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### **644.**

#### **Organisation WP PHG.**

##### Members.

The following Official Members are installed at the Annual Meeting at August 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 in South Africa:

- Huang Xi Qiu
- Werren Karr
- Peter Korneli

The following new associate members are installed:

- Paul Boluijt , Architect with the Netherlands Board for Healthcare Institutions in Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- Christoph Gatermann, Architect with TMK Architekten-Ingenieure in Düsseldorf, Germany.
- Philip P.Sun, Architect, Facility Programmer, Point Richmond, California, USA

Acknowledged is the official membership of:

- Heli Kotilainen
- Don Axon
- Bas Molenaar

The following Emeritus Members are installed:

- Maria Debuchy
- Teun Swinkels

About the membership of Mateo Capuani the director will take action to the Italian UIA Section.

### Website.

The name of the new website is: [www.uia-public-health-group.org](http://www.uia-public-health-group.org).

### **645. Relation WHO and UIA.**

#### Meeting UIA/WHO.

On November 17<sup>th</sup> a meeting is planned at the UIA headquarters in Paris between the WHO (Andrei Issakov) and the UIA (Jordi Farrando, Hans Eggen and Luub Wessels) to discuss the possibility of broadening the relation between the two organizations.

#### Information about UIA to WHO.

The WHO has asked for a lot of information about the UIA and the UIA-PHG, because the collaboration between the UIA and the WHO is scheduled to be reviewed by the WHO Executive Board at its 120<sup>th</sup> Session in January 2007 as well as all the other NGO's.

WHO has developed a web-based Non-governmental Information Management System (NIMS) to enable NGO's to submit their applications on-line and to maintain their information up-to-date. The website is called <http://nims.who.int>.

Luub Wessels has been authorized by the UIA to fill in the information and to sign the declaration, incl. the "Principle governing relations between WHO and NGO's". On the 2nd of October the information was completed in the system and the laws and bylaws, and the financial accounts and the members list of the UIA were downloaded to the WHO.

### **646. Intermediate Report.**

The Secretary General of the UIA, Jordi Farrando, has asked the directors of the Working Programmes to update the programme for 2005 – 2008. What is accomplished till now and what is the prognoses for the coming two years. Therefore many questions had to be answered in an extensive questionnaire. This has been done with the help of the Executive Members. Meanwhile Jordi Farrando has sent a message that he is very pleased with the result, only a few things need some explication.

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**26<sup>th</sup> International UIA PHG Seminar in Pretoria, South Africa in August 2006.**

The 26<sup>th</sup> International UIA-PHG Seminar in Pretoria/South Africa in August 2006, “Designing for Sustainable and Safe Healthcare Facilities in Africa: Global Sharing, Local Relevance and Impact”

was a great success. There were about 35 speakers of which 1/3 came from African countries. The quality was very good and there was a lot of interest from the media. We had about three TV broadcasts.

On behalf of all the participants many thanks again to Geoff Abbott and his team for doing a great job, the CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) for being so kind to let us use their Conference Centre and the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry of Health of South Africa and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) for supporting this Seminar.

The presentations of the seminar can be seen and downloaded from the website [www.uia-public-health-group.org](http://www.uia-public-health-group.org)



Information about the University Hospital in Pretoria

We also had a PHG Workshop on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of August, to evaluate the results of the seminar and to set out lines how to deal with these results in the coming year.

In this Workshop it was also decided to install a working group together with the WHO to come to an update of the WHO's guidelines. In this working group also governmental people should participate to be more sure that the guidelines will be accepted and used in the different countries.

Meanwhile the director has asked the Executive Members to make an inventory of the existing guidelines in their regions, Especially the ones who have been made in collaboration with the WHO.

The results of the workshop are not yet on paper, but will be distributed as soon as they are ready.

#### **647.**

##### **Annual Meeting UIA PHG in 2006 South Africa.**

As usual we had our Annual Meeting after the seminar, at the conference venue of the Mahlapholane Lodge in the Limpopo Area, and for the first time a meeting of the Executive Members. You will find the minutes of these meetings, at Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of August, in the **attachments**.

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##### **GUPHA Meeting in 2006 in South Africa.**

A short meeting took place in one of the conference rooms in the CSIR Conference Centre in Pretoria. New members could register their names and addresses and get information about the activities of the Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture.

At this meeting Luub Wessels was appointed as Senior Advisor of the GUPHA-Group. The intent is to further align the activities of GUPHA with the activities of the UIA/PHG, with GUPHA being the source of younger, vital professionals, who someday will assume leadership positions.

#### **649.**

##### **27<sup>th</sup> International UIA PHG Seminar in 2007.**

At the Annual Meeting in South Africa there were two proposals for next years Seminar.

One was from Martin Fiset, who already proposed in 2005 in Istanbul to have the Seminar in 2007 in Toronto / Canada. In the meantime he has contacted a number of Canadian architects who are willing to help with the organization of the seminar. Martin had prepared a preliminary program for the beginning of May and as the main theme the Public Private Partnership.

The other was from Huang Xiqiu who proposed to have the next Seminar in China in Beijing at the end of June / beginning of July.

Unfortunately there was nobody present to discuss the Canadian proposal. The date looked very fixed and for many members not possible to attend because it was too early. There were also questions about the theme.

After a vote China was chosen for the next Seminar. Huang Xiqiu will be assisted by Philip Patrick Sun.

Meanwhile Huang Xiqiu has started the preparations and has made a draft for a preliminary program. We are discussing now the exact dates and the theme's. Suggestions for theme's are of course very welcome.

