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CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre (C2)



Welcome . . .

From the Centre Chairman William Cotter MCIAT



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Important News

Work is actively progressing with the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government** regarding the establishment of a Statutory Register of Architectural Technologists, which will enable registered Architectural Technologists to act as Design and/or Assigned Certifiers under the **Building Control (Amendment) Regulations**.

CIAT is leading on the process and has set an ambitious timetable to ensure that the Statutory Register is achieved as soon as possible. Documentation currently in final preparation by CIAT will be submitted to the Department before the end of 2017. However, issues such as the legislative process and the Minister's responsibilities within the legislation are outside the control of CIAT. We will continue to keep members advised of progress on this matter.

I urge all CIAT members to prevail upon their unaffiliated Architectural Technologist colleagues in the country to lend their support by joining their professional Institute and registering on the ATR. Visit the website; <u>www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie.</u>

Please visit our website, <u>www.ciat.ie</u> for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links: <u>Join CIAT</u> <u>Professional Assessment</u>

Centre Committee 2017 - 2019

Following the resignation of Denise Germaine as Chairman of the **Centre Committee**, a meeting was held on 25 November at which Liam Cotter MCIAT was unanimously elected to the post of Chairman.

The Centre Committee for 2017 - 2019 is as follows:

Chairman	Liam Cotter MCIAT	Membership Officer	Brian K. Davies MCIAT
Vice Chairman	Denise Germaine MCIAT	Practice Officer	Sean Ryan (profile candidate)
Secretary	Paul Condron MCIAT	PR Officer	Patricia Mulvey MCIAT
Councillor	Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT	Committee Member	Jim Kirwan PPCIAT
Treasurer	Liam Cotter MCIAT	Committee Member	Colin Garry (Student)
CPD Officer	Christophe Krief MCIAT	Committee Member	Elizabete Jakobsone (Student)
Education Officer	Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT	Committee Member	Niall Culleton MCIAT

Contact details for members of the Centre Committee can be found on the Republic of Ireland page of the CIAT website.

Vacant Chair Position on Centre 2 aspirATion Group

We are very anxious to fill the chair position for the **Republic of Ireland aspirATion Group**, If this is something you would be interested in, please get in contact with **Holly Banks** the Institute's **Education & CPD Administrator** (details at end).

By way of background, the **aspirATion Group** is an initiative aimed at future Architectural Technology professionals, and specifically designed to target students, and recent graduates and encourage Institute engagement in their formative years within the discipline.

The Chair person will work with the established Regional Committee, CIAT Accredited Programmes, colleges, peer groups such as neighbouring **aspirATion** Regions or Centres, members of BRE Academy, CIOB Novus, RICS Matrics and industry professionals within the Centre to organise events which can include social, CPD events or site visits.

To apply, we would require you to submit a personal statement outlining why you would be suitable for the role of Chair relating it to the Terms of Reference.

The Terms of Reference of the newly established **CIAT aspirATion Group** are as follows:

- Provide a focal point for the Institute's activities and objectives with respect to all Future AT Professional members.
- Maintain a dialogue between the aspirATion Group and the Institute's other Groups and Committees regarding any
 issues that may affect Future AT Professional members and to ensure that Future AT Professional members are not
 adversely affected by any of these issues.

- Raise awareness of Institute activities, objectives and constitutional processes.
- Increase the potential for participation among current students.
- Increase awareness of the Institute to potential future Architectural Technology professionals and other associated professionals.

Eligibility criteria for this role is as follows:

Current student member ACIAT or Profile candidate ≤ 5 years MCIAT or TCIAT ≤ 3 years

All personal statements should be sent to Holly Banks, Education and CPD Administrator at holly@ciat.org.uk by Monday 29 January 2018.

AGM/President's Ball - 17-18 November in Newcastle upon Tyne

The weekend began with a social event on Friday evening, hosted by the Northern Region. This was held at the Baltic, a converted warehouse building which is now used for events. There was a small meal and a talk on the history of Newcastle, followed by a table quiz. Our team consisted of Patricia and Martin Mulvey, Michael O'Keeffe, Niall Healy and his wife, Olive from the Greater London Region, Peter Drew of the Americas Centre, Denise Germaine and her partner.

Saturday morning began with the **AGM**, which was held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There were no motions to be debated, so the **AGM** just consisted of the official business which must be voted on each year. The outgoing President, Gary Mees, handed over the chain of office to **Alex Naraian**, our new president. In his inaugural speech, Alex thanked, among others, Denise Germaine for her long service as a Councillor. After the official **AGM**, Denise Germaine handed over the Councillorship of the Republic of Ireland Centre to Michael O'Keeffe (picture below).



Following the **AGM**, there was a workshop on the Grenfell Tower fire, at which 8 separate table groups discussed different aspects of the key themes of the **Grenfell Tower Inquiry**. This was introduced by Dr Graham Smith MCIAT, a specialist Fire Engineer and facilitated by Professor Sam Allwinkle PPCIAT. The discussion was interesting and was recorded so that the suggestions made could be published.





