



XXIII UIA General Assembly
Istanbul (Turkey): 8-10 July 2005

The XXIII UIA General Assembly took place on July 8 – 10, 2005, at the Istanbul International Congress and Exhibition Centre. It was chaired by Jaime Lerner, who was assisted by the members of the UIA Bureau: Vassilis Sgoutas, Immediate Past President; Jean-Claude Riguet, Secretary General; Donald Hackl, Treasurer; Gaetan Siew, 1st Vice-President; Jose Luis Cortes Delgado, 2nd Vice-President; Peter Hanna, Yuri Gnedovski, and Louise Cox, Vice-Presidents.

Also present at this General Assembly were:

- Jai Rattan Bhalla (India), Georgi Stoilov (Bulgaria), Rod Hackney (United Kingdom), Olufemi Majekodunmi (Nigeria), and Sara Topelson de Grinberg (Mexico), former presidents of the Union
- Alain Sagne (representing President Marie-Helene Lucas of the Architects' Council of Europe), Alexandre Korbut (President of the Architects' Council of Central and Eastern Europe), Gabriel Durand-Hollis (President of the Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations), Yolanda Reyes (President of the Architects' Council of Asia - ARCASIA), and Jean-Jacques KOTTO (President of the African Union of Architects).

Delegations from the following Member Sections participated in this Assembly:

Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Baltic countries, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Equator, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, FYR of Macedonia, Kenya, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Nigeria, Nordic countries, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, P.R. of China, Rep. of Korea, Slovakia, S.R. of Viet Nam, Czech Rep., Romania, United Kingdom, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan. (The complete list of delegates is included as Appendix I to this document.)

Among the countries whose applications for membership were submitted to the Assembly for ratification, delegations were present from: Argentina, Benin, Belarus, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Senegal, and Sudan.

Among the Temporary Members of the Union, observers were present from Brunei and Mauritania.

In addition, observers from three non-member countries were present at this UIA General Assembly: Ghana, Sao Tome & Principe, Togo.

The personnel from the UIA General Secretariat, directed by Francine Troupillon, also participated in this session: Sonia Cela, Catherine Hayward, Paola Liberato, Patricia Meunier, Eileen Quinn, and Christine Savonneau.

During this General Assembly, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION 1: TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE LONDON BOMBINGS

Paying tribute to the numerous victims that lost their lives or were seriously injured by the terrorist attacks that struck the United Kingdom and its capital on July 7, 2005, the UIA General Assembly observed a moment of silence and expressed its condolences to the families touched by this drama.

RESOLUTION 2: LIST OF SECTIONS HAVING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

The General Assembly approved the list of Sections having the right to vote as announced by the Secretary General Jean-Claude Riguet, and to which the new Sections whose admission would be ratified under point 2 of the Assembly agenda would be added.

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RESOLUTION 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda submitted to the XXIII General Assembly was approved with no additions or modifications.

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RESOLUTION 4: ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

The General Assembly approved the admission, or in certain cases the readmission, to membership in the Union of the national associations of architects in the following countries:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• as Member Sections:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Afghanistan- Argentina- Barbados- Belarus- Benin- Ethiopia- India- Iran- Kyrgyzstan- Pakistan- Senegal- Sudan- Tajikistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• as Temporary Members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brunei- Chad- Mauritania- Niger- Sierra Leone
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RESOLUTION 5: SUSPENSION OF MEMBER SECTIONS

In accordance with Article 20 of the UIA Articles and Bylaws, the General Assembly pronounced the transfer of three Member Sections to the status of Inactive Member for the non-payment of their annual membership fees for three years:

- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Venezuela.

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RESOLUTION 6: ACTIVITY REPORTS

The activity reports by President Jaime Lerner, Immediate Past President Vassilis Sgoutas, Secretary General Jean-Claude Riguet, and Vice-Presidents Peter Hanna, Yuri Gnedovsky, Jose Luis Cortes Delgado, Louise Cox, and Gaetan Siew, which were distributed to all the Member Sections before the General Assembly, were not read during the session but were unanimously approved.

