



ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland
The Registration Body for Architects in Ireland





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Director's Report

INTRODUCTION

The main issues for the RIAI in 2011 were:

- The impact of the economy
- Promotion of Architecture
- Support and Information to Architects and Architectural Technologists
- Implementing Registration
- Procurement
- The Election
- Liaison with Department of Education and Skills
- Liaison with Department of Environment and Local Government

THE IMPACT TO THE ECONOMY

The reality of 2011 being the fourth successive year of the worst recession in the construction industry in many years is borne out by the number of Architects and Architectural Technologists who were on unwaged or financial hardship rates in 2011 as compared with 2010. The number of those on the unwaged ie in receipt of Social Welfare, would include those who have gone back to fulltime education, who are on 'back to work' schemes, career breaks, or maternity leave.

In 2011 the RIAI subvented Annual Charges to the amount of €273,000 taken from reserves, to ensure that architects and architectural technologists could remain in touch with the Institute and in the case of

architects maintain their registration during this difficult time.

RIAI Staff Changes

In 2011 one Director retired and was not replaced; two full time and one part-time admin staff also resigned and were not replaced.

Stability in Numbers at a Difficult Time

The number of architects on the Register and the number of architectural technologists and architectural graduates remained stable in 2011 and although a number of architects and architectural technologists had to move abroad, these were replaced by those coming on to the Register or joining as architectural technologists.

Resignation of Education Director

Ann McNicholl, Education Director, retired in 2011. Ann had a major role in systemising and modernising RIAI education standards and procedures. The quality of her role over many years made for an efficient implementation of statutory registration.



John Graby
Director

RIAI Financial Model

The RIAI has a different financial model to an architectural practice or a corporate entity where overhead costs are directly affected by turnover. Despite the reduction in RIAI income, as shown in the Financial Section of this Annual Report, and reduction in staff, the downturn did not result in any decrease in demand for services or support from the RIAI, the reverse was the case.

The Impact to the Economy

2010	342 Architects	56 Architectural Technicians	Unwaged
2011	421 Architects	36 Architectural Technicians (6,660)	Unwaged
2010	239 Architects	32 Architectural Technicians	Financial Hardship
2011	347 Architects	30 Architectural Technicians (4,640)	Financial Hardship

Charitable Status

Charitable status was granted to the RIAI in 2011 emphasising the role of the RIAI in terms of support, information and public outreach.

PROMOTION OF ARCHITECTURE

€700,000 worth of media coverage and an outreach to 4,500,000 people

The two major RIAI promotional activities the RIAI Awards and the Simon Open Door resulted in almost €550,000 worth of media coverage. Another €200,000 worth of media coverage was generated through other RIAI activities such as public statements on architecture, the planning system, building regulations etc. The coverage was achieved in National and Regional Radio, National and Regional Print Media and National Television.

In 2011 it was more important than ever to keep quality in architecture and the contribution that architects and architectural technologists make to the built environment in the public and political view.

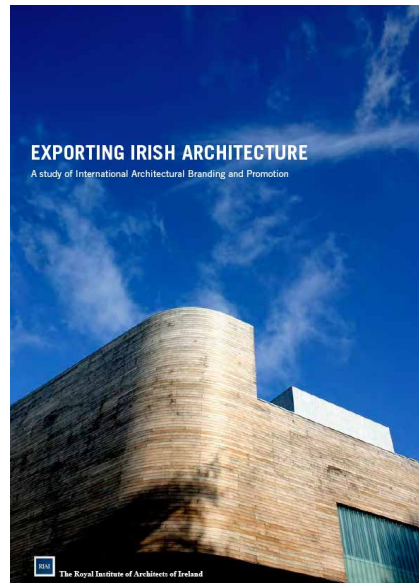
More detail on other RIAI promotional activities is shown in the architecture section of this Annual Report but important initiatives included public outreach/public contact programmes such as Ideal Homes and Simon Open Door.

A second edition of the Irish Architecture Review was launched and distributed to TDs, Senators, Government Ministers, Embassies and Enterprise Ireland Offices worldwide.

Architectural Tours Ireland, a Joint Venture with the Irish Architectural Foundation, had a successful year and introduced the public to the architecture of Dublin.

