



AIA International Region



AIA INTERNATIONAL REGION NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members and Colleagues,

2015 took off with an amazing start including a successful Design Exhibition, Global Practice Workshop, International speaker events, preparations for the inaugural AIA IR Conference and the 2015 AIA IR Design Awards competition with esteemed Juror **Fumihiko Maki, Hon. FAIA**.

We had the honor of hosting the Institute President, **Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA**; Institute CEO, **Robert Ivy, FAIA**; 2015 AIA Kemper Award recipient, Architecture 2030 founder, **Edward Mazria, FAIA** and American hardwood expert **Criswell Davis**.

2015 AIA International Region Design Awards

Begin your submissions TODAY by clicking [here](#)! The on-line process is even easier than last year's inaugural roll out. There are four award categories.

Submission due date: **August 20, 2015**

Inaugural AIA IR Conference in Kyoto

September 11-14, 2015 (click [here](#) for further details)

July 14: Early Bird Deadline; hotel specials are first come, first served so register today for this great event! Plan on arriving in time for the welcome event the evening of September 11, sponsored by a new IR partner—**BAS** (Big Ass Solutions)—and organized under the leadership of AIA Japan and AIA International Director **George Kunihiro, FAIA**.

Notes on the 2015 AIA Convention in Atlanta

The International Reception, forums, meetings and various social events were all well attended with productive discussions. Over 7,000 came to hear **President Clinton** and his interview with AIA President Richter. Israeli/Canadian/American architect **Moshe Safdie, FAIA** received the 2015 AIA Gold Medal, and the AUA (African Union of Architects) signed the Africa Sustainability Campaign Cooperation Agreement. The ARCASIA President shared Nepal relief updates and discussed next steps with AIA-IR and national leadership.



President Clinton; Moshe Safdie, FAIA, 2015 AIA Gold Medal recipient; AIA and AUA signing the Africa Sustainability CCA; Nepal Relief discussion with ARCASIA

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The AIA-IR congratulates regional members, **Thomas Vonier, FAIA**, (AIA CE) on election to Institute President 2016; **Thierry Paret, FAIA**, on appointment to the AIA Strategic Council and election to Vice President for the International Region; and **Loay Quota, AIA** to AIA-IR Treasurer. These gentlemen will continue to raise the international profile and global relevance of the Institute. Please note that other AIA IR directors are to be elected by unassigned membership and appointed by zone representatives shortly. All unassigned members should be prepared to nominate and vote soon. The final board will be presented in Kyoto, September 11-14, 2015.

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS THIS YEAR

HQ Design Exhibition of 2014 AIA IR Design Awards

Venue: AIA Headquarters 1st Floor Gallery, Washington, DC

Global Practice Workshop by AIA IR and AIA International Practice Committee Advisory Group

Convention in Atlanta with speakers from all AIA IR Zones.

AIA IR Global Events on Sustainability and Relevance

April 13: Sustainable Hardwoods discussion, AIA SH, thanks to AHEC;

June 16: Getting to Zero Emissions with Ed Mazria, FAIA and Minister of the Environment HK SAR Gov., K.S. Wong, AIA HK – thanks to JLL for the venue and Peroni for the beer;

June 18: Toward Zero Emissions, AIA SH, thanks to RTKL/ Callison.

LAST YEAR

Asia Cities Symposium – Hong Kong



Congratulations to all involved in the **inaugural AIA IR Symposium on September 22, 2014** successfully hosted by AIA Hong Kong at the Asia Society HK Center followed by a rooftop cocktail reception and interactive discussion dinner. The event was opened by **Christine Loh**, HK SAR Government Under-Secretary for the Environment, attended by international experts, urban design students and colleagues and included:

- Presentations by 2014 AIA National President, **Helene Dreiling, FAIA**, and many other AIA and Hon. FAIA members from our three AIA-IR Zones.
- Discussions focusing on rapidly developing cities in Asia and the role and responsibility that we as architects have to the development of cities with respect to livability, affordability, connectivity, mobility, accessibility, sustainability and walkability.
- Members sharing how the IR platform can lead to greater awareness of best practice and more sensitive urban design.

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COMING UP

- Unassigned members gathering in Singapore with **Ken Yeang, Hon. FAIA**, and BAS August 13, 2015; open to all.
- Conferences in Vienna (AIA CE) October 1-4, 2015 and in Abu Dhabi (AIA ME) November, 2015.
- A global calendar will soon be available via a link on the AIA-IR Website. An Apple app that was in development last year will be re-designed in late August to be compatible with multiple Apple platforms—possibly also the new Apple watch. In testing the original AIA-IR app, we encountered problems with the app being blocked on certain servers—so the IR Calendar site is the immediate work-around.

