







AN UPDATE from the GENERAL REPORTER

As 2013 comes to a close, we are pleased to announce the incredible response we have received for the Call for Papers with 510 abstracts received. This has been matched with a similar response to the Student Competition with 521 student teams registered. This has ensured that the eyes of the international architectural community will be focussed on Warwick Junction and around the Brook Street Cemetery, a critically important node in Durban. This focus is considered an important contribution to the UIA

2014 Legacy Projects which aim to influence the profession and the City in positive ways.

We also introduce the UIA 2014 Programme
Partners. The intention of the evolving Programme Partner
initiative is to expand the scope of the UIA 2014 Congress
and use the event as a platform for furthering conversations
around the Congress themes. The Scientific Committee
invites interested parties to communicate with us directly
to explore further possible collaborations.



Amira Osman General Reporter UIA 2014, Durban



UIA 2014 DURBAN PROGRAMME PARTNERS

International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) http://www.cibworld.nl was established in 1953 with a mission to facilitate international cooperation in building and construction research and innovation. CIB is a network of over 5000 experts from 500 member organisations across 70 countries and includes most of the major laboratories and leading universities in building and construction. Two CIB Workgroups are Programme Partners of UIA 2014.



Wim Bakens is the Secretary General of CIB (since 1994) and is a visiting professor at the University of Westminster in London, UK. He graduated in 1975, and obtained a PhD on "The Future of Construction" from the University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

clb W110 Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing engages with issues of sustainable livelihoods and community participation in informal settlements as well as how the exchange of technology may be achieved towards the development of the physical, social and economic conditions of human settlements. The commission also explores topics on the provision of affordable housing across the whole housing market.



Happy Ratna Santosa, Professor in Architecture, is Head of the Laboratory of Housing and Human Settlements at the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Indonesia (2008-present). She has fulfilled various roles at the ITS since 1975 including the Director of the Post-Graduate Programme (2003-2007) and Head of the Population and Environmental Research Centre (1988-1997).

CIB W110 Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing



Amira Osman, Associate Professor at the University of Johannesburg, is the UIA 2014 Durban General Reporter. She studied at the University of Khartoum, obtained a diploma from the Institute for Housing Studies (IHS), Rotterdam and a PhD from the University of Pretoria. She is a registered architect and rated NRF researcher

CIB W104 Open Building Implementation encompasses ideas about the making and incessant transformation of the built environment by acknowledging the existence of distinct levels of intervention, the principle that users must be enabled to make design decisions and the technical principle that the interface between systems allows change/replacement with minimum disruption and conflict.





Stephen Kendall, Emeritus Professor of Architecture, Ball State University, is a registered architect and educator. He received his PhD in Design Theory and Methods from Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the direction of Prof. John Habraken. He is currently conducting research for the US government on healthcare facility design for flexibility. http://skendall.iweb.bsu.edu/index.html http://www.infillsystemsus.com



Shin Murakami, Professor, Department of Human Environment, Sugiyama Jogakuen University, Japan, received his PhD from the University of Tokyo. He is also a photographer and a hyper-space creator. He lectures internationally and serves as an advisor to the Urban Renaissance Agency Chubu. His focus recently is on activation of the existing housing stock. http://shin-murakami.com



Jia Beisi, Associate Professor of Architecture, University of Hong Kong, studied at Southeast University in Nanjing, China, and obtained a PhD from the ETH Zurich. He is Director and Partner of Baumschlager Eberle Hong Kong. Ltd. He lectures internationally on his studies of adaptable housing design. http://www.baumschlagereberle.com/en/ office/locations/hongkong.htm

South African Planning Institute (SAPI), http://www.sapi.org.za has over 1700 members and is overseeing the growth of the urban and regional planning professions in South Africa. SAPI aims to engage the built environment professions on collaborative and multi-disciplinary approaches to place making, project cross-overs and the possible professional integration towards the creation of great places.



Yusuf Patel studied Financial Economics at the University of London, Development Planning and Quantity Surveying at WITS. He is a professional planner and development specialist with a wide range of experience including Integrated Development Planning, Infrastructure Investment, Affordable Housing and Community Development. He is Executive Director at Basil Read and President of SAPI.



Anna Rubbo B.Arch (Melbourne), D. Arch (Michigan), research scholar, Center for Sustainable Urban Development at Columbia University. Formerly at the University of Sydney, she was a member of the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers (2002-04) and went on to found Global Studio in 2005. http://csud.ei.columbia.edu/people/staff/



Rodney Harber, architect, urban designer town planner, is principal of Rodney Harber and Associates. He has decades of community development†and design experience. He lectured for 4 decades nationally and internationally. Rodney has represented architectural education in Africa and is on the UNESCO and UIA Education Commissions. He has been involved with Global Studio since 2005.



