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

###### New members.

The following new member is proposed by Luub Wessels:

- Paul Boluijt , Architect with the Netherlands Board for Healthcare Institutions, the Netherlands. The Official Member of the Netherlands has agreed with this nomination, as well as the Executive Members. At the annual meeting in South Africa this nomination will be on the agenda.

###### Website.

We thought that the troubles with the website were over, but they were not. We now changed the name of the website a little and are using a new, Dutch, provider. The website is now situated in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The webmaster is one of the people from our computer department. In the next month we are going to update the site with actual information and with the presentations of the seminar in Istanbul. We hope that the new updated website can be shown at the annual meeting in South Africa. The name of the new website site is: [www.uia-public-health-group.org](http://www.uia-public-health-group.org).

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##### **Relation WHO and UIA**

###### \*The 118<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session of the WHO

The 118<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Session of the WHO in Geneva at the 29<sup>th</sup> of May was attended by Hans Eggen, official Member of the UIA/PHG for Switzerland, because Luub Wessels had other duties at that time. He also visited Andrei Issakov to talk about the subjects Andrei and Luub had discussed in the preceding meeting.

He has made the following **report** to Andrei Issakov

Dear Mr Issakov,

I thank you for the meeting we held at your office at the WHO on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and see forward to have a follow up in Prätoria at the latest. As I understood now, your personal concerns in relation with the UIA and especially with the UIA public health group are the following:

### **1. Updating of guidelines**

You have a remarkable collection of such documents:

- A. The best and most comprehensive were prepared by a team from Argentina, Mexico and Brasil lead by Mrs Debouchy from Buenos Aires, in 1976 containing 23 parts covering all aspects starting from data collection, to programming, until planning and realisation, but all in Spanish.
- B. There is a documentation from South Africa prepared by Geoff Abbott concerning the standard there.
- C. There is a Canadian documentation in English.
- D. And a Japanese documentation by Jasuchi Naga. . .

All these Standards are very interesting but also outdated. To update or upgrade is a very big task, but it would be helpful for developing countries.

**2. The design of healthy environment** should not focus only on hospitals. The UIA, including especially the public health group, should open the view also on: Habitat, schools, urban planning, offices, whatever. That's precisely where the requirements of the WHO could meet the interest of Architects and Engineers.

If I understand it right, you recommend to open the subjects in order to reach also other Architects and to make the conference interesting for more participants.

**3. To act in a pro-active way in developing countries.** You have told me that you have participated in a conference in Sri Lanka where nobody spoke about healthcare facilities which should have been a major issue after the Tsunami. From what you have seen in hospitals there is a great lack of basic knowledge of design for sterile zones etc. In future it would be important that some of the UIA public health group Architects would participate at such occasions in developing counties and not to wait if someone would come from there to conferences far away in San Francisco, Sao Paulo or even Prätoria. Architects from developing countries cannot afford the trip. Therefore the UIA

has to visit them. Apparently a list with all the conferences from all over the world are on your table and the UIA could make use of it.

#### **4. Patients safety**

This is another issue in which the WHO is interested and about which you have been in contact with Luub Wessels in January already.

#### **5. Summary**

You would be interested to meet the president of the UIA in Paris or where he actually is working at the moment and if possibly before the congress in Prätoria. However if this is not possible you would like to suggest that such themes are put on the agenda of the annual Congress in Prätoria or at the annual meeting. In other words, we will meet you there soon.

Please tell me, if I understood you right. I have to leave for a congress in Thessaloniki and will be back 6th of June.

I had to leave the executive board meeting because I will talk at a Conference in Thessaloniki, where I have been invited from The University by the representative of Greece of the public health group.

I will try to get in contact with you after my return and I will try to come to Geneva on other occasions to the WHO again.

Kind regards

Hans Eggen  
Senior Partner  
Dipl. Architect ETH SIA  
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In the meantime Luub Wessels has propose to organise a meeting in Paris between the WHO and the UIA, somewhere in September or October.

#### **\* 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 re-

viewed 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 Nongovernmental 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". At the 25<sup>th</sup> of July the information was completed in the system and the laws and bylaws, the financial accounts and the members list of the UIA were downloaded to the WHO.

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

We distributed the Newsletter/Circular 169 with the latest information about 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”**

At the beginning of July there were about 37 members and non-members who want to present a paper, 95 interested people for the seminar and 35 registrations for the PHG events. So it is starting to fill up now.

There will also be a small meeting with around 15 people on GUPHA business matters in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 16, somewhere after the hospital visit.

Information about the seminar can also be found at [www.healthfacilities.co.za](http://www.healthfacilities.co.za)

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

Martin Fiset 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 is preparing a preliminary program that can be discussed at the annual meeting in August in South Africa.