Internationalisation

At a time when practices were looking for work opportunities abroad, the RIAI completed an international research project, funded by Enterprise Ireland, focussing on the Netherlands, Finland and Denmark as countries regarded as being particularly successful in the export of services so as to formulate and inform further RIAI Programmes in this area.



A funding application was made to Enterprise Ireland, for digital marketing consultants to work with the RIAI on an internationally focussed web portal to promote the export of Irish architectural services.

SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

In the downturn there is even greater demand for services, advice, support and information. The Practice section of the Annual Report gives much greater detail on the practical advice and help given to architects and architectural technologists throughout the year.

Activities included a range of BIM training opportunities delivered, together with analysis of software providers by an active BIM Committee.

Two new committees, Design for Education and Design for Health organised events aimed at advancing the role of design in these areas.

Practice Advice and Information

The Practice Section of the Annual Report covers the wide range of information papers etc provided to architects and architectural technologists in terms of changes in legislation, building regulations etc.

CPD Engage

Over 1,900 members completed their CPD, an extremely good result given that this was an early stage in the mandatory system. About another 500 had completed but had not submitted in time. A new CPD Engage interface was developed to make it easier to use the system.

RIAI achieved Skillnet funding which enabled low cost CPD to be delivered.

Online Professional Indemnity Insurance

Further development work was carried out on the RIAI Insurances online for

Professional Indemnity Insurance which provides immediate and low cost Professional Indemnity Insurance for start-ups for those with a fee turnover of a defined level.

Education

In terms of education there was important work done on the development of:

- RIAI Professional Level 8 Standard in Architectural Technology
- RIAI Standard of Knowledge Skill Competence for Practice as an Architectural Technologists
- RIAI Appeals Policy

An RIAI policy on Post Graduate Professional Training was issued together with an Employment and Social Welfare Rights Information Paper.

It was considered necessary to issue an Advice Note on Employment and Social Welfare Issues because of disturbing, although anecdotal, evidence of potential abuses of architects, architectural graduates and architectural technologists in terms of employment conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION OF REGISTRATION

128 new architects admitted to the Register, almost one fifth came through Routes designed for the recognition of practical experience.

154 new members were admitted to the RIAI including 128 architects, 9 architectural graduates and 17 architectural technologists.

Although the nominations for the Professional Conduct Committee and Appeals Board remained outstanding in 2011, the Admissions Board and Technical Board carried out useful work on systems development.

Full detail of the work of the Admissions Board, Technical Assessment Board and the Support Services provided to these boards by the RIAI as well as information on general admissions can be found in the Admissions section of this report.

The role of the RIAI as the Registration Body for Architects does not exist in a vacuum. In addition to the provisions set out in the Building Control Act 2007 the RIAI is responsible to the Dáil Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment, the Dáil, the Department of Education and Science, for the Professional Qualifications Directive, the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government for the operation of Building Control Act 2007 and the Courts.

At EU level the RIAI, as registration body, is responsible to DG Market, DG Competition, the EU Code of Practice for the operation of Professional Qualifications Directive and to the European Court of Justice. These responsibilities require careful administration and legal advice.

Approval of Registration Charges

Shortly after taking up office, Minister Hogan approved the entire range of charges for registration which had been with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government since September 2009. In relation to the charge

for registration the analysis provided to the Minister, as required under the Building Control Act 2007, showed that the actual cost per architect to be on the Register, if an RIAI subvention from other activities had not been made available, was €780 per year and not €490.

In addition to this subvention from other RIAI activities there is the impact of unwaged rates and financial hardship rates to be taken into account.

Comparison With Architects Registration Board (ARB)

From time to time comparisons are made with the £80 charge for registration in the UK. What is forgotten is the number of those on the UK Register and the impact of the Sterling/Euro rate as shown in the chart below:

At current rates, £Stg80 is €101. There is also the impact of numbers. ARB has 33,000 on the Register. Translating that into the Irish context the following are the figures:

ARB, $33,000 \times 101 = €3,103,000$;

RIBA, $27,000 \times 467 = €12,609,000$

RIAI (using ARB charge) $101 \times 2,600 = €262,600$.

ARB has a limited remit to act as a registration body only; the support, information, education, professional development etc is provided by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). The RIBA subscription for an architect in the UK is €467. The cost for registration and RIBA membership is €568.

