

## NEWSLETTER

Dear fellow member

This is the second Newsletter to Centre 2 members from the Chairman of the Centre.

The Republic of Ireland Centre Committee and Council is working tirelessly to achieve the objective of a statutory register for Architectural Technologists in Ireland, who will be recognised as qualified to act as Design and Assigned Certifiers under S. 1. 09 (Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014). I urge all Architectural Technologists in the country to lend their support by re-joining/joining their professional Institute and registering on the Architectural Technologists Register (ATR). Go to [www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie](http://www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie) to register, if qualified or to indicate your intention to register if in the process of working towards Chartered Membership.

On 19 October 2015, CIAT celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Criona Ni Dalaigh, in the Mansion House in Dublin. It was attended by the President, Karl Grace and incoming President Elect, Gary Mees, Chief Executive, Francesca Berriman MBE, the Centre Committee members and Officers, members of Region 15, Northern Ireland, many members of the Republic of Ireland Centre and several invited guests from the Construction Industry. The reception was also addressed by Denise Germaine, Centre Chairman and Councillor.



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On 26 November, the QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), which is in the process of developing a National Standard for Architectural Technology, held a Consultative Forum in Dublin to discuss the draft standard, which is currently published for public consultation. Members of the Republic of Ireland Centre who attended were Denise Germaine, Centre Chairman, Gillian Fletcher, Chairman of the Centre 2 Technical Committee, Mel McGerr, who is one of the CIAT representatives on the QQI Task Force and Paul Condron, Centre Secretary and PR Officer. Discussion was lively and informative. Members are urged to review the draft, a link to which is attached below, and are encouraged to advise their comments to either Gillian Fletcher or Denise Germaine at the addresses given, and/or make their own individual submission to the QQI before the deadline date of 6 January 2016: [Architectural Technology education standards](#)

On 28 November, the CIAT Annual General Meeting took place in Edinburgh. It was attended by Denise Germaine, Councillor, Gillian Fletcher and Liam Cotter, voting representatives and Paul Condron from the Republic of Ireland Centre, who attended as a member of CIAT.

The AGM was interesting and there was lively discussion on the two resolutions for debate, both of which were carried by a majority vote. The first resolution enables Council to consider altering the format of future AGMs to allow each Region and Centre the opportunity to present a short report on their own Region/Centre. It was agreed that this should follow the formal business of the AGM. The second resolution enables Council to consider the appointment of Region/Centre support staff. The two resolutions were approved as presented and the Institute (Executive Board and Council) will consider them.

At the AGM, outgoing President, Karl Grace, handed over the chain of office to Gary Mees, our new President.

The Presidents' Ball, which followed in the evening, was held in the Balmoral Hotel. A piper in full Scots kilt played at the entrance as we arrived up the red carpet to the hotel. Brian Davies and Mark Davies attended with their partners, as did Denise Germaine, Liam Cotter and Gillian Fletcher. There was a champagne reception hosted by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, at which there was an exhibition of historical documents and artefacts (including the Republic of Ireland Chairman's silver medal), to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CIAT. The haggis was piped in and formally addressed and swiftly demolished by all. A delicious dinner was followed by a Scots Ceilidh and dancing. All in all, it was a well organised and most enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

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