



SPORTS AND LEISURE

WORK PROGRAMME REPORT MAY 2020

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PURPOSE AND CHARGE OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

- To represent and influence sports and leisure architecture in dialogue with other relevant international organizations
- To further international exchanges of information and co-operation in the field of buildings and spaces for sports and leisure.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRODUCTS

Our members have regularly given presentations and advice to:

- Major sports & leisure conferences and seminars- for example, at pre- and post- Olympic and other major international sports events - additionally, we created two conferences with the IOC, held in Lausanne and the IOC website contains our thesis on the Sustainable Stadium.
- Countries seeking to develop their knowledge and expertise in international standard sports facilities - and also in community sports and leisure projects;
- City councils and planners and have participated on architectural juries considering sports and leisure projects.

Group question to UIA: *How could the UIA assist us in reaching more deeply into drawing offices and public Institutions?*

VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE

Sports and leisure projects are amongst the most popular, repeated, and complex building types in the world. It therefore makes sense for architects, clients and operators to be inspired and, thereby, benefit from the vast fund of experience and knowledge which is vested in our group membership. Additionally, the group members, themselves, benefit from the international collaboration and sharing of high-level information

There are many examples of sports and leisure projects – at many levels - which have benefitted from such knowledge and collaboration. Countries, such as Croatia, have invited our group on many occasions to present working seminars to influence their fledgling sports architects and management teams. Olympic briefings are now more focused on efficient legacy use of facilities, and there are a myriad of individual projects which have benefitted from such collaboration.

Future Agenda

In an ever-evolving world, it is important to regularly re-assess our previous record and to review our objectives for the forthcoming period. As the new director, I acknowledge our undoubted expertise in the design of formal sports facilities, such as international stadia, pools and sports halls, and, over the next 3 years, will focus our efforts more on the leisure and community sport portion of our remit. Part of our agenda will be to explore how the city can be organized so that it can promote “the good life” (wellness), support a healthy life and the whole person, reduce loneliness, improve security, and focus on gender and age, etc.



It is also our ambition to continue to address “Sports Facilities for All” in so-called “Third World Countries” – especially in Africa and South America – examining specially-adjusted sports facilities. We will seek to communicate and collaborate more with the other specialist groups in UIA so that we learn from each other’s experiences.

WORLD CONGRESS PLAN

Our WP will hold a lecture, that will show examples of our works with e.g. the introduction of alternative uses of traditional facilities and participate in an exhibition.