

# CIAT EUROPE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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## CIAT ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS

**8 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Paula Bleanch (your Councillor) will be casting the Europe Centre's votes at the September Council meeting

The Honorary Officers to be elected and their manifestos are all available to view here: <https://ciat.org.uk/about-us/elections.html>

Please email your preferences to the Chairman at the following email address **before Friday, 31 August 2018.**

[europecentrechair@ciat-centres.org.uk](mailto:europecentrechair@ciat-centres.org.uk)

It is *your* chance to have a say in how *your* Institute is run.

**Please take that chance!**

## ONWARD AND UPWARD!

This year's AGM 2018 in Aarhus, Denmark is all but organised and the students at VIA Denmark have successfully launched the first edition of their student AT magazine. So this issue, unashamedly, has a Danish theme!

## CIAT AGM 2018 DENMARK - 9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2018

As you should all know by now, this year's AGM is being held in Aarhus, Denmark. It will follow the usual format with the hosting Region/Centre hosting the Friday night event and then the AGM itself being held on the Saturday.

It is planned to use the AGM as an opportunity to not only showcase some of the VIA students work but to also have presentations from building professionals from VIA, Denmark and the UK to promote the international profile of CIAT.

Although the final details are to be confirmed here is the itinerary so far:

### Europe Centre Evening Event - Friday 9 November (Dress: Smart casual )

Welcome Reception at the City Hall, Aarhus (17:00 – 19:00)

A drinks reception held at the splendid City Hall (Rådhus) with guests being welcomed to Aarhus by city dignitaries. An opportunity to network and view an exhibition of work produced by the students of VIA University College Denmark. The venue and reception has been organised with very generous help from Visit Aarhus

The main event will take place at the Radisson Blue hotel (19:00-00:00) which is a short walk across the park from the City Hall.

A networking opportunity to not just meet up with CIAT members from all Regions and Centres but to also meet students and staff from VIA.

There will be a three course buffet provided but guests will have to order and pay for their own drinks.

The evening will have a Danish theme to give guests a light introduction to Danish cuisine and culture with opportunities to engage in inter-table activities during the evening.

## **CIAT AGM 2018 - Saturday 10 November** AGM 2018 (Dress code: Smart attire )

The AGM is being held at the VIA University, Campus C which is a modern and vibrant hub of student life at the heart of Aarhus and where the AT courses are taught in conjunction with the VIA Campus in Horsens.

Dress: Smart attire

The Annual General Meeting is the yearly business meeting for the Institute.  
The AGM is followed by a lunch for delegates at the University canteen.

Whilst the AGM takes place, there will be a City walking tour open to all guests and partners to attend. The visit will explore the cultural, historical and architectural aspects of Aarhus calling at the City Hall Tower, Latin Quarter, Aarhus Theatre and much more. The tour will conclude at the Aros Museum Café.

## **CIAT AGM 2018 President's Ball 2018 - Saturday 10 November** (Dress: Black tie and evening gown )

The president's ball is to be held at the Aarhus Concert Hall which is just a short walk across from the hotel.  
A world class venue within the cultural centre of Aarhus

For those of you who have not attended an AGM President's Ball, it is the annual Institute celebration attended by delegates, industry guests and members. It is a wonderful evening of networking and socialising to celebrate another successful year of CIAT, with this year's AGM President's Ball being hosted by President Alex Naraian.

To find out more about the venues, please visit the following links on the official "Visit Aarhus" and VIA University College websites:

### **City Hall (Friday Welcome Reception)**

<https://www.visitaarhus.com/In-int/aarhus-city-hall-gdk603980>

### **Concert Hall (Presidents Ball)**

<https://www.visitaarhus.com/In-int/concert-hall-aarhus-gdk603894>

### **VIA University College Campus C (CIAT AGM Venue)**

<https://en.via.dk/programmes/student-life/campus-aarhus-c>

<https://en.via.dk/en/programmes/student-life/campus-aarhus-c/gallery-campus-aarhusc>

### **ARoS Art Museum (Walking Tour)**

<https://www.visitaarhus.com/In-int/aros-aarhus-art-museum-gdk1077501>

### **Concert Hall (Presidents Ball)**

<https://www.visitaarhus.com/In-int/concert-hall-aarhus-gdk603894>

There has been an *enormous* amount of work that has gone on behind the scenes to bring the AGM to Denmark. So thanks should be given to the staff at Central Office notably Adam, Donna, Rochae, Joanne and of course Francesca, our Chief Executive, working on our behalf to bring the AGM to Denmark. And in equal measure, we owe our sincere thanks to our councillor Paula, Martina Markulin our aspirATion group Chair and everyone in the aspirATion group at VIA for not just being the "feet on the ground" (literally!) for Central Office but for organising the whole Friday evening event .

