



UNESCO-UIA VALIDATION COUNCIL Paris, UIA General Secretariat, Saturday 14 November 2009

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Louise **COX** (Australia), UIA President and VCAE co-President
 Wolf **TOCHTERMANN**, co-President VCAE (UNESCO)
 Fernando **RAMOS** (Spain), co-director of the UIA Education commission, VCAE reporter commission
 Roland **SCHWEITZER** (France), co VP Region I
 Vladimir **SLAPETA** (R. Czech), co VP Region II
 Alexandre **KOUDRYAVTSEV** (Russia), co VP Region II
 Kate **SCHWENNSEN** (USA), co VP Region III
 Patricia **MORA MORALES** (Costa Rica), co VP Region III and Education commission representative to the CPD-JOC
 Sungjung **CHOUGH** (R of Korea), co VP Region IV and co-director of the Education
 Nobuaki **FURUYA** (Japan), co VP Region IV and Education commission representative to the CPD-JOC
 Rodney Roy **HARBER** (South Africa), co VP Region V
 James **SHEELER** (USA), representing the Professional practice commission
 Hector **GARCIA ESCORZA** (Mexico), observer

also participated:

George **KUNIHIRO**, Japan, communications director for the Tokyo 2011 congress
 Paula **LIBERATO**, coordinator of UIA WPs and commissions and relations with international organisations at the UIA secretariat
 Christine **VICTORIN**, interpreter
 Eliza **BURHAM**, interpreter

Excused:

Alain **VIARO** (Switzerland), co VP Region I
 Zakia **SHAFIE** (Egypt), co VP Region V
 David **GLOSTER** (United Kingdom), permanent observer from RIBA, UNESCO-UIA validation system manager

POINT 1 OF THE AGENDA

Opening remarks

L. COX welcomed the participants and presented the apologies from Alain Viaro, Zakia Shafie and David Gloster who were unable to attend this meeting.

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Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted.



POINT 3 OF THE AGENDA

Reports by the co-presidents

W. Tochtermann reminded participants that he is still the UNESCO representative to the UIA Education commission and the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council for architectural education.

He reported the recent election of Irina Bokova (Bulgaria) as UNESCO Director General, and informed those present that other high-level positions would soon change hands within the sectors of culture, human and social sciences, which could lead to renewed interest by this organisation in the areas of architecture and heritage.

W. Tochtermann will send a letter to F. Bandarin, director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to remind him of the progress in the work of the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council over the last 6 years, and the VCAE's hope that UNESCO will renew its contribution to this work in a more formal manner.

L. Cox stated that she attended the investiture ceremony for Ms. Bokova as UNESCO director general and will soon contact her secretariat to set up a meeting for herself and W. Tochtermann.

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Report by the general reporter

F. Ramos informed participants that he spoke at the international summit on architectural education that took place in Tokyo on 17 – 19 July, organised by the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Tokyo. He represented the UIA Education commission and the University of Barcelona. Other prestigious speakers included Yasuaki Onoda (Tohoku University), Ralph Lerner (University of Hong-Kong), Kazuhiko Namba (University of Tokyo), Odile Decq (*École spéciale d'architecture*, Paris) and Mark Wigley (Columbia University).

The general reporter showed the accreditation diploma, with a validity of 5 years, that he designed and presented personally to the KasGAZA school of architecture in Kazakhstan on 9 November 2007, on behalf of the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council

N. Furuya asked that the recently validated Japanese accreditation system receive a similar diploma, if possible, along with individual certificates for each of the three schools validated by the JABEE system on this occasion.

J. Scheeler and F. Ramos underlined that the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council gave its accreditation to the JABEE system and not directly to the 3 schools evaluated by this system. They suggested that JABEE should write to the three schools directly, informing them that they were indirectly accredited by the UNESCO-UIA system through the general validation of the JABEE system. Or, the UNESCO-UIA Validation system could write a letter thanking them for their contribution to the validation process for the JABEE system.

L. Cox felt it was best that the UIA system present its diploma in due form to the JABEE system, and that they in turn send letters or diplomas directly to the schools concerned.



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Reports by the regional vice-presidents

See the Education commission report (13 November 2009)

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Report on revision of the UIA-CPD programme directives, by Fabian Llisterri

F. Llisterri reported to the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council on the changes made to the UIA-CPD programme directives following contacts with the European Union and a refusal by the EU to provide financing for the programme.

The EU criticised the UIA-CPD system for targeting only professionals and encouraged it to open to a wider public, in the spirit of 'public service'. The EU also suggested that the system establish ties with governments and national institutions.

The JOC members agreed to adopt the suggested modifications to the CPD directives to broaden the number of authorised systems and the audience that could follow the continuing education courses.

