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CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre (C2)



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Welcome

From the Centre Chairman
William Cotter MCIAT

Important News

Further to a letter issued by CIAT Chief Executive on 18 May 2018, I urge all CIAT members to lobby their colleagues in the associated Construction Industry professions and bodies and their local TDs to lend their support for the establishment of a Statutory Register of Architectural Technologists and to 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, www.ciat.ie for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links: [Join CIAT](#) [Professional Assessment](#)

Centre Committee 2017 - 2019

The **Centre Committee** for the term 2017 - 2019 is as follows:

Chairman	Liam Cotter MCIAT	Practice Officer	Sean Ryan (profile candidate)
Vice Chairman	Denise Germaine MCIAT	PR Officer	Patricia Mulvey MCIAT
Secretary	Paul Condron MCIAT	AspirATion Chair	'Vacant'
Councillor	Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT	Committee Member	Jim Kirwan PPCIAT
Treasurer	Liam Cotter MCIAT	Committee Member	Colin Garry (Student)
CPD Officer	Christophe Krief MCIAT	Committee Member	Elizabete Jakobsone (Student)
Education Officer	Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT	Committee Member	Niall Culleton MCIAT
Membership Officer	Brian K. Davies MCIAT	Chair of Technical Sub-Committee	Gillian Fletcher MCIAT

Contact details for members of the **Centre Committee** can be found on the Republic of Ireland page of the CIAT website. Members should contact a member of the **Centre Committee** with any issues which they wish the **Centre Committee** to address.

Vacant Chair Position on Centre 2 aspirATion Group

We are very anxious to fill the chair position for the **Republic of Ireland aspirATion Group**. If this is something you would be interested in, please get in contact with **Holly Banks**, the Institute's **Education & CPD Administrator** (details at end).

By way of background, the **aspirATion Group** is an initiative aimed at future Architectural Technology professionals, and specifically designed to target students, and recent graduates and encourage Institute engagement in their formative years within the discipline.

The Chair person will work with the established Regional Committee, CIAT Accredited Programmes, colleges, peer groups such as neighbouring **aspirATion** Regions or Centres, members of BRE Academy, CIOB Novus, RICS Matrics and industry professionals within the Centre to organise events which can include social, CPD events or site visits.

To apply, you would be required to submit a personal statement outlining why you would be suitable for the role of Chair relating it to the Terms of Reference.

The Terms of Reference of the newly established **CIAT aspirATion Group** are as follows:

- Provide a focal point for the Institute's activities and objectives with respect to all Future AT Professional members.
- Maintain a dialogue between the aspirATion Group and the Institute's other Groups and Committees regarding any issues that may affect Future AT Professional members and to ensure that Future AT Professional members are not adversely affected by any of these issues.
- Raise awareness of Institute activities, objectives and constitutional processes.
- Increase the potential for participation among current students.
- Increase awareness of the Institute to potential future Architectural Technology professionals and other associated professionals.

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Eligibility criteria for this role is as follows:

Current student member
ACIAT or Profile candidate 5 years
MCIAT or TCIAT 3 years

All personal statements should be sent to **Holly Banks**, Education and CPD Administrator at holly@ciat.org.uk

AGM/President's Ball - 9-10 November in Aarhus, Denmark with Michael O'Keeffe (Councillor)

The weekend began with a Welcome Reception at the City Hall from 17:00 - 19:00hrs with the opportunity to view some fantastic student projects from the **VIA University College BIM workshop** (which saw students and staff from Waterford I.T. participate) while networking and enjoying a wine reception with light refreshments.

We then returned to the Radisson Blu Hotel for a buffet dinner, activities and socialising. The activity consisted of constructing small Lego models from the instructions provided. A number of practice rounds were held followed by a best of three race to observe which table could assemble the models the fastest. All proceeds from the evening together with the Lego packs used were donated to charity.

On Saturday morning, the **AGM** was opened a little after 09:45hrs by **President Alex Naraian PCIAT**. General business proceeded as normal which was followed by the consideration of the four **Resolutions**. While there were general discussions on each Resolution, all were passed unanimously. Immediately after the AGM, the **Vice-Presidents** gave brief reports on their activities and plans for the coming year. Following **VP Practice and new President Elect, Eddie Weir's MCIAT** account, VP Technical, Kevin Crawford MCIAT, gave a brief presentation and wished the best to incoming **VP Technical, Steven Hedley MCIAT**.



After a brief refreshment break, a presentation on the **Membership Grade Review** was presented by **Professor Sam Allwinkle**. Within, he looked at other construction institutes in comparison to CIAT, set out the Terms of Reference for the Review Group and the timeline for same. In brief, there should be an interim report and update for Council in March with Resolutions for approval to be presented at Council in September. The Resolutions will be presented to the delegates by VP Education and Education Board Chair at the AGM in November 2019. A lengthy discussion followed the presentation where **Prof. Sam Allwinkle** was assisted by VP Education, CEO and Education and Membership Staff.

On Saturday evening, the **CIAT President's Ball** was held in the foyer of the **Musikhuset, Aarhus**, the largest Concert Hall in Scandinavia, located adjacent to the hotel. The **Gold Award** was presented to **Steve Scaysbrook MCIAT** for services to the profession and the Institute. Following the three course dinner, there was socialising and dancing to the live band, **The Wild Ones**, who, through their selection of music and engagement with the crowd, had the floor full all night.