Jennifer Van Den Bussche is project manager for Global Studio, and director of Sticky Situations. She is a Project Manager with exceptional organisational and facilitation skills, complimented by a background in construction, training in architecture, and experience in Community Development. She is currently undertaking a Masters Degree in International and Community Development.

Global Studio www.theglobalstudio.com, a peoplecentered action research project since 2005, focuses on how participatory design and planning can better serve the needs of the urban poor. The exhibition, People Building Better Cities www.peoplebuildingbettercities.org, shown in 8 countries and 12 cities in 2013, shares the Global Studio approach, processes and outcomes.



The Social Housing Focus Trust (SHiFT), www.shift.org.za is an NGO which provides expertise on the role and design of housing and human settlement in the transformation of the built environment, for building sustainable communities and humane settlements. It promotes an integrated approach through critical engagement with all stakeholders, and develops expertise through research/knowledge generation and through workshops, lectures and site visits.



Tariq Toffa, Executive Manager at SHiFT, lectures in the University of Johannesburg's architecture department, and writes for writes for www.Urb.im on social and urban topics. He completed his professional architectural studies at UCT, an architectural research Masters at WITS, and studied religious and constitutional law at UKZN.

The Public Health Group (UIA-PHG), http://www.uia-phg.org is a working body of the UIA. It was founded in 1955 and represents all continents. Its vision is that world public health can benefit through dedicated architects to provide efficient, safe and aesthetic healthcare buildings and an environment for enhanced healing of the patients, operations and staff satisfaction. The coordinators of this component of the UIA 2014 programme are both based at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), http://www.csir.co.za in South Africa, one of the leading scientific and technology research, development and implementation organisations in Africa.



Geoff Abbott is a research architect working at the Built Environment Unit at the CSIR. His current focus is on the development of Guidelines, Norms and Standards for healthcare facilities in South Africa for the National Department of Health and on capacity development. He is a long standing member of the PHG and Honorary Life Member the SA Federation of Hospital Engineering.



Peta de Jager is a research group leader at the architectural engineering research group of the CSIR. She is a health infrastructure specialist and has been involved in several projects ranging from redrafting guidelines, norms and standards and working in TB infection prevention and control.

Design Society Development (DSD), is a Community of Practice (CoP) based in the Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture (FADA), University of Johannesburg (UJ). Its members represent the disciplines of Design, Development Studies and Economics. In the face of staggering inequality in South Africa, DSD interrogates research and projects that focus on the intersection of design, society and development.

www.designsocietydevelopment.org



Angus Donald Campbell, Senior Lecturer in Industrial Design, UJ, is a qualified industrial and product designer with over a decade of experience. His interest is in design and technology for sustainable development and his current transdisciplinary Doctorate in Development Studies explores innovation and adaptation of technology by small-scale urban farmers in Johannesburg.



Terence Fenn, Lecturer in Multimedia, UJ, is interested in interactive design and is currently enrolled for a Masters in Information Technology at UCT. He initially trained as a fine artist and obtained a Master of Art and Design Education at the University of New South Wales. His primary areas of interest include design for social development, design thinking and interactive technologies.



Naudé Malan, PhD and Senior Lecturer, Development Studies, UJ, has previously studied participation in Agricultural Development and his Doctorate investigated the role of Civil Society in the realization of the right to have access to social security. He is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for African Studies at Cambridge University and has taught at various faculties within UJ.







INTRODUCING THE COMPETITION JURY







Luvanda Mphahlwa is an award winning architect, founder and Principal of DesignSpaceAfrica. Design awards include the SAIA award of excellence for the South African Embassy in Berlin and the Curry Stone Design Award for the 10x10 Design Indaba Sandbag housing project. His firm focusses on architecture contributing towards social change.





The Student Competiton will be adjudicated by:





Marianela Jiménez Calderón is Deputy Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Association of Architects in Costa Rica (CACR) and General Manager of the General Board of Directors of the Federate Association of Engineers and Architects in Costa Rica (CFIA). She holds a Degree in Architecture from the University of Costa Rica (Universidad de Costa Rica, UCR).



NEWS IN BRIEF

A Call for South African Practice Participation will be issued in January 2014.

Check the website for regular updates.

On the 10th September 2013UIA 2014 General Reporter, Amira Osman, met with Warwick trader representatives. This was facilitated by Hoosen Moola, Inner City Thekwini Regeneration and Urban Management Programme (iTrump) and attended by Joanne Lees, Architect/Urbanist/Principal of Lees & Short Associated Architects and one of the identified Warwick experts of the UIA 2014 International Student Competition. Possible Warwick trader representation at UIA 2014 was discussed.

The annual Architectural Student Conference. which attracts close to a thousand students from across the sub-continent, will be an integral part of UIA 2014 which will host a dedicated Student Programme. This is being planned with the Durban University of Technology (DUT) and the University of Kwa Zulu Natal (UKZN).