

Republic of Ireland Centre (C2) Newsletter - Autumn 2019



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Welcome
From the Centre Chairman
William Cotter MCIAT

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**.



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. Members are again asked 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.

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, along with persons registering 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, <u>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 2019 - 2021

The **Centre Committee** for the term 2019 - 2021, which was elected at the Centre's General Business Meeting on 18 May 2019, is as follows:

Chair Liam Cotter MCIAT Membership Officer Brian K. Davies MCIAT Denise Germaine MCIAT **Practice Officer** Vice Chair Sean Ryan (profile candidate) Secretary Paul Condron MCIAT PR Officer Patricia Mulvey MCIAT Councillor Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT aspirATion Chair [Vacant]

TreasurerLiam Cotter MCIATCommittee MemberJim Kirwan PPCIATCPD OfficerChristophe Krief MCIATCommittee MemberNiall Culleton MCIAT

Education Officer Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT Chair of Technical Sub-Committee Gillian Fletcher MCIAT

In August, Andrew Swarbrigg MCIAT was co-opted onto the Centre Committee following expression of interest.

There is still a vacant position on the committee and expressions of interest in joining should be advised to the Secretary, Paul Condron MCIAT, by email to padco449@gmail.com.

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

Professional Indemnity (P.I.) Insurance

McParland Finn Insurance Brokers, trading as CIAT Insurance Services, are finalising arrangements for a 'no-deal' Brexit, with both a Dublin based Insurer and Insurance Broker.

Kevin McParland has confirmed that the interests of Republic of Ireland based Members covered on the CIAT Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme will be fully protected through this challenging period and beyond.

Honorary Officer Elections

Our Councillor, Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT, attended the Council Forum on Saturday 7 September to cast the votes for the candidates recommended. As you may already be aware following the circular email from CIAT, the following were successful in the elections:

Honorary Secretary: Gordon Souter MCIAT Vice-President Practice: Rob Thomas MCIAT

Vice-President Education: Dr. Matthew Brooke-Peat MCIAT

They will all assume their positions at the end of the AGM in Glasgow, Scotland on 9 November 2019.

AGM 2019 and Resolutions

Denise Germaine MCIAT, Gillian Fletcher MCIAT and Patricia Mulvey MCIAT will be attending the AGM as the elected **Voting Delegates** for the Republic of Ireland together with Councillor Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT in Glasgow, Scotland on 9 November.

There are eleven **Resolutions** which will be presented at the AGM for debate / discussion. These have been circulated to the membership via email on 19 September 2019. Please take time to review the **Resolutions** and, if you have any queries to raise, please notify the **Secretary, Paul Condron MCIAT**, by email to **padco449@gmail.com**. Alternatively, as a member, you are entitled to attend the AGM in person to debate the issues, however, will be unable to vote as the Voting Delegates have already been elected.

AT Awards 2019 Special synopsis and photos by Patrick Clarke MCIAT (elected ROI Centre Representative)



Friday the 13th maybe unlucky for some, but not for the winners of the **AT Awards 2019** which took place in Shoreditch, East London. It was a hot sunny day in London and, in contrast, the award ceremony was held in the cool setting of the Village Underground. This is last time the award ceremony will be held here, as the event is moving to an exciting new venue next year. The event started at 3pm with refreshments and entertainment by a three piece jazz band. The venues red bricked arches provided an excellent backdrop to meet old and new colleagues, as well as peruse the displays of the Finalist's projects.

The host of the event was once again popular television presenter, **Matt Allwright**. He presented the five awards with charm, professionalism and sharp wit, a true seasoned professional. The Winner of the **Award for Excellence in Architectural Technology** was 'Beacon of Light' by Faulkner Browns Architects, their second consecutive win in the

category. However, a runner up in this category was 'Hawley Mews' by healycornelius design ltd., a project that our very own Republic of Ireland Centre Councillor and Education Officer, Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT, was involved in. The Award for Chartered Architectural Technologist of the Year went to Oliver Henshall MCIAT. Other award winners can be viewed on the CIAT website and will be covered in the latest issue of AT Journal.

From an Irish perspective, it was an excellent day where three Irish educational establishments received **Certificates of Accreditation**. They were; Technological University, Dublin (formerly DIT), Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology and Ulster University. The people who made that possible for their educational institutions (Malachy Mathews ACIAT, Irene Hayden MCIAT, David Comiskey MCIAT), should be very proud of these achievements.



Irish representatives at the AT Awards (I-r) Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT, Patrick Clarke MCIAT, David Comiskey MCIAT (Ulster University), Irene Hayden MCIAT (GMIT), Malachy Mathews ACIAT (TU, Dublin), Donal Murphy MCIAT (RKD Architects) and Stephen Doonan MCIAT (RKD Architects).

