



Welcome

From the Centre Chair
William Cotter MCIAT

COVID-19 | CIAT Information and Advice for Members and Affiliates

The health and safety of our members, affiliates, staff and clients is our main priority and CIAT is closely monitoring the Government's advice regarding the **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)** pandemic. The Institute continues to work hard to ensure that CIAT is still operating and supporting its members and affiliates during this period of uncertainty. In response, all meetings will remain remote / online for the first quarter of 2021.

It is strongly recommended all members and affiliates regularly familiarise themselves with the information provided by the Government and the HSE. Information on COVID-19, the symptoms and how to protect yourself can be found on the [HSE website](#). Further to the C-19 Email Circular distributed to all Republic of Ireland Centre members on 14 May 2020, the **CIF Construction Sector C-19 Standard Operating Procedures** has been updated and **Version 5** is now available to download [here](#).

The management of COVID-19 continues and we recommend all members and affiliates to monitor the Government and HSE websites for the latest and most accurate information. If you require any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@ciat.global - we will continue to do all we can to support our members and affiliates in this period.

Important Update on the Architectural Technologists Register (ATR)

Progress is ongoing and the Register will now operate in a robust manner so that the Department and the Minister may make the necessary changes to the primary legislation to establish the Register as a Statutory Body, enabling **Registered Architectural Technologists** to act as **Design and Assigned Certifiers** under **BC(A)R 2014**.

ATR

We have identified a number of professionals in the construction industry who are willing to accept positions on the various boards required to administer the **ATR**. In total, we require 17 non-Architectural Technologists for these positions and, to date, have identified 14 non-ATs. Members are again urged to assist the process in a positive manner by identifying colleagues and acquaintances who are not Architectural Technologists yet hold relatively senior positions in the construction industry and who would be willing to accept a position on one of the four Boards / Committees as below. Please advise Centre Chair, Liam Cotter MCIAT, of their names and qualifications at liam@cmgarchitects.ie.

We are also now seeking Chartered Members for the various boards. Expressions of Interest can also be forward to Centre Chair, Liam Cotter MCIAT.

Board / Committee	AT Members*	Non-AT Members**	Chair (Minister's appointee)
Admissions Board	3	4	1
Technical Assessment Board	3	4	1
Appeals Board	2	3	1
Conduct Committee	5	6	1
Totals	13	17	4
*Note	The AT Board members will be appointed from the Chartered Membership of CIAT		
**Note	The non-AT members, although not stipulated in the Building Control Act 2007, should be other professionals or persons who are familiar with the Construction Industry		

The number of Architectural Technologists registering on the **ATR** is increasing slowly, with 268 MCIAT members on the Register and 199 applicants having registered their Intention to Register. It is essential that all CIAT members prevail upon their unaffiliated Architectural Technologist colleagues to assist CIAT in gaining the appropriate recognition for our profession by joining CIAT or registering on the ATR. Visit the website; www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie.

Please visit our website, architecturaltechnology.com for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links: [Join CIAT](#) [Professional Assessment](#)

AT Awards 2020 synopsis by Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT (Councillor)

The **AT Awards** (click [here](#) to watch) were a great success this year given the circumstances. The virtual production was very professional and generated a great deal of media attention and positive reviews.

In terms of news related to Ireland, **Waterford I.T.** received a **Certificate of Approval and re-Accreditation** for their course, the **BSc(Hons) in Architectural and BIM Technology**. It was also great to see Irish expat and GMIT graduate, **Róisín Ní Chatháin MCIAT** named **Chartered Architectural Technologist of the Year**. Róisín is Director of Architecture with BPTW and based in London.

A special mention and congratulations to CIAT / AT champion and good friend to many of the members in the Republic of Ireland Centre, **David Traynor MCIAT**, who deservedly received the **CIAT Gold Award** for his significant contribution and outstanding service to the Institute. He has served in many roles over the years and is still a continually active and contributing member of the Northern Ireland Region.

All the winners will be invited to the event in 2021 to celebrate their achievements. It is still possible to view the digital showcase of the entries/finalists/winners online.



Róisín Ní Chatháin MCIAT, winner of the Chartered Architectural Technologist of the Year Award 2020

Public Relations Update with Patricia Mulvey MCIAT (PR Officer)



Further to **CIAT President, Eddie Weir PCIAT** virtual visit to the Republic of Ireland Centre in June 2020, the Committee are seeking to create a PR Subcommittee with representatives from all counties in Ireland. The initiative is to promote the work of Chartered Members via the **@CIATireland** Twitter account and the **AT Journal**. This will effectively promote the skills and abilities of Chartered Architectural Technologists to a wider audience. If you are interested in contributing as part of this Subcommittee (primarily a correspondence role), please contact **Patricia Mulvey MCIAT, PR Officer** by Direct Messaging our Twitter page, [@CIATireland](#).

AGM 2020: Remote

On Saturday 14 November, CIAT held its **Annual General Meeting** as an online event – a first for the Institute.

It included the unanimous approval of the accounts as well as the authorisation to Council to appoint the auditors. There were two resolutions to be debated and voted on by the **Voting Delegates**, made up of representatives from the Regions and Centres. Both were approved and will be taken forward for implementation.

Eddie Weir PCIAT also delivered his **Presidential Address** (click [here](#) to watch) and a round-up of the Institute activities in 2020. He celebrated "a truly international AGM" and encouraged members to join him at a series of online events. Eddie also assured attendees that the Institute is there to support its members during this difficult time.

Kevin Crawford MCIAT became **President Elect** and Doug Fewkes MCIAT and Steven Hedley MCIAT assumed the positions of **Honorary Treasurer** and **Vice-President Technical** respectively.

A full recording is available for members to watch back in the [My CIAT](#) area.



Upcoming Events

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), all events have been effected in some manner, either cancelled, postponed or delivered online.

The following are the updates we can provide together with some options for online CPD to meet your annual obligation.

National NZEB Conference 2021

Date:
3 February 2021
Location:
Online
Cost:
€535 +VAT (€435 +VAT Early Bird)
Further Information:
A one-day conference, likely to be an online event. Booking Essential. See [CMG Events.ie](#)

CIAT - CPD Register

Date:
Any
Location:
Online - Information Sheets, Webinars and Articles
Further Information:
See [CIAT CPD Register](#)

CIOB Academy - Courses & CPD

Date:
Any
Location:
Online - Webinars
Further Information:
See [CIOB Academy.org](#)

CABE Events - Courses & CPD

Date:
Any
Location:
Online - Webinars
Further Information:
See [CABE Events](#)

HSA Learning - Online Courses

Date:
Any
Location:
Online - Information Sheets, Webinars and Articles
Further Information:
See [HSA Learning.ie](#)

Building Design - CPD Articles

Date:
Any
Location:
Online - Articles
Further Information:
See [BDOnline.co.uk](#)