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RESOLUTION 7: ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION

Following the activity report given by Fernando Ramos, Director of the Architectural Education Commission,

the General Assembly approved:

- the revised Charter on Architectural Education (its basis remains the first version adopted in 1996 by the Barcelona General Assembly, but it contains new elements such as sustainability and respect for the environment, innovates on questions like the social role of the architect, and develops the list of skills required of students of architecture).
- the expansion of the Architectural Education Commission to include new members, supported by their Sections, that will form thematic working groups to prepare guidelines (based on the model of those established by the Professional Practice Commission) on subjects such as:
 - sustainable development
 - communication and information technology (IT)
 - teacher education
 - research
 - developing professional competence (skills required of young graduates, as well as continuing education).

The General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Charter on Architectural Education has already been translated into 7 languages (the four official UIA languages + Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese) and, upon request by Fernando Ramos, invited the Sections to realise translations into other languages so that its contents can be diffused as widely as possible.

The General Assembly thanked Fernando Ramos and the regional directors of the Architectural Education Commission that assisted him in carrying out a reflection that would help to better the quality of architectural education throughout the world.

RESOLUTION 8: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Following Russell Keune's reading of the text,

the General Assembly approved by a majority of 97% of votes expressed the *Accord Policy on Building Project Delivery Systems* (completed by guidelines for the application of this Accord policy).

Knowing that the Professional Practice Commission will revise all of the policies contained in the Professional Practice Accord over the 2005-2008 triennial period, the General Assembly invited all the Sections and the UIA Council to respond, before 30 September 2005, to the questionnaire that was sent to all countries by the Commission in preparation for this update.

The General Assembly approved in its entirety the report by the Professional Practice Commission and thanked the co-directors Russell Keune and Anzhi Xu, as well as all the Commission members from the different UIA Sections that participated in the work realised by this Commission for the benefit of the profession around the world.

RESOLUTION 9: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The Assembly thanked and congratulated W. Tochtermann and the members of the International Competitions Commission for all of the work carried out by the UIA in the area of international competitions on the basis of the UNESCO-UIA regulations.

The Assembly noted the request made by the commission director concerning the role the Member Sections should play to promote the UIA's activities in this area, that is, to inform the General Secretariat as soon as the idea of new competition is circulated in their country so that direct contact between the UIA and the organisers can be immediately established.

Also, the Assembly noted the request that the Sections submit lists of qualified architects with diverse professional specialities whose names may be proposed by the UIA to the organisers of international competitions to serve as jury members for future competitions.

The Assembly noted the interest shown for the UIA competition *Celebration of Cities*, launched on the initiative of President Jaime Lerner, and approved the continuation of the this programme over the years to come.

The Assembly underlined the importance of the international confrontation of projects by students of architecture stating that it can be considered an X-ray of what is happening in schools of architecture as far as teaching is concerned, and a laboratory of student's ideas.

The Assembly thanked the UIA Turkish Section for the organisation of the last confrontation of projects by students of architecture, judged in Istanbul just before the opening of the Congress and including over one thousand submissions. Thanks also went out to:

- the members of the jury, for their excellent work and competence, under the chairmanship of Ms. Bonnie Maples
- the Sections, individuals, and organisations that offered prizes or grants to the students who authored the best projects.

The Assembly noted two recommendations submitted by the French delegation concerning competitions; these are, that competition organisers be required to ensure that:

- the projects realised by competitors within the framework of international competitions be presented on Internet
- the registration fees be kept to a strict minimum so that architects from all countries can participate.

The Assembly also noted a recommendation submitted by the Swiss delegation stating that the prize amount, as well as the fees and travel expenses for jury members should be paid to the UIA before each competition is launched so that the Union may guard against any unscrupulous organisers that could tarnish the UIA's image at the issue of a competition.

Based on the Tunisian delegation's request, the Assembly invited all the Sections that have national regulations on competitions to send them to the UIA General Secretariat so that they may be distributed to the other Sections and aid in their establishment of a national regulation.

Considering that UIA approved competitions should be a promotional tool for the Union, the Assembly commended Vice-President Louise Cox's recommendation that the organisers of UIA approved competitions should be required to put the UIA logo in evidence on all the competition documentation, and during press conferences and jury meetings.