Thus, under point 2 of the **system directives** where currently only professional providers are listed as bodies able to issue courses, the text now also mentions public entities, private or public institutions, foundations or qualified providers that work to enhance continuing architectural education. The target audience now includes 'training and/or information available to non-professionals, citizens, and/ students'.

In the directives on CPD material:

Point 1. - the material will be directed toward architects as well as professionals in fields related to architecture.

Point 2. – The goals of the continuing education programme have been expanded from simply improving professional practice to increasing public services offered by architects and professionals.

Point 9. – the material made available will target the largest possible number of professionals.

See complete document in annex.

Instead of 'UIA CPD system', the programme will be called '**UIA quality label for continuing education**'.

In conclusion, F. Llisterri asked:

- for pre-approval by the UNESCO-UIA validation council of the modifications made to the CPD programme directives, before presenting them to the UIA Council in Sydney in January 2010.
- that the CPD programme be included in the UIA Education commission
- that the UNESCO name, and support, be added to this quality label for continuing education, as it is for the UNESCO-UIA charter (eventually, a UNESCO-UIA-EU label could be instrumental to the programme's success).



L. Cox thanked F. Llisterri for his presentation and reiterated that the Education commission has two representatives to the JOC, Patricia Mora and Nobuaki Furuya, whose role it is to ensure the liaison with the CPD programme. F. Ramos emphasised that the CPD programme could participate in the Education commission's reflection group on internships and continuing education, and that the commission members would be happy to offer their expertise to the quality evaluation process for UIA CPD programme materials.

W. Tochtermann underlined the fact that the current state of UIA – UNESCO relations makes it much more difficult to obtain support for programmes than 6 years ago when the charter was revised. Nevertheless, he promised to mention this possibility to UNESCO in the near future if relations improve and the possibility becomes feasible.

Motion: The UNESCO-UIA validation council approved the changes to the UIA CPD programme directives as presented by F. Llisterri.

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UNESCO-UIA validations and recognitions

7.1. University of Cairo

L. Cox reiterated that following the preliminary evaluation visit to the University of Cairo in March 2009, it was decided that the school needed to take the time to prepare correctly a full visit for July 2010.

7.2. University of Barcelona

F. Ramos informed participants that the director of his university had asked him to contact the other schools of architecture in Spain and related schools on the European level to develop an accreditation system. The Spanish agency for quality control was also contacted for the logistics side of the project, and they are counting on support from the newly elected president of the Superior Council of Associations of Spanish Architects, J. Ludevid.

7.3. School in Tunisia

L. Cox stated that the VCAE has not received any more information on this school's request. R. Harber said he would contact them to see if they are still interested.

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Revision of the "UNESCO-UIA validation system for architectural education" document from 2002

L. Cox reiterated that modifications to points V.3.2.1 and V.3.2.2 should be made in this document, to accord with those made in the charter, which consist of fusing points 2.3 and 2.4 into a single list of 16 points.

L. Cox invited the two accreditation systems already validated by the UIA (KAAB - Rep. of Korea, and JABEE - Japan), to submit their comments regarding revision of this document to the VCAE before the end of January 2010.

Also, J. Scheeler and F. Ramos need to present their suggestions for revision to the next session of the UIA Council.



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9.1. New RIBA validation system

L. Cox stated that she participated in the meeting regarding revision of the RIBA accreditation system in September 2008, in London.

The new system has simplified and reduced principles and includes the 11 points that appeared under point 2.3 of the UNESCO-UIA charter. The UIA president felt that the system could be enriched by adding the 5 other points, that were point 2.4 of the charter, in the future.

9.2. RIBA Report on management of the UNESCO-UIA system

Because there has been no activity related to evaluations since the last meeting in May 2009, RIBA did not present a report.

9.3. Request for a validation visit by the Moscow school of architecture (MARHI)

L. Cox reported that an official letter requesting validation had been received from the Moscow school of architecture, Federation of Russia (MARHI), reminding participants that this school has already been accredited by the RIBA validation system.

The UIA President underlined that the student projects presented at an expo she attended at this school last October were very interesting and well done.

UIA designated the following persons as members of the international evaluation team:

- Fernando Ramos (UNESCO-UIA reporter)
- Vladimir Slapeta (UNESCO-UIA, region II)
- Stefan Slachta, Slovakia (member of the region II evaluation staff list)

UIA will ask the Russian Section to designate the remaining members at the local level, according to the following profiles:

1 practising architect, 1 university professor and 1 student.

9.4. Request for a validation visit from the college of architecture and planning at King Saud University (KSU), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

L. Cox stated that an official letter requesting validation was received and sent to RIBA for the organisation of a preliminary visit. F. Ramos was designated to represent the UIA during this visit.

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Date and place for the next meeting

Paris, Friday 9 April 2010, at 9:30

Preparatory documents for this meeting should arrive at the general secretariat no later than 22 March 2010.