International Chapter Design Award Opportunities

AIA Hong Kong Design Awards submissions are due July 17, and **AIA Continental Europe Design Awards** submissions are due July 31. If you have projects in either chapter's location please contact them about joining as non-local members and submitting your work. And remember all submissions are eligible for the **AIA-IR Design Awards**.

OUTREACH & COMMUNICATION

Do get involved – please drop us a line to let us know where you are; which initiatives you would like to get involved with and which existing chapter or new city you might like to help in. If you have important news, ideas or events to share please forward to our Secretary: **Info@AIAinternational.com**. If you can help with writing content for our newsletter or event publications, please contact us.

SUPPORT

We would like to take a moment to *sincerely thank our confirmed AIA IR Founding Sponsors: AECOM, AHEC, Dornbracht and Dow Corning*. They, along with our International Chapters and leadership, have made it possible in our first 18 months to provide so many incredible member benefits. We will continue to recognize all of our supporters at coming events so if you have colleagues that would like to join us and take advantage of unique opportunities to help found our region, please contact us.

*Sign up now for the first ever AIA International Region Conference - in Kyoto this September (click [here](#) for details).

*Start your AIA IR Design Award submissions now (click [here](#) to begin).

Thank you on behalf of the AIA International Region,



Dr. Christine E. Bruckner, FAIA

President, AIA International Region, a region of the American Institute of Architects

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AIA INTERNATIONAL REGION SUSTAINING FOUNDING SPONSORS



Report from George Kunihiro, FAIA, AIA International Director

The AIA Strategic Council

On the Washington front, the AIA Strategic Council is moving forward in its mission to identify the issues that the AIA needs to take on as challenges. Since the Institute's fiduciary role has been placed in the hands of the new Board, the Strategic Council is now free to involve itself with issues directly related to the profession, to society, and to our global environment. The goal of the "repositioning" initiative is for the AIA to become ever-more relevant, and we are on our way.

The Strategic Council has organized several committees to formulate a list of topics to take up for the coming year. As you have learned in this issue of the IR Newsletter, our own **Thierry Paret** has been elected as the "At-Large" Representative to the Council. Along with the incoming representative of the International Region, there will be a larger IR voice in Washington next year. The Strategic Council, as well as the Board, recognizes the importance of the global community; thus our role as the representative of the AIA in many regions of the world will become more critical in the coming year.

Preparation for the Kyoto Conference is Underway

Meanwhile, preparation for the first IR Conference is well on its way in Kyoto, Japan. Our theme "*Global Relevance: Looking Up*" is timely as the domestic economy has improved and more architects and their firms are looking outwards and are ready to be engaged in global practice.

AIA Japan, the host chapter, is celebrating its tenth year and our membership is working hard to organize what we hope will be a memorable conference in the heritage city of Kyoto.

In the conference, there will be a line up of well-respected keynote speakers who have very active global practices and who can share their experiences with our members. **Fumihiko Maki, Hon. FAIA**, a U.S. educated architect and a Pritzker Prize laureate, has a number of buildings to his credit in the U.S. and in Canada including Number 4 World Trade Center, the latest high-rise tower to be completed in the redevelopment of New York City's downtown Manhattan area.

Kengo Kuma, Hon. FAIA, continues a long list of important Japanese architects who practice globally, such as Tange, Maki, Ando and Ito. He has offices in Tokyo, Beijing and Paris and has built in the U.S. Kuma is the next generation of the "global influencer" in architecture. **Ken Yeang, Hon. FAIA**, is a U.K.- educated Malaysian architect with offices in Kuala Lumpur and London, whose works have influenced the course of green architecture around the world.

Besides the lineup of respected speakers and a program designed to share information across the International Region, we are planning to take you outside to the streets of Kyoto with special daily tours in the afternoons, focusing on the tradition and culture of the city as well as a full-day excursion to the Miho Museum by I. M. Pei, Byodoin Temple, a World Heritage Site, and other special destinations.

To make your visit truly memorable, our committee has organized the farewell party in a unique setting of Kodaiji Temple, a Buddhist temple with a breathtaking "lightscape" in the garden.

For those of you who are interested in an extended visit in Japan, we are also offering a cultural and sport tour of the northern island of Hokkaido. This two-day package includes visits to the works of Isamu Noguchi, the 20th Century Japanese-American sculptor, and Kan Yasuda, a contemporary sculptor who works in Italy and Japan—as well as a round of golf at one of the premier golf courses in Northern Japan.

Members of AIA Japan and the IR Conference Organizing Committee are looking forward to welcoming you to Japan to see the wonders of both the old and the new in the city of Kyoto.



