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## Special Message to our Members



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As of March 28, 2020, the Coronavirus has spread to over 160 countries, resulting in 620,938 cases and 28,653 deaths. As many people and families have suffered from this pandemic, the International Union of Architects-Public Health Group (UIA-PHG) has established a task force, using its global network, to help the whole world combat this novel contagious disease.

As experts in designing and constructing healthy environments, please consider our UIA-PHG members resources to support your country's effort to overcome this public health emergency.

At the same time, the UIA-PHG will update its website ([uia-phg.org](http://uia-phg.org)) periodically to provide resources regarding helpful environmental approaches.

We welcome any discussion and posts on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/UIAPHG](https://www.facebook.com/UIAPHG)) about the projects and environments related to, but not limited to, rapidly constructed modular hospital, infection control, social distance and isolation, and many others. You may also send email to [PHGSecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:PHGSecretariat@gmail.com).

**TOGETHER, WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS!**

**As a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19), The Triennial Congress of the UIA scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro in July this year has been postponed to July 2021. For more information please see below and refer to the UIA-PHG Website.**

## UIA Public Health Group Director's Report



I think we all realize today, we are living in unprecedented times. And for myself, these times only highlight the importance of having a strong UIA working body to focus on the world's public health. I am grateful to the immense volunteer force that has accomplished many great things in the past. However, reflecting on today's events only makes me think we can do more. To do so we need a strong foundation to build on our successes, and I am happy to say over my term as Director we have found that support in the Center for Health Systems & Design at Texas A & M University as the UIA-PHG Secretariat.

As my term is coming to an end, it would be remiss of me not to pause and reflect on the highlights of the UIA-PHG Work Group from 2017 to 2020. Highlights that include the Annual Seminars in Paris (2018), Christchurch (2019), and hopefully this year, a unique on-line collaborative Seminar later in the year (we will still see everyone in Rio de Janeiro next year); our continuous partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Federation of Hospitals (IHF), along with a number of deliverables from these partnership initiatives; the student competition in 2017 and 2018; and finally our partnership with Texas A&M to act as the UIA-PHG secretariat to ensure future Director and Members receive the administrative support to continue to do this great work.

## UIA-PHG Work Group Membership Models

There were also some significant changes to the UIA-PHG over the past term as well. After an internal review by the UIA of all their Work Groups in 2017, the UIA-PHG received an endorsement to continue their great work as a UIA recognized Work Group. However there were UIA administrative changes to the membership model for the Work Groups.

These changes were communicated to all those who attended the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings of the UIA PHG. All Official Members of the UIA-PHG are now required to seek the endorsement of their governing architectural association in order to be recognized officially by the UIA. However, while in the past only one Official Member was permitted to represent each country, the UIA now allows multiple Official Members from the same country to contribute to a Work Group.

While we continued to welcome PHG Guests as volunteers and participants to the UIA-PHG events, we wish to encourage as many members as possible to be officially recognized by the UIA. The current list of Official Members who comply with these new arrangements as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 is attached to the end of this Newsletter.

## **Preparing for the Future of the UIA-PHG**

The UIA Working Groups' membership protocols require that members of each Work Group seek their country's architectural association's endorsement. While we are experiencing unprecedented times, in order to support our mandate the UIA-PHG wants to continue to plan for the future and establish even a stronger membership model representing all UIA regions. To be recognized into the future as an Official UIA-PHG member, when you can, please start this process with your country's architectural association. This way we can present a full list of members to the Secretary General at the UIA Congress in Rio de Janeiro in 2021.

New arrangements now also apply to the appointment of the Director of UIA Work Groups. In the past, the Director of the UIA PHG was nominated by the Public Health Work Group and sent through to the UIA for endorsement. Now the President and Secretary-General of the UIA wish to have a far more active involvement in selecting the Directors of the UIA Work Groups to ensure that all Work Groups are aligned as part of one coherent strategy to implement UIA policies and objectives.

As a result of these changes, no election was held for my successor at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the UIA PHG held in Christchurch New Zealand. However, it was noted that a nomination had been received for Ray Pentecost from the USA to undertake this role and that discussions were being held with the UIA regarding the correct protocols to be followed in appointing a new Director for the next term. We still expect that succession will occur in 2020.

Since the Christchurch meeting, further discussions have been held with the UIA President and officials at UIA Headquarters in Paris regarding the appointment process for the next Director. These discussions have confirmed that the appointment of the next Director of the UIA PHG is the prerogative of the UIA's elected leaders – the President and Secretary General. They wish to establish Work Groups with at least one and preferably two members from each of the five UIA Regions, and to balance overall membership from the standpoints of geography, gender, age and ethnicity.

During these discussions we also explored how best to utilize the potential of the UIA-PHG Secretariat recently established at the Center for Health Systems & Design at Texas A&M University. Given that the creation of a UIA PHG Secretariat was a particularly significant development, filled with promise for providing much needed organizational and administrative support for the UIA-PHG, the UIA was supportive of having a close working relationship between this newly established Secretariat and the next Director of the UIA PHG.