ARB £101

RIBA £467

Total £568

The European Union

RIAI Members were involved in ACE Work Groups dealing with the implications of the Professional Qualifications Directive and the proposed new Procurement Directive so that the voice of Irish architects could be heard at European level on these important issues.

RIAI members are also involved with working with ACE on issues such as the Services Directive, Mobile Sites Directive, Cost Information Systems, Legal/ Competition issues, Urban issues, Sustainability and Professional Standards.

UIA (International Union of Architects)

The President, Paul Keogh, attended the UIA Congress in Tokyo in 2011 and facilitated the mounting of an exhibition on 'Architecture for All with examples from Around the World' which was curated and organised from Dublin and had a positive reaction in Tokyo.

Changes in 2011

Looking back on 2011 one event that had the greatest impact both in the immediate and in the future, was the election. The Institute asked that members should engage with canvassers and political representatives on:

1. **Roll-out of Approved Public Capital Projects:** What is your position on the expedited roll-out of approved public capital projects and the bringing forward of the planning and design of key public capital projects?

2. **Review of public Procurement:** Will you support an immediate review of public procurement to deliver key reforms in the commissioning of architecture and construction design services?
3. **Review of the Planning System:** If you are elected will you ensure that an urgent review is undertaken of the planning system to effect efficiencies?
4. **Registration:** Will you commit to ensure that the registration standards in the building control Act 2007 are maintained to achieve greater consumer protection for the public?
5. **Government Policy on architecture:** Do you agree with the next Government advancing the Government Policy on architecture's commitment to place quality and design in architecture at the core of State-funded construction projects?
6. **National Spatial Strategy:** Will you support a review of the National Spatial Strategy to deliver a long term planning framework?

The RIAI itself engaged party spokespersons on these and similar issues.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS (DES)

In the latter half of 2011 there was a more structured and detailed liaison between the Building Unit of DES with bi-monthly meetings between and the RIAI on a range of issues including:

- Procurement

- A National Inventory of Schools
- An Education Conference
- School Competition
- Graduate Training Scheme

There was a significant amount of discussion on the DES procurement systems which it was hoped would show progress in 2012.

Work on the National Inventory was also progressed and the Schools Competition announced by Minister Quinn in December 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DECLG)

In January the Department held a Stakeholders Colloquium on proposals to Strengthen the Enforcement of the Building Regulations and outlined a scheme which would include:

- Lodgement of drawings showing compliance with Building Regulations at commencement
- Oversight but no specific approval of lodgement drawings at commencement stage with the Building Control Authorities
- The mandatory provision of Design Certificates
- The mandatory provision of Completion Certificates

RIAI met with Minister Hogan in July where he confirmed his intention to move forward with the proposals outlined at the Colloquium.

In November 2011 the Minister gave a further indication of his intentions in an answer to a Parliamentary Question where he stated:

*"In July 2011, I announced several measures to be advanced by my Department and local authorities with a view to improving compliance with the oversight of the requirements of the **building** regulations. In broad terms the measures, which include the streamlining of inspection arrangements on a region basis, will involve the introduction of mandatory certificates of compliance by builders and designers of buildings confirming that the statutory requirements of the building regulations have been met; more efficient pooling of building control staff and resources throughout the local authority sector to ensure an effective and meaningful oversight of building activity; standardised approaches and common protocols to ensure nationwide consistency in the administration of building control functions; and better support and further development of the building control function nationally. The mandatory certification and improved inspection arrangements outlined above are key reforms which, I believe, will have the capacity to improve the quality of buildings and will lead to further strengthening of the regulatory regime".*

In this context it would be worth looking back to a 2004 Report: "Strengthening and Enforcement the Building Regulations" prepared by a Working Party of the ACEI

(The Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland) and IEI (Institution of Engineers of Ireland), RIAI (The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) and SCS (Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland). The Executive Summary made the point that the Opinions on Compliance System had delivered a reasonable level of compliance where responsible clients, builders and professionals were concerned, but *"the reality is that a person with no knowledge or interest in the Regulations, who wishes to evade the system, can do so, with all the potential consequences for Building Standards, Safety and Consumer Protection"*.

The report recommended self-certification but with a range of mechanisms to provide a statutory basis for the system, with effective sanctions to minimise the risk of evasion.