Image source: www.japan-guide.com/e/e3927.html

Kodaiji Temple, venue for the Kyoto Conference farewell party. Kodaiji belongs to the Rinzai sect of Zen Buddhism. Its main buildings were constructed in the lavish style of the era of Japan's unification. They feature richly decorated interiors and are surrounded by beautiful Zen gardens.



Image source: www.kyoto-np.co.jp/kp/topics/eng/2013oct/10-23.html



AIA NATIONAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

Delegates to the American Institute of Architects (AIA) national convention in Atlanta elected **Thomas V. Vonier, FAIA**, (AIA Continental Europe) 2016 AIA First Vice President/2017 President at AIA. Jennifer Workman, AIA, L. Jane Frederick, FAIA, and Anthony P. Schirripa, FAIA, have been elected to serve as the At-large Director; Stuart L. Coppedge, AIA, has been elected 2016–2017 Treasurer.

Three additional At-large Directors were appointed to the Strategic Council in advance of AIA Convention 2015. They were **Thierry Paret, FAIA** (AIA Middle East), Donald King, FAIA, and Deepika Padam, AIA.

Currently serving as 2014–2015 AIA Vice President, Vonier is also the founder and past president of AIA Continental Europe from 1994 to 1995. He served on the AIA Board of Directors representing the AIA International Region from 2010 to 2012. Vonier received an M.Arch. and a B.Arch. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee after attending the school of architecture at Washington University in St. Louis. He is also currently Secretary General of the International Union of Architects, after previously serving as its Vice President. Tom Vonier was also instrumental in the creation of the Middle East Chapter and continues to be a strong supporter. Tom Vonier and Thierry Paret will be the only two serving board members from the International Region (AIA Continental Europe Chapter and AIA Middle East Chapter).

The AIA National Board is responsible for providing operational and fiduciary management of the Institute. The newly reduced board will be made up of:

Four Elected Officers (elected by the delegates at the annual convention)

- AIA President (one-year term)
- First Vice President/President-elect (one-year term, then automatically succeeding to the Presidency)
- Secretary (two-year term)
- Treasurer (two-year term)

Six At-Large Directors

- Three At-Large Directors elected by the delegates at the annual convention (three-year terms)
- Three At-Large Directors elected by the Strategic Council (one to three-year terms)
- As many as two At-Large Directors selected by the President but subject to Board approval (terms no longer than the selecting President's term)
- **Associate Director** (two-year term)
- A **CACE Director** (one-year term)
- A **Student Director**
- The AIA's **EVP/Chief Executive Officer** (a non-voting member)



ABOVE: Thierry Paret, FAIA (second right) joins other new Board and Strategic Council members on stage in Atlanta

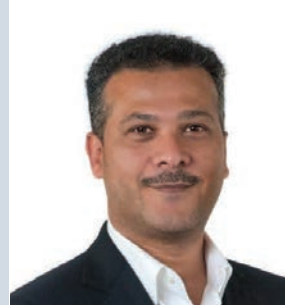
AIA INTERNATIONAL REGION ELECTION RESULTS

The votes received by proxy and by those attending the 2015 annual members' meeting in Atlanta on May 14, 2015 have been vetted by the AIA's Legal Counsel for the offices of First Vice President/President-elect and Treasurer for the International Region.

Thierry Paret, FAIA was elected as First Vice President for 2016-2017 and President for 2017-2018, and **Loay Quota, AIA** was elected as Treasurer for 2016-2017. The two former AIA Middle East Chapter Presidents will work with the International Region's Board of Directors to further develop the AIA's international initiatives.

Thierry Paret, FAIA

Loay Quota, AIA





AIA GRASSROOTS 2015

The AIA-IR was highly visible at this year's Grassroots Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC.

On the evening of March 5, 2015, prior to a reception held for several hundred attendees at AIA headquarters, the first annual AIA International Region Design Awards and Honors were presented. Using the ground floor gallery, each of the 18 award winners was on display throughout the reception along with two boards with information about the jurors and the International Region. Among the special guests attending were AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, and AIA Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer Robert Ivy, FAIA.



2015 INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE WORKSHOP

The AIA International Region and the AIA International Practice Advisory Group joined forces to offer a full-day, 7.5 LU workshop on May 13, 2015 just prior to opening day of the AIA national convention in Atlanta.

Entitled *Architecture Abroad*, the workshop was led by 14 speakers and covered project case studies in all three International Region zones. Each of the three IR global zone presentations was introduced by a political/social/economic profile that included comparative metrics. Interspersed between global zone discussions were "Tools & Resources" presentations covering the UIA, U.S. Department of Commerce, NCARB, and risk management/insurance considerations. Thanks to all who participated, and watch for news on the planning for the 2016 workshop in Philadelphia!





ELSEWHERE AT THE CONVENTION...

