



Ladies and Gentlemen: (A 4 point communication)

#1. Thank you!!

First a big thank you to each and everyone of you for your vote, and vote of confidence, at our annual meeting in Oslo, Norway, on March 24, 2012, as the new Director of the UIA / PHG - International Union of Architects / Public Health Group - for a 3 year term.

Thanks also for the many emails of congratulation.

This is indeed quite an honor, responsibility and privilege, and am deeply grateful to all of you. We will spare no effort in working on behalf of the general public, to whom we have a fiduciary responsibility to provide quality, accessible, and affordable health services and health facilities, as well as an effective forum to all the members of the UIA/ PHG.

Thank you to each and everyone of you!!

Thank you Hans Eggen of Switzerland

A big thank you to Hans Eggen of Switzerland, our immediate past Director, for being an excellent and outstanding leader, and who provided our UIA / PHG excellent focused leadership, and who we hope will continue to advise as well as be an active liason for us to WHO in Geneva, the IHF International Hospital Federation, and other agencies and organizations in Europe.

Thank you Richard Sahl of Germany

I am particularly grateful to Mr. Richard Sahl, our first leader and Director, who had a vision of what the UIA / PHG could ultimately become, and who was also the one to invite me to become a member of the UIA / PHG in the first place.

Thank you Hans Evert Gatermann of Germany; Martin Fiset of Canda; Luub Wessels of The Netherlands

Following Richard Sahl came Hans Evert Gatermann of Germany, Martin Fiset of Canada, Luub Wessels, of the Netherlands, and Hans Eggen of Switzerland. We owe each of these past Directors of our UIA/ PHG, - an expression of our appreciation for their outstanding efforts over the years.

We also particularly owe Richard Sahl a special thanks for having the vision and determination to create the UIA / PHG and take it from an idea to reality. (Never dreamt when Richard Sahl of Germany originally appointed me that someday I would become the Director of the UIA / PHG!!)

Thank you Past Hosts of UIA / PHG Meetings

We also owe our expression of appreciation to those many members of the UIA/ PHG who have hosted us in different countries and settings over the years. These have been truly memorable events. They have also been enormous individual challenges of coordination, the enormous follow up required to publish the proceedings. A few members have been hosts multiple times. At the risk of leaving someone out ***we are issuing a blanket thank you to all of you who have worked so hard on behalf of the general public as well as the UIA / PHG!!!***

These stimulating meetings, that we have held in different countries, have provided us with a wealth of new knowledge, diverse approaches to delivering health care, and diverse ways of designing health facilities, as well as developing and broadening our international relationships and making new professional relationships from all over the world. These stimulating meetings have afforded us all an opportunity to increase our knowledge and awareness of health issues, broaden our international relationships, thru personal contact, discussions and providing a forum for presenting our work at annual UIA / PHG meetings.

Thank you Rinske Jansen for all your great patient assistance in logistics and communications, and ***thank you for staying with us!***

Thank you Janice Axon for faithfully taking the minutes of our group in different locations around the globe, ***and maintaining parliamentary procedures, and thank you for staying with us!!***

Thank you to the late Don Axon, my predecessor as the official representative of the US AIA to the UIA / PHG ***for his and stability, knowledge and many contributions to the UIA / PHG.***

.....Now for the Future!!

The idea of helping communities around the world by designing appropriate health services and health facilities is the tangible glue that binds us all from around the world together, - as we together ***fight*** for improved health services and improved health facilities.

An Open Invitation

Am writing each of you to invite you to be even more active members of the UIA / PHG. We will need everyone's ideas and participation in order to propel our group to new leadership heights and as we squarely face the enormous challenges and opportunities that face us, today and tomorrow.

We must provide dynamic leadership in the future, and broaden our base of decision making.

New Leadership and Management Team

Assisting me in a new leadership management team of the UIA / PHG will be Hans Eggen, Bern, Switzerland; as immediate past Director of the UIA/PHG; and Warren Kerr, Perth Australia;

(former President of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects) as the future Director Designate.

Hans Eggen has generously offered and we have accepted, that he continue to act as liaison from our group to the WHO Headquarters in Geneva, IHF, and other possible agencies and organizations.

