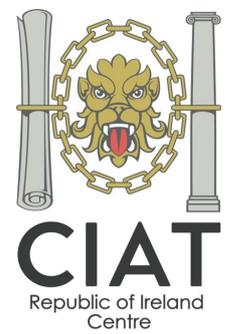


# Newsletter - Summer 2018

CIAT Republic of Ireland Centre (C2)



## Welcome . . . .

From the Centre Chairman  
William Cotter MCIAT

Issue 12 - Summer 2018



### Important News

The following is the text of a letter issued by **CIAT Chief Executive** on 18 May 2018;

We are writing to you to keep you updated on the progress on recognition of the discipline of **Architectural Technology** in the **Republic of Ireland**.

The formal case for the development/inclusion of the **Statutory Register** was submitted to **Department for Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG)** in December 2017. The DHPLG responded positively on 19 April 2018 and outlined an **Agreement in Principle** along with a key deliverables framework.

The next steps as outlined by the DHPLG are to consult with industry stakeholders and to operate a robust Register on an administrative basis. DHPLG will then review accordingly and bring forward legislative proposals to amend the **Building Control Act 2007** with a view to include the profession of Architectural Technology as a distinct and separate register alongside those already in existence (i.e. Building Surveyor, Architect, Engineer).

We are in continued dialogue with the DHPLG to use our best endeavours to bring this to fruition.

Once the consultation process begins, we would welcome your continued support to help maintain the momentum in order for the **Statutory Register** to gain traction and formal status. With this in mind please continue to engage with like-minded professionals as well as lobbying your TDs/political contacts.

I urge all CIAT members to prevail upon their unaffiliated Architectural Technologist colleagues in the country to lend their support by joining their professional Institute and registering on the ATR. Visit the website;  
[www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie](http://www.architecturaltechnologistsregister.ie).

Please visit our website, [www.ciat.ie](http://www.ciat.ie) for further information on the joining or qualifying process by clicking on the following links: [Join CIAT](#) [Professional Assessment](#)

### Honorary Officer Elections 2018

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 are now on the campaign trail up to the **Election Date** at Council on **8 September 2018**. Follow the links below to read the full manifestos to inform yourself on the candidates:

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|---|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#">President Elect:</a>          | Kevin Crawford MCIAT | Paul Laycock MCIAT | Eddie Weir MCIAT |
| <a href="#">Honorary Treasurer:</a>       | Doug Fewkes MCIAT    |                    |                  |
| <a href="#">Vice-President Technical:</a> | Steven Hedley MCIAT  | Mark Wilson MCIAT  |                  |

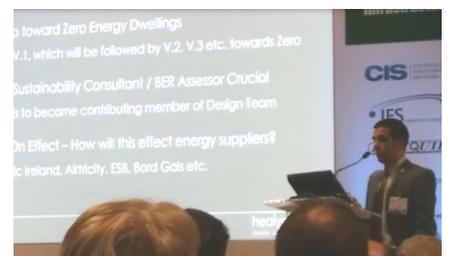
To advise the CIAT ROI Centre on your preference, please email ROI Centre Councillor, Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT at [mike\\_okeeffe87@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_okeeffe87@yahoo.com) indicating your preferences, if any, before **30 July 2018**.

### AGM / President's Ball - November 2018 in Aarhus, Denmark

Due to personal reasons, Denise Germaine MCIAT has declined to attend this years **AGM** in Aarhus, Denmark in November. As our Chairman, Liam Cotter MCIAT was the candidate with the next highest number of votes, he has agreed to attend in her place and will join Patricia Mulvey MCIAT and Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT as the Republic of Ireland representatives at the **AGM**.

### Events

CIAT was once again well represented at the **National Construction Summit 2018** in Citywest, Dublin on 2 May. While James Banks and Megan Brown were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, we had sufficient members on the stand during the course of the day. CIAT ROI Councillor, Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT, presented '**A Three-Step Approach to Low Energy Dwellings**' on the Architecture Main Stage in the afternoon which looked into the legislation driving low energy design and a considered approach to design from the outset to meet these standards.