Nearly 40 members and guests gathered for the second annual AIA International Region members' meeting on the second afternoon of the national convention in Atlanta. In addition to hearing candidate profiles and casting votes for the two officer positions on this year's ballot, those in attendance received a financial report, learned about upcoming IR initiatives, and listened as colleagues in the IR's six chapters gave brief reports on current and planned activities.

TOP LEFT: President Christine Bruckner, FAIA; Vice President James Wright, AIA; Secretary Lester Korzilius, AIA; Treasurer Thierry Paret, FAIA



The AIA International Region was well represented at the annual International Presidents' Forum hosted by AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, as well as at the luncheon that followed in which AIA First Vice President Russell Davidson, FAIA, did the hosting honors.

During the Presidents' Forum, brief reports were presented by the presidents of 14 architectural associations the world over, with comments from the American Institute of Architecture Students, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the National Architectural Accrediting Board, and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

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 AIA Convention 2015
May 14-16, Atlanta

2015 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS' FORUM


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The **AIA UK** Chapter held the 2015 Excellence in Design Awards Gala at the Zaha Hadid designed Magazine Restaurant at the Serpentine Sackler Gallery. During the champagne and cocktail reception prior to the awards ceremony, over 120 distinguished guests joined the chapter in recognizing the terrific efforts and astonishing talent on display throughout the restaurant. This year's submissions included projects from around the world designed by UK architects, and architecture completed within the UK.

Fred Manson, of Heatherwick Studio, chaired the jury in selecting this year's winners anonymously, amongst an extremely competitive group of entries from some of the best design firms working today. Jury members also included **Alison Brooks**, **Brett Steele**, **Martin Gledhill**, **Ricardo Mateu**, **Owen Pritchard** and **Brianne Hamilton**.

The 2015 AIA UK Excellence in Design winners:

Noel Hill Travel Award

Ryan McGaffney and Jennifer Taggart

The Mackintosh School of Architecture at The Glasgow School of Art (1, right)

Previous design by the students using temporary materials, designed and built in two weeks.

Young Architect Award

Feilden Fowles Architects – *The Lee Centre, Ralph Allen School (2, right)*, Bath, UK (completed 2013)

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Professional Commendation

Seth Stein Architects – *Equestrian Centre (3, right)*, Victoria, Australia (completed 2014)

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Professional Commendation

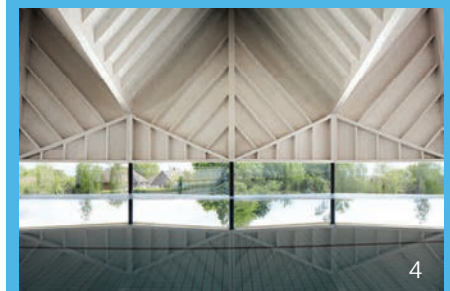
Duggan Morris Architects – *Alfriston Swimming Pool (4, right)*, Buckinghamshire, UK (completed 2014)

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Professional Winner

David Chipperfield Architects – *Office Building Moganshan Road (5, right)*, Hangzhou, China (completed 2013)

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It has been a busy spring for the **AIA Europe** chapter. We had a large delegation at the convention in Atlanta to support AIA Europe's first candidate for President of AIA in 2017, **Thomas Vonier, FAIA**. It was a great team effort in support of Tom's candidacy. As you know, Tom Vonier succeeded in the election and will be the first President of AIA from an offshore chapter. We should all be proud that one of the founders of AIA IR has now achieved the highest elected Institute office in AIA. This election is symbolic of the importance of global practice in our profession. At the convention in Atlanta two of our members were elevated to Fellows of the AIA, **Yael S. Kinsky, FAIA**, and **Thomas Bittner, FAIA**, for their contributions to our profession.

This May the AIA Europe spring conference was held in Milano. The conference focused on *Expo 2015 Milano*. The Expo's focus is on food this year...what a combination, architecture and food in Italy! AIA Europe was honored to host AIA President **Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA**, who provided positive messages to our members.

At the conference in Milano the AIA Europe board of directors voted to establish a design awards program and a student program. All AIA-IR members are invited to join the AIA Europe design awards; please visit our web site to see the details.

On 1-4 October 2015 AIA Europe will have its fall conference in Vienna titled "The World's Most Livable City". We welcome all AIA-IR members to attend. The conference will be chaired by **Les Jorden, AIA**, and we are sure he will continue our tradition of putting together quality conference's in beautiful cities in Europe. Please see the AIA Europe web site for more information.

Finally: the **2015 AIA Continental Europe Honors and Awards Program** is open...see the bottom right corner of this page for the link to more information!

