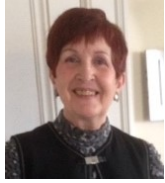


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Welcome

From the Centre Chairman & Councillor
Denise Germaine MCIAT

Important News

Work is progressing with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government regarding the establishment of a **Statutory Register of Architectural Technologists**, which will enable Registered Architectural Technologists to act as Design and/or Assigned Certifiers under the **Building Control (Amendment) Regulations**.

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The framework and standards for the Statutory Register are set by the Building Control Act and the Minister. It is anticipated that the procedures to be established will mirror those currently in operation, such as those for Building Surveyors. The framework for assessing competence for Architectural Technologists to act as Design and Assigned Certifiers under the BC(A)R should follow that established by CIAT and the voluntary Register which will include the National Educational Standard for Architectural Technology published by QQI (Quality Qualifications Ireland) in March 2016, which sets the underpinning knowledge requirements with additional practice based competency assessment to ensure Architectural Technologists meet the standards required for Registration.

Following a recent parliamentary question, the Minister for State, Damien English TD, said *"My Department supported the establishment by CIAT of the voluntary register for Architectural Technologists in Ireland in July 2014, to represent those practising in the Republic of Ireland. In March 2016, QQI formally published the National Graduate Standard for Architectural Technology in Ireland. This was the result of close collaboration between QQI, CIAT and RIAI. Since the publication of the QQI Standard, my Department has met with CIAT representatives to provide guidance and an explanation of the process involved in order to place the register on a statutory footing Following the meeting, my Department has provided follow-up information to CIAT regarding the preparation of a Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) in relation to the creation of a statutory register . . . My Department will continue to engage and work with CIAT in relation to this matter."*

CIAT is leading on the process and has set an ambitious timetable to ensure that the Statutory Register is achieved as soon as possible. However, issues such as the consultation and legislative processes and the Minister's responsibilities within the legislation may be outside the control of CIAT. We will continue to keep members advised of progress on this matter.

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.

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 General Business Meeting was held on 22 April. There was an underwhelming attendance of 31 members, many of whom were the Centre Committee members.

The Centre Committee for 2017 - 2019 was elected at the meeting and the various Officers were elected at the Centre Committee's first meeting on 20 May and are as follows:

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

Subsequent to the meeting, the Committee elected Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT as Councillor, to take office from November 2017 (when Denise Germaine MCIAT steps down) to November 2020. Contact details for members of the Centre Committee can be found on the Republic of Ireland page of the CIAT website.

AGM / President's Ball

The **AGM and President's Ball** will take place in Newcastle upon Tyne in November 2017. The Centre's voting delegates, elected at the General Business Meeting, are Patricia Mulvey MCIAT and Michael O'Keeffe MCIAT.

We are in competition with several other Regions and Centres of CIAT to hold the **AGM and President's Ball** in Dublin in 2018. We expect to receive the decision from the Executive Board and Council before the end of September 2017.

Upcoming Events

On 3 July, the **CIAT Region and Centre Summit 2017** will be held in Birmingham. The Centre's elected delegates to this conference will be Denise Germaine MCIAT and Colin Garry, AspirATion Chair. **Members are urged** to advise the Centre Committee of any issues they would like to see discussed at the Summit. Suggestions should be emailed to the Chairman, Denise Germaine, by Monday **26 June** at the latest (email: denisegerm@gmail.com).

Technical Sub-committee

The Technical sub-committee, consisting of Denise Germaine MCIAT, Gerry O'Neill MCIAT, Paul Condron MCIAT, William Power MCIAT and Gillian Fletcher MCIAT, continues to meet on a monthly basis to ascertain what new legislation is being drafted by relevant government bodies and review draft legislation which is published for public consultation. Members are then informed via the AT magazine and/or the e-bulletin of new or updated regulation/legislation relating to the Irish Construction Industry.

This committee has recently made submissions to the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government** on the following issues:

- Public consultation on a draft **Code of Practice for Fire Safety in New and Existing Community Dwelling Houses**.
- In relation to transitional arrangements for **Building Regulations TGD L 2017 – NZEB**.
- In relation to provision of low level whb in female washrooms in **Building Regulations TGD Part M - Access & Use, 2010**.
- **Building Regulations TGD Part L - Conservation of Fuel and Energy for Buildings other than Dwellings, 2017**

If you spot an anomaly or conflict in any of the Technical Guidance Documents let a member of this committee know and we can address the issue with the Department.

CPD Update with Christophe Krief (CPD Officer)

A CPD event was organised at **Xtratherm** Navan XI Innovation Centre on Saturday 20 May. The event was fully booked. It was attended by members from different parts of the country and was very well received. The CPD was focussed on **Part L of the Building Regulations** and its future amendment towards zero carbon emission. The event included a presentation by Phil Ward and Mark Magennis, as well as a visit of the exhibition centre.

CIAT Members are invited (free limited places per event) to attend the **Construction IT Alliance** events which are taking place in June and September this summer. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. The **Construction IT Alliance** actively encourage the Irish Construction sector to take full advantage of current and emerging Information and Communications Technologies.

Membership Update with Brian K. Davies (Membership Officer)

I am pleased to inform you that the numbers have swelled to a healthy 321 since my report at the General Business Meeting in April, with many individual and group application enquiries in the pipeline. Below is an up-to-date breakdown of the categories of membership.

Chartered	149	Honorary	1	Associate	82
Profile	32	Student	57	Total:	321

Due to the recent resurgence in membership enquiries and applications received for membership assessment, City Road is arranging a couple of interview boards in Ireland in August, one will be held in Waterford and another one in Dublin. At the moment no firm dates have been agreed but those who have applied will be notified shortly by James Banks Membership Director.

I would encourage Associate members and profile candidates to apply for upgrading to full Chartered status, especially those who have been stuck on these grades for considerable time. If any member would find it helpful to discuss their membership progression or have any questions or queries please contact me at bdavies@arcdesign.ie

Upcoming Events

CitA Eastern BIM Region Event

Date:
28 June 2017
Location:
36 Dawson Street, Dublin 2
Registration:
See [CitA BIM](#)

Delays & Disruptions to Building Projects Delivery Conference

Date:
29 June 2017
Location:
Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road,
Dun Laoghaire, Dublin
Further Information:
See [CMG Events](#)

Reducing Construction Costs with Effective Thermal Bridging

Date:
30 June 2017
Location:
Scotch Hall, Drogheda
Further Information:
See [Quinn Building Products](#)

Certified Passive House Consultant & Designer - Dublin

Dates:
4-8 September, plus online & exam, 7 October
Location:
Sheldon Park Hotel, 131 Kylemore Road, Inchicore, Dublin 12
Further Information:
See [Passive House Academy](#)

CitA Smarter Cooperative Building Series

Date:
13 September 2017
Location:
Royal College of Physicians,
6 Kildare Street, Dublin
Further Information:
See [CitA.ie](#)

Making Buildings Accessible

Dates:
20, 21 September & 4 October 2017
Location:
Guinness Enterprise Centre,
Dublin 8.
Further Information:
This 3-day workshop deals with design, problem solving and examples of everyday barriers faced by people with disabilities and more. See [OHAC](#)