It is clear to the RIAI Council and Executive that Building Regulations would be a major issue in 2012 and in the medium term.

PROCUREMENT

"There is nothing in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and he who considers price only is that man's lawful prey." ... (John Ruskin)

As the Department of Education and Skills was the major building department, the RIAI focus was on discussions with the Building Unit but while there has been some progress by year end there was a great deal more to be done.

The RIAI carried out a survey of the average number of hours needed to provide a proper service on schools. The need for the survey arose from reports that fee tenders that were required to secure public commissions appeared to be unsustainably low. The results of the survey are shown below:

Hours spent on the project per work stage and per staff level (director/senior/junior) were collected. As might be reasonably expected, the larger a project the lower the average number of hours required per M². That is, for the smallest of the new build school construction projects the figure is 1.75 hours per M², while at the next level (3,001 to 6,000M²) it drops to 1.42 hours

Range (area of School construction M ²)	Average hours per M ²	N cases
1,001 to 3,000 M ² (Small)	1.75	4
3,001 to 6,000 M ² (Medium)	1.42	4
6,001 + M ² (Large)	1.06	5
Overall	1.39	13

per M² and for the largest projects (over 6,000 M²) it drops further to 1.06 hours per M².

While the sample size is relatively small, it represents the work of eight practices of different size over a period of 12 years (1997 to 2008) undertaking projects ranging in size from 1,230M² to 12877M² and is coherent and consistent in its outcome, indicating a drop in hourly input required per square metre as the size of the project increases. On this basis, and given the quality of the data provided, this appears to be an accurate estimate of the required input for new build schools projects of different scales.

During the year the President, Paul Keogh made procurement a major focus of his work and the foundation laid by his work will continue in 2012. Whatever about the complexity of procurement the emerging problem in 2011 was what Paul Keogh called:

“the current race to the bottom fee tendering”. In the President’s column he referred to this as being “untenable, both economic and socially. While one below the cost project may be necessary for cash flow and marketing processes, an entire public capital programme based on the below cost design fees is not sustainable and definitely contrary to the Government Policy on Architecture’s objective to have “architectural quality as a corner stone of national policy on the built environment” and is a commitment to be seen as an “exemplary client committed to quality in every aspect of building procurement and property development.”

He also said:

“the acceptance of below cost fee tenders is also short sighted from the contracting authorities point of view. Design is estimated to be as little as 2.5% of the whole life costs of a typical building. Lowest price as a measure of value for money is therefore inappropriate; first, because any cost savings for lowest price tendering are inconsequential compared with the risk, exposure involved and second because precise quality standards cannot be specified, and different firms will tender on the basis of different levels of design and service quality”.

In 2011 the EU Commission was in the process of modernising “the Procurement Directive”. There was a great deal of discussion about improving access for SMEs but it is important to remember that an SME in EU speak is an organisation employing 40 or less people. A micro enterprise is a firm or company employing less than 10 people and by far the greater majority of RIAI practices would be in the micro enterprise category.

At the RIAI Conference in Carlow 23 and 24 October 2011, Minister Quinn said that he wanted to work with the RIAI so as to improve the procurement system and this work must continue in 2012.

A Voice For Architecture

The RIAI, Executive and Members provide a voice for architecture, architects and architectural technologists in a range of national industry and professional organisation and, EU and international bodies. See page 9.

Voluntary Input

It would be impossible to list all those architects and architectural technologists who were involved in RIAI activities in 2011, including heads of committees, committee members, work group members etc. Despite the difficulties of 2011 the RIAI benefited from significant voluntary input which is the essential lifeblood of the organisation.

Future

The only certainty in the short term is uncertainty. The RIAI with active Council, substantial voluntary input and hardworking committed and loyal staff is in a position to meet the challenges of the future.

CONTACT US

Your views are welcome, please contact us at info@riai.ie.

