the Award for Excellence is being published by the Journal. In addition several building and design-related magazines will feature the awards. The successful partnership with VISI is continuing, and the awards projects will be featured in the magazine later this year. The project is two-fold and members of the public will again have an opportunity to vote for the best building on line. It will be most interesting to see how the public perceive excellence in architecture.

Student Congress 2006

SAIA's sponsorship towards the Student Congress held in Pretoria in May 2006, created an opportunity for a presentation on the Institute to over 700 student delegates. In the five minute slot, the Executive Officer highlighted the role of the Institute with a PowerPoint presentation of the award entries as a visual backdrop.

Competitions

Celebration of Cities2

After the initial success we enjoyed in the first round of this UIA Initiative, only a limited number of entries were received earlier this year. Although highly commended by the SA panel of jurors, South Africa's entries into the international round did not achieve the same level of success.

SAIA Accredited Competitions

SAIA continues to assist promoters in meeting the requirements set for architectural competitions, and apart from assisting government with the arrangements for the Pan African Parliament building competition for architects in Africa, we have also accredited the exciting competition at Spier in Stellenbosch.

The Promotions committee had a very successful two years in that we were able to establish the various areas that required addressing, and we could start to lay the foundations to resolving these issues. Communication with members is a critical issue. Members need to remain informed and have access to all the latest information as and when available – in a digital format. The relationship with sponsors and the development of these relationships remain a day to day requirement.

In order to be more proactive and effective it will require the services of a full time Promotions and Communications Director if we wish to maintain the flow of information and attend to the follow up actions required. The committee looks forward to SAIA finding a suitable person for this important position.

Hynn Engelbrecht : Convenor SAIA Promotions

COMMUNICATIONS

Convenor: Ms Deborah Preller (BoR)

Experts: Prof Julian Cooke (Architecture SA)
Prof Iain Low (Digest)
Prof Wally Peters (KZNIA)
Mr Leon Keyter (SAIA Webmaster)

Regional Representatives:

Mr Chris de Jager (BKIA)
Mr Charles Louw (ECIA)
Mr Anthony Santos (FSIA)
Ms Zola Kgaka (GIfA)
Mr Louw Whitehead (LIA)
Mr Phil Tasker (MPIA)
Mr Phillip Crafford (PIA)

The Communication committee's singular area of focus is the Institute's official publications, both conventional and electronic; the Journal, the Digest and the SAIA website. Several outstanding issues were successfully addressed, but the committee's efforts regarding the website were frustrated by the lack of adequate resources in the SAIA secretariat.

Contractual Arrangements

Architecture SA is the official journal of the Institute and published under contract by Picasso-Headline. Upon expiry after the initial three year period the contract automatically renewed itself for another five years until 2010.

The contract dating back to 1998, also with Picasso-Headline, for the publication of the Digest was for a period of ten years and will end in January 2007 ("..with the 2006 publication for 2006"). The Digest is endorsed by SAIA.

Suitable service contracts are to be finalised with the editors of both publications.

The SAIA web domain is hosted by Keyter IT. The service contract calls for the required technical backup and support of the site, including updates of content submitted to it by the Institute and monthly updates of the member and practice listings on the site.

SAIA Journal – Architecture SA

Communications was tasked by the Board to ensure that the terms of the agreement with Picasso were being met by all parties. Through regular consultation with the publishers a variety of issues, amongst others the payment of outstanding fees, were resolved, and the relationship between the parties has improved to the benefit of the publication.

The Journal's image was 'sharpened' and redesigned, complete with new mast head on the cover and colour-coded horizontal banding throughout from the September/ October 2005 edition onwards. There has been positive feedback regarding the new appearance.

The March/April 2006 edition, with an additional 3,000 print run, was the first to be commercially sold in selected bookstores. Subscription cards were also included for the first time. Distribution was further extended with the Universities of Technology being included, and suggestions of distribution to Universities further afield in Africa are currently being investigated.

Professor Julian Cooke has successfully edited all issues since October 2003, except for the "10 years of democracy" issue, guest-edited by Piet de Beer in November/ December 2004.

It was agreed that special issues will be published for the SAIA Awards, to coincide with the awards function held biennially in August with the Project Awards on alternate years. Consideration is being given to the publication of a sixth issue annually.

It is recommended that an Editorial Advisory Board (EAB), be reinstated to assist the editor on quality and editorial issues. Although the EAB should be representative of geographical spread and gender, the suitable candidates must be available and passionate about architecture, in order to contribute meaningfully to the publication.

The publication of refereed articles is an important aspect of an accredited Journal. The issues that still need to be resolved in the longer term are the updating of the panel of referees and a suitable advertising partner for the publication of lengthy articles. The accreditation status also needs to be reviewed in view of the Institute's name change.

