



## Welcome . . . .

From the Centre Chair  
William Cotter MCIAT

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

The health and safety of our members, staff and clients is our main priority and CIAT is closely monitoring the Government's advice regarding the **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)** outbreak. The Institute continues to work hard to ensure that CIAT is still operating and supporting its membership during this period of uncertainty.

We strongly recommend regularly familiarising yourself 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](#). On **Thursday 14 May 2020**, a C-19 Email Circular was distributed to all Republic of Ireland Centre members prior to Phase 1 of the Roadmap to ease COVID-19 restrictions and reopen Ireland's economy and society. This email included important information on **Returning to Work, Business Continuity, Site Operating Procedures and C-19 Site Induction**. We hope you found this helpful in assisting your return to work.

The management of COVID-19 continues and we recommend all member 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.org.uk](mailto:info@ciat.org.uk) - we will continue to do all we can to support our Members 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 13 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](mailto: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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>*Note</b>	The AT Board members will be appointed from the Chartered Membership of CIAT		
<b>**Note</b>	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 265 MCIAT members on the Register and 202 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](http://www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie).

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](#)

## 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:

<b>Chair</b>	Liam Cotter MCIAT	<b>PR Officer</b>	Patricia Mulvey MCIAT
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Denise Germaine MCIAT	<b>aspirATion Chair</b>	[Vacant]
<b>Secretary</b>	Paul Condron MCIAT	<b>Committee Member</b>	Jim Kirwan PPCIAT MCIAT
<b>Councillor</b>	Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT	<b>Committee Member</b>	Niall Culleton MCIAT
<b>Treasurer</b>	Liam Cotter MCIAT	<b>Committee Member</b>	Andrew Swarbrigg MCIAT
<b>CPD Officer</b>	Christophe Krief MCIAT	<b>Committee Member</b>	Patrick Clarke MCIAT
<b>Education Officer</b>	Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT	<b>Committee Member</b>	Irene Hayden MCIAT
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Brian K. Davies MCIAT	<b>Committee Member</b>	Pat O'Hara MCIAT
<b>Practice Officer</b>	Sean Ryan (profile candidate)	<b>Chair of Technical Sub-Committee</b>	Gerry O'Neill MCIAT

We welcome expressions of interest in joining to Centre Committee which 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.

## President's Virtual 'Visit' to Republic of Ireland Centre

On Tuesday, 16 June 2020, **Eddie Weir PCIAT** made a remote 'visit' to the Centre to meet with the membership and provide an update on the Institute's response to COVID-19 as well as other new and work pertinent to the Centre.

The President opened noting the largest attendance from a Region / Centre to date and gave an account of the Institute's response to COVID-19 including guidance on contractual issues, freezing of membership fees at last years rates, a dedicated webpage on the pandemic and Region / Centre support through co-operation with their Committees. He advised that decisions have also been made to hold the **AT Awards** and **AGM 2020** as remote events. The AT Awards | Excellence closed on **29 June 2020** and the AT Awards | Student has been extended to **4 September 2020**. The President also provided an update on the Institute's **Sustainability / Climate Action Plan**.

In relation to the **ATR**, the President advised that, due to COVID-19 and allocation of resources for same, most of the work has been paused. He advised all present that the formation of the ATR was fully supported by the **Executive Board** at its meeting in February 2020 and it is a standing item on the Agenda going forward. At present, the **Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government** require the formation of a 'shadow' Register, complete with all the required boards, to demonstrate robust operation before being put on a statutory footing.

In terms of raising the profile of the Institute, the President referred to the NI Region who recently formed a PR Sub-Committee to help public recognition of the **CIAT** brand. He appealed to all Chartered members to promote where possible, through use of the title '**Chartered Architectural Technologist**' together with the post-nominals MCIAT. Also, if members have any news or updates, projects they wish to promote etc., to contact Central Office for publication in the **AT Journal** or inclusion in the **AT Weekly E-Newsletter**.

The Institute continues in its efforts to obtain clarification from the **Companies Registration Office (CRO)** regarding the use of the word 'architecture' in titles of practices operated by **Chartered Architectural Technologists**. The President advised to use 'Architectural Technology Services' or similar in registering companies while this is being addressed.

There were some questions and information updates from attendees when the visit was opened to all attending including an update from Gillian Fletcher MCIAT on the draft Proposal for Government. According to the draft proposal, the next Government will examine the creation of an independent Building Standards Regulator to oversee building control nationwide and re-establishment of the Building Regulatory Advisory Body (BRAB) - a positive step!

