

eastern cape institute of architects

October 2013

Dear Colleagues,

We are on the eve of the ECIA – 2013 – **Urban Assembly**. This stimulating three day event starts on Monday 14 October 2013. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Debbie Wintermeyer and her team, this will be the largest event hosted by the ECIA in the last 112 years. By now you would have already seen the exiting programme of lectures, exhibitions and events. (if not its attached for your convenience) I know that most of you will be there, but I encourage those of you that can't make the lectures at least to pop in a see the exhibitions. The three main exhibitions are:

- The works of Luyanda Mpahlwa (Milde McWilliams Guest lecturer)
- The 2013 Regional award of Merit entrants
- The NMMU exhibition on the works of Andrea Palladio.

As part of the event, main committee member, Khwezi Mandita is running a scholar's programme on the first day. Schools from all over the metro will be there. Grade 11 and 12 scholars most eager and most talented, will be invited to participate in the ECIA 2014 "**Work Shadow Week**". In this programme Architectural practices will host and mentor one, two or three scholars for a week in June. This is where you come in! Please contact Khwezi today to participate in this programme by becoming a "Host Practice". It's the right thing to do!

But remember, the **Urban Assembly** is not a "talk shop" for architects. The event is an outreach. It is a real move to get the Public, Private and Academic sector "urban thinkers" to support each other in their efforts to make better buildings (and by extraction better cities). So your and my job, as architects taking leadership initiative, is to popularise this event with our clients and our colleagues in the built environment. Take effort to access your personal network. Don't delegate the task to your secretary. Get on the phone yourself to the 5 most relevant people you think need to be at the Opera House next week. Don't do it later. Do it now.....(Please!)



That's all I want to say today. (I don't want to distract our attention from next week's event) Except, perhaps to say that I really quite enjoyed our 2013 ECIA AGM last month. It was so impressive to see the good work and programmes happening in each of the committees. It was also very moving to see the AGM rise in support of Deputy President, Neill Kievit's motion to re-endorse the SAIA code of conduct. This is a clear message that members are very serious about us standing together, even if it means weeding out those among us that choose to play unfairly. I must also tell you that after the AGM, Elwyn Harlech-Jones spoke to me and not only offered his substantial collection of Architectural books to the ECIA, but also offered his services in cataloguing these and other books in our fledgling library. Elwyn, the Architects of this town are grateful for your generosity.

Thank you!

Yours in the service of our beautiful profession,

Tim Hewitt-Coleman (*President – Eastern Cape Institute of Architects*)



2013 URBAN ASSEMBLY

14-16 October

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RE-SHAPING THE CITIES OF OUR FUTURE

DAY 1: LAUNCH, YOUTH EDUCATION DAY & 'ARCHI RACE' 14 OCTOBER 2013

PROGRAMME FOR DAY	TIME SLOT	TIME	DESCRIPTION	TOPIC
SAFINTRA BREAKFAST LAUNCH 	07h30-10h00	07h30 for 08h00	Arrivals	
		08h00	Introduction & welcome: Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Opening of the 3 day event
		08h15-08h45	Guest Speaker: Ms Nina Saunders	Creating links with national bodies
		08h45-9h15	Guest Speaker: Ms Sally Stromnes	Safintra sponsor
		09h15-09h30	Guest Speaker: Prof Albrecht Herholdt	Introduction to the Coastal Contemporary Book Launch
		09h30-09h45	Guest Speakers: Mr Niell Kievit & Ms Nicola Darke	Heritage pamphlet launch
		09h45	President: Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Closing & thank you's
MBDA YOUTH PROGRAMME 	10h00-03h30	10h00-10h15	Mr Khwezi Mandita	Arrivals, welcome speech & program
		10h15-11h00	Guest Speaker: Mr Niell Kievit	Practice & role of architecture in society
		11h15-11h45	Guest Speaker: Mr Boban Varghese	Learning programmes presented by the NMMU School of Architecture
		11h45-12h00	Viewing of exhibited student work from NMMU.	
		12h00-01h00	Student Architectural Challenge	
		13h00-13h30	Refreshments & recess	
		13h30-14h00	Guest Speaker: Mr Khwezi Mandita	Aim & intention of the ECIA Awards program: Viewing of exhibition of ECIA Awards entries.
		14h00-15h00	Shadow Programme registration.	Aim & intention of the shadow program.
		15h00-15h30	President: Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Debrief, guest feedback & thank you's & event ends.
ARCHI RACE	17h00	17h00	Annual 'Archi Race' event involving architectural practices.	Social responsibility event.

