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Relation WHO and UIA.

Meeting UIA/WHO.

At the 17th of November a meeting took place in Paris at the “ Conseil National de l’Ordre des Architectes”, between the UIA and the WHO.

The following persons were present:

- Jordi Farrando, Secretary General of the UIA.
- Andrei Issakov, Coordinator Health Technology and Facility Planning WHO.
- Luub Wessels, Director UIA-Public Health
- Hans Eggen, Official Member UIA-Public Health / Switzerland.

Since UIA has been admitted into official relations with WHO in 1959, UIA and WHO collaborate very actively, focusing primarily on healthcare facility, in particular hospital planning and design. It has been however recognized that architecture plays a much broader and vital role in people’s health, providing a healthy human building environment. This includes urban planning; housing; schooling; sports and recreation; acceptability, accessibility and sustainability of building environment; special needs for the mentally ill, physically handicapped and elderly; as well as such broad global programmes as for instance healthy cities. Healthcare facility planning needs also to be addressed from a broader perspective with greater emphasis on macro planning of facility networks, and linking facility planning, design and construction more explicitly with quality of care, patient safety and efficiency in use of resources. It is therefore felt by both WHO and UIA that there is a need to expand collaboration between the two organizations to address this broader agenda. The meeting in Paris between the UIA leadership and Andrei Issakov, responsible for collaboration with UIA at WHO, has been organized with a purpose of discussing related issues and the way forward towards expanding and broadening the collaboration between two organizations. The meeting had the following conclusions:

- Especially the Healthy Environment Programme of the WHO is of importance. There are separate units inside the WHO that cover this programme.
- “Disasters” is an important issue for both the organisations.

- Jordi Farrando will send information about the content of the UIA Work Programmes to Andrei Issakov. He will compare this with the WHO Programme.
- Both the organisations will try to come to a working plan about the way of co-operation and the benefits that can be achieved
- It was agreed that the best place to meet again was at 10 or 11 of February in Turin, because there was a meeting planned with all the Directors of the UIA Working Programmes and the UIA Counsel. Andrei will arrange that persons of the WHO will be there for the discussion.
- About the possibilities of updating the WHO's guidelines by the UIA WP Public Health, it was agreed that these guidelines concern the developing countries.
- The guidelines must give information about the way to plan the number of healthcare facilities in a region and the number of beds and outpatient units. It must also give information about the functions that are needed and about design criteria, taking into consideration the different cultures.
- There cannot be a general guideline for healthcare facilities for all the developing countries, although the construction methods in the developing countries are very similar if they are based on the local possibilities.
- The book of Hopkins, from the World Bank, gives a lot of information, also about the way to construct healthcare facilities in developing countries, that should be taken into consideration.
- The different UIA Regions (I to V) could give a possibility to divide the guidelines into region bound guidelines.
- About sponsoring the money for this project, it was agreed that we first must have a clear plan and then try to get the sponsors, with the help of both the organisations
- A draft for this plan will be made by the UIA WP Public Health

WHO Guidelines.

In the beginning of this year a discussion note was distributed about updating the WHO guidelines, following the agreements of the UIA/WHO meeting in Paris last year. There were however only a few reactions. We will follow the suggestion of Don Axon and discuss this at the annual meeting in Beijing in July 2007.

WHO-UIA Information.

See <http://nims.who.int> for the data base of the NGO's connected with the WHO.

651.**UIA WP Director meeting in Turin 10 – 11th of February.**

At this meeting the Directors of the Work Programmes explained their plans for the coming period and gave the state of the planned activities.

It was concluded that the PHG was on schedule. The activities planned for the coming years were realistic and fitted in the main goals of the UIA.

A short summary of these activities:

For the coming years the WP Public Health will focus on sustainability, lifecycle costing, healing environment and other developments that are important to healthcare design. The knowledge and experience about these themes will be shared and passed on to other architects, engineers, consultants, healthcare providers, etc.

