



International Union of Architects
WP Public Health Group

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Dear members and guests,
Herewith I send you the Newsletter/Circular 166 with new, current information about the WP "Public Health Group".

Sincerely yours,
Luub Wessels,

618. Organisation WP PHG.

Members list.

The members list has been updated. We still have some names of guests without addresses. Also there is a list of persons of which the e-mail addresses do not respond or are not known. We wrote a letter to their postal addresses to get in contact with them. If this gives no solution we will send around this list of "unknown persons" to ask if you can help to identify them.

New members.

The following new official members are nominated by their national federation of architects and appointed as representatives of their country:

- * Mr. Huang Xi Qiu for China, by the Architectural Society of China
- * Mr. Warren Kerr for Australia, by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (replacing Ted Doufas)

Meeting with Hans Evert Gatermann.

At 18th of January there was a meeting in Düsseldorf between Hans Evert Gatermann, past-director of the PHG, and Luub Wessels, director PHG. They exchanged a lot of historical information. Some of it will be placed on the website.

Website.

The website is now situated in Utrecht, The Netherlands. We are going to update the site with current topics in the next month. There is going to be a password to enable you to open the members pages where you can find the names of members and guests with their e-mail addresses and countries. As we decided in one of the annual meetings, the postal addresses can only be obtained through the Director.

In case you have forgotten, the name of the site is: www.public-health-group.org.

Miscellaneous.

Astrid Maria Debuchy has been so kind to translate the English version of the "information about the UIA Public Health Group" into Spanish for the Spanish speaking countries. Many thanks for that. It will be published at the website and you will find it in one of the attachments with this Newsletter.

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UIA WP Directors co-ordination meeting in Paris 17th of December 2005.

The meeting took place at the UIA Headquarters rue Raynouard 51 in Paris. From the 23 appointed Directors, 15 WP Directors were present. Secretary General, Jordi Farrando, presented a, so called, logical matrix document or logframe. It is meant to give a framework to the Work Programmes to analyse their contribution to the development of the profession and the overall goals of the UIA. It also gives the possibility to compare the different Work Programmes and as such it is a tool for communication. After a lot of discussion about the contents of the different Work Programmes, it was decided that the Directors should fill in the matrix and send it back to the SG, who should send the matrixes around to all the WP directors. It is important to know what the other WP's are doing, so we can share our information and work together where possible. You will find the Logframe of the PHG in one of the attachments with this newsletter.

Furthermore we spoke about the difficulties of the different WP's, the financing of the WP activities and organisation and the way of communication. Especially an own, independent website and an electronic newsletter were emphasized as important communication tools for the WP's. The UIA is creating a UIA Newsletter, which will also include information from the WP's.

It was suggested that an annual co-ordination meeting should be held in Paris a month or two before a Council meeting and that in the middle of the triennial period, a co-ordination meeting should be held on the eve of a Council meeting.

In the meantime we received a letter from Jordy Farrando that he was very pleased with the fulfilled logframe of the Public Health Group. He wrote:

Dear Mr. Wessels,

Thank you for additional information on the Public Health Work Programme with the perfectly fulfilled logframe matrix. From the proposal received, it is clear to me that the activities and purpose of your Work Programme fully match with the current needs, and that the Programme can move forward. I will inform accordingly the Council at our next meeting in Hammamet.

With best regards,

Jordi Farrando
Secretary General

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Counsel-meeting WHO in Geneva 23rd and 24th of January.

Report from Luub Wessels.

The meeting started Monday , the 23rd , and ended Saturday the 28th . I was asked to represent the UIA, who was invited together with a lot of other ngo's.

I participated the first two days, because most of the agenda was about subjects that had no relation with healthcare building.

The informal meeting with Andrei Issakov was very interesting. Andrei Issakov is Co-ordinator Health Technology and Facilities Planning from the Department of Health System Policies and Operations from the WHO. Many of you know him already from former times when he came to the PHG seminars.

We spoke about:

- *Relation WHO and UIA-PHG.*

The WHO needs input from the PHG, because the WHO has no architects in its organization. He pointed at the fact that the facility guidelines, used by the WHO, are still outdated. Previously the PHG has helped to create these guidelines.

Perhaps we can help again with updating them. Maybe in relation with the IHF.

As you all know the WHO is very pleased with the seminar in Pretoria.

They will support it, people from the WHO will present papers and we can use their logo for the seminar. As safe healthcare facilities are important to the WHO, Andrei asked me if we could make a small note about the planning, design and construction of healthcare facilities from a safety point of view.

If we should want a more active relationship with the WHO, we should look at the WHO-agenda, try to find the relations with healthcare facilities and come with proposals. For instance the earthquake in South Asia and the tsunami disaster asked for special healthcare facilities. Architects in those areas have less knowledge of these facilities.

In Colombo/Sri Lanka the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects has planned its 23rd Annual Session and National Congress on 23 -25 of February. At this congress healthcare facilities are not on the agenda. An opportunity for some members of the PHG to present a paper about this subject, because healthcare facilities are certainly needed in this area.

In general it is important for the PHG to discuss the manner of relationships with the WHO.

Separate from this newsletter I will come back to these subjects.