Digest of SA Architecture

Editor Prof Iain Low has built up a good relationship with publishers Picasso Headline who took over the Digest from the previous publisher. Due to a 50% increase in advertising, the 2004/2005 issue had a substantial increase in the number of pages and projects featured.

The editor has created a clear format and layout, which is repeated annually giving the Digest a distinct, recognisable look. The majority of the work, layouts, etc for the Digest are done by the editor himself and Jenny Stadler, a member of the Editorial Board. The improved content and good feedback from advertisers has committed Picasso to spending more on the Digest through improved page and print quality.

Subscription cards were inserted into the 2005/2006 issue of the Digest resulting in good response from advance advertising sales. There is a proposal to launch the 2006/2007 issue at the Design Indaba in February 2007.

As a result of cooperation from the Regional Institutes, submissions have grown steadily, allowing a wider choice of featured projects; a more diverse regional and geographic spread and scale of project. The editor has added intellectual content and a broader focus. The quality of writing is improving with every issue, with the various authors being credited in the latest issue. A Directory of Professional Institutes and Tertiary Institutions was also included.

Website: www.saia.org.za

The Communications committee regrets that, mainly due to capacity constraints within the secretariat, the SAIA website has remained dormant for a considerable time, featuring outdated content. The introduction of corporate membership has paved the way for a password-protected closed user section which will be introduced soon to access privileged practice-related information.

Factual inaccuracies were identified and corrected and the listing of SAIA members and practices are updated regularly. Links to Regional websites are in place and the site can also be improved with the introduction of links to select content featured in the Journal and Digest. It is recommended that an archive of SAIA Awards be built up, with new information added regularly.

Deborah Preller : Convenor SAIA Communications

HERITAGE

Convenor: Alternating (BoR)

Experts: Ms Patricia Emmett (President)
Ms Laura Robinson (ClfA)
Mr Neil Kieviet (ECIA)
Mr Kobus du Preez (FSIA)
Mr Henry Paine (GIfA-2005)
Mr Marcus Holmes (GIfA-2006)
Prof Karel Bakker (PIA)

Regional Representatives:

Mr Rob Gillard (BKIA)
Dr Steven Townsend (ClfA)
Mr Lombard Delpont (FSIA)
Mr William Martinson (GIfA)
Mr Pieter Joubert (LIA)
Mr Reiner Fortsch (MPIA)
Ms Enla Minnaar (PIA-2005)
Ms Helene Potgieter (PIA-2006)

The Heritage committee was convened by three different Board members during this term; after Henry Paine's resignation from the Board, Marcus Holmes was appointed as convenor. The last two meetings were chaired by President Trish Emmett.

Activities and Projects

Due to the increase in legislative responsibilities as well as the complex nature of the heritage legislation it has become increasingly obvious that dissemination of information and guidance relating to heritage matters is a core activity of the committee and SAIA.

Several committee members participated and drafted content for inclusion in a compendium of construction-related legislation published by the Construction Industry Development Board. Further information, focusing on the apparent contradictions between heritage and health and safety regulations, are being worked on.

Heritage also decided to develop a basic Heritage Guide to be included in the Practice Manual for members. This package will include a summary of the National Heritage Resources Act, an abbreviated Burra Charter (the international accepted Australian heritage charter), and a copy of the SAIA Heritage Charter.

Engagement with Heritage Authorities

It is important that links with all tiers of government in the heritage sector are established and maintained, although the success of this varies from province to province. Problems appear to be experienced particularly in Gauteng and the Free State. It is generally agreed that there is very little capacity within the Provincial Heritage Authorities, where these exist; the Western Cape being the exception to the rule. Local authorities do not in general have the authority to deal with heritage matters as this competency has not been devolved to local government level. SAHRA remains the premier heritage authority and a good relationship with the national body is maintained. A number of SAIA heritage practitioners have been called upon to assist SAHRA in an advisory capacity.

20th Century Heritage

20th Century heritage in the built environment has been identified as a priority project. This links up with various international initiatives and is, as well, a response to the increasing threats of demolition or inappropriate alterations to important modern heritage buildings.

In order to compile a list of 20th century heritage buildings of merit it has been decided to start with listing regional Merit Award winners. It is difficult to obtain records from the regional institutes as record keeping appears to be haphazard. It will therefore be necessary to work through the journals manually, to approach past judges and look at regional websites.

In terms of the ICOMOS 20th Century Scientific Committee, Laura Robinson and Trish Emmett are now the local representatives – a list of SA's top 20 20th C post-war modern buildings that reflect the spirit of the century and still have authenticity will be developed; the regions will be asked to compile lists of their top ten buildings using an A4 format with a motivation and photograph.