Architecture, Urbanism and Design	EU	Industry and Professional
Irish Architecture Foundation	European Forum for Architectural Policies	Building Regulations Advisory Board
Irish Architectural Archive	European Network of Architects Competent Authorities	Construction Industry Council
Design Ireland	Competition Issues and Regulations	Construction Advisory Committee
DEHLG/RIAI Sustainable Communities and Housing Committee		Construction Safety Partnership
Urban Forum	Local Authority Strategic Policy Committees	Construction Industry Standards Committee
Government Policy on Architecture	Dublin City Council	Irish Agreement Board
Green Building Council	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	Inter-Professional Group
	Fingal County Council	Liaison Committee of the Construction Industry
Regional Groups	Kilkenny County Council	Local Government Management Services Board
London Group Eastern Region	Leitrim County Council	National Construction and Demolition Waste Council
Limerick Forum Dublin Forum	Limerick County Council	National Disease Surveillance Centre
Southern Region Western Region	Mayo County Council	RIAI Insurances Limited
	Monaghan County Council	Timber Consultative Committee
EU	Waterford County Council	Construction Industry Technology Alliance
Architects Council of Europe Work Groups	International	
Cost Information Systems	International Union of Architects (UIA)	
Environment and Sustainable Architecture	Architecture for All/Accessibility	
Procurement	Professional Practice	
SHW Research	Architecture Sans Frontiers	
Professional Experience	International Council for Monuments and Sites	
Trade Services		

Architecture & Promotion

Communicating, Promoting and Supporting Architecture

THE RIAI IN FIGURES IN 2011

In 2011, the RIAI has reached thousands of members of the public by creating awareness for architecture:

4,310,091

was the total readership/listenership from the news coverage received from the RIAI Annual Awards in 2011.

314,972

was the total advertising value of the news coverage received from the Simon Open Door Campaign in 2011.

234,158

was the total advertising value of the news coverage received from the RIAI Annual Awards in 2011.

100,000

unique website visitors – the RIAI Website receives annually over a 100,000 visitors. A report on website traffic by online communication strategists Elucidate has identified a “healthy, steady increase in visitor levels in the last 12 months”.

1,200

members attend RIAI lectures in 2011 including the Pasqual Maragall Symposium, the RIAI Annual Conference, the Design Week lectures and a talk by James Mary O'Connor, a principal in Moore Ruble Yudell.

1,100

public contacts – the RIAI has created for its members close 1,100 public contacts through events such as the annual Simon Open Door and Design Clinics at the Spring and Autumn Ideal Homes Show.

262

RIAI Architects and RIAI Practices delivered pro bono advice clinics for the Simon Open Door event and at the Spring and Autumn Ideal Homes Show.

€26,335

was the total raised by RIAI members in 2011 for the Simon Communities in Ireland

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new honorary fellowships/memberships were bestowed on leading international architects

In a difficult year for the architecture profession, public awareness of Irish architecture both at home and abroad has never been more important. Architecture can positively affect all our lives – from the small domestic extension to the large public building – and the RIAI has worked actively and strategically to communicate this message through a wide range of initiatives and activities. The achievements of the profession are reflected in the growing interest of the public in the RIAI's long-standing Irish Architecture Awards as well as the RIAI



Kathryn Meghan
Assistant Director

Medals awarded in 2011 for Housing and Conservation. To create a vibrant debate on new ideas and design thinking, the RIAI hosted popular talks, workshops and debates both in the Institute and with key partners. The RIAI also invested significant resources in 2011 to broaden the public discourse on architecture – through the newly established Architecture Tours Ireland, the annual flagship Simon Open Door event and a new series on Energy Efficiency in the Home. Through these efforts over a thousand direct contacts were created between RIAI members and the public around the country. To deliver its key objectives for public awareness on architecture, the Institute works closely with the Government Policy on Architecture (GPA) 2009-2015, which “recognises

the place of architecture in society as an expression of cultural, aesthetic, and social values". The RIAI has played a central role throughout 2011 in delivering priority actions of the GPA to support the practice of architecture and develop the demand for quality amongst the public.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC

Communicating Online

Communicating to the public and to our membership the active role the profession plays in Irish society has been one of the key objectives. Emphasis has been placed on improving the RIAI online resources through the website and e-zines. An expanded RIAI website was launched in November with notable new features including a regularly updated news and events section, a dedicated area providing advice to the public on working with a Registered RIAI architect, and an 'In the News' news feed of published articles relating to the RIAI and architecture. The Members Area was also extended with new areas for BIM, Accessibility and Sustainability.