<http://aiaeurope.org/>



**AIA
Continental Europe
Honors & Awards Program**

Deadline: 31 July, 2015

Information:

<https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=VNCSQOUJ>

The **AIA Hong Kong** chapter focus for 2015 is *Architecture and Cities*, following the 2014 focus on *Innovation, Invention and Inspiration*. Monthly speakers, events and seminars have been planned, organized and executed to raise awareness of various aspects of *Innovation, Invention and Inspiration*.

We have also started a Young Architects Group (YAG) to attract younger members and to address the specific needs of emerging architects - such as the ARE exam, training, mentoring, cutting edge technologies, sustainable materials and innovative strategies for design. YAG was also set up to provide a platform for emerging architects to discuss their views on Architecture and Cities and the future of the profession.

The Chapter continues to work to update members on an existing agreement which allows for reciprocal recognition and membership with the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), in which AIA members who meet certain requirements are eligible for an examination and professional interview leading to HKIA membership, which can have benefits for members working here, as well as in China.

Work in Mainland China has slowed, yet some development continues, partially due to China's less-intricate ties to the western financial markets, as well as to a stated commitment on the part of the Chinese government to invest heavily in infrastructure over the next five years. Macau, Southeast Asia and especially India are showing signs of improvement and there are future prospects for members and architectural practices in Hong Kong.

AIA Hong Kong continues to work closely with other professional organizations in Hong Kong and participate in local events and activities. We also interact closely with Hong Kong Government Departments and invite their key staff to conduct tours and participate at AIA Hong Kong events to raise the profile of AIA Hong Kong locally.

What's Happening

Since the beginning of the year, the Hong Kong chapter has featured an unusually large number of building tours, in addition to our regular roster of seminars, quarterlies, and other events.

Coming Up

The annual **AIA Hong Kong Honors & Awards Ceremony** will be held on Wednesday, September 30th and submissions are due by July 17.

In the meantime, **do let us know** if you will be visiting Hong Kong as we have a number of exciting events coming up in the next six months!

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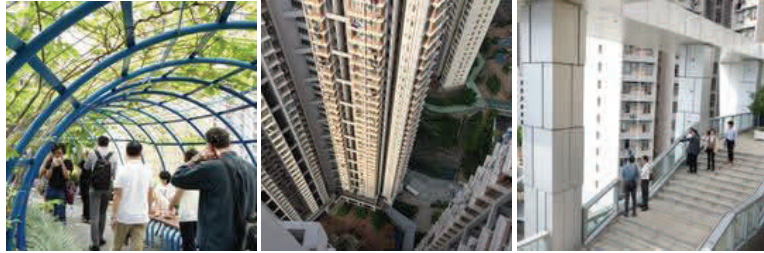
TOP TWO IMAGES: Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre Tour

BOTTOM THREE IMAGES: "Cultural Light: The Instinctive and the Indigenous" with Charles Stone of FMS, New York





*Tai O Heritage
Hotel Tour*



*Hong Kong Public
Housing Tour*



*Luncheon and
Young Architects
Group Reception
with Elizabeth Chu
Richter, FAIA and
Robert Ivy, FAIA*



*Kadoorie Estate
Tour*



*Second Quarterly:
Presidential Forum*



*Architecture 2030:
Urban Climate
Initiative – Toward
Zero Emissions
with Ed Mazria and
K.S. Wong*

TOP TWO IMAGES: PMQ (Police Married Quarters) tour
BOTTOM TWO IMAGES: First Quarterly, "The Cultural Triangle"



Herman Miller's Living Office Presentation

With the advent of personal mobile devices, we can now work anywhere and anytime of our choosing. Is the traditional workplace becoming obsolete? What will be the most critical elements and values for the 21st century workplace? These are some of the questions posed in this lecture by **Maria Andreu** of Herman Miller Japan. An innovative idea called the *Living Office* is proposed by Herman Miller. Companies must attract, nurture, enable, and retain talent to drive innovation in the 21st century. The Living Office becomes a platform for spiritual connection to work and colleagues, enhancing the human experience of interaction and creation. Each Living Office is unique, tailored to fit the purpose, character and activities of the company and to enable and empower its workers. The Living Office design is created by analyzing the ten modes of work and ten distinct workplace settings to determine what are the priorities. By selecting and composing workplace settings with furnishings to match each setting, an office landscape can be created to form the basis for the new office design.

Dimitra Tsachrelia of Steven Holl Associates Presents the Reid Building Design

Dimitra Tsachrelia is an associate of Steven Holl Associates and she was the assistant Project Architect for the Reid Building. She was in Japan with students from Columbia University where she teaches with Steven Holl at the Advanced Architectural Design Studio Master's Program.

REID BUILDING, THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART Glasgow, United Kingdom. The Reid Building, designed by Steven Holl Architects, is situated across from the historic Charles Rennie Mackintosh building in Glasgow and has an area of 11,250 sm for the Art and Design school, including studios, project spaces, lecture theater, seminar rooms, cafe, exhibition, and academic administrative spaces.