Well done everybody!

## ASPIRATION GROUP LAUNCH STUDENT MAGAZINE

The aspirATion group based at VIA Aarhus, continues to thrive and so much so, the group has produced its very own AT student magazine. The magazine is written to showcase the students, the ATCM courses at VIA and serve as a platform to integrate CIAT, VIA and construction professionals alike. The first edition was officially launched on Friday, 25 May 2018 and has been distributed within the CIAT aspirATion group community.



*The student magazine on the launch pad !  
Student magazine on show with CIAT literature at  
the launch event held at VIA.*

The magazine has been produced to a very high standard and was designed, written and produced by the students themselves. If that was not an achievement in itself it should also be remembered that it was produced during the final weeks of their semester. Producing a magazine and completing end of semester projects is no mean feat!!

The magazine team:

Denis Kapitanov, Daniel Deleuran Carlsson,

Rekai Ewan Cambel, Filip Fot, Anna Gnat, Tom Houlton

Liva Jermacane and Martina Markulin

Well done everyone!!



*The launch event at VIA Aarhus, Campus C was a great  
success!*

The magazine is currently with CIAT Central Office for final vetting prior to being made available outside the aspirATion group community but it is hoped that by the time you read this the magazine it will be cleared for distribution to all members of CIAT and general release.

The magazine team is already looking forward to producing the next edition and we are certainly looking forward to reading that.

## THE EUROPE CENTRE - COLLABORATION WITH VIA DENMARK STUDENT MAGAZINE.

In the last Newsletter, we reported that the Centre would be working with the aspirATion group and its magazine and we are pleased to report that is indeed happening. Paula Bleanch wrote a foreword for the student magazine and the students have provided some great content for us to include in this issues "spotlight" feature; which is on Denmark by the way! :)

We as a Centre, have also provided assistance and support to the students to ensure that their magazine can be distributed to not just all members of CIAT but to the construction industry at large.

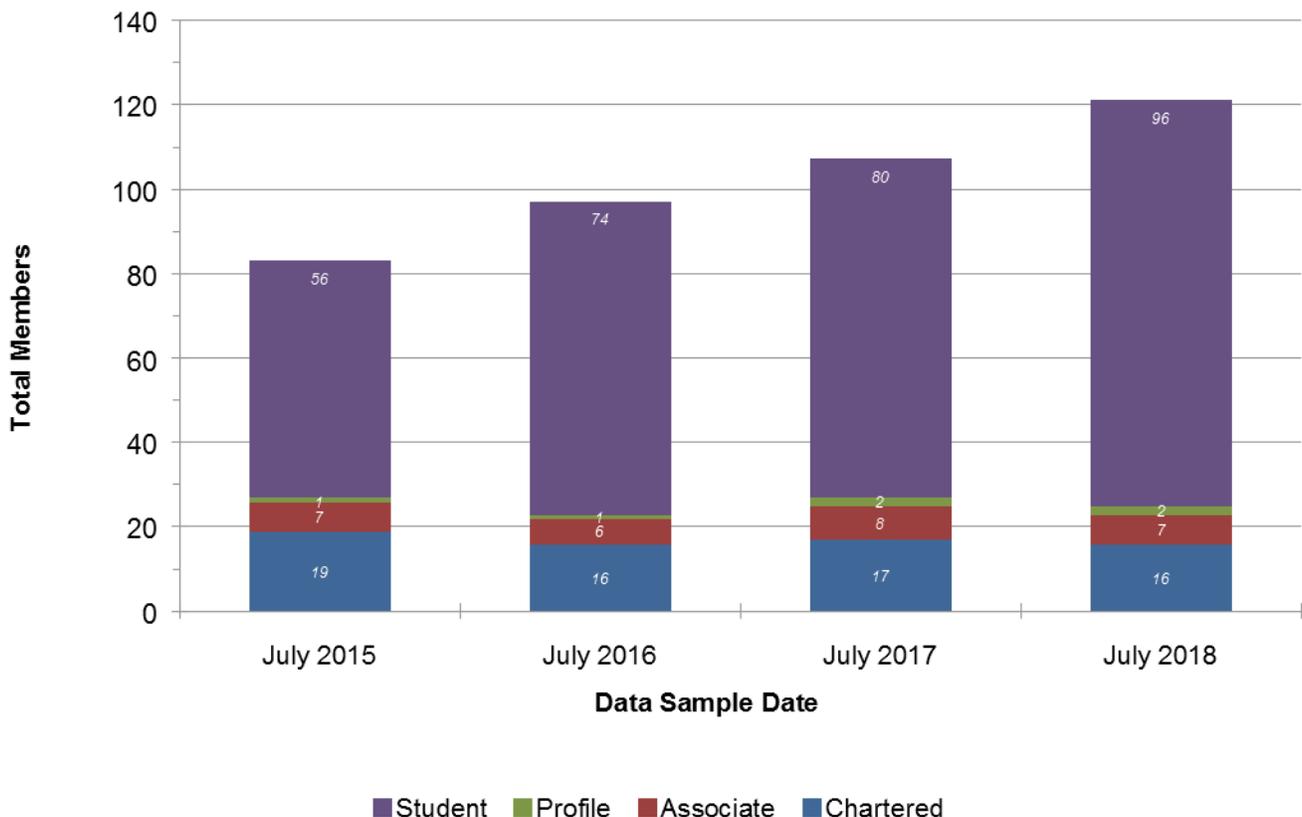
We are looking forward to seeing the student magazine developing and reaching an ever wider readership.

