



PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP (UIA-PHG)

WORK PROGRAMME REPORT MAY 2020

PURPOSE AND CHARGE OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

The UIA-PHG is one of the Working Bodies of the UIA. It was founded in 1955 and continues to deliver activities with a focus on Developing Health, Restoring Health, and Protecting Health in the Built Environment.

Within the context of the UIA philosophy, it is the vision of the UIA-PHG that world public health can profit by the dedication of architects to provide efficient, safe and aesthetic buildings that promote Developing Health, Restoring Health, and Protecting Health.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRODUCTS

The UIA-PHG contribute through scientific and professional work, reports, publications and organizational work. The main annual activity is the International Public Health Seminars (IPHS) which where possible are jointly organized with either the International Hospital Federation (IHF), the World Health Organization (WHO) or a country based hospital design organisation. The subjects of the IPHS have always been given special consideration, reflecting either subjects of current interest to architects or to supplement the themes of the congresses with whom the UIA-PHG is sharing arrangements.

The UIA-PHG also represents the Union and the Group at various other events (e.g. WHO) assemblies and conferences, congresses on primary health care, nursing, hospital engineering, interstitial space, energy conservation, and others. In the recent past, joint conferences, (e.g. with the Academy of Architecture for Health of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC), TESIS-Florence, the Technical Chamber of Greece, the International Hospital Federation (IHF), the United Architects of Philippines, BDA-AMG, the China Hospital Construction Conference, the Australian Institute of Architects, and the European Health Design conference organized by Architects for Health and SALUS) show the progress in the exchange of information toward the architects in practice.

The UIA-PHG also organizes special forums for educational programs Global University Program in Healthcare Architecture, (GUPHA), Young Architects Leadership Group (YALG); as well as arranging architectural competitions for young architects and students.

Further information is available from the UIA-PHG website at:

<https://www.uia-architectes.org/webApi/en/working-bodies/work-programmes/uia-public-health.html>

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VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE

To accomplish this vision the UIA-PHG shares its knowledge and experience not only within the Group but also to other architects, engineers and consultants, health care managers and providers, health care



organizations and governments, as well as to the general public. These events often share research projects that contribute to better healthcare buildings and environments.

ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

Over the past 65 years, thousands of architects have contributed to the work of the UIA-PHG. Every year, the IPHS attract over 100 (and up to 500) participants from around the world, including architects from UIA members sections, as well as non-member guests. Further, the IPHS's content is shared through the UIA-PHG website, newsletters, and an annual publication of the research and papers.

WORLD CONGRESS PLAN

Prior to moving the event to July 2021, planning was well underway with the UIA-PHG members from Brazil to hold the IHPS as part of the 27th UIA World Congress. Planning will continue for the 2021 event.