This happens through International Public Health Seminars, individual presentations to congresses of other, healthcare related organizations (IHF, EU-HPN, GUPHA, etc.), contacts with other organizations (Netherlands Board for Healthcare institutions, IFHE, BEX, WHO) and healthcare projects, like updating the guidelines of the WHO.

1. a. Planned internal activities to be carried out.

- Seminar in Beijing/China 07/2007 + poster presentations
- Seminar in Florence/Italy 07/2008 + poster presentations
- Annual meetings in 2007 (Beijing) and 2008 (Florence)
- Starting with the guidelines project of the WHO
- Updating website and members list
- Newsletters every three months.

b. Planned external events to be participated by PHG members.

- Participating in the EU-HPN conference in Paris 04/2007
- Participating in the BEX conference in Valencia 06/2007
- Participating in the IHF conference in Seoul/South Korea 11/2007. (PHG has an afternoon session in this program)
- Participating in GHUPA conference in 11/2007 in Tokyo/Japan
- Participating in the 36th HEAJ Annual Conference in 11/2007 in Tokyo/Japan.

2. Actions concerning communications

- Newsletters every three months.
- CD's and documents of the PH Seminars.
- UIA-PHG website www.uia-public-health-group.org
- PHG Seminars and participation in other congresses.
- Worldwide email contacts with healthcare related persons and organizations.

652**27th International UIA PHG Seminar in Beijing 1 – 6 July 2007.**

The Seminar with the overall theme “The architecture of Healthcare Facilities in the coming 25 years” will be held in Beijing, the administrative capital of China, from 1 to 6 July 2007.

Healthcare architecture is changing rapidly all over the world, because of all the changes in medical technology, healthcare organization, social attitude, building technology, procurement processes, ICT, etc.

There is an universal need to know about these changes and the impact on healthcare design to provide efficient, affordable and sustainable facilities for the future. Architects play an important role in these developments to create an environment in which good healthcare can be delivered, also in the future.

What will the future of healthcare facilities be? Will there be the same kind of hospitals at all?

Globally there are many similar changes and problems, but locally the situation in China can be very different from other parts of the world.

Global sharing and local relevance is the slogan that fits the best in the PHG activities.

The following sub-themes form part of the Seminar.

- Sustainable health facilities in the future.
- Impact of traditional medicine in future healthcare facilities.
- Healthcare design for future disasters.
- Public Private Financing in a future setting and lifecycle costing
- New technology in healthcare design.

The Public Health Group of the International Union of Architects (UIA-PHG) in collaboration with the Architectural Society of China and the Institute of Project Planning and Research (IPPR) invite you to participate in a Seminar to be held in China.

The Announcement, the Program, the Seminar Registration Form, the Hotel Rates, the Paper Requirement, the Project Exhibition Form and Information about the Tours are already distributed. They are also available on the website www.uia-public-health-group.org.

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653**35th IHF Biennial Congress , 5-9 November 2007, Seoul, South Korea.**

Last February we distributed the invitation letter of the Organizing Committee of the IHF 35th World Hospital Congress, November 6 – 8, 2007, Seoul, Korea.

They invited the UIA-Public Health group to participate in this congress.

They would be honoured to have us as a special organizer at Parallel Session 9, scheduled on November 7, 2007.

The IHF World Hospital Congress is a biennial event that serves as a venue for exchanging the latest information on world healthcare policies and managerial issues of hospitals. This IHF 35th World Hospital Congress in Seoul, expecting 3,000 participants from over 100 countries, is certain to be a global affair where new knowledge on hospital management is acquired and such hospital-related industries as pharmaceutical, medical equipment, Information Technology, Biology Technology, and Nanotechnology sectors are promoted..

The theme of the congress is “Vision and Strategy for Ubiquitous Healthcare” which is focused on improving seamless healthcare across all healthcare settings and contexts.

For detailed congress information, please refer to the website: <http://ihf.kha.or.kr>

In the meantime we have organized the PHG Session on November 7th .

