



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear Colleagues/ Corporate Members

I was hoping to update you on all the agenda items from our Board Meeting Friday 29 May, specifically Vice-President Nomination, Practice Survey and Awards. This will have to stand over to next issue as discussions around the Covid-19 Task Team and SACAP took up the allocated time. Our President, Luyanda Mpahlwa, who represents SAIA has summarised the current position which I would like to share with you:

There seems to be agreement by all stakeholders that the medium to longer term objectives, to resuscitate the industry, do justify the existence of this body beyond Covid.

There is growing evidence, that the inputs of the Task team are finding their way into the relevant Government structures as we see in the media.

To this effect organisational forms have been discussed including a "form of an MOU" which everyone believes is the minimum requirement to determine some 'terms of engagement' for the 36-odd organisations forming part of the Task team.

A ToR/ Strategy document would be also developed to guide terms of engagement for this Alliance, including defining eligibility criteria for membership of the Task Team

It is however being agreed this should be a 'simple and flexible arrangement' which avoids the usual organisational forms which tend to be legalistic and complicated, and often paralysing organisations.

The desired decision-making procedure will be one based on consensus and dead-lock breaking mechanisms will be built in.

The feeling is that the organisation should be a kind of Alliance of like-minded bodies who represent various sectors within the building industry

Forging partnerships with other stakeholders in the built environment is seen as an important consideration, not all bodies are part of the Task Team

On SACAP item, lines of communication and challenges of dealing with the various requirements with short deadlines have been discussed.

Communication protocols to be set by SACAP with one point of communication. Three members of the board have been tasked with preparing a draft MOU.

The content of the IDOW was discussed and the concern raised that categories below P.Arch seem to continuously complain to the Competitions Commission and frustrate the process to get it published. SAIA will request meeting with the full council of SACAP as above could have serious implications on the P.Arch title and what work we can access.

Finally, I have been informed by the Building Control Officer that after numerous meetings with all stakeholders, they still do not have a clear indication when they will be opening up. Further communication will be done during the course of the week.

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

NMU REPRESENTATIVE - Andrew Palframan

The University is working towards a best practice solution towards getting the students back to their studies. The University is following a dual pathway approach, the first is with those students who have unlimited access to the internet and thus the online offerings from the University. These students officially started online learning on 4 May. The Architecture students have already started. The second pathway is for the students who have limited or no internet access. These students will be assisted with additional study sessions when they return. The current mantra of the University is - No one left behind. Currently the University has no official word as to when this year's academic year will end. It is possible that it will only be early next year.



INTERESTING LINKS:

FIRST IRISH ARCHITECTS WIN PRITZKER PRIZE

Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara have practiced architecture together for forty years in a way that clearly reflects the objectives of the Pritzker Prize: to recognize the art of architecture and consistent service to humanity as evidenced through a body of built work.

Co-founding their professional practice, called Grafton Architects, in Dublin, Ireland in 1978, they have consistently and unhesitatingly pursued the highest quality of architecture for the specific location in which it was to be built, the functions it would house and especially for the people who would inhabit and use their buildings and spaces. They have an oeuvre that includes numerous educational buildings, housing and cultural and civic institutions. Pioneers in a field that has traditionally been and still is a male-dominated profession, they are also beacons to others as they forge their exemplary professional path.

Many of their buildings are located in their home country of Ireland, but through competitions, they have won major commissions for other places around the world, such as Italy, France and Peru. With a profound understanding of place gained through their research, keen powers of observation, open and ever curious explorations and deep respect for culture and context, Farrell and McNamara are able to make their buildings respond to a setting and city most appropriately, while still being fresh and modern. This deep understanding of "spirit of place" means that their works enhance and improve the local community. Their buildings are "good neighbors" that seek to make a contribution beyond the boundaries of the building and to make a city work better. Their North King Street Housing in Dublin (2000) is one example of this: it creates an inner courtyard and a welcome respite from the adjacent busy streets.

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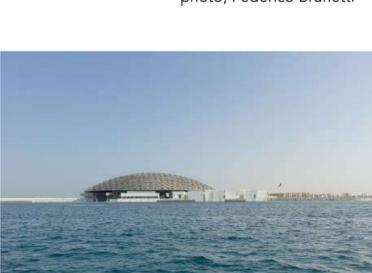


Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, photo; Alice Clancy



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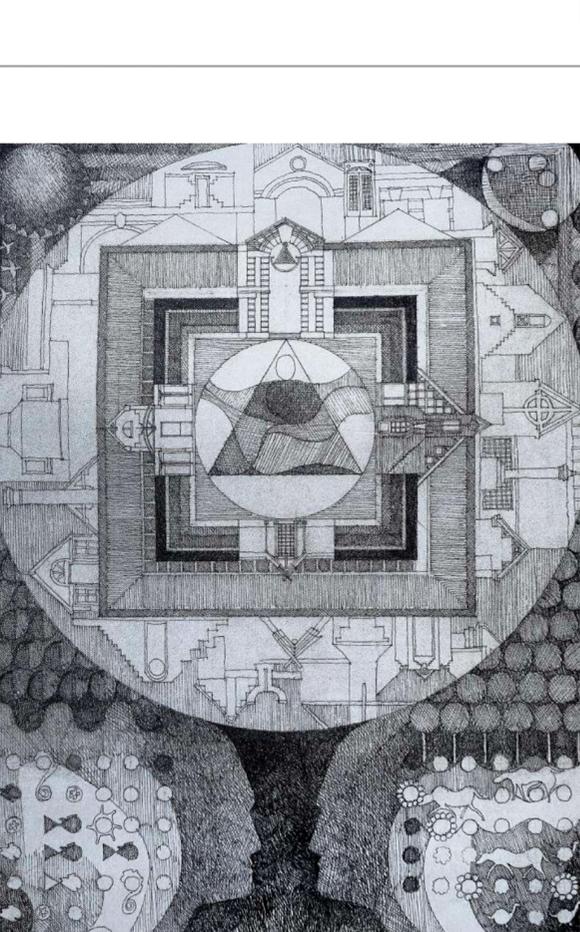
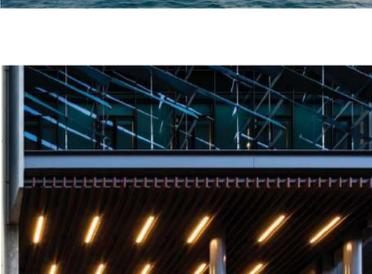
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SAIA-KZN JOURNAL 1/2020

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Portrait of an Architect. Pen & Ink by Deon van Onselen

Taken from MODUS Volume 3 Issue 1/88

COMPETITIONS:

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN BRUSSELS

The European Parliament has initiated an international design competition for the renewal of its plenary building (SPAAK), located in a complex in the centre of Brussels. The open pre-qualification procedure for the selection of competitors among candidates was launched on the 26 May 2020. Architects interested in participating in the renewal of the SPAAK building are invited to apply.

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Dulux Trade CO-VID19 Frequently Asked Questions



During this worrying time and while everyone is working out how to deal with COVID-19, we appreciate there's a lot on your mind. Many of our customers have been in touch asking for ideas on how they can reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses while decorating, as well as in their home life.

Below are answers to some of the questions we've been asked, and we'll keep this page updated with any relevant information that can support you and your business at this difficult time.

Q. Does DT Sterishield (or Easycare/Diamond) protect against Covid-19?

A. Our Sterishield range protects against bacteria, complementing hygiene in critical environments. Bacteria and viruses are very different. A virus requires a living host in order to multiply, whereas bacteria doesn't. Our paint substrate isn't a suitable host for virus and hence it will not be able to multiply. Viruses can stay active for a few hours on a substrate, and the main way to get rid of them is cleaning the affected area with soap and water.

Soap is the best way to 'kill' Corona virus as COVID 19 has a lipid envelope (fat membrane) and soap will dissolve the fat membrane. Once the fat membrane is gone, the virus will then break apart and become inactive. Although efficacy against viruses has not been directly demonstrated, a cleaner surface with reduced levels of bacteria could offer a benefit against bacteriophage which are bacteria eating virus.

Q. Can I clean my walls to help reduce the risk of virus spreading?

A. Yes, you can clean your walls if you have a durable product that claims scrubs class Type C (BS 7719) and/or Scrub Class 1 (BS 11998). Examples of the types of product that can be cleaned are Dulux Trade Diamond and Vinyl Matt and Dulux Easycare and Standard Coloured Emulsions.

Dulux Trade Diamond products are tested to both BS EN ISO 11998 and BS7719 by AkzoNobel and comply with, and exceed, the above mentioned standards.

If in doubt, please contact our technical advice centre.

Q. What cleaning products should I use on my painted walls to minimise viruses being present on the wall?

A. Cleaning should be done using water and soap when using our durable or core range (Dulux Trade Diamond and Vinyl Matt and Dulux Easycare and Standard Coloured Emulsions).

Most types of gentle household cleaning products like dishwashing liquid and other soaps are suitable for regular cleaning. Avoid regular use of harmful products (i.e. bleach)

Please contact our Technical Advice Centre with any further questions you have about the virus and how our products can support you and your customers, we're happy to help in any way that we can.

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