Events / Various News

On 21 September, **Denise Germaine MCIAT** and **Paul Condron MCIAT** attended a training day for **CIAT Assessors** in the Thistle Barbican Hotel, London. It consisted of a full day of concentrated instruction, including a mock interview, directed by **Martin Meehan MCIAT**.

As a representative of CIAT, **Denise Germaine MCIAT** is currently involved on the **National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Technical Committee** in the development of an EU Directive on Access & Use in the Built Environment. She attended a full day meeting in TrinityHaus on Friday, 23 November.

Technical Sub-Committee

The **Technical Sub-Committee** continues to meet on a monthly basis under the Chairmanship of **Gillian Fletcher MCIAT** to consider various regulatory information relating to the construction industry and endeavours to keep our Irish members up-to-date.

They would like to recruit a **new member** who is willing to participate in the work this committee does in preparing responses to the Government's requests for comments on draft legislation relating to the construction industry. The committee issues information relevant to the Irish Construction Industry to Irish members of CIAT through this newsletter, the AT Weekly and AT Journal.

If you are interested, please make contact with **Gillian Fletcher** at gillianfletcher@gmail.com



Members of the Technical Sub-Committee enjoying a Christmas Get-Together in the Camden Kitchen, Dublin (L-r) Denise Germaine MCIAT, Gerry O'Neill MCIAT, Paul Condron MCIAT & Gillian Fletcher MCIAT.

Technical Sub-Committee Update

- It is understood that there were in excess of 1000 submissions on the consultation documents to amend **TGD Parts L Dwellings and F Ventilation** which is holding up the publishing of the amended documents. It should be noted that the proposed amendments to these documents considerably raise the insulation requirements but also introduce new requirements to limit overheating and dB levels required for ventilation systems. We will advise the membership through the CIAT e-bulletin as soon as we have an update on these documents.
- This committee is continuing to monitor the outcomes from the **Grenfell Tower** disaster - some issues which have come to light which will affect construction of buildings in future as follows:
 - The introduction of a ban on the use of **combustible materials** in external cladding.
 - The phasing out of value engineering carried out on purely economic considerations without proper evaluation of the consequence.
 - Prevention of site staff changing specification or design of fire detection systems and smoke evacuation systems.
 - Building managers should be suitably qualified.
- This committee has suggested to the **HSA** that it should be mandatory to include in the **Safety File** the documents on which **Fire Safety Certificates** are granted.
- It is worth noting that some of the schools where **structural problems** were discovered recently had been construction since the introduction of the BCAR legislation.
- The sub-committee continues to monitor the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government** web site to search for new and amended planning, building regulations, Building Control Regulations etc. which effect Architectural Technologist in their daily business.

CPD Update with Christophe Krief (CPD Officer)

Members are invited to use online CPD facilities. Online courses represent the most flexible opportunity to improve your skills within a diversity of disciplines, including architectural technologies.

With the assistance of **Tom Byrne from Kilpark Planning Consultants**, we selected online courses which I hope to be of interest for all our members in the Republic of Ireland and beyond.

Lynda.com offers **Revit** tutorials about rendering, phasing and design options, advanced modelling and more. I recommend all CIAT members with an interest to develop or progress with Revit, to opt for the free month trial: [Click here to start the trial](#).

If you are not a Revit fan, you may be interested to inform yourself about "Mitigating risk in an increasingly digitalised construction industry" through a CPD offered by **BD Online**. This article is accredited by the CPD Certification Service: [Click here for the CPD](#)

If you are looking at improving or developing your skills as a specifier, **NBS** has a selection of **RIBA Approved** online CPD courses to assist you in this direction: [Click here to select your preferred NBS CPD](#)

The links above should help provide you with the 35 hours needed as a CIAT member. I hope these sources of CPD will keep you busy over the Christmas Period.

Note that any suggestion and assistance to organise CPD events for the Year 2019 is welcome. You may be aware that if you become active with your committee, your time participating to the development of the Institute may also be counted as CPD hours.



*Christmas Greetings to all our members
in the Republic of Ireland and
Best Wishes for the New Year.*

Upcoming Events

PSDP Course - Cork & Dublin

Date:

Cork: 24, 25 January 2019

Dublin: 17, 18 January 2019

Location:

Cork: Chris Mee Group, Little Island

Dublin: Parkway Business Centre, Ballymount

Cost:

€690.00

Further Information:

Two day training programme.

See [Chris Mee Group](#)

Single Leaf Masonry - Dublin

Date:

30 January 2019

Location:

Dublin I.T., Bolton Street, Dublin D01

Cost:

CIOB Members: Free

Non-Members: £25

Further Information:

See [CIOB.org](#)

Intro. to TGD Part M 2010

Date:

5 February 2019

Location:

Guinness Enterprise Centre, Dublin 8

Cost:

€350

Further Information:

One Day Course by OHAC

See [OHAC](#)

SelfBuild Live - Belfast

Date:

22-24 February 2019

Location:

Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast

Further Information & Tickets:

See [SelfBuild.ie](#)

National Construction Summit

Date:

14 March 2019

Location:

Citywest, Dublin

Further Information:

See [National Construction Summit](#)

Ideal Home Show - Dublin

Date:

12-14 April 2019

Location:

RDS, Simonscourt, Dublin

Further Information:

Ideal Home Show is Ireland's Largest Home Show and takes place twice a year in the RDS.

See [Ideal Home Show](#)