In response to a suggestion by Jean-Jacques Kotto, President of the African Union of Architects, the Assembly asked the International Competitions Commission to study the possibility of decentralising the judging of competitions toward the regions, so that the sociological, cultural, and regional dimensions may be taken into account before the final decision is announced at the international level.

Following a suggestion by the Belgian Section, the Assembly also asked the Competitions Commission to study the possibility of establishing a code of conduct concerning PPP (Private and Public Procurement) procedures, under which architects are considered as sub-contractors to construction companies.

The Assembly asked the director of the International Competitions Commission to systematically inform the Sections in the countries where a competition is approved by the UIA, and this at the beginning of negotiations.

Because the European Union's regulations concerning the attribution of procurement contracts does not respect the UNESCO-UIA regulations on international competitions, the Assembly asked the International Competitions Commission to study the incompatibilities that exist and seek to remedy them.

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RESOLUTION 10: AGREEMENT PROTOCOL FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION BETWEEN SYSTEMS OF VALIDATION/ACCREDITATION OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

The General Assembly noted the report made by the James Scheeler concerning a proposed agreement protocol for reciprocal recognition between institutions for validation/accreditation of architectural studies, and in particular the proposal for a meeting planned in May 2006, in Washington, open to all the existing systems, and with the goal of exchanging ideas in the framework of the work carried out by the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council.

The Assembly approved the report by James Scheeler that comprised three main points:

- a report on the status of the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council's work, which proposes an agreement protocol for mutual recognition among existing systems
- an invitation made by several American associations to host a meeting of the existing accreditation institutions to examine the current state of the issue and their procedures for validation and accreditation
- a statement of the objectives of this meeting, in which participation was voluntarily limited, and which should serve as an opportunity for the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council and the UIA Council to collect specific information on the existing systems. This first step should help in the creation of a worldwide system of accreditation, universal, to be used by all and allowing architectural degree holders to benefit from a true portability of their diplomas from one country to another.

Because the Washington round table will bring together institutions with accreditation systems that are already functioning, the Assembly asked that the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council participate in this discovery meeting to see what opportunities will arise for the creation of a worldwide system of accreditation for architectural studies and for the harmonisation of existing systems. The main objective is to work toward the portability of architectural degrees around the world.

The General Assembly advised the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council to note the comments made by the delegates during this session of the Assembly in order to allow for the best possible development of the UNESCO-UIA validation system and avoid this system's overlapping or contradiction of the existing systems. The Assembly thanked James Scheeler for all of his activities, in particular in relation to the Professional Practice Commission, but also for those dealing with architectural education and validation/accreditation.

RESOLUTION 11: UIA POLICY ON THE VALIDATION OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

On a proposition by the Portuguese delegation (supported by eleven other delegations) the Assembly approved the following resolution by 81% of the votes expressed:

In order to achieve an inclusive and integrated working document of UIA policies regarding the reciprocal recognition of accreditation systems for architectural education, with the input of all UIA members, the petitioning Member Sections state the need for a session to be held at the UIA headquarters in Paris, in preparation for the Washington meeting.

This session should include an open and global debate on the inclusive UIA policies regarding the reciprocal recognition of accreditation systems for architectural education, and the documents resulting from this preparatory session should be presented at the Washington meeting in May 2006 as a recommendation by the UIA.

The Assembly confirmed that the results of the Washington meeting should be submitted to the UIA Council that will be responsible for following this activity and ensuring that a report on it is submitted to the Turin General Assembly in 2008.

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RESOLUTION 12: CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FOR ARCHITECTS

The Assembly noted the proposal for the implementation of a system of continuing professional development (CPD) prepared by the Member Sections from the United States and Spain, recommended by the UIA Council, and based on the decisions of the UIA General Assemblies in Beijing in 1999 and Berlin in 2002. In fact, the opinion expressed by these Assemblies was that in a world of rapid evolution, where technologies develop on a daily basis, architects must remain up-to-date and efficient in their field.

The Assembly noted that the UIA Council had studied the propositions submitted by these two Sections and found them to be complementary. The two Sections were thus asked to work together to present a feasible proposition, that was subsequently approved by the Council.