This concept will provide for continuity in leadership and smooth transitions at the end of the 3 year terms.

Executive Committee

Assisting and advising the Management Team will be the Executive Committee

Suggested UIA / PHG priorities and goals

To recommend ways of improving access to, quality of, and affordable health services and facilities around the world

To focus on the broader issues of health and the environment, health cities and healthy buildings

To evaluate and reorganize the Executive Committee (in progress)

To recruit more members from developing countries

(We have a serious imbalance in membership and have had this problem plaguing us for years. No members from India, Nigeria, Pakistan and many other countries around the globe)

To aggressively recruit younger members and create a younger group of future leaders of the UIA/PHG

To collaborate with GUPHA (Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture) Faculty and Students, and recruit them into UIA / PHG

To upgrade the web site

To organize the location, venue, topic, and select speakers for the annual meetings

To plan the next UIA / PHG Meetings:

To organize and chair the annual business meeting

Other ideas and approaches from the membership

New Organizational Concept - International Liasons

We will put in a place a concept of broad based liaisons from our membership at large to national and international agencies and organizations. For example we are pleased to announce the first:

WHO - World Health Organization

Hans Eggen has agreed to be our first official liason to the WHO Headquarters in Geneva.

Hans Eggen, Immediate Past Director UIA / PHG, named to a 3 year liaison term April 2012 to WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

Prosperidad Luis has already agreed to be our first liaison to a regional office of WHO in Manila and both Prosperidad and Hans will report back to the membership the priorities and programs of WHO in Geneva and in Manila.

Our first goal will be to have UIA / PHG members named to be the liaisons to all the other WHO Regional Offices:

First preference will be given to members who are the official representatives of their own countries and actually reside in cities that have regional WHO offices such as Prosperidad Luis in Manila.

To be selected

WHO Regional Office for Africa

Brazzaville, Congo

To be selected

WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean
Cairo, Egypt

To be selected

WHO Regional Office for Europe
Copenhagen, Denmark

Prosperidad Luis, Architect (Former Dean of the School of Architecture, University of the Philippines, Manila) appointed April 2012 for a 3 year term)

WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific
Manila, Phillipines

To be selected

WHO Regional Office for South East Asia
New Delhi, India

To be selected

WHO Regional Office for the Americas
Washington, D.C.

These important liasons will not be limited to WHO offices but could be to many other agencies and organizations.

#3 The Next UIA / PHG Meetings:

Tues Sept 24 - 28, 2013 Toronto

Collaborative Meetings between:

GUPHA

UIA / PHG

US AIA AAH Academy of Architecture for Health

RAIC - Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

IDC - Interior Designers of Canadian Association of

Ministry of Health, Government of Canada

Tues Sept 24, 2013 All day

GUPHA - Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture

Wed Sept 25

Evening

Opening Reception UIA / PHG and GUPHA

and

GUPHA - Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture

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*August 3 - 7, 2014, Durban, South Africa
A Joint Meeting with the UIA Congress*

June 2015, Sydney, Australia??

***#4 Portrait Photos Requested of UIA / PHG Members:
We would like to place on our web page the following:***

***We would like each of the members of the UIA / PHG
to send by return email the following no later than May 15, 2012:***

***Hi resolution color portrait photos
First name, middle initial, last name
initials i.e. RIBA, AIA etc.
Title (President, Director, etc)
Name of firm or organization
City and Country
Bio no more than 175 words***

***Please send this information simultaneously to:
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These leadership and executive committee appointments are an opportunity for UIA / PHG program to maintain the lead and leadership in the years ahead as an international thought leader and innovator in research and design of improved health services and health facilities for people around the globe.

Personally I view this election as the crowning challenge of my career.

Along with Hans Eggen and Warren Kerr, and the Executive Committee, we will, as your leadership team, - together place every possible constructive effort in to making it an effective responsive and successful model of leadership, as we move ahead.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and to a mutually productive future, and we look forward to working with each of you toward further strengthening the UIA / PHG and making it even more effective as a model of leadership and as a an agent of change.

Thank you all so much for your continuing support of this exciting new challenge.

Sincerely,

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