**THE EUROPE CENTRE - STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.** The Europe Centre continues to grow from strength to strength, and from the latest membership statistics, we now have 121 members!

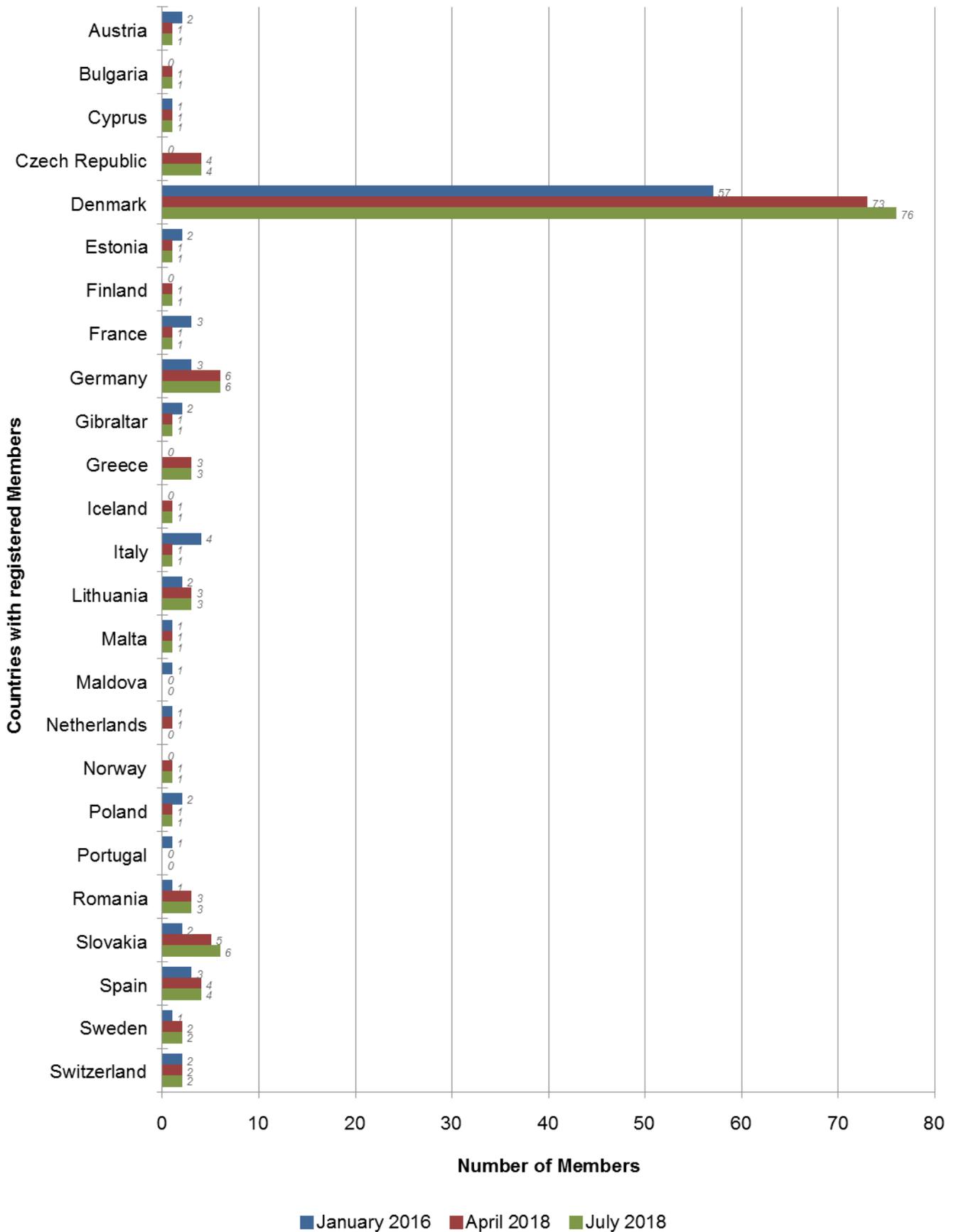
Given that when the Centre was formed in 2015 we had a membership of 83 that is an increase of over 45%.

