



**UIA REGION II PRESIDENTS MEETING
LIMASSOL, CYPRUS, 12-15 MARCH 2010**

A. Agenda as approved the 13th of March 2010

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| 9.00-11.00 | Working session |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30-13.00 | Working session |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00-18.30 | Working session |
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| 9.30-11.00. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome / Introduction. Lisa Siola, Region II Vice President 2. Adoption of the agenda 3. Welcome Antonis Pelekanos, CCEAA President 4. Presentation by the President Louise Cox. 5. Presentation by Lisa Siola, Vice President Region II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Activities since March 2009 ▪ Present situation of Region II. Member Sections and new presidents. ▪ Region II inside the UIA Working Bodies. Representation ▪ Region's II general strategy till 2011. ▪ Information about UIA Council in Sydney, Australia ▪ Region II regional representation to UIA Council ▪ Region II Website ▪ UIA World Congress TOKYO 2011 ▪ Thematic responsibilities: CPD, Architectural Policies, Education 6. Albert Dubler, Vice President Region I. Information 7. Region II Council members. M. Barmaki, L. Foldes, A. Kaftanov
Short presentation of activities. 8. Selma Harrington, President ACE 9. Mayor of Limassol Andreas Chtistou |
| 11.00-11.30. | Coffee break |
| 11.30-13.00. | 10. Interventions by all Presidents of UIA Region II member Sections. |
| 13.00-14.00. | Lunch |
| 14.00-18.30. | <p>Working Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Interventions by all Presidents of UIA Region II member Sections. 11. Discussion on Region II participation on UIA TOKYO 2011, 12. Regional Organizations Region II (UMAR, VISEGRAD 4, IAUA, FABSR), 13. CPD programme. Chamber of Architects of Turkey 14. Architectural Policies. Association of Hungarian Architects 15. Miscellaneous. 16. Next meeting place and date |



B. Participants

Louise Cox, UIA President
Antonis Pelakanos, CCEAA President
Andreas Christou, Limassol Mayor
Albert Dubler, UIA Vice President Region I
Lisa Siola, UIA Vice President Region II
Michel Barmaki, Lazslo Foldes, Andrey Kaftanov, UIA Council members Region II
Selma Harrington, ACE President
Andreas Christou, Mayor of Limassol

C. Participating UIA Member Sections Region II

Baltic Countries (Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia)
Peeter Pere, Hindrek Kesler, Estonia

Belarus
Vadim Drazhin

Cyprus
Vera Parlalidou,

Georgia
Nikoloz Abashidse

Greece
Lisa Siola

Hungary
Erno Kalman

Israel
Itzhak Lipovetzky

Lebanon
Bekhazi Andre

Poland
Jerzy Grochulski

Russia
Andrey Bokof,

Slovak Republic
Josef Istenes

Syria
Yasser Aljabi

Turkey
Tugse Selin Tagmat,

Ukraine
Sergey Tselovalnik

Also participated

Eszte Baku
(Hungary)
Ruth Jacobson
(Israel)



D. During the introductory part of the meeting, the main points of the interventions were as follows:

Antonis Pelekanos, President of the Cyprus Civil Engineers and Architects Association.

A.P. in his opening speech, he presented the history of CCEAA inside the young democracy of Cyprus and also the main fields of its activity. He stressed the importance of the international relations and the role of the UIA as an international representative of the architects and the importance of being UIA Member.

Louise Cox, President of UIA

L.C. presented the participation of the UIA in the UN COP 15 in Copenhagen last December as an official participant. She also presented the content of the UIA Declaration Sustainable by Design as it was presented in COP 15. This Declaration was the result of the collaboration and consultation among many UIA officials and at this time this declaration represents the basis of discuss of the organisation for a sustainable future.

Lisa Siola, UIA Vice President Region II

The main subject of LS's presentation is included as an annexe to this report.

Albert Dubler, UIA Vice President Region I

A.D. presented the document entitled **Responsibility of the architects within the context of the increasing complexity of construction globally**, to which all UIA member sections must contribute their opinions and input.

The UIA Council members Region II **Michel Barmaki, Laszlo Foldes and Andrey Kaftanov** referred to their activities inside their respective member sections and also inside the region in order to promote UIA priorities.

Selma Harrington, ACE President

S.H. emphasised the importance of her presence in a UIA Region II event in her first period as ACE President after her election. She also referred to the importance of the application of the principles of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ACE and UIA and the need to find the better way to work together in order to avoid double work by the two organisations and succeed better result . She especially referred to the need of joint initiative in order to promote the architectural profession to the regulating authorities.

Andreas Christou, Mayor of Limassol

A.C. presented a short history of the municipality of Limassol and he focused on the collaboration of the municipality with the architects and urban planners in order to achieve a better image of the city of Limassol for its inhabitants and the numerous tourists. He especially referred to the pedestrian area on the sea front of the city and also to the rehabilitation of the traditional buildings at the old harbour with the support of architects and urban planners.