Directory of Heritage Practitioners

In order to assist with the identification of practitioners with expertise in heritage conservation and management it has been agreed that SACAP will be asked to urge SAIA members to lodge detailed heritage CV's with SACAP. This list may then be referred to by persons or organisations requiring input from an architect with experience in heritage work. The NDPW and SAHRA have approached SAIA in this regard.

Education

There are currently two courses under development for a Masters in Heritage Studies in South Africa. The Universities of Pretoria and Cape Town are hopeful of introducing courses, possibly in 2008. Heritage will propose a sub-committee to look at the objectives, content and outcomes of the two courses. There are also continuing education courses offered at both Cape Town and Pretoria Universities. There is a need to introduce CPD courses in heritage for members of SAIA and the committee will be investigating this further.

Vienna Memorandum

The UNESCO Conference on "Historic Cities in the 21st Century – Towards new approaches in Urban Conservation" took place during June 2006 in Jerusalem. Trish Emmett attended, standing in for Gaetan Siew, the President of the UIA. The UNESCO Vienna Memorandum compiled in 2005 dealing with historic urban landscapes was reviewed. The conference resulted in "The Jerusalem Statement" incorporating the notions of intangible heritage so important in Africa but lacking in the Vienna Memorandum.

In conclusion, the Heritage committee shares many concerns with Habitat and at a joint meeting it was agreed that Heritage will provide input on the position of heritage impact assessments in habitat design, as well as assisting with developing the concept of cultural impact assessment in habitat procurement and the possible beneficial results for heritage in the government immovable asset management act.

Laura Robinson : on behalf of Heritage

HABITAT

Convenor: Mr Al Stratford (BoR)

Experts: Mr Rudi Botha (CIfA)
Mr Jacques Laubscher (FSIA)
Ms Joan Seirlis (KZNIA)
Mr Chris Malan (PIA)

Regional Representatives:

Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman (ECIA)
Mr Patrick McInerney (GIfA)
Mr Kirk White (KZNIA)
Mr Ollie Olwage (LIA)
Mr Hannes de Jager (MPIA)

Growing concerns in South Africa over the housing policy lead to the need for architects to address the broader issues of habitat. The scope of Habitat's mandate has broadened as the committee has met to discuss our role as architects in the development of the built environment. All work carried out by architects calls for a high degree of professional responsibility not only to the immediate client but perhaps more importantly to the collective destiny of the public at large. This realisation should bring us to practice with sustainability as the underlying bedrock against which all projects should be measured.

To this end Habitat has identified the following core activities:

Habitat Charter

- The Habitat committee is preparing a charter for inclusion into the SAIA Code of Conduct document.
- The nature and content of the charter will be in-line with the RIBA Manifesto, UN Habitat Charter and Agenda 21 document. These documents will be used as reference and contextualised to the socio-economic, political and spatial context of South Africa.
- The purpose of the charter is to communicate the role of the architect as built environment specialist within the current legislative context of South Africa.
- The charter will include a summary of relevant policies and legislation affecting our profession.

The goal of the committee is to present a draft charter for approval by August 2006.

Regional Habitat Committees

All SAIA regional institutes have been encouraged to establish multi-disciplinary 'habitat' committees for their regions. These subcommittees comprising professionals who are active in the field should be tasked to debate local initiatives, interact with local and provincial Government, identify noteworthy local projects and report back to national Habitat meetings.

CPD Courses and Tertiary Education

Habitat has undertaken through Jacques Laubscher (FSIA) to prepare a CPD course on sustainability which will be presented to the Education committee for endorsement as a CPD course. This course will be prepared in conjunction with the universities and in so doing further advance education at the tertiary level.

Co-operation with Government

Hassan Asmal (Vice-President) attended a meeting hosted by the Minister of Housing in Pretoria which resulted in the signing of a social contract with the Department of Housing. An extract from this document is inserted below.

The South African Institute of Architects undertakes to:

- *Engage in human settlement planning which meets best practice standards for social, environmental and economic sustainability.*
- *Enhance the housing product by means of qualitative improvement of architectural housing designs in respect of humane provision of shelter, aesthetics, technical performance and cost-effectiveness.*
- *Advance the creation of non-racial, socially integrated cities by playing a leading role as professionals in urban renewal and inner city regeneration, including innovative inner-city housing design.*
- *Mainstream housing as a subject for research, education and continuing professional development within the building professions.*

In conclusion, we are aware that the scope of work of the Habitat committee represents a vast overlapping field within the activities of SAIA. Architects need to move beyond being the perceived purveyors of aesthetics and form and become relevant through a deeper understanding of sustainability and the impact that should have on our work.

