

## Welcome ...

From the Centre Chair and Councillor  
Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT

I'm keeping my typical introduction brief on this occasion as there's plenty of content in this Quarter's Newsletter.

As always, I hope you enjoy and, if you have any comments / content, please do get in touch with your Centre Committee.

## AT Showcase 001

### Project:

Irish Institute of Music & Song  
Balbriggan, Dublin

### Practice:

Fingal Planning Consultants Ltd.  
Balbriggan Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin

### Member:

Emmett Tolan MCIAT

### Description:

The IIMS is a world-facing music organisation that provides unique music experiences and programmes to individuals, communities and businesses worldwide.

Phase 1 - education, accommodation and restaurant were opened by Micheál Martin on 14 January 2022.

Phase 2 - new 400-seater concert hall is now under construction.

## COVID-19 Update

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 **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**. The Institute continues to work hard to ensure its successful operation and supporting the membership and affiliates during this period of uncertainty.

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 winter newsletter, the **CIF Construction Sector C-19 Standard Operating Procedures** has been updated and **Version 11** is now available to download [here](#).

If you require any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@ciat.global](mailto:info@ciat.global) - we will continue to do all we can to support our members and affiliates in this period.

## This Issue ... at a glance

### COVID-19 Update

Updated CIF C-19 Standard Operating Procedures - V11: 28 February 2022

### Update on the Architectural Technologists Register (ATR)

The latest news on our efforts to form a Statutory Register and an official timeline of all steps to date

### National Construction Summit

A brief account of our day at the National Construction Summit - first live / in-person event in two years

### PI Insurance Update

Important update for those renewing in the short-term future

### Fire Safety Assessments CoP

A framework for rigorous assessment of buildings with respect to fire safety

### Moy Architectural Technology Scholarship 2022

2022 Winner and lecture with Leading Light lecture with CIAT Member

### AT Summer Camp

MCIAT Recruitment Drive for a new summer camp in GMIT - Dublin Road Campus

### CIAT Republic of Ireland Social Initiatives

Reminder of initiatives to increase member and affiliate engagement

### AT Awards 2022

Launch of the AT Awards 2022

IIMS by Fingal Planning Consultants



## Important Update on the Architectural Technologists Register (ATR)

Following a recent meeting with the **Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage**, they undertook to bring forward the legislative proposals to establish the ATR as a Statutory Register. As such, we are in the process of implementing the **ATR**, to demonstrate its effective operation to the Department upon which we must push for the Minister to 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

Members and affiliates are encouraged to register on the **ATR** (currently in shadow operation) or register their intent to join by visiting the website; [www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie](http://www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie).

We ask that you maintain sustained pressure on the Minister/Department via their local TDs to ensure we can achieve a **Statutory Register** as soon as possible. It is essential that all CIAT members and affiliates prevail upon their unaffiliated Architectural Technologist colleagues to assist CIAT in gaining the appropriate recognition for our profession by joining CIAT and/or registering on the **ATR**.

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

At the National Construction Summit 2022, we shared a timeline of all our efforts to date, clearly demonstrating how all requests by the Department have been met. The document is attached with this newsletter for your information and to give you a background on our efforts so you may assist us in any way you can.

*"Alone we are strong . . . together we are stronger"*

## National Construction Summit 2022

with Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT

Following a two year hiatus, the Republic of Ireland Centre were delighted to return to the **National Construction Summit** at the Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown on Thursday, 3 March 2022. It was great to be back in a face-to-face environment, meeting young and experienced professionals, listening to inspiring presentations and building our networks for the post-pandemic future. At our stand, attended to by myself, Patrick Clarke MCIAT and Patricia Mulvey MCIAT, we had many visitors throughout the course of the day. Enquiries ranged from **applying for membership, membership progression and building links with CIAT** through Education and CPD. We are still in the process of contacting some visitors who left their contact details with us so be assured we will be in contact in the near future.

In conclusion, it was a really successful event and, I'm glad to report that we will be returning in 2023 where it will be back at Citywest, Dublin - see you there!



Patrick Clarke MCIAT and Patricia Mulvey MCIAT representing CIAT at the National Construction Summit 2022.

## PI Insurance Update

with Sean Ryan, CIAT Affiliate, Practice Officer

It's been almost a year since underwriters added **exclusions** on cladding and fire safety risks to PI Insurance policies. Since then, underwriters have introduced **supplementary questionnaires** as part of the renewals application process to gain a greater understanding of services being provided. Many members and affiliates have been able to secure adequate PI Insurance for their practice as a result - see attached typical examples.