From the evidence on display at the awards event the discipline of Architectural Technology is at a vey high standard. There is work to do to receive professional recognition at home, but the future outlook for AT is very positive.

Technical Sub-Committee Update

The **Technical Sub-committee** continues to meet monthly under the Chairmanship of Gillian Fletcher MCIAT. Below are some updates:

- The Committee made a submission on the draft amendments to Technical Guidance
 Document B Fire Safety (2009) which was published for Public Consultation.
- A circular titled "Impact of a 'no-deal' Brexit on construction products" which was issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, has been circulated to the Irish membership via the AT Weekly.

Our **Technical Sub-Committee** would be grateful for any contributions from the general membership when we are working on future submissions or if any member becomes aware of difficult interpretations of legislation, changes to legislation or new legislation relating to the construction industry, please advise the **Technical Sub-Committee**.

$CPD\ Update\ \ {\it with\ Christophe\ Krief\ (CPD\ Officer)}$

Within the Institute's <u>Code of Conduct</u>, it states that the "members (excluding student members) shall keep themselves informed of current practices and developments appropriate to the type and level of their responsibilities¹; and be able to provide evidence that they have complied with the requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) as published by the Institute from time to time".

The Institute has also set the requirement that such members have a professional obligation to undertake a minimum of **35 hours CPD** in any one year, May to April. This is for the members' own benefit, and for that of the Institute, and is embodied within **CIAT's Code of Conduct**. Members should also, where possible and appropriate, support the professional development of fellow members and potential members of their profession.

It is possible to record your CPD online via the CIAT website as follows:

- 1. Login to your profile on the CIAT website
- 2. Under 'My CIAT', select 'My CPD'
- 3. Select 'Add New Record', input the required / optional information and upload any evidence (Certificate of Attendance etc.)
- 4. Select 'Submit' to record the CPD activity

Your outstanding and completed CPD hours for the year are displayed on a pie-chart graphic on the 'My CPD' page.

PR & Education Update with Patricia Mulvey and Michael O'Keeffe

The CIAT.ie microsite is now live where you will find information on the Centre Committee Members, aspirATion Group, Social Media profiles, latest news and upcoming events. There is also a library of documents relevant to the Republic of Ireland which include all previous issues of the Quarterly Newsletter.



For the latest CIAT and related news and activities in the Republic of Ireland, don't forget to follow **@CIATIreland** on Twitter.

Schools and colleges are now back for the 2019/2020 term. It was great to see **Technological University, Dublin (formerly DIT)** and **Galway-Mayo I.T.** receive **CIAT Accreditation** for their Honours degree level Architectural Technology programmes.

Congratulations to **Luke O'Keeffe**, Year 3 student at Waterford Institute of Technology and **Ryan Dempsey** from Technological University, Dublin who were Ireland's first winners at the Worldskills Competition in **Building Information Modelling**. The BIM competition was held in the Future Skills Zone, a specialised zone for showcases and competitions in skills, which are in demand in the era of high-tech production and digital economy

Together with the Institute's **aspirATion Group**, we hope to raise awareness of the discipline of Architectural Technology in secondary schools. If you become aware of any career guidance events in your local area where CIAT may participate, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the **Republic of Ireland** Centre Committee.

Upcoming Events

Construction H&S Conference

Date:

2 October 2019

Location:

Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin

€450 +VAT (Normal Rate)

Further Information:

Essential updates and information.

See CMG Events

BCAR & TGDs - Key Issues

Date:

17 October 2019

Location:

Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin

Cost:

€395 +VAT (Early Bird - Limited)

€495 + VAT (Normal Rate)

Further Information:

See CMG Events

CIAT AGM Weekend 2019

Date:

8 - 10 November 2019

Location:

Glasgow, Scotland

Tickets:

AGM: Free for Members to attend President's Ball: £100.00 / person

Further Information: See CIAT AGM

Selfbuild Live - Cork

Date:

9 - 10 November 2019

Location:

Green Glens Arena, Millstreet, Cork Further Information & Tickets:

See SelfBuild.ie

World nZEB Forum 2019

Date:

13 - 14 November 2019

Location:

Dún Laoghaire, Ireland

Cost:

€265 (Early Bird - Limited)

€295 (Normal Rate)

€55 Gala Dinner (Fitzpatrick's Castle

Hotel, Killiney)

Further Information:

See World nZEB Forum

PSDP Course - Cork & Dublin

Date:

Cork: 18, 19 November 2019 Dublin: 27, 28 November 2019

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