Philip Patrick Sun is in close contact with Huang about the preparations of the coming Seminar and also Peter Korneli, who is frequently in China, has contact with Huang Xiqiu.

The President of the Architectural Society of China, Mr. Song Chunhua, sent a letter with a request to inform him, officially, that the UIA/PHG hopes that the next 27<sup>th</sup> International UIA Public Health Seminar 2007 can be hosted by the Architectural Society of China. The answer to this letter is recently faxed and posted.

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### **28<sup>th</sup> International UIA PHG Seminar in 2008.**

At the Annual Meeting at South Africa there was also a discussion about the PHG Seminar in 2008.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2008 the UIA will have its 23<sup>rd</sup> UIA World Congress in Turin, Italy. Although there was a proposal from Malaysia to host the UIA PHG Seminar, the majority of the members was in favour of a Seminar in Italy, a few days before or after the UIA Congress in Turin. In that way members who wanted to participate in both Congresses could easily do so.

Meanwhile Romano del Nord, our Official Member from Italy, has offered to host the UIA PHG Seminar in Florence in 2008, a few days before the UIA Congress in Turin. He could make this offer after he had got the approval of the Italian Counsel of Architects and the Italian Section of the UIA.

We have with many thanks accepted this generous offer. Also the Executive Members were in favour.

The proposal from Malaysia also stands for 2009 according to the Official Member from Malaysia, Norwina Mohd Nawawi.

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### **Meeting with the UIA President, Quetan Siew.**

After the seminar in South Africa Luub Wessels had a meeting with the President of the UIA, Quetan Siew, in Mauritius.

Over an extending lunch they discussed some important issues of the UIA. Of course Quetan was very pleased with the results of the PHG Seminar in South Africa and was anxious to know what we are going to do with these results, besides putting the presentations on the website and distributing the Seminar CD's. He suggested to bring the presentations also under the attention of governmental organisations, healthcare providers and healthcare industry. Contacts with the industry was one of the major issues for the UIA because the know how inside the UIA can be of value for the industry, for instance by

sponsoring research or congresses. Because of that he was very enthusiastic about the BEX (Building Exchange) congresses in Spain, where architects meet the building industry to exchange know how.

The following day Quetan Siew had arranged a meeting with about 50 persons, mostly architects, people from the Ministry of Health and Healthcare providers. Luub Wessels gave an introduction about the developments in healthcare building in The Netherlands and some other countries in Europe, especially about Life Cycle Costing. In the discussion afterwards also PPF constructions turned out to be of great interest. The healthcare facilities in Mauritius are mainly owned by the Government and designed by governmental architects or specialised architects from abroad. Most of the hospitals are very old and need to be renovated. Healthcare is free of charge and paid by taxes. There are of course also private hospitals, which are much more expensive than the public hospitals. Because of the increasing tourism healthcare facilities become even more important.

Mauritius is an island of 45 x 65 km and has 1,2 million inhabitants, Hindu's, Creole, Chinese, Muslims and Europeans. It is a democratic country that became independent in 1968. Textile, sugar, tourism and services are the main economic drivers. There is little unemployment ( $\pm 7\%$ ).

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### Coming events.

1. 120<sup>th</sup> WHO Executive Board in Geneva, 22 – 30 January 2007.  
In this board meeting the relations between the WHO and the NGO's will be discussed.
2. UIA WP,s Coordination Meeting.  
The next WP Directors meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2007 in Turin. At the 11<sup>th</sup> the directors are invited to attend the Counsel meeting of the UIA.
3. BEX 2007 from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2007 in Valencia, Spain.  
The next Building Exchange Meeting will take place in Valencia. More information will follow soon.
4. Design and Health 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress and Exhibition Glasgow, Scotland June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.  
This congress is organised by the Academy for Design and Health (Alan Dilani and Romano Del Nord). Some members of the PHG are already participating in the organisation of this congress. There has been a first announcement and a call for papers. In August 2006 a preliminary program/registration is distributed. Information: [www.designandhealth.com](http://www.designandhealth.com).
5. 35<sup>th</sup> IHF Biennial Congress , 5-9 November 2007, Seoul, South Korea.  
Mr. T Krol, former president of the IHF, has sent a letter to Dr. Tai Chu,

President of the Korean Hospital Association, to recommend the participation of the UIA-PHG in this Congress. The suggestion is that the PHG will fill in half a day, within their program, as we have done before in San Francisco (2003) and in Hong Kong (2001). In the beginning of October 2006 our Executive Member Prof.Dr.Yasushi Nagasawa has written a letter to Dr. Tai Chu to ask him about the result.

6. Gupha meeting 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in Tokyo, Japan.  
It is also finalized to have the Gupha Forum at the University of Tokyo on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and/or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2007, after the International IHF Hospital Congress in Seoul and before the International Symposium and Exhibition HOSPEX 2007 in Tokyo. UIA/PHG members will have an advantage to cover the visits in Korea and Japan together.
7. International Symposium and Exhibition HOSPEX , 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2007, Tokyo, Japan.  
Organized by the HEAJ (Healthcare Engineering Association of Japan).  
More information will come as soon as possible.
8. 23<sup>rd</sup> UIA World Congress at 28<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>th</sup> of July in Turin, Italy.  
The theme will be "Transmitting architecture".  
The Lingoto, once the main Fiat factory, converted by Renzo Piano in a convention centre, will host the event.  
See also the **attachment** with the UIA Communiqué.  
More information on: [www.uia2008torino.org](http://www.uia2008torino.org).

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