Al Stratford: Convenor Habitat

BENEFITS

Convenor: Mrs Eugenie van Schalkwyk (BoR)

Experts: Mr Ronald Remmers (APIGIS)
Mr Niël Crafford (Bepmeds)
Mr Geoff Carter Brown (KZNIA)
Mrs Esther van Tonder (SAIA Secretariat)

Regional Representatives:

Ms Wendy Salter (BKIA)
Mr Richard Honikman (CIfA)
Mr Tony Moors (ECIA)
Mr Charl-Pierre Celliers (FSIA)
Mr Alan ter Morshuizen (GIfA)
Mr Pieter Joubert (LIA)
Mr Dietrich Ungerer (MPIA)

The Terms of Reference of the Benefits committee is:

- To look into the needs of the current members and to determine what avenues to take so that the members' best interests will be served on a continuous basis;
- To develop a system of new benefits, to aid the current members and also to attract new members, together with the identification of possible actions to be taken to achieve these aims;
- To give continuous exclusive support to current members on practice issues and to make information on these matters available exclusively.

The committee held several sessions to discuss the main issues adding to the list of benefits to members. Several issues, particularly the issue regarding office capacity, were presented to the Board. This gave rise to the appointment of permanent members to the current Institute staff component. The Benefits committee feels that this is a very important issue to monitor on a continuous basis, so that the benefit of a well structured and staffed office will go to the members.

A Questionnaire is being developed to be sent to the regions, for each region to determine the needs, or additional needs, of their members and/or possible new members.

The Benefits committee must, on an ongoing basis, try to identify and develop structures or sets of guidelines or policies to address the issues such as CPD Accreditation, Sponsorship, Payments, Accounts, etc.

Eugenie van Schalkwyk: Convenor SAIA Benefits

ARCHITECTS PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME (APIGIS)

The APIGIS Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme has over the past two years maintained its growth, not so much due to increased membership but due more to the higher turnover of insured practices. The scheme is holding its own in the marketplace with a total number of 464 firms, mostly small to medium practices, presently being insured.

Having established itself as a benchmark in the PI industry, the APIGIS scheme is facing stiff competition, not only from traditional insurers but also from brokers putting together new schemes. To retain an edge, the Trust's executives have devoted much of their time and efforts over the past year to improving existing or adding new benefits. With the advantage of hindsight, the Board of Trustees is also looking at possible amendments to the Scheme to make it more responsive to the PI needs of architects and to expand the scheme to cover a wider range of Built Environment professionals. Free accidental death cover in the amount of R100,000 for principals now forms part of the policy as a benefit to the practice.

The driving force in maintaining and improving the APIGIS Scheme remains to provide Institute members with the option of PI cover through a scheme managed and overseen by architects at fair and market related premiums. We believe we have achieved this and will continue doing so.

Ron Remmers: Chair – APIGIS Board of Trustees

BEPMEDS MEDICAL SCHEME

The Built Environment Professions medical Scheme (Bepmeds) registered in 2003 as a restricted medical scheme. It held its first AGM on 20th July 2006 at Kwezi V3 Engineers' offices in Pretoria. The AGM was followed by a workshop to discuss the new years' rates and benefits structures.

The scheme offers three levels of coverage to give members a wider range of choices. A new savings plan for the *Pro-Core* option will also be introduced in 2007.

Statistics at present are as follows:

Reserve levels:

- R 3,0 million at the end of June 2006
- 10% of Gross Contributions
- All options contribute to the reserve funds

Average number of principal members;

- 2003 : 900 members
- 2004 : 1 218 members (35.3% growth)
- 2005 : 1 192 members (22.5% growth)
- 2006 : 1 577 members

Total assets to date

- R 8 million (at the end of June 2006)

Niël Crafford: SAIA Representative - Bepmeds Board of Trustees

■ PRESIDENT'S CONCLUSION

The Board decided to take the high road, to put structures in place that would provide an improved service to our members which would facilitate their ability to deliver excellence in architecture. Time will tell whether that vision was the correct one.

I have been very honoured to represent you. I have been so far out of my comfort zone in the last two years and have been humbled by the talent of the architects I have been privileged to work with, both here and internationally.

One of the things I will treasure is the friendships I have made in the Africa Union. As part of the combined AUA exhibition stand constructed at the UIA Conference in Istanbul, eThekweni Municipality sent a video technician to the Africa Union Conference in Abuja to record architects commenting on the challenges of practicing architecture in Africa. The following quote is from a Ghanaian architect, William Evans Anfom:

"In Africa they say we have a very horizontal lifestyle. We live very close to the ground and trying to fashion solutions that actually work and seeing the results whether it's in housing, schools or health facilities – helping Africa to provide African solutions to problems that are traditionally African. I find it very rewarding, very fulfilling and I don't think I would be practicing anywhere else apart from Africa.

I'm sure in every African country, wherever you go, you'll find that there's an architect somewhere brightening his own little corner. But through his work, he's making an impact on millions of people."