# CIAT EUROPE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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## NEW ASPIRATION GROUP ESTABLISHED IN DENMARK

At the beginning of October, the new aspirATion Group was established by several aspiring students at the VIA University College, Denmark.

The Group's mission is to act as a stronghold of CIAT outside the UK, promote the discipline and establish a quality network between local students and potential employers across Denmark and Europe.



# **ONWARD AND UPWARD!**

Following the first edition of the newsletter in August we have a number of events and items to shout about and hence the new format.

# CIAT VISIT TO VIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DENMARK 10-12 OCTOBER 2017

Our Chief Executive Francesca Berriman, Rochae Cook-Anderson and Isabelle Morgan travelled to Denmark to meet the VIA University College to discuss and set the framework for the forthcoming AGM 2018. A very busy but productive three days that provided a lot of ideas with which to work with. It was also an great opportunity for some of the students to meet Francesca Berriman for the first time.

# FIRST EVENT FOR ASPIRATION GROUP DENMARK 4 OCTOBER 2017

The aspirATion Group held its first event on 4 October 2017 which was well attended and a resounding success. The event was an exciting opportunity to present the Group in front of fellow ATCM students at VIA Campus C - Aarhus, alongside Serena Leka a guest presenter from Venture Cup Denmark.

Venture Cup is an association of all eight Danish universities and has grown to create Scandinavia's largest mentor program for university students with more than 300 mentors. Serena held a short seminar on entrepreneurship, innovation and pitching techniques, followed by a fruitful discussion regarding this relevant topic.

This aspirATion Group already has plans for future events and their biggest event will be the next CIAT AGM which will be taking place in Aarhus!

Please contact **Kristiana Sola** (the Group Chair) if you would like to join the Group and help it to grow and build on its success.

# EUROPE CENTRE REPRESENTED AT CIAT AT AWARDS EVENT -15 SEPTEMBER 2017

CIAT held its first standalone AT Awards event on the afternoon of 15 September at The Village Underground in Hoxton, London and **Edward Lowes ACIAT**, one of our members based in Germany, was able to attend to represent our Centre at the event.

The AT Awards was not only a prestigious event but also an exciting milestone for the discipline. The event was a great success and saw Architectural Technologists from all over the British Isles and beyond gathered to celebrate the best and brightest of the profession. The event, hosted by journalist Matt Allwright, was attended by a cross-section of the built environment sector and showcased Architectural Technology, both in practice and as a key academic discipline, demonstrating its growth and impact, both in the UK and internationally.

A good time was had by all as winners, including Falkner Brown Architects, Stuart Davidson Architecture and Southampton University student Edward Kercher, were presented with their awards by CIAT President Gary Mees, Vice-President of Education Paul Laycock and Chief Executive, Francesca Berriman.

# CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO VIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DENMARK 1-7 SEPTEMBER 2017

At the beginning of September, the Centre Chairman, Simon Coggins-Hill, traveled to Denmark to join Martin Nielsen and Paula Bleanch to take part in two days of meetings and presentations at the Horsens and Arrhus campus of the VIA University College.

Over the two days Simon & Paula met with students and University staff to learn about the Danish "Problem based Learning" approach to teaching AT and gave presentations to students about the advantages of CIAT Membership. It was also a golden opportunity to discuss the role of the Europe Centre, the aspirATion group and the forthcoming AGM 2018.

A very positive and immensely enjoyable few days was had by all with a number of students coming forward and keen to get involved with the aspirATion group and the organisation of the AGM.

#### THE EUROPE CENTRE - WHO, WHERE AND WHAT.

The Europe Centre has around one hundred members and is spread over nineteen countries with over half of all members are based in Denmark (mainly in Horsens and Aarhus) but do you know where else our members are based?

Over the next few issues of the Newsletter we would like to showcase members from the various countries that make up our Centre in order to show the diversity of the knowledge and skills that our members possess.

To start off this feature, we include a supplement "**Showcase on Slovakia**" written by **Barry Reynolds**. Through his "spotlight" article, Barry gives valuable insight into the role of Technologists and building techniques in Slovakia.

We hope you enjoy reading the article and please forward your feedback.

#### Would you like to be featured in future issues?

What ever your grade of membership, it would be great to hear about other members in the Centre. If you would like to be featured in future Newsletters then please contact any of the Committee.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### CIAT AGM 2018 -VIA UNIVERSTIY COLLEGE, AARHUS DENMARK

Details & Dates to be advised.

Do you have any future events that you would like other members to know about?

If you would like to have a future event to be featured in the next Newsletter then please contact anyone on the Committee with details.

## **EUROPE CENTRE COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Following the success of the first event of the new aspirATion Group, our current aspirATion Group Chair, Martin Nielsen has stepped aside and promoted **Kristiana Sola**, one of the VIA students instrumental in setting up the Group, to take over his role.

So congratulations to Kristiana for all the hard work so far and for taking the role of Group Chair. We all look forward to supporting her and the Group as they grow over the coming months.

And a big "Thank You" to Martin for being the Group Chair since the formation of the Europe Centre. Martin lay down the groundwork for forming the aspirATion group at VIA University. Martin is still very much part of the Committee and continues to be invaluable in "building bridges" between CIAT, the Europe Centre and the VIA University College.

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

Since the formation of the Europe Centre, the Committee has grown to consist of just four people and we desperately need more members to fill roles on the committee. Especially with the forthcoming AGM in 2018.

Are you interested in taking on any of the following roles?

Secretary Treasurer Education Officer CPD Officer Committee Member

If you are interested in taking one of the roles or just want to found out more then please contact any of the Committee members listed below.

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