The Assembly also noted that a joint oversight committee had been appointed to follow the creation and implementation of this system. This committee will include the UIA Secretary General, the directors of the two relevant Commissions and other persons. In addition, because the General Secretariat does not have the necessary means (in either personnel or financial resources) to carry out this new activity, the UIA Council asked the two operators (the USA and Spain) to ensure the implementation of this system that is open to all the Member Sections that would like to make their contribution.

Following the diverse interventions on this issue, the Assembly expressed its position, through successive rounds of voting, on these points:

1. the structure of the continuing professional development system proposed by the Sections from the USA and Spain – and approved by the UIA Council – was approved (64.10 % of votes in favour of 228 votes)
2. the organisation of a round table — proposed by the British delegation and supported by Germany and the Netherlands, that will allow the largest number of Sections to contribute and give their directives to the joint oversight committee (JOC) concerning the UIA continuing professional development system's contents— was approved (81.30 % of votes in favour of 228 votes)
3. the UIA Council should broaden the scope of the joint oversight committee (JOC) by integrating into its composition an equitable regional representation (76.20 % of votes in favour of 228 votes).

RESOLUTION 13: REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF ETHICS

The Assembly noted the Council's decision to add a chapter 11 to the International Code of Ethics as proposed by the UIA Nordic Section and seconded by UIA Region I. This new article stipulates:

The UIA Council condemns development projects and the construction of buildings on land that has been ethnically purified or illegally expropriated, and projects based on regulations that are ethnically or culturally discriminatory, and similarly it condemns all action contravening the fourth Geneva Convention.

Nonetheless, following the American delegation's question as to the possibility of converting this text into a UIA policy in order to confer on it a stronger character than it would have as a chapter in the International Code of Ethics, the Assembly decided (by 217 votes in favour of 250) to delay the vote on this issue in order to give the delegations time to discuss it.

Following this delay for discussion the Assembly approved the text proposed by the UIA Nordic Section by acclamation, as a UIA policy (and not as an addition to the code of ethics).

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RESOLUTION 14: 2002-2005 EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Assembly noted the work realised by the Evaluation committee, which was created at the issue of the 2002 Assembly in Berlin and placed under Gaetan Siew's chairmanship. After expressing its thanks to this committee, the Assembly approved its conclusions concerning the validity of the 2002 elections and the measures undertaken in the creation of three sub-committees charged with:

- revising the UIA Articles and Bylaws
- updating the terms of reference for the organisation of UIA Congresses and General Assemblies
- establishing the bases of a strategy for the future of the UIA.

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RESOLUTION 15: REVISION OF THE UIA ARTICLES AND BYLAWS

The Assembly approved the report submitted by the Articles and Bylaws Revision committee and presented by Martin Drahovsky. The Assembly thanked all the members of this committee as well as Patricia Meunier and Francine Troupillon, from the General Secretariat, for their help throughout the process of revising these texts.

The Assembly approved the proposed revisions:

- to the UIA Articles by 89.40 % of votes cast
- to the UIA Bylaws and appendices to the texts by 90.60 % of votes cast

The Assembly noted that these texts would enter into force at the end of this session of the General Assembly in Istanbul, that is on 11 July 2005.

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RESOLUTION 16: REPORT BY THE CONGRESS AND ASSEMBLY PREPARATIONS COMMITTEE

After expressing its thanks to the committee charged with studying ways to improve future UIA Congresses and Assemblies, the Assembly approved the report presented by Jordi Farrando and ratified, by 93.60 % of votes, the Council's previous approval of the following 5 documents:

- new terms of reference for Sections bidding to organise a UIA Congress and Assembly
- new terms of reference for Sections bidding to organise a UIA Forum
- schedule of preparations for a UIA Congress
- methodology to oversee preparations for a UIA Congress
- model contract for Sections organising a UIA Congress.

Nonetheless, the Assembly asked that the terms of reference for future congresses be amended to state that the awards ceremony must, in the future, be open to all congress participants having paid the registration fee, for no extra charge.