E. Competitions

Nikoloz Abashidse representing the President of the Georgian UIA Section David Abuladze presented the proposition of the Georgian Section to organize an annual on-line architectural competition inside Region II, based on their experience in organising national competitions in collaboration with the magazine STYLE. The first competition of this kind could represent Region II in the exhibition part of the next congress UIA TOKYO 2011.

The proposition was accepted, as a final collaboration between the Georgian Section and Tomaz Kancler, director of the International Competitions Commission.

President Louise Cox gave the UIA Awards to the representatives of the sections of RII of the RII winners of the competition Celebration of Cities 3:

Students Category

Price: H Sena Dogan, Turkey

1st Mention Mavridou Vassiliki, Greece

2nd Mention Alina Batischeva, Russian federation

Professionals' category

Price: Nikita Segienko, Russian Federation

1st mention, Roxani-Sofia Tsiloni, Greece

2nd mention: Yaroslav Usov, Russian federation



Albert Dubler, UIA Vice President Region I

He referred to the International Competition for a Training and Teaching Centre for Sustainable Development Professionals launched by Alliances Foundation, and he answered to a certain critics raised by the UIA Moroccan Section, although this private competition successfully was launched under UIA approval.

F. Region II member sections

Baltic Countries

Peeter Pere, (Estonia) referred to the election of the new board of Estonian Association of Architects and promised to inform the Vice President about the names as well as the UIA Secretariat.

He referred to the priorities of his association inside the difficult situation for Estonian architects. These priorities concern procurement, architectural competitions, and the need for new regulations in many fields. He stressed the need of regulations concerning energy efficiency of the buildings, the role of the state architects and the need of a development plan. In spite of high percentage of unemployment, he stressed the importance the existence of a Continuing Professional Development system.

Belarus

Vadim Drazhin referred to the Biennale Leonardo of 2009 and the success and high participation from more than 35 countries due to the fact that for the first time it was realised under the auspices of the UIA. The experience of this year will be very helpful in order to better organise next biennale of 2011.

The President of Belarus is adopting European policies in construction and architecture, fact which will be very helpful for the future, in spite the lack of new investments in the country. From now and then the licence to practice is authorised to physical person and not only to legal entities.

Cyprus

Vera Parlalidou referred to recent dramatic history of Cyprus and the impact especially on monuments in the northern part of Cyprus. She also referred to the number of the existing schools of architecture in Cyprus (three schools) and the total number of practicing architects (1500 architects in 300 approximately architectural offices). The licence for practice is given by the Scientific Technical Chamber of Cyprus to which all practicing architects are members by the law. She stressed the need of territorial planning in order to avoid anarchy in the construction area, and also the need of a national policy on architecture.

Georgia

Nicoloz Abashidze referred to the way with which the Day of Architecture is celebrated in Georgia with special awards to architects, publication and presentation of books on architecture, opening to the students etc. The Georgian Section is giving an important priority this time to the study of heritage with the collaboration of certain neighborhood counties as Turkey. Concerning the procedure of demonstration of professional knowledge and the registration-licensing he announced that a new law was presented to the responsible national body, and he asked for support from the international community concerning all these procedures. Continuing Professional Development is also one of the priorities of the association and also collaboration and support of young architects.

Greece

Lisa Siola referred to the fact that the UIA Greek Section supported by the Technical Chamber of Greece is very active inside UIA by supporting the Vice Presidency of Lisa Siola and also three UIA International Work Programmes Directors. She also stressed the importance of close collaboration with the Greek architectural schools and the Association of Greek Architects, fact that is reflected to the strong participation to the UIA competition as Celebration of Cities 3, to which Greece obtained the first mention in both categories, architects and students. On the 6th of March was organized a very successful meeting with the Greek architects, where was presented the activities of the UIA and also the TOKYO 2011 Congress. Albert Dubler was the keynote speaker of the meeting. She also mentioned that the 8th of May the UIA Work Programme ARES (Nikos Findikakis, director) is organizing an international meeting with the participation of all UIA Regions on the theme "Renewable Sources Energy and Architecture".

Hungary

Erno Kalman announced the election of the new president of the Chamber of Architects of Hungary. The Association of Architects of Hungary, UIA Hungarian Member Section, has signed with the Chamber a new agreement concerning Hungarian architects' representation. He



presented the multiple activities of AHA during last year, and also to the activities of VISEGRAD 4, and to the Spring Architectural Festival in 6 of March in Budapest. He also referred to the "Quinzieme d'architecture" 16 March to 3 of April organized by l'Institut Hongrois from Paris.

Israel

Itzhak Lipovetzky informed the meeting that fortunately in Israel the profession does not face crisis. An important number of national architectural competitions take place each year and also competitions for young architects. Young architects from Israel participated in the Biennale Leonardo Award 2009. The association is working now on a new construction and planning law, because existing were very old and cannot fulfill present needs of the society.

Lebanon

Andre Bekhazi mentioned that all constructions in Lebanon are controlled by the Chamber of Architects and Engineers. There are 6.000 architects in Lebanon and 7 architectural schools of architecture. There is not an apparent crisis in the profession of the architect because of the investments from the Golf in Lebanon. Sustainability and the responsibility of the architects are the major two preoccupations, because construction procedure affects a lot the environment and the chamber wishes to alert and unify all engineers in common actions for the protection of the environment. The problem of the water is one of the biggest preoccupations and a competition for young architects will be launched on this theme. Lebanese order keeps close collaboration with the schools of architecture, and also collaborates with Turkey in the matter of training.

