INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMISSION
COMMISSION REPORT JANUARY 2020

ICC Co-Directors Regina Gonthier and Jerzy Grochulski
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A. ICC COMMISSION

**Co-Directors:** Regina Gonthier (Switzerland) and Jerzy Grochulski
(Poland) Secretariat Competitions: Mwiathyi Wanjira
Secretariat Awards: Emily Bonin

**Steering Committee:**
Region I: Patrick Colombier (France), Paula Huotelin (Finland), Pierre Sauveur (Belgium)
Region II: Kyriakos Pipinis (Greece), Tibor Fatyol (Hungary)
Region III: José Luis Cortes (Mexico), Roger Schluntz (USA)
Region IV: Yuhang Kong (China) Paresh Kapadia (India) Byung Kil Bae (Korea)
Region V: Ramatu Aliyu (Nigeria), Gad Opiyo (Kenya)

Further ICC Members:
Man Yiu Ivan Ho (Hong Kong) Seif Allah Alnaga (Egypt) Istelianna Atanassova (Bulgaria)

**ICC Meetings:**
November 9th 2018 hold in Athens, upon invitation of the Greek Section.
October 23rd and 24th 2019 hold in Paris

Next Meeting will take place in the UIA Headquarters in Paris on April 16th-17th 2020

**ICC Reports:**
Since the beginning of the triennium ICC Co-Directors have provided reports for following meetings:
- UIA Council in Paris
- UIA Bureau meeting in Baku
- UIA Council Meeting in Oaxaca
- UIA Bureau Meeting in Nairobi
- Arcasia Meeting in Tokyo
- Region 1 and Region 2 Meeting in Athens
- UIA Council in Lucknow
- UIA Council in Baku
- UIA extraordinary General Assembly in Baku
- UIA Council Meeting in Egypt
- Region 1 and Region 2 Meeting in Riga
- UIA Council Meeting in Rio

B. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTS FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2020

For the triennium 2017-2020 next to promotion and its regular work, ICC tries to achieve with the help of the Secretariat a certain degree of professionalisation in different domains. ICC made several propositions which were presented again in a concise way at the Council Meeting in Lucknow.

Following resolutions were taken at the 136th Meeting: *Council received and noted the report presented by the ICC Co-directors (Res. 24). Council agreed that the ICC’s proposals would be*
examined by the Bureau who would determine a way forward. (Res. 25) ICC has not been informed about relevant decisions of the Bureau.

1. **Regular work (continuous consultancy on competitions and awards)**
Actually 1 ongoing competition and 3 close to launch. For updated overview of the triennium’s competitions and awards see detailed list in Annex 1.

2. **Regulatory work / ICC Documents and tools**
The triennium goals were accomplished. ICC amended most valid documents and elaborated various help papers for internal and external use. (See overview of ICC documents in Annex 2). The proposed amendment in the UIA Competition Guide and the Award Guidelines presented to Council for adoption is in Annex 3. No progress to report on translation of all valid ICC documents into French.

   ICC recognises the different roles an UIA recommended Juror (external distinguished architect competent for the evaluation) and an UIA representative (ICC team member who knows the rules and can give competent advise for formal and procedural aspects) have and proposes as a rule to nominate accordingly two distinct persons in the juries of UIA endorsed professional competitions. With reference to questions ICC repetetively receives it became evident that UIA needs manual regulating conflict of interest situations for all its elected and appointed representatives.

3. **Initiatives for professionalization**
No progress to report concerning UIA Archives, Statistics on competitions, amelioration of ICC Web site. ICC pointed out the necessity for an updated data bank for recommended UIA Jurors and gave guidelines for an intelligent classification program conceived as a tool with easy access and listed criteria for the selection of jurors.

4. **Promotion of UIA competitions and competition culture**
   For the promotion of UIA competitions ICC gave priority this triennium in the collaboration with the Member Sections and International Organisations, in particular UNESCO, UN Habitat and CIO. The contact with UN Habitat and CIO was established.
   The first collaboration with UN Habitat takes place with the Rio Congress student competition which is in alignment with UN SDG. CIO will examine the ICC proposition to organize ideas competitions for the best integration of the Olympic Games infrastructures in candidate cities as requirement for candidatures.

5. **Special projects**
   **Conference on competitions** (24th-25th October 2019 in Paris) in collaboration with ACE (Architects Council of Europe) at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris was successfully conducted. Unfortunately though several speakers missed the main topic. A common declaration of UIA and ACE was signed and published.
   No progress to report concerning Research on UIA Competitions and Book projects.

6. **Participation in Conferences and special events**
Co-Director Regina Gonthier attended the BAK Conference “Getting the measure of Baukultur” on 4-5.11.19 in Geneva and the CIO Workshop “Sustainable Innovation in sport infrastructure” on 28-29.11.19 in Lausanne. Co-Director Jerzy Grochulsky attended the international Biennale of Architecture in Cracow on 9-10.11.19 and the BAUA Conference “Architecture of Migration” on 8-9.11.19 in Riga.
C. CONTRIBUTIONS PLANNED FOR RIO2021

- ICC Proposal for Plenary Session: 3 UIA competition winners present the winner projects (Library of Alexandria 1989, Bamiyan Cultural Center 2014, National Concert Hall in Vilnius 2019)
- Exhibition: Map poster updated, Posters documenting 3-4 major triennium’s competitions
- Seminar on evaluation process, policies, trends and experience exchange.

D. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT THE COUNCIL

The preparation of competitions is often long and the procedures quite complicated. Competition managers often lack appropriate experience. Consultations get more and more difficult requesting immediate expert responses in an environment of complex legislation frames. Profound and solid expert knowledge is requested in order to accomplish the task attributed to ICC.

UIA must take measures to ensure long term competent professional advise in adc matters, identify competent experts and increase professionalism. The role and duties of ICC members must be clarified. Consultancy is a matter of experts, not a task a commission can accomplish in democratic participation. Professionalisation is a serious and urgent matter. It is risky to rely on volunteers and improbable to find volunteer experts able to work often full time and be available at all times, as the present Co-Directors had to do during the current triennium.

East European Countries with rigid public procurement law provisions need ICC’s intensive help when organising adc. Member Sections ask UIA for help for national competition matters. A branch of a MS asked recently ICC’s help to draft a local adc regulation. ICC proposes to organize annual seminars for competition managers and Member Sections and extend its services to promote competition culture and help MS obtain adc friendly public procurement laws.