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RESOLUTION 17: REPORT BY THE FUTURE VISION & STRATEGY COMMITTEE

The Assembly approved, by 89.60 % of votes, the activity report presented by the Future Vision and Strategy committee. This report comprises a series of immediate measure to improve the governance of the Union, and a series of longer-term measures, more structural, the details of which will be elaborated during the 2005-2008 period for presentation to the Turin Assembly in 2008.

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After thanking the Treasurer D. Hackl for the important works realised over the 2002-2005 period, the Assembly expressed its position on each of the points in his report.

RESOLUTION 18: FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE 2002 BERLIN CONGRESS

The Assembly approved, by 184 votes in favour, 15 votes against, and 5 abstentions, the Council's recommendation:

- to reduce by 50 %, that is 13 500 Euro, the outstanding debt owed to the UIA by the BDA, organisers of the 2002 UIA congress, based on the considerable deficit that resulted from the organisation of this event
- to apply an interest rate of 5 % per year to the three payments that will be made by the BDA in 2006, 2007, and 2008 (that is 1/3 of the amount, or 4 500 Euro, per year + 5 % interest), based on the delay in payment.

RESOLUTION 19: 2002, 2003, and 2004 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Assembly approved, by 216 votes in favour, 17 votes against, and 3 abstentions, the financial statements for 2002, 2003, and 2004 established by KPMG Entreprises/France.

RESOLUTION 20: NEW SYSTEM OF MEMBERSHIP FEE CALCULATION

The Assembly adopted, by 170 votes in favour, 43 votes against, and 1 abstention, the new system of membership fee calculation (based on the number of architects and the purchasing power parity of each country), as proposed by the Finance committee that was chaired by Treasurer Donald Hackl. The Assembly also approved the grid for calculating the number of votes attributed to each Member Section for the period 2006-2008.

The Assembly mandated the Treasurer and the Finance committee to carry out a final verification of the data used in this system before its implementation for the 2006 call for fees.

However, following a motion presented by the Portuguese delegation that would modify the system of calculation adopted by integrating a new criteria limiting the basic fee per architect to a maximum of 2 Euro, the Assembly approved (by 141 votes in favour, 60 votes against, and 8 abstentions) the proposition by the French delegation stating that the Portuguese motion should be studied in order to determine the consequences it would have on the fees of all the Member Sections before launching the 2006 call for fees.

Following the Belgian delegation's rejection of this limitation on the fee per architect, and suggestion that the 500 Euro fixed fee per Section should instead be eliminated, the Assembly decided to authorise the Council to study a new proposition based on these suggestions.

The Assembly also gave Council the authority to implement this new system, thus modified and improved, starting with the 2006 call for fees, if it judges the system to be feasible.

RESOLUTION 21: 2006-2008 TRIENNIAL BUDGET

The Assembly approved, by 182 votes in favour, 25 votes against, and 6 abstentions, the general budget proposed by Treasurer Donald Hackl for the 2006-2008 period, with the understanding that the budgets will be readjusted annually to respond to current needs and realities.

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RESOLUTION 22: 2005-2008 TRIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

The Assembly thanked and congratulated —by acclamation— the Secretary General for the remarkable work he had achieved over the past 6 years in the co-ordination of the Union's working bodies. The Assembly also expressed its gratitude to the directors and members of the UIA Commissions and Work Programmes —as well as to the Sections that support them— for their actions and participation in the life of the Union, and in its objectives that tend toward finding solutions for the preoccupations facing society.

According to the recommendations formulated by Jean-Claude Riguet, the Assembly mandated the new Council to define, upon proposition by the Secretary General, the general policy to be followed during the 2005-2008 period, in conformity to the goals and objectives of the UIA as defined in Article 1 of the Union's statutory texts.

RESOLUTION 23: THANKS TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Through its applause, the Assembly thanked the personnel, who assists the Secretary General in his mission and actions, for the considerable work realised on a daily basis.

RESOLUTION 24: NEXT UIA FORUM

The Assembly noted the invitation made by the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM), UIA Member Section, to host the next UIA Forum in Malaysia in late 2006 or early 2007. The Assembly expressed its gratitude to PAM for this offer.