In 2011, the RIAI started online publication of a weekly newsletter, RIAI Online, which ties in with the Institute's online communication strategy. The design consolidates information into one highly visual and smart phone newsletter, disseminating important information for RIAI Members as well details of forthcoming events and CPD. Response to the newsletter was very positive, with many practices submitting their news for dissemination. The readership of the RIAI Online newsletter is on average over 50% of the profession, which is high considering

that the industry average for newsletters is just 14 %.

Communicating in Print Architecture Ireland



Despite a difficult economic climate, *Architecture Ireland* has maintained its high publishing and editorial standards, publishing six issues per annum. With the support of the GPA, *Architecture Ireland* published its second dedicated issue on Conservation and Adaptation in November/December 2011. The issue was compiled and edited with the support of guest editor Grainne Shaffrey. *Architecture Ireland* is overseen by an editorial board whose members are practising architects and representatives of the RIAI including the current RIAI President. *Architecture Ireland* operates an on-going open call for submissions, which are reviewed by the editorial board which meets on a monthly basis.

Irish Architecture | The RIAI Annual Review

To create a showcase of award-winning Irish architecture, the RIAI began publication in 2010 of *Irish Architecture | The RIAI Annual Review*. Featured buildings are set in context through essays and reviews by many of Ireland's leading architectural critics and writers. Competitions and the work of emerging practices complete the content. The book has been widely circulated internationally, including to Irish Embassies and Ambassadors; the overseas offices of Enterprise Ireland and Universities and Media abroad. Supported by the GPA, the first Volume (2010|2011) was formally launched on 1 February 2011 by Michael Finneran, Minister of State in the Custom House as part of a GPA Partner/ Stakeholder meeting. The launch was followed by a colloquium on 'Branding Irish Architecture', which was addressed by John Graby, Shane O'Toole and Mark Brannock of Murray Consultants. The event was chaired by RIAI President, Paul Keogh. The second volume of *Irish Architecture*



| *The RIAI Annual Review 2011/12* was published in November 2011 and officially launched in the RIAI in December by Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, T.D.



"This publication is particularly impressive as it not only reflects the best work carried out by Irish architects over the last 18 months, it also reviews the recent awards won by Irish architects and architectural competitions held during the year. (...) Ireland has an architectural track record of very high standing internationally, and contemporary Irish architecture, as presented in this fine publication, is of a standard shared with the rest of Europe."
(Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, T.D.)

Appointment of Communications Manager

To develop and implement a communications strategy with the RIAI membership and the public, the RIAI appointed in 2011 Dr Sandra O'Connell as Communications and Publications

Manager. In addition to her role as Editor of Architecture Ireland and the RIAI Annual Review, Sandra O'Connell is responsible for the Institute's online and print communication and works with the Assistant Director on the promotion of architecture.

THE 2011 RIAI IRISH ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

Over 10,000 votes for the Public Choice Award

The 2011 Irish Architecture Awards were presented by Minister of State, Willie Penrose, T.D., on 11 July in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin. Speaking at the awards ceremony, the Minister congratulated the winners, saying that "quality architecture enhances all our lives" and that we should "never sacrifice quality for price". The winners were across a range of projects and scales – including a Drive Through Restaurant in Galway (Best Commercial); an innovative exhibition space, 'Unbuilding' (Best Cultural); and the landmark Aviva Stadium (Best Leisure and Best Accessibility). Limerick's Milk Market, an urban space project by Healy Partners Architects, won the RIAI Public Choice Award 2011. Over 10,000 votes were registered for this popular award with the winner announced on RTE Radio One's Morning Ireland programme.

New Emerging Practice Award

To promote quality and excellence amongst emerging architects, the RIAI and Architecture Ireland launched a new award in 2011 for 'Best Emerging Practice'. The winner was Ryan W. Kennihan Architects – a practice that has demonstrated innovation, strong new ideas and a rigour

in thinking across a diversity of work, including design, research, collaboration with academia and industry, and teaching in Ireland and abroad.