*Images: (upper) Denise Germaine MCIAT & Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT speaking with a visitor to the stand at the National Construction Summit & (lower) Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT speaking at the Architecture Main Stage at the National Construction Summit, Citywest, Dublin.*

# Technical Sub-committee

The Technical Sub-committee continues to meet monthly and has had a very busy and, hopefully, productive three months. Several updates relating to Irish Construction and associated legislation have been published on the CIAT e-bulletin and AT Journal. We're glad to report that our comments are regularly taken on board by the **Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government** and draft legislation amended accordingly. Below are some updates:

- Further to our communications with the DHPLG regarding a consolidation of the **Building Control Regulations**, similar to the Planning Regulations produced by the Law Reform Commission, we received confirmation in January 2017 that the Law Reform Commission would consolidate all the changes and amendments into one document. This was published in **March** of this year.
- In February 2018, we made a submission to the DHPLG on the draft "**Design Standards for New Apartments - Guidelines for Planning Authorities**" and the draft "**Water Services Guidelines for Planning Authorities**".
- Recently, we have been working on submissions on the "**Review of Technical Guidance Document L - Conservation of Fuel and Energy for Dwellings (2018)**" and the "**Review of Technical Guidance Document F - Ventilation (2018)**". Our comments have been submitted. Please note: anyone who is involved in the design of dwellings to be aware of the publication of these amended documents as there are a number of serious issues raised by these amendments e.g. prevention of overheating in high insulated dwellings and permitted sound levels of fans and ventilation ducts.
- There have been at least three recent amendments to the planning regulation dealing with 'antennae', 'Irish Water Exemptions' and exemption for changes of use of some existing buildings to residential use.

Our Technical Sub-Committee would be grateful for any contributions from the general membership when we are working on future submissions or if any member becomes aware of difficult interpretations of legislation, changes to legislation or new legislation relating to the construction industry, please advise the Technical Sub-Committee.

## Membership Update with Brian K. Davies (Membership Officer)

Congratulations to our following members who became Chartered since 1 January 2018:

**Cork:** Mr. P. O'Sullivan MCIAT; **Sligo:** Mr. K. O'Reilly MCIAT

**Dublin:** Mr. D.M. Byrne BSc(Hons) MCIAT & Mr. S. Harvey BSc(Hons) MCIAT;

**Kildare:** Ms. E. Hayes MSc MCIAT (has also joined board of [Construction IT Alliance](#))

New Members from 2 December 2017 to 7 June 2018:

34 x ACIAT      4 x profile candidates      12 x student

Our Centre currently consists of 367 members of varying grades as listed below:

|          |     |         |    |
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| MCIAT    | 167 | Profile | 30 |
| ACIAT    | 105 | Student | 64 |
| HonMCIAT | 1   |         |    |

A **Professional Interview Board** is planned for Dublin in Summer 2018 and the Institute are inviting applicants to submit their MCIAT application by **20 July 2018** to be considered for this Board. Please note that there is **Mentoring & Support** for members in preparation for the assessment. I would encourage candidates to visit the CIAT website for information.

## aspirATion Group

We are very anxious to fill the chair position for the **Republic of Ireland aspirATion Group**.

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, we would require you to submit a personal statement outlining why you would be suitable for the role of Chair relating it to the Terms of Reference. All personal statements should be sent to Holly Banks, Education and CPD Administrator at [holly@ciat.org.uk](mailto:holly@ciat.org.uk)

## Upcoming Events

### Rapid Housing National Conference

**Date:**

22 June 2018

**Location:**

Dublin Institute of Technology

**Cost:**

€195 (discounts available, see web-site link below for more)

**Further Information:**

See [Rapid Housing](#)

### Social Housing Summit

**Date:**

28 June 2018

**Location:**

Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

**Cost**

€495.00 +VAT

**Further Information:**

One Day Conference.

See [CMG Events](#)

### PSDP Course - Cork & Dublin

**Date:**

Cork: 23, 24 August 2018

Dublin: 5, 5 September 2018

**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](#)

### Certified Passive House Consultant & Designer - Dublin

**Dates:**

3 - 7 September, plus online & Exam, 6 October

**Location:**

Sheldon Park Hotel, 131 Kylemore Road, Inchicore, Dublin 12

**Cost:**

€999.00 plus Exam Fee: €300

**Further Information:**

See [Passive House Academy](#)

### AT Awards 2018

**Date:**

14 September 2018

**Location:**

Village Underground, 54 Holywell Lane, London EC2A 3PQ

**Tickets:**

£80.00 (£70.00 CIAT Member, £50.00 CIAT Student Member)

**Further Information:**

See [CIAT AT Awards](#)