POINTS 16 OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION 25: ELECTION PROCEDURE

According to the stipulations of the statutory texts regulating elections, the Assembly approved the nomination of Peter Hanna (Vice-President and not a candidate in this session of elections), as suggested by President Jaime Lerner, to direct the election/voting procedure.

The Assembly then approved the nomination of the three scrutineers proposed by Peter Hanna:

- Peter Bilek (Czech Republic)
- Albert Dubler (France)
- John Hobbs (Canada)

And of two secretaries, from among the UIA General Secretariat staff:

- Patricia Meunier
- Francine Troupillon.

RESOLUTION 26: ELECTION OF BUREAU MEMBERS

According to the statutory procedure, and using an electronic voting system provided for the delegates, the results of voting during this session are as follows:

PRESIDENT	: number of votes = 250	absolute majority = 126
	Gaetan SIEW (Mauritius)	156 votes elected
	Louise COX (Australia)	62 votes
	Alexandre KOUDRIAVTSEV (Russia)	19 votes
	Hisham ALBAKRI (Malaysia)	13 votes
SECRETARY GENERAL	: (only candidate for this post, elected without a vote)	
	Jordi FARRANDO (Spain)	elected
TREASURER	: (only candidate for this post, elected without a vote)	
	Donald J. HACKL (USA)	elected
VICE-PRESIDENT REGION I:	number of votes = 249	absolute majority = 125
	Giancarlo IUS (Italy)	137 votes elected
	Regina GONTHIER (Switzerland)	107 votes
	Abstentions	5
VICE-PRESIDENT REGION II:	(only candidate for this post, elected without a vote)	
	Martin DRAHOVSKY (Slovakia)	elected
VICE-PRESIDENT REGION III:	(only candidate for this post, elected without a vote)	
	Mauricio RIVERO BORRELL (Mexico)	elected

VICE-PRESIDENT REGION IV: number of votes = 250 absolute majority = 126

Louise COX (Australia)	155 votes	elected
Chong Chia GOH (Singapore)	95 votes	

VICE-PRESIDENT REGION V: (only candidate for this post, elected without a vote)

Seif ALNAGA (Egypt)	elected
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RESOLUTION 27: 2011 CONGRESS AND ASSEMBLY

By its vote, the Assembly selected the city of Tokyo (Japan) to host the 2011 UIA Congress and General Assembly.

(Of 252 votes cast, Tokyo received 135 and Durban 117)

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RESOLUTION 28: ELECTION OF UIA COUNCIL MEMBERS

According to the statutory procedure, and using an electronic voting system provided for the delegates, the results of voting during this session are as follows:

REGION I: 2 candidates for 2 open seats; elected without a vote.

Nina NEDELYKOV/Hannes HUBRICH	Germany	elected
Jack PRINGLE/Simon ALLFORD	United Kingdom	elected

REGION II: 1 open seat. number of votes = 251 absolute majority = 119 (because of 16 abstentions)

Andrei KAFTANOV/Elena GRIGORIEVA	Russia	139 votes	elected
Milan RAONIC/Petar ARSIC	Serbia and Montenegro	94 votes	
Abstentions		16	

REGION III: 1 open seat; elected without a vote.

Jim SCHEELER/Eugene C . HOPKINS	USA	elected
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REGION IV: 1 open seat. number of votes = 252 absolute majority = 122 (because of 11 abstentions)

Joseph KWAN / Edward SHEN	Hong-Kong	139 votes	elected
Esa MOHAMED/Pei Ing TAN	Malaysia	102	
Abstentions		11	

REGION V: 3 candidates for 3 open seats; elected without a vote.

Patricia EMMETT /Hassan ASMAL	South Africa	elected
Laurence NGOSSO/Mesmin WATAT DJANGA	Cameroon	elected
Francis SOSSAH/Jacques ANDOH-ALLE	Côte d'Ivoire	elected

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RESOLUTION 29: 2008 TURIN CONGRESS & ASSEMBLY

The Assembly thanked and congratulated the National Council of Italian Architects as well as all of the 126 000 Italian architects for the large extent to which preparations have already been made, and the exceptional quality of this work, for the next UIA Congress and Assembly that will take place in Turin in July 2008 (dates to be fixed between the 1st and the 15th), on the theme *Transmitting Architecture*.