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

#### Agenda.

1. Welcome

2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Minutes Annual Meeting in 2005 Istanbul
4. Follow up on previous meeting
5. Reports on past events
6. Long term objectives and activities of the PHG
  - \* Relation WHO, IHF, EU HPN, IFHE, GUPHA, UIA WP's
  - \* Relation WP Sport & Leisure
7. Website
8. Nominations
9. New members
10. Evaluation Seminar in South Africa
11. PHG Seminar 2007 and 2008
12. Forthcoming events
13. Colour code
14. Miscellaneous

Minutes 2005 Istanbul.

Herewith the minutes of the Annual meeting 2005 in case you have lost them.

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UIA/PHG ANNUAL MEETING**

**ISTANBUL, TURKEY/05 JULY, 2005**

**Attendees**

Official Members: Geoffrey Abbot, Donald C. Axon, Hans Eggen, Martin Fiset, Hans-Evert Gatermann, Jarbas Karman, Helina Kotilainen, Norwina Nawawi, Peter Scher, Berrak Seren, Zakia Shafie, Fani Vavili, Luub Wessels, Huang Xigiu , Moshe Zarhy

Associate Members: Luis Lopez Cardiel, Ruzica Bozovic-Sta., Sophia Chatzicocoli, Astrid-Marie DeBuchy, Rosemary Glanville, George Mann, Peter Paulik

Guests: Phil Ashley, Paul Boluijt, Christoph Gatermann, Karin Imoberdorf, Warren Kerr, Philip Sun

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order by Director Martin Fiset at 2:40 p.m.

1.2 Director Fiset welcomed the group and gave a brief history of the UIA/PHG, which was founded in 1955 and is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 The Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting in Sao Paolo were approved as submitted.

3.0 Previous Meeting Follow-up

3.1 WHO: G. Abbot reported he had not followed up on his contact, but hoped to do so in the near future.

3.1.1 Discussion followed:

- B. Seren said she would contact the WHO representative in the Ankara office.
- Suggestion that the UIA/PHG ask to be put on the agenda at the WHO annual meeting as an item for discussion.
- UIA/PHG Director to act as liaison to WHO.
- Mention was made that WHO is concerned with primary care, not hi-tech

3.2 IHF: L. Wessels said his office is a member of IHF and he will coordinate with that organization.

3.3 IFHE: G. Abbott will contact its new president who is a South African. The organization has an engineering focus.

3.4 GUPHA: G. Mann is the UIA/PHG link with this group.

3.5 Website: L. Wessels will investigate with his office and coordinate with Cristoph Gatermann.

3.6 Finances: A suggestion was made to charge a fee for our annual seminars and set aside a portion of it to help with administrative expenses or for membership in other organizations such as WHO and IHF.

#### 4.0 New Directorship

4.1 Martin Fiset has resigned from the position as UIA/PHG Director, to take effect at the close of this meeting. Luub Wessels (Netherlands) has been confirmed by the UIA as our new Director.

#### 5.0 Report on Past Events

5.1 IHF: S. Chatzicicoli reported that there were 400 participants from 22 countries. The theme was 'Smart Hospitals, and she made three presentations and had a poster exhibited. The IHF asks every 2 years for UIA/PHG participation in this event.

5.2 Finland: H. Kotilainen reported on a successful seminar on Technology in Healthcare, held 13-15 June, 2005.

5.3 Groningen: L. Wessels reported on the International Healthcare Design/Environment event, which was preceded by two symposiums with students.

#### 6.0 Long-term Objectives

6.1 Discussion on 'paper' by G. Mann (distributed to all members prior to this meeting).

- Fiset: An Executive Committee should be formed, one person from each of the 5 regions.
- Vavili: Regions too large; need more than one per region.
- Shafie: Perhaps five persons per region. Consensus: too unwieldy.
- Mann: Must change, or 'die as a group'.
- Wessels: Should have a Vision Mission Statement. Member countries/states should write, show goals, invite participants, disseminate info, books, etc., try to get members in regions that we do not have now.
- Sher: Strength of group is in its seminars, rather than a mission statement; another strength is our diversity as a mixed group. Weakness is in funding and providing opportunities for attending our meetings. Health groups in each country should be contacted to send representatives.
- Wessels: Need to coordinate info from and about other UIA groups; focus on certain themes for UIA/PHG. As Director, he will start implementing some suggestions.

## 7.0 Nominations

7.1 The following persons have been nominated by and accepted as the official representative from their respective countries:

Luis E. Lopez Cardiel, Mexico  
Astrid-Marie DeBuchy, Argentina  
Peter Korneli, Germany

## 8.0 Associate Membership

8.1 Ted Doufas (Australia) had sent in a request and resume for Associate Membership for his son, Chris Doufas.

8.1.1 M. Fiset will thank Mr. Doufas for his interest in our group and inform him of the following: The criteria for Associate Membership is defined as follows: An Associate Member must have attended more than one UIA/PHG Annual Seminar and have personally presented at least one paper to be eligible for election in that category.

8.2 M. Fiset remarked that nominations for Associate Membership should be submitted in writing to the Director well in advance of our Annual Meetings; nominations from the floor at these meetings will not be accepted.

