



Welcome . . .

From the Centre Chair and Councillor
Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT

It is an honour and a privilege to address the Irish membership as Chair and Councillor of the Republic of Ireland Centre. We've had a busy couple of months since our last newsletter with a number of developments in the Irish construction industry, progression of the ATR, our biennial General Business Meeting and the continued re-opening of the economy.

One item, I wish to take this opportunity to highlight, is the current issues members and affiliates in practice are experiencing in their efforts to obtain adequate **Professional Indemnity (PI) Insurance**. CIAT have recently issued a survey titled '**PII | Update and Reissued Survey**' to all members and affiliates to gain a greater understanding of the issue and its impact. I encourage all recipients to respond to this survey, which will only take 3 minutes of your day, and to do so by **12 Noon on Thursday, 29 July 2021**. More information on the issues being faced can be found on the next page.

I hope you find this quarters Newsletter informative and encourage you to submit any suggestions you have for future content, be that case studies of completed projects, news and updates for our quarterly newsletter, social media content suggestions or other.

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 **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. In response, all meetings will remain remote/online until the end of October 2021 at the earliest.

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 8** 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)

ATR

On 25 March 2021, a meeting with held with the **Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage** where they promised to report back and provide guidance on the most seamless route for ATs to gain Statutory recognition to act as **Assigned and/or Design Certifiers**. Following the meeting in March, CIAT were asked to meet with the **Society for Chartered Surveyors, Ireland (SCSI)** who manage the Building Surveyors Register to explore the possibility of implementing an AT Register in collaboration. This meeting was held on 27 May 2021 and we are awaiting a response from SCSI. Members and affiliates are encouraged to maintain the sustained pressure on the Minister/Department via their local TDs to ensure we can achieve a **Statutory Register** as soon as possible.

The **ATR Code of Conduct** has submitted to the **Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC)** as required under Part 6 of the Building Control Act 2007 for review. A response is still awaited.

The number of Architectural Technologists registering on the **ATR** is increasing slowly, with 259 MCIAT members on the Register and 197 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, ciat.ie for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links: [Join CIAT](#) [Professional Assessment](#)

Centre General Business Meeting 2021

The biennial **General Business Meeting (GBM)** took place remotely via MS Teams on 29 May 2021, where we elected the Centre Committee for the term 2021 - 2023 as follows:

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

Our aspirATion Chair position is currently vacant and expressions of interest in joining should be advised to the **Education Department** at Central Office by emailing education@ciat.global. For more information on aspirATion, see the next page.

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

PI Insurance Issues

Leaving the EU has meant that McParland Finn Ltd. (MFL) is no longer permitted to provide advice and insurance services in the Republic of Ireland. As a result, to safeguard members and affiliates and ensure some continuity, MFL partnered with Burke Insurance Ltd (BIL) to provide the necessary advice in respect of PI Insurance.

BIL is endeavouring to support CIAT Chartered Practices within a limited market with the underwriters taking the decision on cladding and fire safety risks exclusions. We are aware of the impacts that this has and will have on CIAT Chartered Practices. The difficulty the industry and our brokers have is being able to influence the underwriters in how they write risk and policies.



A short survey has been issued to members and affiliates to understand the nature and level of impact in the Republic of Ireland. The survey, which will only take 3 minutes of your day, is to be completed and submitted by **12 Noon on Thursday, 29 July 2021**.

What does the exclusion look like?

Below is a sample of the wording which may appear anywhere on your PI Insurance policy renewal:

Cladding / Fire Safety Exclusion

This policy does not cover any liability, loss, cost or expense caused by, contributed to or arising out of Cladding Claims and/or Fire Safety Claims.

For the purposes of this exclusion Cladding Claims will mean:

- any claim directly or indirectly arising from or in any way connected to the combustibility of any composite panels and/or internal or external wall systems and any associated core/filler/insulation material and/or any fixing systems.

For the purpose of this exclusion Fire Safety Claims will mean:

- any claim in any way related to the fire safety or fire performance of a building, or any part of it.

What can you do?

If your insurance policy is up for renewal this year, 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 and would recommend that you discuss the nature of any exclusions with your insurance brokers in detail. Also, given the potentially substantial change in your insurance cover, you may also need to review your contractual agreements with your clients to ensure that you can still comply with any agreed insurance limits.

ATs are not the only professionals affected by this exclusion policy as engineers, architects and surveyors also face the difficulty of obtaining adequate PI Insurance. We encourage members and affiliates to lobby their local TDs to ensure this issue is addressed as it will only compound the current housing crisis being faced.

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 who will be more than happy to provide more information and introduce you to the Centre Committee.

Honorary Officer Elections

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: **Honorary Secretary, Vice-President Education and Vice-President Practice**. The candidates, listed below, are now on the campaign trail up to the Election Date at **Council on 4 September 2021**. Follow the links below to read their full manifestos to inform yourself on the candidates:



Honorary Secretary:	Gordon J Souter MCIAT	
Vice-President Education:	Nooshin Akrami MCIAT	Carl Mills MCIAT
Vice-President Practice:	Dan Clements MCIAT	

Once you have considered the manifestos of all candidates, we would invite you to feed your views to your **Centre Councillor, Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT** at 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.

Updates Generally from the Centre Committee

EPA Code of Practice 2021



The EPA have published the Code of Practice for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems, 2021 (PE ≤10) which provides guidance on the site characterisation, design, operation and maintenance of domestic waste water treatment systems. This Code of Practice (available [here](#)) applies to site assessments and associated installations from **7th June 2021**.

MCIAT Online Workshops

Associate members and affiliates who wish to gain an insight into the criteria and application processes to achieve **Chartered Architectural Technologist, MCIAT** status, can now avail of the online workshops. Presentations will also be followed by a Q&A Session with Member Panel Moderators.

Spaces are limited to 50 per session and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. The workshop will be hosted via MS Teams.

To book your place and should you have any requirements, please email James Banks, Membership Director (j.banks@ciat.global).

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.

IOSH PSDP Course

Date:
10, 11 August 2021
9, 10 September 2021

Location:
Online - Remote Event

Cost:
€690.00

Further Information:
Two day training programme.
See [Chris Mee Group](#)

Building Control, Notices, Applications and Compliance Certificates Challenges

Date:
15 September 2021

Time:
18:30hrs - 19:30hrs

Location:
Online - Remote Event

Further Information:
To register, see [CIOB.org](#)

CitA Virtual BIM Gathering 2021

Date:
21 - 13 September 2021

Location:
Online - Remote Event

Cost:
CitA Member: from €135 +VAT
Non Member: from €160 +VAT
Student: from €70 +VAT

Further Information:
Two day training programme.
See [CitA BIM Gathering](#)

CIAT - AT CPD Register

Date:
Any

Location:
Online - Information Sheets, Webinars and Articles

Further Information:
See [CIAT AT CPD Register](#)

CIOB Academy - Courses & CPD

Date:
Any

Location:
Online - Webinars

Further Information:
See [CIOB Academy.org](#)