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**DAY 2: STUDENT DAY - 'EXPECTATIONS'
15 OCTOBER 2013**

PROGRAMME FOR DAY	TIME SLOT	TIME	DESCRIPTION	TOPIC
ARRIVAL	09h00 for 10h00	09h00 for 10h00	Arrivals of Speakers	
MBDA YOUTH PROGRAMME 	10h00-03h30	10h00 - 10h30	Mr Roshan Bhagwandas & Ms Arinda Pritchard	Introduction about the day, format & speakers. Students are requested to describe their 'architectural expectations'
		10h30-11h00	Guest Speakers: Jo Staats (Studio d'Arc) & Niell Kievit (MMK)	Speakers to respond to CV's & formats that have been impressive to them.
		11h00-11h30	Ms Arinda Pritchard	Architectural office experience
		11h30-12h00	Local Architect	Current economic market & job availability, what are students options
		12h00-12h30	Miles Hollins & Jason Erlank	Journey of Architects
		12h30-13h00	Feedback & questions from audience.	
		13h00-13h30	Mr Daniel Van Der Merwe	Concrete innovations in urban regeneration & sustainability strategies
		13h30-14h00	LUNCH	
		14h00-14h30	Guest Speaker	Site experience
		14h30-15h30	Guest Speaker: Ms Dorelle Sapere (MBDA)	Visit to the Tramways Building
MILDE MCWILLIAMS MEMORIAL LECTURE 	17h30	17h30 for 18h00	MC Mr Pieter Swart	Opening
			Prof Gavin McLachlan	Welcome
			Mr Bill Allchurch	The MMW Trust & Bursary
			Mr Boban Varghese	Introduction
			Mr Luyanda Mpahlwa	7th MMW Memorial Lecture
			Mr John Andrews	Vote of Thanks

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MAIN AUDITORIUM

DAY 3: DEBATE DAY & ECIA AWARDS DINNER 2013
16 OCTOBER 2013

PROGRAMME FOR DAY	TIME SLOT	TIME	DESCRIPTION	TOPIC
DEBATE INTRODUCTION	09h00 to 09h30	09h00	Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Arrivals & welcome
		09h30		Introduction & welcome by ECIA President
PPC DEBATE / CONFERENCE 	10h00 to 04h00	10h00- 10h30	Professor Henri Comrie	Response to the motion
		10h30-11h00	Dr Pierre Voges	Response to the motion
		11h00-11h30	Mr Thanduxolo Mendrew	Response to the motion
		11h30-12h00	Mr Andrew Boraine	Response to the motion
		12h00-01h00	P.E. Opera House Foyer	LUNCH
		01h00-01h30	Prof Gavin McLachlan	Response to the motion
		01h30-02h00	Dr Roger Fisher	Response to the motion
		02h00-02h15	Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Final motion to be presented
		02h15-02h30	P.E. Opera House Foyer	Recess
		02h30-03h30	Mr Boban Varghese	Debate & discussions
		03h30	Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Closing & thank you by ECIA President
 ECIA AWARDS DINNER    	06h00 to late	17h30 for 18h00	P.E. Opera House Foyer	Arrival at the Opera House foyer
		18h00	Mr Tim Hewitt-Coleman	Welcome by President
			P.E. Opera House Foyer	Exhibition, drinks & starters
		18h30	P.E. Opera House Auditorium	Ushers to guide crowd into auditorium
		18h30-19h00		Special Awards
		19h00-19h30	Mr Craig Jacobs	Main Address
		19h30-20h00	Dr Roger Fisher	Regional Awards
		20h00		Guest on stage
		20h30		Main course
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