The order of speakers is:

1. Dipl.Ing Henning Lensch, architect / Germany:
"Defining a New Architecture for Healthcare Facilities in Europe and Asia; Comparisons and Lessons learned".
2. Ir. Paul Boluijt, b.e. architect bna / The Netherlands:
"My home is my hospital".
3. Prof. George J. Mann, AIA architect / USA.
"Recent projects Undertaken at the Architecture for Health Program at Texas A&M University".
4. Dipl.Architect Karin Imoberdorf, ETH SIA / Switzerland:
"The Future Hospital"
5. Ms Cathryn Bang, AIA, architect / USA:
"Best Practices in Healthcare Planning & Design"
6. 6. Prof.dr. Yasushi Nagasawa, Eng, Dip.HfP, JIA / Japan:
" Situation of the Healthcare Facilities in the mid-21st Century

The Chair will be taken by Ir. Luub Wessels, Msc, b.e. architect bna, director UIA-Public Health Group.

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Coming events.

1. 10th EU-HPN Workshop in Paris, 23 – 25 April 2007
Hosted by the Centre Scientifique et Technique du Bâtiment in association with the Forum Européen des Managers de Santé (France). Information about this Workshop has been distributed in February.
2. BEX 2007 from 18th to 20th of June 2007 in Valencia, Spain.
The next Building Exchange Meeting will take place in Valencia. We informed you already about the possibility to enter the BEX Award, which will be held in Valencia. This Award is a part of the BEX Conference from 18 till 20 June.
The UIA is supporting this Conference.
More information: www.w-e-x.com
3. Design and Health 5th World Congress and Exhibition Glasgow, Scotland June 27th – July 1st 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.
In August 2006 a preliminary program/registration was distributed.
Information: www.designandhealth.com.
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(See 652 above)
4. SAFHE & CEASA 2007 National Biennial Conference & Exhibition 17 – 19 October 2007 in port Elisabeth / South Africa.
“African Solutions to Integrated Healthcare”
Organized by the South African Federation of Hospital Engineering, and the Clinical Engineering Association of South Africa. In association with the Public Health Group of the International Union of Architects.
More information: www.sbs.co.za/safhe
5. 35th IHF Biennial Congress , 5-9 November 2007, Seoul, South Korea
(See 653 above)
6. Gupha meeting 12th/13th November 2007 in Tokyo, Japan.
It is also finalized to have the Gupha Forum at the University of Tokyo on Monday 12th and/or Tuesday 13th of November 2007, after the International IHF Hospital Congress in Seoul and before the International HEAJ Annual Conference and Exhibition HOSPEX 2007 in Tokyo. UIA/PHG members will have an advantage to cover the visits in Korea and Japan together.

7. 36th International HEAJ Conference and Exhibition HOSPEX , 14th to 16th November 2007, Tokyo, Japan.
Organized by the HEAJ (Healthcare Engineering Association of Japan)
More information will come as soon as possible.
8. 28th International UIA – Public Health Seminar in Florence June 2008
This Seminar will be organized by prof. Romano del Norte, official member of Italy of the UIA-Public Health Group. The date is not set yet, but will be just before the 23th UIA World Congress in Turin.
9. 23rd UIA World Congress at 28th of June to 3rd of July in Turin, Italy.
The theme will be “Transmitting architecture”.
The venue of the event will be in Lingoto, once the main Fiat factory, converted by Renzo Piano in a convention centre. More information on:
www.uia2008torino.org.

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First Prize

Claudio Vekstein together with Marta Tello, from Argentina, has won the Latin-American Prize of Hospital Architecture and Engineering 2006. The first prize was given by unanimity in October 2006.

The project concerned the MUNICIPAL INSTITUTE FOR REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED, VICENTE LOPEZ, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

Claudio presented his winning project at the UIA-PHG Seminar in August in Pretoria / South Africa last year.

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In memoriam Berrak Seren, 1941 – 2006

Many words have already been said and written about the tragic death of Berrak at the 26th of December 2006. However this last picture of her taken at the PHG Seminar in Pretoria in August 2006 is a silent memory.



Goodbye our dear friend!

<http://nims.who.int>