The majority of that increase is student members based at VIA in Denmark. This is excellent news as it means that not only is the membership increasing, it is increasing with young people bringing enthusiasm, new ideas, knowledge and diversity into the Centre. Long may it continue!

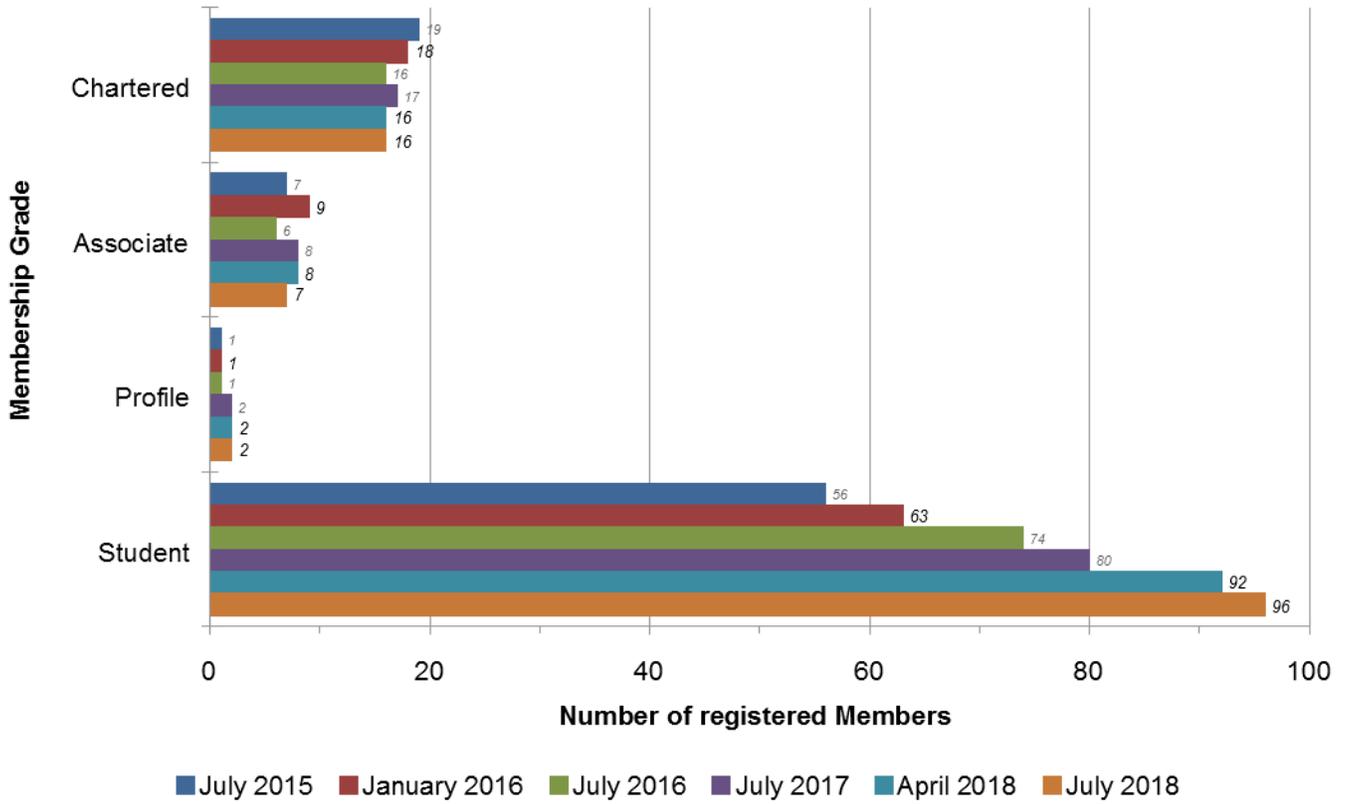
**Europe Centre Membership Since Formation**