- *Relation WHO and UIA.*

Although the PHG is the first contact between the WHO and the UIA, there are more WHO related subjects within the UIA, like urbanisation (healthy cities), sustainable building, environment, etc. The WHO should like to have more, broader, contacts with the UIA as a total. I will inform Jordy Farrando about this.

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26th International UIA PHG Seminar in Pretoria, South Africa in August 2006.

At the 20th of December 2005 circular 165 was send around with information about the 26th International UIA-PHG Seminar in Pretoria / South Africa. Up till now there already have been many reactions to participate in the seminar and to present a paper. It is im-

portant for Geoff Abbott, who is organizing the Seminar, to know soon all people who want to participate and/or to present a paper. So if you are interested, please fill in the Expression of Interest form and the UIA-PHG registration form as soon as possible and send them to Geoff Abbott and Luub Wessels.

Both registration forms are presented again in the attachments with this Newsletter.

In the meantime there was a reaction of the WHO, by Andrei Issakov, that the WHO will participate in the Seminar and also offers to make it a joint UIA-PHG / WHO Seminar so we can use their logo too. Most of you have received this reaction.

We also received a reaction from Gaetan Siew, the president of the UIA, who was very pleased with the re-approach of the WHO and the PHG. He has sent circular 165 to a number of colleagues that may be of assistance for the best involvement of architects in the seminar. He also pointed at the possible sponsorship for the French translation from the Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie.

Of course we are very glad with these reactions which can add to a fruitful seminar.

622.

IHF Pan - Regional Conference and Exhibition "Towards the Smart Hospital", Thessaloniki, Greece 4 – 7 November 2005.

Sophia Chatzicocoli-Syrakou has sent us the report she wrote about this conference in Thessaloniki.

You will find the report in one of the attachments.

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Coming events

1 *9th EU-HPN Workshop, 19-21 April 2006 in Budapest, Hungary*

The overarching theme is "Investing for Health" The workshop will incorporate presentations and discussions on:

- Regional infrastructure planning.
- The economic value of capital investment
- Health outcomes
- The specific needs of new member states.

The detailed structure of this 3-days event will be sent to members of the EU-HPN early in 2006. PHG members, that are also members of the EU-HPN, will receive this information in due time.

2 *International IFHE conference in Cape Town, South Africa from May 7th till May 11th 2006." Healthcare Engineering in Developing Countries".*

More information on www.ifhe.info or www.sbs.co.za/ifhe2006/.

As some of you will remember we discussed in the last annual meeting the option to plan the PHG seminar parallel with this conference.

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. There has been a first announcement and a call for papers. In July 2006 a preliminary programme and registration will be distributed.

4 *35th 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 Yoo, 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 half a day in 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 send you more information.

5 *Gupha meeting 2006.*

This meeting of the Global University Program of Hospital Architecture will probably take place during the UIA-PHG meeting in August in South Africa.

6 *Gupha meeting 2007.*

It is nearly finalized to have the Gupha Forum at the University of Tokio on Monday 12th and/or Tuesday 13th November 2007, after the International IHF Hospital Congress in South Korea from Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th of November 2007 and before the International Symposium and Exhibition HOSPEX 2007 in Tokyo, Japan from Wednesday 14th to 16th of November, which is organized by the HEAJ (Healthcare Engineering Association of Japan). UIA/PHG members will have a discount to cover the visits in Korea and Japan together.

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UIA Calendar.

Your attention is asked for the UIA Calendar 2006. There you can find architectural meetings worldwide. Some time ago the preliminary calendar was distributed to you to update it. It can now be seen at the website of the UIA: [www. uia-architectes.org](http://www.uia-architectes.org). Because some of the events that are related to the Public Health Group in the calendar are missing, we have sent this information to the UIA in Paris for further updating.

625.

Architects solidarity with Pakistan disaster victims.

As you have noticed, we did send all of you a message concerning the possible support from architects for the reconstruction of (healthcare) facilities in the disaster areas in Pakistan. We had reactions from Don Axon (USA) and Henning Lensch (Germany). Those reactions have been sent to the UIA in Paris, who asked us to contact the Pakistan architects Dan Lewis and Teresa Poppelwell of UN-Habitat. This has also been conveyed to Don and Henning. We do not know as yet if there is any follow-up.

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Colour code.

As you perhaps know, some countries use a standard colour code for the indication of the different functions of hospital facilities. Germany has a DIN 13080, a standard guideline for the colour of the functions; South Africa uses standard colours for the quality of the functions and perhaps also for the indication of them. Norway is interested to standardise the colours of these functions as well as the Netherlands. However, it should be considered to achieve a more international standardisation of the colour indication of hospital functions.

Will you please react to this. Does your country already have a colour system? Is your country interested in an international colour system?

The profits of such a system will be that it is more easy to read and to compare the design drawings of hospital facilities, for instance for publications, design competitions and poster sessions.

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Miscellaneous.



As you certainly remember, UIA WP Public Health sponsored the reconstruction of the Frauenkirche in Dresden. Together with Marie-Therese, Hans Evert Gatermann made a flight to Dresden and visited this church which was consecrated again in October 2005.

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