However, there have been further twists in the market!

At the beginning of March 2022, Burke Insurance Ltd. began notifying their clients of the following:

*Zurich Insurance plc, which underwrites the scheme for CIAT members in Ireland, has informed us that it has taken the decision not to offer renewal in respect of your policy.*

The market is getting smaller which makes it more important than ever to engage with insurers as early as possible (not just weeks ahead but months) and provide as much information within your proposal form to secure adequate PI Insurance. You should also discuss the nature of any exclusions with your insurance brokers in detail.

A further condition has recently appeared on the **Practice Sub-Committees** radar titled '*Assigned Certifier Conditions Endorsement*'. In short, on a statutory certification project, you are only covered in the instance where you are directly involved in design, construction or supervision of the project (i.e. acting as Assigned Certifier).



## Centre Committee 2021-2023

The Committee, which is currently meeting remotely almost every month, is as follows:

Role	Member
Chair	Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT
Vice-Chair	Liam Cotter MCIAT
Secretary	Paul Condron MCIAT
Councillor	Michael O'Keeffe FCIAT
Treasurer	Liam Cotter MCIAT
CPD Officer	Christophe Krief MCIAT
Education Officer	Andrew Swarbrigg MCIAT
Membership Officer	Brian K. Davies MCIAT
Practice Officer	Sean Ryan (Affiliate)
PR Officer	Patricia Mulvey MCIAT
aspirATion Chair	'Vacant'
Committee Member	Niall Culleton MCIAT
Committee Member	Patrick Clarke MCIAT
Committee Member	Irene Hayden MCIAT
Committee Member	Paul Roddy MCIAT
Chair - Technical	Gerry O'Neill MCIAT

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

## Be part of the aspirATion Group

**aspirATion** supports students, recent graduates or newly qualified professionals entering the discipline, as well as working with CIAT to help shape the future of **Architectural Technology**. It is a dynamic, forward-thinking and inclusive network, acting as the gateway into furthering your career within the discipline.

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Chair for the **Republic of Ireland aspirATion Group**. To apply, please submit a personal statement outlining why you would be suitable for the role. You can view the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Group here. For further information please contact the **Education Department** at Central Office by [education@ciat.global](mailto:education@ciat.global) who will be more than happy to provide more information and introduce you to the Centre Committee.



## AT Awards 2022 Open for Entries

Celebrating Architectural Technology at its best, the **AT Awards** are recognised as the premier accolades, nationally and internationally, that demonstrate outstanding achievement in the discipline.

For more information, click the logo!



## CIAT ROI Centre Social Initiatives

### 'Nine & Dine' Golf Event

We're currently in the process of securing a venue (central) and date for our first **'Nine & Dine' Golf Event**. With the return of many face-to-face events, it is difficult to secure a date however we are now aiming for May 2022. The aim will be to allow CIAT members and affiliates to come together in a leisurely setting and get to know each other. The format will be a 3 or 4-Ball Scramble, so golfers of all abilities are welcome to join!

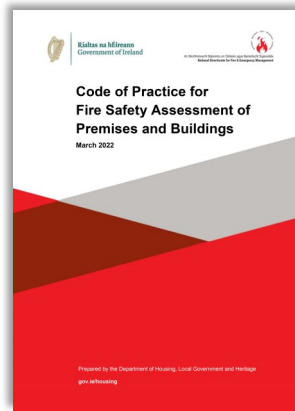
If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [patricia@brackfieldconsulting.com](mailto:patricia@brackfieldconsulting.com). The location will be dependent on responses received.

### AT WhatsApp Group

Our WhatsApp group for like-minded architectural technologists in the Republic of Ireland is up and running with more members being added regularly. There has already been great interaction and assistance provided by members of the group, which is informal and separate to CIAT.

If you would like to be part of this group, please email [patricia@brackfieldconsulting.com](mailto:patricia@brackfieldconsulting.com).

## Fire Safety Assessments CoP



Section 18(6) of the **Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003** provides power for a person (a fire officer) authorised by a fire authority to require a person having control over premises (building owner or occupier) to:

- Carry out a fire safety assessment of the premises
- Notify the fire authority of such assessment

Typically, building owners engage professionals to carry out the fire safety assessment.

It is expected that this Code of Practice will be of assistance to fire services, in providing standard guidance for building owners and their professional advisors, where the fire service requires a fire safety assessment. To date, there has been no standard methodology for carrying out fire safety assessments; it is expected that provision of the code of practice will introduce a recognised national approach which will assist in this regard.