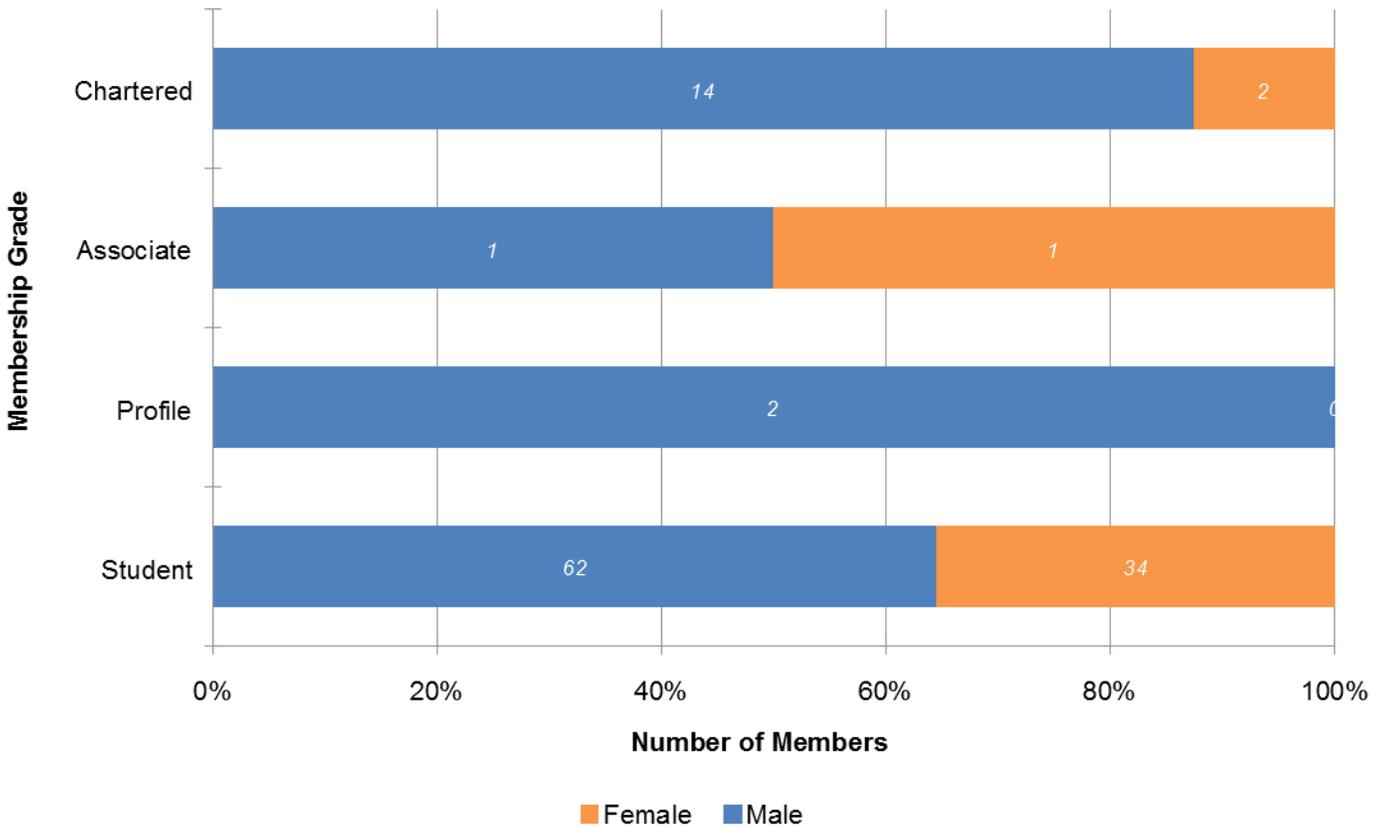
## Europe Centre Membership By Country



### Europe Centre Membership by Grade



### CIAT Europe Centre Membership Diversity 2018



## **YOUR NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!**

This Newsletter and the “spotlight” feature was started in order to disseminate information to members of the Centre until such time a centre website is established. It is currently put together, written and published by the Centre Chairman. However, it was never intended to be the “Chairman’s Newsletter”. It is the Europe Centre newsletter; it is *your* Newsletter.