The Assembly also warmly thanked those responsible for setting up the PROMOBUS and the Internet television channel ARCHIWORLD TV for these two exceptional initiatives that "transmit" a very positive image of the UIA to the world.

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RESOLUTION 30: APPEAL TO UNESCO

On a proposition by the German Section, the Member Sections of the International Union of Architects adopted the following resolution in regard to its relations with UNESCO:

In regard to the announced intention of UNESCO, as part of its current restructuring, to remove architecture from among the priority issues of the UNESCO Human and Social Sciences sector as of 31 December 2005, and

Whereas architecture, notably through its social and cultural role, is a fundamental element of the quality of the living environment of citizens and of cultural heritage, and

Considering that the removal of architecture from the political agenda of UNESCO would not be compensated by the UNESCO World Heritage Programme alone, as this reflects only a small part of architecture and, in particular, does not take into account the pressing challenges facing the built environment in terms of education, sustainability, and socio-cultural engagement, and

Considering furthermore that the long-standing, successful co-operation between the International Union of Architects (UIA) and UNESCO, on various subjects, would also be negatively affected and the valuable results obtained jeopardised, such as, the further development of the UNESCO-UIA Charter on Architectural Education, the world-renown UNESCO Prize for Architecture, and many other projects conjointly and successfully executed,

The XXIII UIA Assembly calls on the governments of the member states, the General Conference, the Executive Council, and the Director-General of UNESCO to keep architecture as a priority issue within UNESCO's working structure and work programme.

The XXIII UIA Assembly further suggests that it is essential for the co-operation between UNESCO and other UN-Programmes, in particular UN Habitat, and relevant IGO's related to architecture and the built environment to be intensified.

RESOLUTION 31: 2006 RALF ERSKINE AWARD

The Assembly noted that following the death of Ralf Erskine several months ago, the foundation to which he donated the numerous prizes he received during his career has decided to continue its work, as begun by this great Swedish architect. It consists of attributing a prize of 10 000 US dollars, every three years, for innovation in architecture and urban design, for their aesthetic and practical aspects.

RESOLUTION 32: RESPECT OF WOMENS' RIGHTS

Solange d'Herbez de la Tour (President of the International Union of Women Architects) invited the delegates to reflect for a moment on all the women architects that no longer have the right to exercise their profession, and to think of all the young women that are not allowed to study architecture in different countries around the world, and who were unable to come to Istanbul. The Assembly approved her remarks by its applause.

RESOLUTION 33: URBAN DEMOCRACY

After Oktay Ekinci, President of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey, had:

- informed the delegates on a major project planned for Istanbul, that the Chamber of Architects as well as other concerned groups are opposed to because it is being carried out without going through the normal procedure of approval by the Town Council, and without appropriate regard for the city's urban fabric and historical aspect, and without respecting the regulation that calls for public announcement and presentation,
- emphasising the fact that a special law had been voted specifically for this project to ensure that all the existing rules and regulations could be easily side-stepped, and that all of the legislative interventions were falsified in terms of urban design principles and urban democracy, and
- asked for the support of the UIA General Assembly in the struggle against these actions,

the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

All architectural and urban projects that may have a significant impact on the city must be developed through laws and regulations that are democratic, transparent, and open to public participation.

RESOLUTION 34: HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Following its presentation by Yolanda Reyes, President of ARCASIA, the Assembly approved, by its applause, the joint UIA-ARCASIA recommendation concerning natural disasters established by the UIA Work Programme *Human Settlements and Natural or other Disasters* and ARCASIA during the Forum organised as part of the UIA Congress in Istanbul (see Appendix II).

RESOLUTION 35: ISTANBUL 2005 DECLARATION

By its applause the Assembly approved the Istanbul 2005 Declaration that should be largely distributed, by the UIA Member Sections, to all governments and decision-makers charged with establishing and implementing policies that deal with urban planning, architecture, the environment, and culture (see Appendix III).

RESOLUTION 36: LIST OF UIA MEMBER COUNTRIES

Because the delegation from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia asked that its name be changed to "Republic of Macedonia", it was stressed that the UIA must respect the official names of countries as used by the United Nations. For this reason, the UIA cannot change the name of the FYR of Macedonia in its list of countries until such a change has been adopted by the United Nations.