The 2011 Winners

- Best Accessibility and Leisure: Aviva Stadium, Dublin, Scott Tallon Walker & Populous
- Best Commercial/ Retail: Drive through restaurant, Galway, Paul Dillon Architects
- Best Conservation/ Restoration: PJ Carrolls: School of Informatics and Creative Arts DKIT, Scott Tallon Walker
- Best Cultural: Unbuilding, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Shaffrey Associate Architects
- Best Education: Long Room Hub, TCD, Dublin. McCullough Mulvin Architects
- Emerging Practice: Ryan W Kennihan Architects
- Best Health: Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit, Cork, McCullough Mulvin Architects
- Best House: Seaside House, Co. Louth, A2 Architects
- Best House Extension: Laneway Wall Garden House, Dublin, Donaghy Dimond Architects
- Best Housing: Kilmeena Village, Co Mayo, Cox Power Architects
- Best Sustainable: Roebuck Hall

University Residence, Dublin,
Kavanagh Tuite Architects

■ Best Public Building and Public Space:
Rathmines Square Leisure Centre and
Apartments, Donnelly Turpin Architects

■ Best Overseas: C4D, Cranfield
University, UK, Niall McLaughlin
Architects

Memorial Court, Kilmainham, Dublin by
Dublin City Architects Division, Dublin City
Council and York Street, Dublin by Sean
Harrington Architects. The Assessors were:
Eddie Conroy (Chair), County Architect,
South Dublin County Council; John
McLaughlin, architect; Aidan O'Connor,
Principal Advisor, Department of the
Environment; John O'Mahony, architect;
and Shane O'Toole, architecture critic.

RIAI Silver Medal for Conservation and Restoration



The RIAI Conservation and Restoration Silver Medal was awarded to **Margaret Quinlan Architects** for the refurbishment of The Main Guard, Clonmel. The refurbishment of The Main Guard was undertaken on behalf of the Office of Public Works. The Silver Medal was presented to Margaret Quinlan at a ceremony in the RIAI on 30 November 2011. Howley Hayes Architects were Highly Commended for the restoration of the Browne Clayton Column, considered by some to be one of the most extraordinary ornamental landscape structures in Ireland. Architectural practice McCullough Mulvin was also Highly Commended for their work on the conservation of the Sligo Courthouse. The Assessors were Paul Arnold (Chair), Fionnuala May, Grainne Shaffrey, Kevin Blackwood, Maoliosa Molloy, and Susan Roundtree.

Quote

Speaking at the awards ceremony, RIAI President Paul Keogh said: *"Urban development has swept away many similar building in cities and towns around*

RIAI MEDALS

RIAI Silver Medal for Housing 2007-2008

The RIAI Silver Medal for Housing promotes the best housing produced during a given two-year period and is awarded three years after completion so that the building can be evaluated in a mature setting. The RIAI Medal for Housing 2007-2008 was presented by Minister Phil Hogan to **Shay Cleary Architects** for the *Alto Vetro* Tower at the National Housing Conference in Dublin Castle on 4 September 2011. The Assessors praised *Alto Vetro* as "pitch-perfect in its relation of form to site". Highly Commended were

Citation



"At an important junction of a busy car-corridor and a growing pedestrian route, its slim elegance is a significant new urban marker, confidence and proportion reminiscent not of its modernist but its Italian hill-town antecedents."



Ireland. Margaret Quinlan's dedication and perseverance in restoring and conserving this building is as much a testament to her passion as to her considered and sensitive response to how an historic building can be restored and revitalised for the benefit of the wider community as a whole."

RIAI COMPETITIONS

RIAI believes that competitions are an ideal way to procure innovative design solutions. In 2011 the RIAI administered three design competitions as well as the 3Twenty10 Research Competition and the international European 11 competition.

Tullamore Community Arts Centre Competition

The RIAI administered an open, two-stage competition for the architectural design of Tullamore Community Arts Centre for the competition promoters, Offaly County

Council. The vision for developing a multidisciplinary community arts centre in the heart of Tullamore stemmed from a much documented need to converge and focus the creative potential of Tullamore; its artists, its young people and the wider community in one building. The competition was won by A2 Architects, with 119 entries received. A2 Architects' entry was chosen from a shortlist of four Stage 2 submissions by the jury in Tullamore on 22 June 2011. The other three shortlisted competitors were Grafton Architects, Lawrence and Long Architects and Robinson McIlwaine Architects.