We want the Newsletter to include events, news, views and comments by the members that make up the Centre not just those of the Committee. Please help us keep the newsletter fresh and interesting to members by providing us with content. If there is something you would like to share then please contact any of the committee using the contact details at the end of the Newsletter.

## **WHEN A COMMITTEE IS NOT A COMMITTEE!**

It has been raised at CIAT discussion forums in the past, that perhaps referring to the group of members who organise the Regions and Centres as a “committee” was deterring young members from playing an active part in the running of their Centre/Region.

What do you think of when you hear or see the word “committee”?

The stereotypical mental image of a formal committee, is a group of aging business people sitting around a large table in a wood panelled board room discussing minutes, rules and procedures. An image that is hardly going to get young people to take part! Some regions have considered referring to their official committee as a “group” in their correspondence to try and address that.

For the time being the Centre committee will continue to use the formal titles but we would like to stress that your Committee is nothing like the above mentioned image. Yes, we have to follow CIAT protocol and procedures but otherwise we are an informal group of really friendly professional people, working together to grow the Centre.

We would love to hear your views on the subject.

## **THE EUROPE CENTRE - WHO, WHERE AND WHAT.**

With the run up to the AGM in Aarhus Denmark in November, the “Spotlight” feature this issue is on Denmark. The Denmark spotlight is a little different in order to give background information to those of you who have never been to VIA, Aarhus or Denmark. You may also be interested to learn that VIA teaches AT using “problem based learning” which is very different to how it is taught in the UK.

This time, the “Spotlight” feature includes content written by students at VIA University College Aarhus, (Campus C) rather than just one author and they include::

**Søren Hansen** - Article about the ATCM Programme at VIA Aarhus.

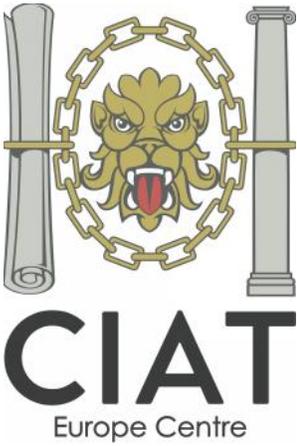
**Tom Houlton**- Article about getting to know VIA.

We hope you enjoy reading this “Spotlight” edition and please forward your feedback.

After the AGM we will feature another spotlight on Denmark using the usual format to provide information on Danish construction techniques and what it means to be a Technologist/Technician in Denmark.

## **Would you like to be featured in future issues?**

What ever your grade of membership, it would be great for other members in the Centre to hear about you and what you get involved with. If you would like to be featured in future Newsletters then please contact any of the Committee.



## EUROPE CENTRE COMMITTEE

Since the last edition of the Newsletter there have been one or two members have come forward interested in joining the Committee. We look forward to formally welcoming them to the Committee in future editions of the newsletter.

That is promising news indeed but we still desperately need more members to come forward to assist the committee in growing the Centre. We are only a committee of three and we also have work and family commitments too.

So a heartfelt plea to all Europe Centre members, please step forward and offer your services to the Centre in any capacity you can.

You do not have to take a named role but please, please come forward. We are really quite friendly and would really like to see more people get involved.

We are an international Centre and for those of you who are not native English native speakers, please do not let that prevent you from joining.

Who ever and where ever you are , you are all most welcome!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CIAT AGM 2018 - VIA UNIVERSITET COLLEGE, AARHUS DENMARK

9-10 November 2018

Refer to CIAT information for full details.

Do you have any future events that you would like other members to know about?

If you would like to have a future event to be featured in the next Newsletter then please contact anyone on the Committee with details.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

The Europe Centre Committee *desperately* needs more members.

Are you interested in taking on any of the following roles?

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Education Officer**

**CPD Officer**

**Committee Member**

If you are interested in taking one of the roles or just want to find out more then please contact any of the Committee members listed below.

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None