Because we view the alignment of the UIA-PHG leadership with the Secretariat leadership as of paramount importance to the future success of our Work Group, we are grateful that Ray Pentecost (the Director of the Center for Health Systems & Design at Texas A & M University), has agreed to be considered to become the next Director for the UIA-PHG. Ray is a seasoned healthcare architect, very experienced in associational and organizational management and

endorsed by the AIA as an Official Member representing the USA on the UIA-PHG. Further information regarding Ray's background and qualifications can be found later in this Newsletter.

## Reflections on 2017-2020 Term

There are so many people to thank - without you, we could not have the success we have achieved. However, with the risk of forgetting someone, I would like to thank some individuals for stepping forward and taking a lead in the planning and administration of the UIA-PHG during my term. On behalf of all members of the UIA PHG, I would specifically like to thank:

**Warren Kerr** (Australia) (Past-Director 2014 - 2017) who was indispensable for his leadership and guidance over the past three years, and for chairing the September 2017 Seminar in Sydney, Australia and the 2019 Annual Seminar and UIA-PHG Annual Meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand. During his term as Immediate Past Director, Warren has also compiled a history of the UIA PHG which has now been uploaded to our website and I know that Warren would welcome feedback on this to ensure it is as accurate and detailed as possible.

**Ray Pentecost** (USA) for his initiative in creating a full time UIA-PHG secretariat at Texas A&M, and all his efforts in establishing this secretariat with the approval and endorsement of the UIA.

I would also like to thank **Philip Patrick Sun** from the USA, a long-term supporter of the UIA PHG for undertaking the role of Honorary Secretary of our Work Group. This entails preparing the minutes of our Annual Meetings and monitoring the outcomes and actions which Philip undertook for London in 2017 and Paris in 2018. Unfortunately, Philip was unable to attend the UIA PHG Seminar in Christchurch in 2019 and therefore I have been following up the actions from that meeting. However, Philip has offered to take responsibility for organizing a future Seminar in Houston and we are looking forward to receiving a formal proposal from him for our consideration at our next UIA PHG Annual Meeting .

**Zhipeng Lu** (USA) for his leadership in maintaining the UIA-PHG website and his work on the student competition. In particular his leadership in the 2017 UIA-PHG International Student & Young Architect Competition: Smart, Green & Beyond: Healthcare Facility of the Future; and a thank you to Zhipeng and **Giuseppe Lacanna** on their work developing the Young Leaders Group.

**Thomas Schinko** (France) for his dedication to organizing the 2018 Annual Seminar in Paris, France and for his work on the forthcoming publication of the Proceedings of the 2018 Annual Seminar: Breathing New Life in the 21st-Century Hospital.

**Martin Fiset** for his success with organizing the 2018 Student Competition: Prefabricated Modular Community Health Center.



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**Darryl Carey** (New Zealand) for all his work in organizing the 2019 Annual Seminar “Invest, Innovate, Inspire” in Christchurch, New Zealand in partnership with the New Zealand Health Design Council.

**Karin Imoberdorf** (Switzerland) for her countless hours working with the World Health Organization (WHO) on behalf of the UIA and the UIA-PHG. As a result of Karin’s work, the UIA has continued to be recognized as an NGO partner of the WHO. I would also like to thank **Hans Eggen** for his past support for this role, as well as his support of Karin in her new role.

**David Alison** for his continuous support of the Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture (GUPHA) and for helping to organize the GUPHA events in partnership with the Annual Seminars.

**Astrid Maria Debuchy** for the time and effort she has contributed to establishing the UIA PHG LinkedIn Group.

**Jeronimo Moraes** (Brazil) for leading the planning for the 2020 Annual Seminar in Rio de Janeiro: All the Worlds, Just One World: Architecture 21

## **Janice Axon Hon. AIA (1925 – 2020)**

I also wish to make special mention of Janice Axon who sadly passed away on January 30, 2020 at the age of 95. For many years Janice was the Honorary Secretary of the UIA PHG and actively participated in many Seminars and Annual Meetings of the UIA PHG and was a very constructive and positive voice in the activities of the UIA PHG. We will miss her enthusiasm passion and tenacity as well as her superb networking skills as she fostered the UIA PHG community around the world in the days before social media fostered constant communication.



Janice commenced her involvement with the UIA PHG when her husband Don Axon (pictured left) was a member of the UIA PHG Executive. When he passed away in May 2007, Janice continued as the Honorary Secretary and assisted subsequent Directors by maintaining the data base of members addresses and in making all the arrangements for the Annual Meetings of the UIA PHG.

Janice also was Executive Director of American Institute of Architects Los Angeles Chapter from 1981-1987, and a strong and tireless advocate for architects, architecture, and the associations that support them. An active member of the Women’s Architectural League starting in 1972, Janice served on their board as Director, Chair of its Public

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Relations Committee, and Parliamentarian. Elected to the L.A. Architect editorial board in 1976, she continued her participation as a member contributor and assistant.

Janice was instrumental in forming the Architectural Foundation of Los Angeles, served as Treasurer and Secretary, and was the editor and publisher of the AFLA newsletter. A strong advocate for architects and architecture, she was a born executive who was admired, respected, and ultimately treasured by all who came within her orbit. Those who had the good fortune of knowing Janice will forever value our memories of her.

