



## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Canada contributes internationally: RAIC attends UIA General Assembly

As the member section for the Canadian architectural profession within the International Union of Architects (UIA), the RAIC sent three delegates to the Congress and General Assembly held in Istanbul in July. RAIC President, Yves Gosselin, FIRAIC was unable to attend; however, **Vivian Manasc, FRAIC**, RAIC First Vice President led the Canadian delegation which also included Past-President **Bonnie Maples, PP/FRAIC** and Executive Director, **Jon Hobbs, MRAIC**.

Canada has four votes at the General Assembly during which a variety of model international documents for the architecture profession, new dues structure, and a work program were approved.

In addition, elections were held for a new Council and for the venue of the 2011 UIA Congress and Assembly. Ms. Maples was named to chair the jury selecting student awards from more than 1,000 entries worldwide. Mr. Hobbs was selected to be one of three scrutineers for the elections.

**Martin Fiset, MRAIC**, former Director of the UIA Work Programme on Public Health Architecture also led a successful conference during the Congress.

### RAIC pledges to help reduce carbon emissions

RAIC President **Yves Gosselin, FIRAIC** represented one of 16 of the world's architectural institutions in the recent signing of the Las Vegas Declaration. The declaration recognizes the great responsibility placed on the architectural profession to do all it can to achieve a major reduction in the level of carbon emissions that result from the creation and life-cycle of the built environment.

"With 30 to 40 per cent of all energy being consumed by buildings, it is natural that Architects with their understanding of energy-efficient building design and also the issues surrounding urban sprawl that result in greater energy consumption

### Architects applaud Green Cities Accord

In the same vein, RAIC applauded efforts during World Environment Day in San Francisco June 5 that saw mayors from around the world declare their support to green cities.

"This is a great step in the right direction. The RAIC has long been stating that it is critical that planning at all levels ensures an integrated approach to sustainable planning," said **RAIC President Yves Gosselin, FIRAIC**. "What we see is a need for more inter-governmental co-operation and inter-jurisdictional co-operation in land use planning and design.

"Architects are in the position to help ensure Mayors around the world and in Canada keep the



**Vivian Manasc, FRAIC**, RAIC First Vice President congratulates newly elected UIA President, **Gaëtan Siew of Mauritius**, and invites him to attend the RAIC/AIBC Conference and Festival of Architecture immediately preceding the World Urban Forum next June 2006 in Vancouver.

Bilateral meetings were held with a few associations from other countries.

More information is available at [www.uia-architectes.org](http://www.uia-architectes.org)

and thereby increased emissions, be in a key position to offer creative solutions," said Gosselin. "This declaration is an affirmation of our commitment to do all we can to reduce emissions."

George Ferguson, Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) president, took the lead in drafting a statement that was agreed to by all the presidents. The declaration was signed during The International Presidents' Forum, a meeting held during the AIA National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The agreement along with the full names of the leaders who signed it is available on the RAIC web site.

environment in mind when planning cities," said Gosselin. "Our talent, vision, training and experience puts us in a key position to offer creative solutions to build healthier cities. At this time, when cities are looking for creative solutions to increasing urbanization, Architects are at the forefront – helping citizens, mayors, builders and developers address the challenges."

Mayors signed an accord that commits them to building ecologically sustainable, economically dynamic, and a socially equitable future for urban citizens, by attending to energy, urban design and urban nature, as well as water, environmental health and transportation issues.

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## Four lucky members to visit Italy and attend Marmomacc for RAIC!

This year the RAIC will be sending a total of four architects to Italy from September 27-October 2, 2005 for a terrific professional development opportunity. These scholarships, open to RAIC members only, cover tuition, meals, accommodations and local



transportation and the administration fee. This year's recipients will be announced in the RAIC August electronic Bulletin.

An aerial view of the ancient walled city of Verona, Italy.

## RAIC joins APEC Architect Project

At a meeting May 31 and June 1 in Tokyo, Architects from 14 Pacific Rim countries, including the three Chinese economies (Peoples' Republic of China, Chinese Taipei or Taiwan, and Chinese Hong Kong) agreed to launch the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Architect Project September 19, 2005. This project will establish a framework and register for Architects qualified to be recognized as APEC Architects (eg. registered Architects with seven years experience – three years of which must be in responsible control).

APEC Architects will be listed in a database and can collaborate or joint venture with other APEC Architect members. Each will receive an identity card, a certificate and other benefits.

The APEC Architect Project is an effort to facilitate the provision of architectural services and the mobility of Architects throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Members should watch the RAIC web site for application forms and more details in the coming weeks!

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## ON SITE

The RAIC has joined forces with the CMHC and *Canadian Architect* to offer a workshop entitled **Phantom or Reality: Opportunities in the CHINA Market for Canadian Architects** on October 17, 2005 in Vancouver, BC.

This is an opportunity to learn about:

- Case studies and war stories as told by Canadian architects working in China
- The future of the design and construction industry in China
- Exporting Canada's "green" brand to China
- The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation – APEC Architect project

More information and registration will be available at [www.raic.org](http://www.raic.org) shortly.

## GREEN-to-GREEN: Opportunities for more Energy Efficient Building Retrofits

*Spend a day with us and save weeks of research on best practices for renovating buildings.*

This full day course received rave reviews at the Festival and will be offered across the country this fall. Intended primarily for Architects who are interested in incorporating energy efficiency goals into building retrofits, this course provides participants with the knowledge to make the best

decisions for implementing strategies in retrofit projects. Information will arrive in mailboxes beginning September.

## ONLINE

### Festival 2005 credit courses available online

Earn credits as if you were at the conference. Announcing a NEW offering – on-line access to professional development courses from Festival 2005!

- F4 – Bow Valley Centre (The Bridges): A Master Planned City Neighborhood, the Concepts, and the Process – Doug Carlyle and **Jeremy Sturgess, FRAIC**
- F6 – Urban Revitalization Through Community Policing – **Michael Moxam, FRAIC**
- F14 – Creating a Sustainable Community – **Peter Busby, FRAIC**
- F26 – Modernization of the Banff High School, A Sustainable Approach – **David Edmunds, MRAIC**

### Ductal Concrete

This new material combines:

- Ultra-high performance with ductility;
- Easy to use and highly mouldable; and
- Superior aesthetics and quality surface aspect.

Learn everything you need to know about this on the RAIC web site.

## Trends Report

RAIC has arranged to sell McGraw-Hill Construction's Trends Report to members. Copies are available through the RAIC online document order site.

## RAIC 2006 Membership Directory

With a successful online directory giving users and members up-to-the-minute listing information, the RAIC has also created a bound copy for distribution to institutional clients, its membership, government agencies and embassies and consulates around the world. Non-members wishing to receive a copy should contact the RAIC at (613) 241-3600.

## Call for Submissions for Governor General's Medals in Architecture

The Call for Submissions has been issued and included in this edition of *Canadian Architect*. Access the information at [www.raic.org](http://www.raic.org)



## RAIC Member Alert!

RAIC members should be receiving a monthly electronic Bulletin by email. If you are a member and haven't received this valuable information piece containing opportunities for competitions, awards and RFPs, check your account at the RAIC web site and the settings on your junk mail filter.

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