This Code of Practice will provide a framework for rigorous assessment of buildings with respect to fire safety. It will provide for clarity and consistency of approach, nationally. It will also help to ensure reasonable and proportionate recommendations will be made to address any fire safety deficiencies identified in buildings.

For the document, follow this link: [DHLGH.gov.ie](https://www.dhlg.gov.ie)

## GMIT Young Entrepreneurs Summer Camps 2022

This first-of-its-kind **Architectural Technology Summer Camp** will be delivered in the **GMIT Architectural Technology** Studio Room, CAD Room and engineering laboratory at the Dublin Road campus, led by Irene Hayden MCIAT. It is aimed at post-primary (second-level) students and will involve project-based learning in a studio setting with lectures, guest speakers, practical exercises, tutoring, and design advice.



Students will be engaged in practical activities, from design understanding and idea generation, sketch design and model making using a variety of materials, 2D and 3D illustration and design, as well as digital transformation, to the preparation of final presentation pieces to represent a design solution for an innovative and entrepreneurial proposal. The camp will be free to participants and students will receive a break and lunch voucher.

To support the camp, we require practicing **Architectural Technologists** from the **West of Ireland** as visiting lecturers, tutors and judges. Roles as follows:

- 1no. Visiting Lecturer (with expertise in enterprise in the AT profession)
- 1no. Tutor (AT professional)
- 1no. Visiting Lecturer (to speak about CIAT and Judge Competition)
- 1no. Competition Judge

Details of the camp schedule are below. This is a paid role and Garda Vetting will be completed through the Atlantic Technological University. If you are suitably located and wish to contribute to this great new initiative, please contact **Irene Hayden MCIAT** at [irene.hayden@gmit.ie](mailto:irene.hayden@gmit.ie) as soon as possible.

### Schedule:

Dates: Monday 13 June 2022 - Friday 17 June 2022

Timing: Monday - Thursday: 10:00hrs - 16:00hrs | Friday: 10:00hrs - 14:00hrs.

## Moy Materials Scholarship for Architectural Technology & Leading Light Lecture with Andrew Swarbrigg MCIAT, Education Officer

The **MOY Scholarship** is awarded to a third-year architectural technology student following an interview process in which three shortlisted applicants present their work to the **Moy Scholarship** assessment panel. The event features the annual **TU Dublin Architectural Technology Leading Light** lecture which I was happy to get involved with as a graduate of the Architectural Technology degree. Both Cormac Allen and Dr. Malachy Matthews FCIAT maintain contact with graduates and industry as a conduit for their students to benefit from practical experiences and advice.



This year, I borrowed **Eddie Weir's PPCIAT** analogy that the Architectural Technologist is the Swiss Army Knife of architecture. The students of today are navigating through their studies building the tools which they will develop upon graduation. We work in a multidisciplinary built environment where adaptability and technical expertise are in demand.

Glenn Moran (Moy Materials) presented the scholarship and gracefully noted that the quality of the shortlist presentations inspired Moy to award a €500 and €250 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in addition to the €3,000 to the 1<sup>st</sup> place award.

Congratulations and continued success to the 2022 winner, Niall Burke, and Paul Kennedy and Killian Markey who won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards respectively.

## Upcoming Events

While there has been a return to in-person events, some still remain remote / virtual or hybrid events.

The following are the updates we can provide:

### Xtratherm OneClick Life Cycle Analysis Training Event

**Date:**

5 May 2022

**Time:**

[TBC]

**Location:**

TU Dublin

**Further Information:**

All information and details on how to register will be issued via email to the membership shortly.

### Part L 2021, Part F 2019 & NSAI Ventilation Validator Scheme

**Date:**

5 May 2022

**Time:**

09:00 hrs

**Location:**

Online / Webinar

**Further Information:**

See [National Building Control](#)

### Build Green Now - Zero Carbon Conference 2022

**Date:**

6 May 2022

**Time:**

09:00 hrs - 16:00 hrs

**Location:**

The Gibson Hotel, Dublin

**Further Information:**

For tickets and more information, see [IGBC.ie](#)

### Public & Private Sector Housing Conference 2022

**Date:**

22 June 2022

**Time:**

09:15 hrs - 15:45 hrs

**Location:**

Online - remote event

**Further Information:**

For tickets and more information, see [CMGEvents.ie](#)

### CIAT - AT CPD Register

**Date:**

Any

**Location:**

Online - Information Sheets, Webinars and Articles

**Further Information:**

See [CIAT AT CPD Register](#)