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At the end of the Assembly, Jaime Lerner passed the powers of his office to his successor Gaetan Siew by presenting him with the presidential medal and his best wishes for success in his mission.

Jaime Lerner thanked the Institute of Architects of Brazil, as well as all of the UIA Sections for allowing him the opportunity to live the exceptional experience of serving as UIA President over the last three years. He also thanked all of the Bureau members for their support in his actions; and the members of Council for their work. He expressed his deep gratitude to Jean-Claude Riguët, to Francine Troupillon, and to the entire staff of the General Secretariat for the help and support they provided with extreme indulgence.

Jaime Lerner addressed his thanks to his entire family, to his wife Fani in particular, his daughters, and his grandchildren, for their patience, understanding, and support.

Jaime Lerner hailed the Assembly, as he did when he took office during the Berlin Assembly in 2002, and expressed his conviction that his life had been enriched by numerous friendships with persons throughout the world.

Gaetan Siew thanked Jaime Lerner, stating that there are two days in the life of a President when he is truly happy, the first and last days of his presidency. He added that this is the image of this transmission of powers.

Gaetan Siew expressed his thanks to the Assembly and to all the Turkish architects, in particular to Oktay Ekinçi, Suha Özkan, Fatih Soyler, and all those who participated in the organisation of UIA Istanbul 2005, for having offered an unforgettable welcome, hospitality, and conviviality to the participants from around the world.

Gaetan Siew then addressed the Bureau and Council members whose mandates were ending with this Assembly in Istanbul. By their applause, the delegates thanked them for their devotion to the Union's cause.

Gaetan Siew indicated that throughout this Assembly he had felt an immense movement of solidarity and enthusiasm among the delegates. He stated his hope that this same solidarity and enthusiasm would remain within the Union and grow even stronger so that a common and fruitful work could be realised in the coming three years.

In thanking all the delegates present at this General Assembly, Gaetan Siew reminded them that he is from Africa, and it is Africa that carried him to this election, but that he would commit himself to being President of all continents, to continuing the work of his predecessors, and adding his brick to the immense edifice that is the UIA.

Jean-Claude Riguet also expressed his thanks to:

- the Chamber of Architects of Turkey and all those involved in bringing about this 22nd UIA Congress and 23rd UIA General Assembly for the remarkable work they accomplished
- all the workers from ISEVV Consortium, and in particular Sefik Onat, who ensured the material organisation of these events
- all the interpreters, and in particular Danielle Gree, for their valuable help during the Congress and Assembly.

At the end of the session, the South African delegation expressed its hearty congratulations to the Japanese delegation and wished them a huge success in the organisation of the Tokyo Congress and General Assembly in 2011. Patricia Emmett, President of the SAIA, presented an African drum to JIA President Yoshiaki Ogura.

President Yoshiaki Ogura expressed his thanks to all of the delegates for selecting the city of Tokyo to host the 2011 UIA Congress and Assembly. He stressed that the Japanese delegation had passed some unforgettable moments in Istanbul, thanks to the efforts of their Turkish colleagues, to whom he expressed their gratitude.

On behalf of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey, Aydan Erim thanked Vassilis Sgoutas and Jaime Lerner for helping and supporting the Turkish architects over the years of preparation for the Istanbul Congress and Assembly.

Demetre Anastassakis, President of the Institute of Architects of Brazil, thanked the Chamber of Architects of Turkey not only for the organisation of the remarkable event that was UIA Istanbul 2005, but also for the hospitality that was extended to all the architects from around the world. In addition, he expressed the pride of the Brazilians that one of their colleagues had assumed the highest function, that of President of the International Union of Architects; they thanked Jaime Lerner.

At 1:25 in the afternoon, Jaime Lerner expressed his best regards to all of the participants and declared the close of the 23rd UIA General Assembly.

Appendices:

- I. List of delegates to the XXIII UIA Assembly
- II. ARCASIA Declaration
- III. Istanbul Declaration

Paris, 16 August 2005.

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