In closing, the President provided an update on the **Public Body Engagement Project**. It is currently being piloted in the Northern Ireland and Greater London Regions, with positive feedback from both. The purpose of the project is to promote Architectural Technology and its members as a profession to public bodies such as Local Authorities to ensure that **CIAT** are listed alongside fellow professional bodies, architects and surveyors and can bid for projects as a 'designer / contract lead'. This can be achieved through use of a generic descriptor such as 'designer' or 'competent professional' as opposed to the 'architect' descriptor. In the **Republic of Ireland**, this is hindered at present due to **BC(A)R** but will arrive once the 'niggles' are ironed out. Guidance and training will be provided with the ultimate goal of the introduction of an **Award for Public Procurement Project** at the AT Awards.



Attendees at the President's Virtual 'Visit' to the Republic of Ireland Centre (via Zoom)

# Honorary Officer Elections 2020

For the effective operation of any professional body, it is essential that it elects positions from amongst its membership to allow it to function within its Charter. This year, there are three positions for election: **President Elect / President, Honorary Treasurer and Vice-President Technical**. The candidates, listed below, are now on the campaign trail up to the Election Date at **Council on 5 September 2020**. Follow the links below to read their full manifestos to inform yourself on the candidates:



**President Elect / President:** Kevin Crawford MCIAT Paul Laycock MCIAT  
**Honorary Treasurer:** Doug Fewkes MCIAT  
**Vice-President Technical:** Steven Hedley MCIAT

This year, the Institute are holding two **Hustings**, providing the ideal opportunity to learn more about the candidates running for position, ask them about their manifesto and find out what they hope to achieve for the Institute, should they be successful. The first was held on 22 June 2020 and the second will be held on **23 July 2020 at 11:30hrs**. All members will have received an email advising them of the Hustings together with the opportunity to register on 19 June 2020.

Once you have heard from the candidates, we would invite you to feed your views to your Centre **Councillor, Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT** at [mike\\_okeeffe87@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_okeeffe87@yahoo.com) in order to consolidate the comments with the Centre Committee and take the consensus to ensure the vote in September is representative of the Centre.

## CPD Update with Christophe Krief (CPD Officer)

Due to COVID-19 and related government restrictions, as well as health and safety precautions, the Republic of Ireland Centre Committee took the decision on 16th March to postpone the CPD Workshop **'Using DEAP v4.2 to demonstrate compliance with Part L 2019 / nZEB'** in Portlaoise.

While we received plenty of interest for this topical CPD, it is too early to make a decision on a date to reschedule the event. All members who already booked were refunded in full.

Due to circumstances, a large number of CPD events have been moved online as webinars, allowing members to meet their annual CPD obligations under the **Code of Conduct**. Two which may be of interest are below with further provided on the Upcoming Events column to the right.

### Online Event | BIM World 2020 - 30 June 2020

Zigurat Global Institute of Technology launches an online tour around the world to discover the BIM implementation developments in different countries and geographic areas. Experts in charge of local initiatives and benchmark organisations that shape the BIM practice of their region will present the current reality and the most noteworthy projects.

Paul Coates MCIAT from the University of Salford is representing CIAT.

For more information and to register, see [here](#).

### Webinar | BS EN ISO 19650-5 launch event and UK BIM Framework update 10:00hrs - 12:00hrs on 9 July 2020

Get up to speed with the new BIM standard which delivers an approach to security-minded information management, and receive an update from the UK BIM Framework.

This free online webinar from BSI gives you an unique opportunity to learn more about BS EN ISO 19650-5: 2020, the new international standard on how to identify and secure sensitive BIM information, and an update on the UK BIM Framework and its role in supporting the implementation of BIM. Register [here](#).

## 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 Construction Summit

**Date:** 22 October 2020  
**Location:** Sport Ireland Complex, Blanchardstown  
**Further Information:** See [National Construction Summit](#)

### Renovation Solutions Series - Webinars

**Date:** Wednesdays 1 July - 5 August 2020  
**Time:** 13:00hrs - 14:00hrs  
**Location:** Online - Webinars  
**Further Information:** To register, see [IGBC.ie](#)

### Intro. to Diversity & Inclusion

**Time & Date:** 09:00hrs - 10:00hrs | 8 July 2020  
**Location:** Online - Webinar  
**Price:** €15 (CitA Skillnet Funding - €10.50)  
**Further Information:** For more and to register, see [CitA.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](#)

### Building Design - CPD Articles

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