The Reid building, which is named after former GSA Director, Dame Seona Reid, opened in April 2014 and received the ARCHITECTS JOURNAL - AJ100 BUILDING OF THE YEAR 2014 award in the UK, 2014.

AIAJ O-Hanami Party at the Moderne Kan in Fukagawa

AIA Japan O-Hanami Party was held at the Fukagawa Moderne Kan Building, a community center building from the Taisho Era. The party was held to enjoy the cherry blossoms along the riverbanks near the Moderne Kan and also as a send-off party for longtime AIA Japan members, Nicolai and Yasu Yanagisawa, whose dedicated service to AIA Japan was honored. They will continue to support AIA Japan with the Student Tour Program from their new home in Portland, Oregon. We wish them much happiness in their new life in the USA!



TOP: Maria Andreu at the Herman Miller Japan Showroom

ABOVE: Dimitra Tsachrelia at the Herman Miller Japan Showroom

BELOW: The Reid Building, Glasgow School of Art, by Steven Holl Architects



BELOW: Nicolai and Yasu Yanagisawa are awarded the AIA Japan Certificate of Appreciation from Richard Moriwaki, AIAJ President, and George Kunihiro, FAIA, AIAJ President-Elect



Japanese Architecture: "What It Is, What It Ain't", Professor Dana Buntrock Lecture

Architecture Professor **Dana Buntrock** of the University of California, Berkeley, currently hosted at University of Tokyo, has been selected to be incoming Chair for the Center of Japanese Studies at UC Berkeley beginning in the 2016 school year. Before her departure, Dana shared her views on why she believes energy issues in Japanese buildings are a lower priority for architects here, and also shared broader reflections on the state of the profession in Japan.

High-Performance Buildings: Adding Value by Subtracting Energy, James Scott Brew, AIA

James Scott Brew, AIA is a member of AIA Japan, a Fellow of the Construction Specifications Institute, a LEED Accredited Professional and a Certified Passivhaus Consultant. He recently moved to Japan to join KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd., where he serves as a Senior Manager of the Built Environment Sustainability Services team—specializing in ultra low-energy design for new and existing buildings, campuses, and cities. Before joining KPMG, James co-led the buildings practice at Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI, Boulder, Colorado) working around the world on major sustainability projects. Prior to RMI, James was a senior VP/shareholder of his own, Minnesota-based, architecture/engineering firm, helping to grow the firm to nearly 200 people prior to selling his stock in 2007.

SUMMARY

Buildings account for over 40% of global energy use and one-third of global carbon emissions. When combined with the greater built environment—including transportation, materials embodied energy, demolition, and urban planning—the importance of “getting it right” is critical. Whether we are designing buildings, selecting materials, planning for campuses/cities or even advocating for policy change—design professionals can and do have profound impacts on human health, the environment, and climate.

PART A

This session began by examining the current state of our built environment and identified opportunities for achieving best practices in energy, health and sustainability. Building projects—with an emphasis on existing buildings—were reviewed to reveal how designers can uncover profound savings and deep value for both our clients and climate.

PART B

Building on Part A: specific strategies, such as using natural light for daylighting, glare control and artificial lighting controls, which can reduce lighting electrical loads and energy demand in buildings, were reviewed and demonstrated with current technology.



LEFT: attendees at the High-Performance Buildings presentation at the Lutron-Asuka Showroom in Tameike Sanno.

AIA Middle East Jordan held a workshop on *Design, Environment & Material* on Saturday 25 April, 2015. 36 senior students and graduate architect participants attended three presentations that were followed by a practical workshop. The participants were introduced to new, trendy architectural materials for internal and external use along with emerging methods of sustainable heating and lighting, and explored how the indoor environment is affected by choice of interior materials and finishes as well as external environmental factors. The workshop was conducted jointly by **Dr. Anne Gharaibeh**, **Arch. Farouq Yaghmour**, and **Arch. Hamzah Al Saket**.

AIA Middle East Beirut successfully launched its inauguration event in Beirut, Lebanon in May 2015. The event was attended by around 32 “elite” professional attendees from the Order of Engineers and Architects, the Department of Urban Planning, the LGBC (Lebanese Green Building Council), the Bureaux de Control, the CEOs of top level consulting firms and management companies, and selected, distinguished independent professionals. Attendees were introduced to AIA Middle East and its mission and vision.

