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From the Centre Chair
William Cotter MCIAT

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 7** 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

Towards the end of 2020, significant progress was made in relation to the establishment of a **Shadow Statutory Register** for Architectural Technologists. We identified sufficient non-AT construction professionals together with **Chartered Architectural Technologists** to serve on the various boards. A letter was issued to the **Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage** prior to the Christmas holidays 2020 informing him that suitably qualified professionals within Architectural Technology and the construction industry are ready to enable the formalisation of the ATR Boards. Further to this, a follow-up was issued on 9 February 2021 indicating a preferred date of 1 May 2022 for the Shadow Register to go live as a **Statutory Register**. Following proactive support from members and affiliates through lobbying their local TDs to sustain momentum, a reply was received from the Department in early March and CIAT is now in the process of arranging a meeting to obtain clear direction on the next steps. 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.

In addition to the above, the **ATR Code of Conduct** was 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 awaited.

The **Programme for Government 2020** included a commitment concerning the re-establishment of the **Building Regulatory Advisory Body (BRAB)**. Centre Chair, Liam Cotter MCIAT, issued a letter to the Minister concerning nomination of a Chartered Architectural Technologist to BRAB. Further to a follow-up email on 7 November 2020, a formal reply was received on 17 February 2020, acknowledging the submission and advising that the matter of re-establishment is currently under consideration at Departmental level.

The number of Architectural Technologists registering on the **ATR** is increasing slowly, with 258 MCIAT members on the Register and 198 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 **Republic of Ireland Centre (C2) General Business Meeting (GBM)** will be held this **May 2021** remotely, where, among other issues, there will be an update on the **ATR** and will elect the Centre Committee for the term 2021-23. The confirmed date and time of the **GBM** will be circulated in due course.

Would you like to be a 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.



New Joining Structure with Brian K. Davies MCIAT (Membership Officer)

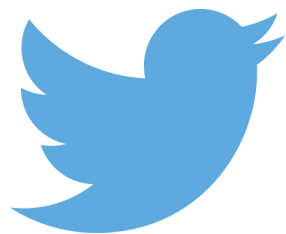
There have been a number of developments over the past year with respect to membership classes and the joining structure. The **Technician Member, TCIAT**, is being phased out and will be removed on 31 December 2021.

Profile candidate status was withdrawn and all profile candidates were transferred to affiliate status. This is not a grade (class) of membership but it facilitates access to qualifying and an opportunity to be engaged and involved with the Institute.

Fellow Membership, FCIAT, was launched on Monday 22 March 2021 which complements the '**Chartered Architectural Technologist**' professional qualification and is an acknowledgement of a Chartered Member's significant contribution to and/or excellence in Architectural Technology.

To become a **Fellow**, you must be a **Chartered Architectural Technologist** and complete the [online application form](#) and demonstrate your significant contribution to and/or excellence in Architectural Technology.

Public Relations Update with Patricia Mulvey MCIAT (PR Officer)



At the beginning of February, **CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre (C2)** Twitter page ran '**Revit Detailing Series**' - ten days of Tweets as a snapshot of the technical design process. This was well received by followers and generated a range of comments. If you have a particular subject which you would like covered (i.e. membership, Q&A with a Chartered Architectural Technologist etc.), please get in touch by Direct Messaging our Twitter page, [@CIATireland](#).

The **AT Awards 2021** are now open for entries. This year sees a new Award: **Emerging Talent in the Technology of Architecture**. For further information on entry criteria, key dates etc., see the [AT Awards](#) page.

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.

Methods and Applications to Improve Air & Wind-tightness

Date:

1 April 2021

Time:

12:00hrs - 13:00hrs

Location:

Online - Remote Event

Further Information:

To register, see [NBCO Eventbrite](#)

Fire Stop Products & Services Offering in Passive Protection

Date:

14 April 2021

Time:

13:00hrs - 14:00hrs

Location:

Online - Remote Event

Further Information:

Lunchtime CPD by CIOB Dublin Hub
Register at [CIOB.org](#)

IOSH PSDP Course

Date:

15, 16 April 2021

2, 3 June 2021

Location:

Online - Remote Event

Cost:

€690.00

Further Information:

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

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](#)