



SACAP E- Newsletter – May-July 2016
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Dear Registered Person,



The arrival of women's month couldn't have come sooner for SACAP and our Women in Architecture South Africa (WiASA) programme.

As a collective we need to raise awareness for the merit of redressing gender and race imbalances within the profession. Beautiful, productive and safe cities need the imagination and brilliant minds of both men and women. Educated, qualified and skilled women need encouragement to enter, remain and thrive in the profession.

I recall four particular events this year which happened in quick succession and have encouraged my own sense of optimism that our 4th Term Council is well founded in prioritizing our overarching Transformation objective. The first was the intense media dialogue that surrounded the passing of iconic Dame Zaha Hadid who passed away in April. Her ingenious, controversial and celebrated work exposed a raw nerve as women in the profession reflected on their own process and aspirations for more recognition and opportunity. Such was the effect of her celebrity status and appeal.

The second event was Dr. Denise Scott Brown (75) and her husband and partner Robert Venturi winning the highly acclaimed 2016 American Institute of Architecture (AIA) Gold medal. The first 100 awards went to only men. Dr Brown studied at WITS and has an Honorary PhD conferred upon her by WITS.

The third event was the appointment of our WiASA's Task Team. The Task Team held their first meeting on 4 June in Johannesburg and have set down clear objectives in catapulting women's issues for the architectural profession within the Built Environment (BE) in South Africa.

The fourth event was our participation in Cell C's Take a Girl Child to Work Day when I took four young female previously disadvantaged learners from Grade 12, studying at Kwa Bhekilanga Secondary School in Alexandra to Boogertman + Partners. The firm offered the young ladies an opportunity to job shadow their technologists, draughtspersons and architects. I hope to see the young learners understand a little more about the architectural profession and indeed to pursue a career in architecture.



Looking back now at other significant industry events in the last quarter, it was fantastic to attend the opening of the four day Architecture Africa Film Festival 2016, part of Archi-Week. What a wonderful way to bring architecture alive. The film programme was screened in Moboneng, a relatively new gentrified area of Johannesburg. Our proud sponsorship of We Design 2016 was also an enormous success. The conference theme was Radical Transformation of the City, Town & Village and it stimulated thought process far beyond the realm of architecture. It drew distinguished international and local speakers with whom I was proud to share the stage. The Minister of Finance visited via live video streaming.

From a regulatory perspective, there have been a number of developments. Foremost of which is that SACAP issued an invitation to registered persons to nominate SACAP council members to serve on the Council for the remainder of the Fourth Term. Registered Persons and VA's are still cordially invited to nominate one or more registered persons for consideration. Please visit [SACAP's website](#) to download a nomination form.

Continuing with our planned engagement with RPs and the VA's; we held a public participation meeting with Professional Architectural Draughtspersons in Kwa-Zulu Natal in order to discuss matters relating to IDoW. As you may be aware it is difficult to get to every region, however we endeavour to reach every single one of you. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that 17 architectural Voluntary Associations have applied to SACAP for accreditation and I look forward to advising you of the outcome of the applications.

The introduction of the RPL Online facility is still on track and is expect it to go live following the induction of the RPL assessment panel in September.

Continuing with the education theme, a new CPD cycle and course validations will be outlined with VA's at the VA Forum being planned in September 2016, and I'm truly looking forward to very first meeting of The National Architectural Student Council (NASC) scheduled to take place at WITS during the ARCHITECTURE AZA 2016 and the Architectural Student Congress being held from the 31st August to 2nd September.

This year, the PPE exams were held on the 20th April at 11 venues across the country. A total of 368 applicants wrote the exam with 330 having passed. That's a 90% pass rate which is highly commendable, and I welcome the new professionals into the exciting world of architecture. The next PPE will be written in October 2016. Details regarding this exam will be published soon on SACAP's website.

In terms of professional fees, the Professional Fee Committee meeting, held on 6 May, notes that the draft Guideline Fees are to be published soon, pending the finalisation of a few legal matters. SACAP will publish any news related to this on its website as soon as it becomes available. Furthermore, the Letter of Appointment that forms part of your Project Agreements is currently still under review and again updates will be provided as soon as possible on developments. I encourage you to always ensure that you have professional insurance cover. Among other reasons, it's an obligation in terms of adhering to the Code of Professional Conduct.

It's been a really busy quarter as you can see above and there are many more notices, events and announcements to come. Keep an eye out on our social media platforms and website in order to keep up to speed with council activities as they happen.

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