AIA Middle East Qatar held their Qatar launch event on Sunday, June 14th at Carnegie Mellon University on the Qatar Foundation campus. The event started with WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff presenting evacuation principles for high occupancy buildings which provided attendees with much needed HSW credits. The fire and life safety presentation was followed by the documentary “A Peek Inside the Presentation Room of Four Star Architects”, presenting their designs for 425 Park Ave, New York City. This fascinating movie featured Norman Foster, Rem Koolhaas, Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, and Zaha Hadid. The launch event was attended by 24 AIA and non-AIA members.

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TOP RIGHT: AIA Middle East Qatar Launch Event

ABOVE AND LEFT: AIA Middle East Jordan Workshop



The AIA International Region and **AIA Shanghai** co-hosted an exceptional evening sponsored by the American Hardwood Export Council at the Bund Center in Shanghai on April 13, 2015.

Christine Bruckner, FAIA, International Region President, opened the night with a warm welcome to our guests and guest speaker, and provided an overview of the many on-going activities and events in the AIA International Region, concluding with a brief introduction and invitation for all to join us in Kyoto for the AIA International Region Conference, September 11-13.

Stephen Protz, AIA, AIA Shanghai Secretary, welcomed everyone, gave an overview of some of the recent lectures and building tours hosted by AIA Shanghai, and spoke of upcoming events—including a Knowledge Series co-organized with GIGA & Green Initiatives. He concluded with an open invitation to join and participate in AIA Shanghai, and help engage with and strengthen our professional community.

Criswell Davis, President of Mighty Oaks Consulting and featured speaker of the evening, provided a uniquely educational and informative presentation regarding American Hardwoods. He addressed the wide variety of species available, the environmentally responsible harvesting techniques used, their strengths, weaknesses and applications, and the wide variety of architectural, interior, furniture and construction solutions available by using this sustainable material. **John J.C. Chan**, Regional Director for the American Hardwood Export Council, then joined Criswell during the Q&A session to address a range of questions regarding hardwood applications and opportunities in the Southeast Asia and Greater China markets. Our thanks again to our host, sponsor and audience for an extremely enjoyable and educational event.



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On June 2, 2015 AIA Shanghai Members enjoyed an exceptional and elegant evening hosted by AIA Chief Executive Officer **Robert Ivy, FAIA**, and AIA National President **Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA**. The unique venue was the historic No.1 Waitanyuan, also known as the former British Embassy and Ambassador Residence.

Greg Yager, AIA, AIA Shanghai President, opened the event with a welcome to all and a summary of the highlights from his recent trip to the AIA Convention in Atlanta. He touched on the talks and messages given during the three day convention, ranging from Keynote Speaker, Former US President Bill Clinton, to the Gold Medal Award presented to Moshe Safdie, to the inspirational convention address given by current AIA National President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA. He concluded with an invitation to help build the AIA Shanghai chapter, to collaborate with local academic and professional circles, and to encourage each other in really building better communities for this and the next generations.

Robert Ivy, FAIA, AIA CEO, then followed with a welcome and thank you to the AIA Shanghai members and Board, for everyone's effort and leadership during the past several years in forming the AIA Shanghai chapter. He spoke of the exciting changes happening inside the AIA, the founding of new chapters internationally, and a refresh on the AIA repositioning and branding. He concluded with the touching account of one individual, Chris Downey, AIA, who had lost his sight a month after having surgery but who was still practicing as an architect and doing amazing things. When asked how he was able to do this, Robert paraphrased Chris' reply that he had lost his sight, but not his vision.

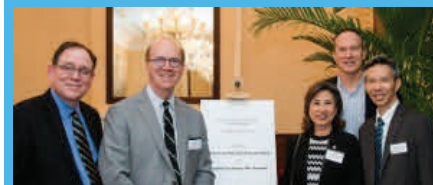
Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, AIA National President, spoke of architects and their role of social responsibility for solving problems and making things better in communities around the world. She spoke of inspirational stories highlighted during the AIA Convention in Atlanta and of architecture's enormous impact on society. She concluded with a request and challenge for architects to remain impassioned and socially accountable in our individual actions and in the projects that we design.

The *2030 Challenge* was presented in a refreshing "Architect to Architect" mode at the DC Center China at Tomorrow Square and sponsored by Callison/RTKL on June 18, 2015.

Chris Chan, AIA, AIA Shanghai Vice President, began the evening with a welcome to all and a reflection on the importance for architecture and architects to have a sustainable perspective as a basic design core—and how these issues are more and more relevant in the planning and building of China. He noted the encouraging trends in major design firms and the increasing numbers of commitments for sustainability being made. Chris also spoke of the tools developed and used in measuring the construction industry's environmental footprint.