Poland

Jerzy Grochulski stressed the matter that in Poland there are 30 schools of architecture but unfortunately only 2 are public. The accreditation of polish schools of architecture according to UNESCO-UIA system is a matter of first priority. The association is working on introducing architecture in primary education, and also on architectural policies in collaboration with the ministries of Culture and Foreign Affairs. On October and during the hole month is organised the Festival of Architecture. The association of architects is not satisfied by the New Building Code and the Guidelines for building Design as presented by the Polish Government.

Russia

Andrey Bokof stressed that an affordable housing programme of good quality is one of the priorities of UAR, in order to face the impacts on environment and people, from the sustainable family house to the prefabricated multi residential buildings. UAR consider the professionals in Urban Planning are not well trained in Russia and this fact must be faced. He explained that protection of heritage is a very complicated procedure in Russia due to multiple existing responsibilities to different bodies. UAR is also working on a plan of support of young architects. UAR is also supporting the recognition of the International Association of Unions of Architects - MACA as a Region II regional organisation, due to the fact of the close collaboration that the member sections of these organisations were developing all these years.

Slovak Republic

Josef Istenes mentioned that the association of architects is working on the protection of cultural heritage in combination with new regulations concerning sustainability. They are also working on elaborating methods of evaluation of the quality in architectural practice. In Slovakia there are not yet existing standards on energy saving process in buildings. There are not also yet existing regulations concerning new buildings with 0 CO2 emissions, and politicians usually choose wrong procedures.

Syria

Yasser Aljabi in the name of the Order of Architects of Syria mentioned that heritage should keep a very important role in UIA Congresses. In Syria there is a big conflict between cultural heritage and contemporary architectural design. He stressed the fact that heritage can give many answers on the sustainability and this fact must be emphasised in the next UIA congress.

Turkey

Tugce Selin Tagmat referred to the fact that due to elections of the CAT Branch in Istanbul the Council member Deniz Incedayi could not participate in the meeting, as also the president of CAT. She also announced that the elections for the Central Executive Board of CAT will be on April 2010. In Antalya on 25 of May will be the young architects competition under the auspices of the UIA for the first time. CAT also started a close collaboration with Syria.

Ukraine

Sergey Tselovalnik stressed the need not to refer continuously to problems but also to possibilities that are created under the new conditions for the profession. He proposed that the VISEGRAD 4 exhibition on Danube Competition goes to Tokyo Congress.



G. Other presentations

CPD Region II

CAT is member of the UIA Joint Oversight Committee representing Region II, shareholder of the UIA CPD operating company and CAT CPD system is accredited by the UIA system. Tugce Selin Tagmat presented the results of the survey that CAT has circulated among RII member sections concerning their CPD systems if existing. This survey was the basic point of discussion of the round table meeting organized by CAT in Istanbul on the 25th of September 2010.

Architectural policies.

Erno Kalman presented all initiatives taken inside VISEGRAD 4 concerning architectural policies in collaboration with the EFAP events.

H. Discussions-Decisions

1. Regional representation of Region II in the UIA Council meeting

It was decided that in the future RII will be represented in the UIA Council meeting by the presidents of all existing regional organizations inside RII (Visegrad 4, MACA, UMAR and FABSR) with a rotating system, beginning by Visegrad 4. ACE to which and important number of Region II sections belong is not mentioned, because ACE is already invited as representative of Region I also. It is on the obligation of the invited president or chairperson to contact the other three in order to transfer to the UIA Council the largest possible regional architectural priorities in RII.

According to the UIA Council meetings Agenda are invited.

- In the Tokyo Council meeting V4
- In the Beirut Council Meeting MACA
- In the Singapore Council meeting UMAR
- In the Tokyo Council meeting before Tokyo Congress FABSR

2. Region II participation in the UIA World Congress TOKYO 2011: Vice President will ask from the UIA General Secretary for a room for 100-150 persons for 3 hours, with simultaneous translation English-Russian, for a RII conference and also for an exposition place for RII presentation

3. The UIA Georgian Section will organise annual architectural competitions inside RII, and the results of the first competition to be presented in TOKYO 2011. The Georgian Section will collaborate with Tomaz Kancler in order to organise this competitions in accordance with UIA regulations.

Permanent responsibilities

After a proposition of the VP Lisa Siola, it was decided that the following RII UIA Member Section undertake the permanent responsibilities for RII as follows.

- The Association of the Hungarian Architects, Architectural Policies
- The Chamber of Architects of Turkey, Continuing Professional Development
- The Union of Architects of Russia, Education

Next 2011 RII Presidents Meeting in Israel

There were two invitations for hosting 2011 UIA Region II meeting

- Georgia
- Israel

It was decided by vote that Israel will host next RII Presidents Meeting for 2011 next February or March.

Lisa Siola
 UIA Vice President Region II
 20 May 2010