## 9.0 2006 Annual Meeting & Seminar

9.1 Geoff Abbot is the coordinator of our next meeting, which will be held in South Africa. He presented several dates and scenarios. After much discussion, it was determined that the event will take place in late July or early August.

## 10.0 2007 Annual Meeting & Seminar

10.1 M. Fiset suggested Toronto as a possible venue. No decision was made at this time.

## 11.0 Adjournment

11.1 The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m., after a round of applause in appreciation to Martin Fiset for his efforts as Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Axon, Hon. Secretary

02 August, 2005

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### **Building Exchange 2006 in Madrid/Spain June 7<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> 2006.**

The second annual Building Exchange (B-E-X 2006), organised by Building on Business Ltd, was held in Madrid (Spain), from 7 to 9 June 2006 on the theme:  
“ Where Property Meets The Built Environment ”.

The programme proposed over 20 lectures as well as workshops, seminars and theme-lunches involving more than 50 internationally recognised speakers.

The UIA supported this event and did nominate speakers who are experts in the various key themes. Luub Wessels was invited as Director of the UIA Public Health Group to present a paper about the latest developments in healthcare design. His presentation was called: "The Life Cycle of Health Property".

There were about 250 participants on various subjects. "Healthcare" was one of them, but other themes were "Industry research and innovation", "High performance Materials and Techniques", "The Costs of new Legislation", "Sustainable environments", "Central and Eastern Europe", "What really happened in New Orleans", "Housing", "Education", "Regeneration", "The tallest, longest and Greatest Structures", "Commercial Property", "Spotlights on the Middle East/Dubai", "Sport and Leisure".

The congress was very well organized; especially the way to make contact with other delegates. There were "meeting-request forms" to fill in with the names of participants you wanted to meet. Then there was an agenda made to meet these people in the delegates meeting room at a certain time for about 20 minutes. Also at dinners, lunches and parties staff from BEX tried to make contacts between different delegates of the congress. This worked very well in the opinion of most participants.

Also worth mentioning is that the Director of the UIA WP "Sport & Leisure" (Geraint John) and the Director of the UIA WP "Public Health" (Luub Wessels) decided to organize a joint event to discuss the possible interactions between the two subjects. There was a verbal interest from the Dubai Sport City to hold such a meeting in Dubai in January 2007. Following you will find a first draft for such a discussion.

[A paper discussed with Luub Wessels, Director Health Group for a joint event](#)

#### INTRODUCTION

Sport, active leisure and exercise have a positive link with health.

- the former can be helpful for "prevention" measures
- in developed countries we have a growing older population
- healthy people are less likely to need hospitals
- obesity & lack of fitness is a problem in the younger generation
- a proper exercise is part of the rehabilitation & recovery process from ill health
- swimming, hydrotherapy pools & gymnasias are jointly beneficial to healthy and unhealthy people
- sport has become important to the health and morale of disabled people

#### SPORTS INJURY

This is an important and growing area of treatment. At the top level, professionals need the best treatment possible, and there is also a large expanding need for all participants in sport.

#### PROPOSAL



To hold a joint seminar to discuss these topics

#### QUESTIONS

Where?

How?

When?

#### ONE OPPORTUNITY

We are following up a verbal interest to hold it at the Dubai Sports City in January 2007

Geraint John

June 2006

At the Annual meeting in August we will discuss this idea in more detail.

More information about BEX at: [http:// www. b-e-x.com](http://www.b-e-x.com)

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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. *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 July 2006 a preliminary program and registration will be distributed.
3. *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). As soon as we have an answer from dr. Tai Chu Yoo, we will give you more information.
4. *Gupha meeting 2006.*  
It is now confirmed that the meeting of the Global University Program of Hospital Architecture will take place during the UIA-PHG meeting in August in South Africa.

5. *Gupha meeting 2007.*

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 South Korea from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2007 and before the International Symposium and Exhibition HOSPEX 2007 Japan in Tokyo from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of November, which is organized by the HEAJ (Healthcare Engineering Association of Japan). UIA/PHG members will have an advantage to cover the visits in Korea and Japan together.

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**UIA Calendar May 2006**

The UIA calendars of June and July 2006 have been mailed to you separately.

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**Colour code.**

Because there was little response on this subject, we will discuss this again at the annual meeting in South Africa.

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**Miscellaneous.**

As a result of EuHPN's contacts with the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), UK, they have received an open invitation for their members and others to take part in a series of one-day seminars across the United Kingdom. These seminars are part of a campaign to show how good design can improve local healthcare facilities.

The programme of seminars looks to be very interesting and well-designed. There is no charge for the seminars, but participants are expected to pay travel and accommodation costs themselves.

Although there were already seminars in June and July, there are two left at 13 September in Glasgow (The Lighthouse) and at 19 October in London (Breast care centre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital).

To register: [www.cabe.org.uk](http://www.cabe.org.uk).

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