On Saturday evening, the President's Ball was held in the Boiler Shop, a converted workshop originally used by the famous Engineer, Robert Stephenson. There were Gold Award presentations and then a very good three course dinner, followed by dancing to a live band.

The weekend was very enjoyable and offer many opportunities for networking and catching up with old friends.

AGM 2018/2019

The AGM and President's Ball in 2018 will be hosted by the Europe Centre and held in Aarhus, Denmark. The Republic of Ireland Centre has re-submitted a bid, in competition with several other regions and Centres of CIAT, to hold the AGM in Dublin in 2019.

Events

Three CIAT members, Malachy Matthews from DIT, Gordon Chisholm from WIT and David Comiskey from Region 15, Northern Ireland, gave presentations at the **CitA BIM Gathering** held in Dublin in November.

New Chartered Members

Congratulations to our following members who became Chartered since August;

- Mr. D. Kehoe MCIAT (Carlow);
- Mr. P. O'Hara MCIAT & Ms. M. Doyle Hughes MCIAT (Cork);
- Mr. D. R. Bent MCIAT & Mr. S. Doonan MCIAT (Dublin);
- Mr. P. Clarke MCIAT (Kildare);
- Mr. A. O'Hara MCIAT (Kilkenny;
- Mr. O. O'Brien MCIAT (Galway);
- Mr. J. McGowan MCIAT (Offaly);
- Mr. P. Campion MCIAT (Dublin & Overseas)

Considering upgrading your Membership? For more on Membership & upcoming Interview Board in Dublin, see the Membership Officers Report on next page

Technical Sub-committee

The Technical sub-committee continues to meet on a monthly basis to consider various regulatory information relating to the construction industry and endeavours to keep our Irish member up-to-date. This committee has recently made submissions to the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government** on the following issues:

- The Sub-Committee has written to the Minister pointing out an issue regarding the transition period for the introduction of TGD L – Conservation of Fuel & Energy – Dwellings. No response has been received to date.
- The Committee has also written to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government pointing out an omission in **TGD M – Access & Use** regarding the provision of lower level WHBs in Female Washrooms. Again, we are awaiting a response.
- The Sub-Committee has not yet seen the promised consolidated version of the **Building Control Regulations 2007 2015**, which is in preparation by the Dept. and the Law Reform Commission.

CPD Update with Christophe Krief (CPD Officer)

Denise Germaine provided a list of upcoming events from which I recommend the following:

- The 2018 National Sustainability Summit 31 January Citywest Hotel, Dublin
- Quality, Environmental, Health & Safety Expo 31 January Citywest Hotel, Dublin

I believe these two events to be of great interest to all CIAT members.

We are presently aiming to organise a CPD focussed on the Fire Regulations entitled 'Fire Safety and Compliance with Part B of the Building Regulations'. We hope to hold the event at one of the accredited Institutes of Technology during March 2018. More information will follow once plans progress.

Membership Update with Brian K. Davies (Membership Officer)

Congratulations to the members listed on the previous page who obtained Chartered status. Our Centre currently consists of 306 members of varying grades as listed below:

MCIAT	152	Profile	26
ACIAT	75	Student	52
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Forthcoming Interview Board

I have been advised that a **Professional Interview Board** is planned for Dublin in Spring 2018 and the Institute are inviting applicants to submit their MCIAT application by **18** January 2018 to be considered for this Board.

Please note that there is **Mentoring & Support** for members in preparation for the assessment. I would encourage candidates to visit the CIAT website for information.

I would like to encourage all Student members and profile candidates members who have stalled in progressing to full membership to make a New Year resolution to progress their membership in 2018.



Christmas Greetings to all our members in the Republic of Ireland and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Upcoming Events

CitA Smarter Co-operative Building Series

Date: 31 January 2018 Location: Royal College of Physicians, No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin Further Information: See <u>CitA</u>

Safe Pass Training - Cork

Date:

Various Dates in January 2018 Location: Chris Mee Group, Little Island, Cork Cost: €110.00 Further Information: One day training course with written assessment as set out by SOLAS. See Chris Mee Group

PSCS Course - Cork & Dublin

Date: Cork: 15, 16 January 2018 Dublin: 17, 18 January 2018 Location: Cork: Chris Mee Group, Little Island Dublin: Parkway Business Centre, Ballymount Cost: €690.00 Further Information: Two day training programme. See Chris Mee Group

Construction Management Day Conference - GMIT

Date: 6 March 2018 Location: GMIT Dublin Road Campus, Galway Further Information: Email martin.taggart@gmit.ie to be added to the distribution list.

Ideal Home Show - Dublin

Date:

20 - 22 April 2018 Location: RDS, Simmonscourt, Dublin Further Information: Ideal Home Show is Ireland's Largest Home Show and takes place twice a year in the RDS. See Ideal Home Show

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