Further information regarding Janice's achievements during her long life may be found in the obituary published by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at <https://www.aialosangeles.org/news/news-and-blogs/in-memory-of-janice-axon-hon-aia/>

## UIA-PHG 2020 Seminar – To Be Announced

The UIA-PHG is currently exploring opportunities to host an online seminar this year to bring our member together. Please stay tuned.

## UIA-PHG 2021 Seminar - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

UIA-PHG SEMINAR 2020: **Postponed to 2021**



**The 27th UIA2020 RIO World Congress and the UIA-PHG Seminar Have been Postponed to July 18-22, 2021**

For those who submitted the abstracts, we will reserve them for next year, and will adjust the deadlines for paper and abstract accordingly.

If you have registered, your registration fee will automatically be applied to the new Congress dates.

Please visit UIA's website for the announcement:  
<https://www.uia-architectes.org/webApi/en/news/uia2020rio-postponed.html>

## World Health Organization (WHO)

Our members recently contributed to a new WHO publication, **Decommissioning Medical Devices**. This new publication addresses the decommissioning as the removal of medical



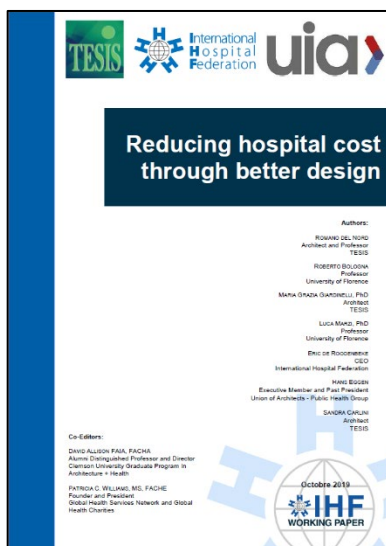
devices from their originally intended use in a health care facility to an alternative use or disposal. It further explains the options to eliminate or reuse and the notion of disinvestment decision. WHO developed this guide, with support from experts, as part of the WHO Medical device technical series.

Thank you to Karin Imoberdorf (Switzerland) for her efforts to liaison with the WHO and establish a great working relationship.

The book is available at:

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/330095/9789241517041-eng.pdf>

## International Federation of Hospitals



After a significant amount of collaborative work with the UIA-PHG, the white paper **Reducing Hospital Costs Through Better Design** is now available. The results of this effort first defined the critical issues and dimensions of the total cost impact and life cycle costs associated with the design, construction and operation of hospitals and healthcare facilities. It then defined a framework for capturing these costs, as well as identifying the constituencies involved or responsible for costs at different points in a project life cycle. The ultimate objective of this white paper is to introduce a program that could eventually be translated into a digital platform for sharing best practices about ways to reduce hospital costs through better design. The White Paper is dedicated to the memory of Romano Del Nord who was an active member of the UIA PHG for many years.

The paper is available at:

[https://www.ihf-fih.org/home?document=resources&resource\\_type=51](https://www.ihf-fih.org/home?document=resources&resource_type=51)

## UIA-PHG Members (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

If you do not see your name on this list please contact us at: [PHGSecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:PHGSecretariat@gmail.com)

MS	Position	Name
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USA	Director Designate	Ray PENTECOST
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USA	Member	Zhipeng LU
Switzerland	Member	Karin IMBERDORF
Italy	Member	Alessandra FERRARI
France	Member	Thomas SCHINKO
Greece	Member	Fani VAVILI-TSINIKA
Hungary	Member	Zsolt István KISS
Israel	Member	Nirit PILOSOF
Israel	Member	Yuval GENI
Brazil	Member	Jeronimo MORAIS
Colombia	Member	Augusto Ballen REY
Hong-Kong	Member	Stephen HO Kin Wai
Hong-Kong	Member	Simon HUI Wan Heng
Malaysia	Member	Norwina Mohd NAWAWI
New-Zealand	Member	Darryl CAREY
South Africa	Council Member	Kevin BINGHAM

## Candidate for Director of the UIA PHG (2020-2023)



We are excited that **Ray Pentecost** (USA) has agreed to submit his nomination to be the next Director of the UIA PHG for the triennium (2020-2023). Ray is the Director of the Center for Health Systems & Design (CHSD) in the Texas A&M University (TAMU) College of Architecture and holds the Ronald L. Skaggs and Joseph G. Sprague Chair of Health Facilities Design. He is a registered Architect, Board Certified in the healthcare architecture specialty, and a Fellow in both the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) and the American College of Healthcare Architects (FACHA). He is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP), a former Licensed Long Term Care Administrator,

and an ordained minister. In 2012 Ray was one of only eight individuals named to Healthcare Design Magazine's list of "The Most Influential People in Healthcare Design." Ray is the Immediate Past President of the American College of Healthcare Architects, and a two-time Past President of the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health.



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## 2018 Annual Seminar Participants



## 2019 Annual Seminar Hospital Tour Participants