Ed Mazria, founder of *Architecture 2030*, opened his talk referencing some of the major historical commitments towards the environment by the global design community and how specific changes in technologies can impact emissions. He noted the countries that are responsible for the greatest share of CO₂ emissions and provided statistics and insights into recent trends in the construction industry, as well as examples of positive changes. In discussing tools, he shared a newly developed 2030 dashboard and some real time simulations in Sketch-up. He concluded with an observation and challenge to the audience: that the most impactful profession in the world is that of the architect; it's in our nature to solve problems, and thus we are the most prepared to provide positive solutions. Inspiring words with a candid message to Architects!

<http://www.aiashanghai.org/>



Exciting news from Singapore!

Together with Big Ass Solutions, the AIA International Region is planning to host a lecture to increase design awareness for assisted natural cooling for sustainable design. The natural ventilated area with quantified and measured HVLS system is the trend of the future.

Entitled *Breaking Architects and Engineers Paradigm: Passive Mode and Mixed-Mode Cooling as the Starting Basis for Ecodesign*, the speakers include **Ken Yeang, Hon. FAIA**; the Director of the Singapore Green Building Council; and the CEO of the Building Construction Authority. We expect many architects and architectural students to attend this event which will be held at Red Dot Museum Singapore, 28 Maxwell Rd, Singapore 069120 on Thursday, 13th August 2015. Cocktails and a networking session will start at 5:30pm. See you there!!

*Manon Sora Koestoer, AIA
Director (Unassigned Members)*



The Red Dot Museum Singapore (image source: red-dot.de)

Unassigned Members Conference Call

The first AIA-IR Unassigned Members Conference Call will be held on Thursday, 30 July at 9:00am U.S. Eastern Daylight Time (Coordinated Universal Time offset -5:00). This opportunity to discuss matters of interest or concern to IR members not currently assigned to one of the IR's six chapters will be hosted by **Stuart Howard, AIA, FRAIC**, and **Manon Sora Koestoer, AIA**, the AIA-IR Directors representing unassigned members. Watch for call-in information and an agenda posting on the IR website and in your e-mail inbox.



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Theme: **Global Relevance Looking Up**

The AIA International Region (AIA-IR) cordially invites members and the general public to attend this year's main conference event. The conference will feature keynote presentations by Pritzker Prize Laureates, presentations by each of our six chapters: AIA Continental Europe, AIA UK, AIA Hong Kong, AIA Japan, AIA Middle East, and AIA Shanghai. The conference will also include an AIA-IR general meeting. In addition, conference participants will enjoy a day of insightful excursions visiting both traditional and contemporary Japanese architecture. The welcome reception and farewell party will feature traditional entertainment of Japan. Looking forward to meeting you in the beautiful city of Kyoto!

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Venue: ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kyoto, Japan

Keynote Speaker: **Fumihiko Maki Hon. FAIA** (Pritzker Prize Laureate—1993)

Speakers: **Kengo Kuma, Hon. FAIA**
Ken Yeang, Hon. FAIA

Program

Mornings: Presentations

Afternoons: Architectural and cultural tours of Kyoto lead by local experts

- Special Tours:
1. Katsura Imperial Villa Tour
 2. Temple and Shrine Tour
 3. Modern and Contemporary Architecture
 4. Miho Museum, Sagawa Museum and Kyoto Environs

*Tours will be conducted daily, each afternoon

Farewell Party: **Kodaiji Temple, Kyoto**

Event Website:

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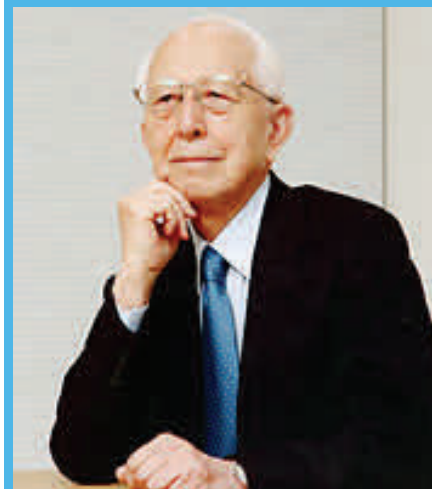
SUBMISSIONS DUE: **August 20, 2015**

CATEGORIES: Architecture
 Interior Architecture
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Online submission process open to all AIA-IR members living and working throughout the world outside of the U.S.

Adjudication will be held at the AIA-IR Kyoto Conference in September with **Fumihiko Maki, Hon. FAIA**, leading an international jury representing all three International Region Zones.

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LEFT: A scene from the 2014 AIA-IR Design Awards Program adjudication. President Bruckner records comments from jurors Sudhir Jambhekar, FAIA, RIBA, LEED AP; Chris Wilkinson, Hon. FAIA, OBE RA Dip Arch RIBA FCSD; and George Kunihiro, FAIA.



Some of the attendees at the 2015 AIA International Region annual members meeting in Atlanta stayed behind for this group photo...we hope to see more of you at the 2016 convention in Philadelphia!

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