The Assessors were: Pat Gallagher, County Manager, Offaly County Council; Declan Harvey, Councillor, Tullamore County Council; Molly Buckley, Councillor, Offaly County Council; Sinead O'Reilly, Arts Officer, Offaly County Council; Brian Gunning, Tullamore Musical Society; Eddie Conroy, County Architect, South Dublin County Council; Marguerite Murphy, County

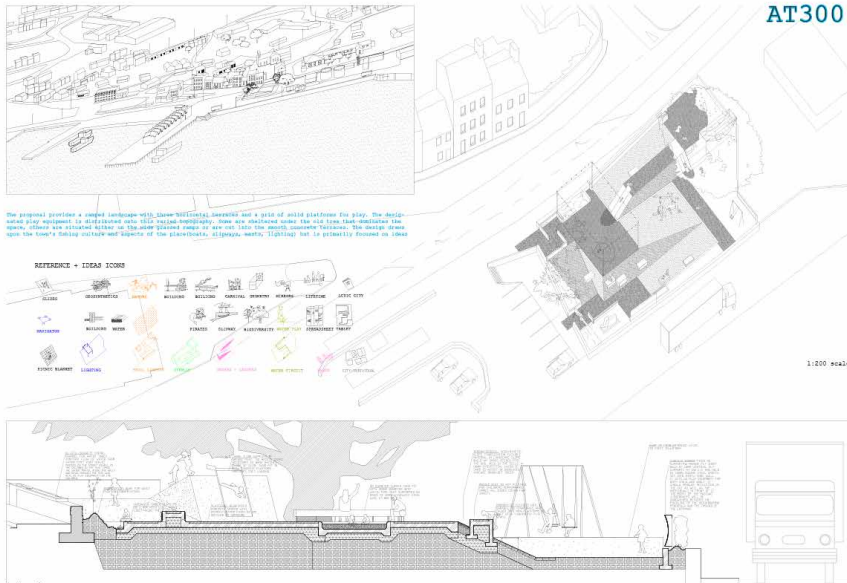
Architect, Fingal County Council and Bernadette Solon, Architect, Westmeath County Council.

"You could hear a pin drop, as the 500 strong audience at the Tullamore Court Hotel hung onto every word of Architect Peter Carroll from A2 Architects, as he explained their concept for the arts centre. Nobody was left in doubt that this young team of architects had delved deep into the history and culture of Tullamore and Offaly to find their inspiration for the centre's design." (Offaly County Council, mylocalnews.ie)

Killybegs PlaySpace Architectural Design Competition

The competition for a Play Space in Killybegs as part of the 'per cent for arts scheme' in Killybegs, Co. Donegal was launched by Donegal County Council Public Art Office in partnership with the RIAI and the Irish Architecture Foundation. The promoters sought an exemplary play space and the competition included a comprehensive consultation process with the children, parents and playground committee in Killybegs. The competition, which received 32 submissions, was won by Lotus Architects. Runner-up was Stephen Diamond Associates. The Assessors were: Terre Duffy, Public Art Manager, Donegal County Council; Niamh Kennedy, Killybegs Playground Committee; Shay Cleary, Shay Cleary Architects; Rachel McAree, Education Curator, Irish Architecture Foundation and Jackie Bourke, Play Specialist, Playtime.





were: Robert Dunne, Principal, Loreto Abbey School Dalkey; Hugh Morris, Loreto Buildings Officer; Rosie Webb, Senior Executive Architect, Galway City Council; Robin Mandal, Robin Mandal Architects; Helen Murray, Architect, School Hall Committee and Parental Advisor.

3Twenty10 Research Competition

Through the 3Twenty10 research competition, the RIAI sought to promote the ideas and problem-solving abilities of architects and develop a number of research projects that will provide solutions to problems in the built environment, whether existing or impending and to give Architects the opportunity take the initiative by providing solutions. Architects are in a unique position given their training, which

Loreto Abbey Dalkey Sports Hall Competition

The RIAI administrated a competition on behalf of Loreto Abbey Dalkey for the design of a new sports hall. Located on a remarkably beautiful and very exposed site, overlooking the sea, Loreto Abbey Dalkey is a Catholic convent secondary school in Dalkey, south Co. Dublin. The new Sports Hall has to complement the existing school and its surroundings and accommodate specific sporting groups from the wider Dalkey community who use the existing sports facilities in the school, outside of school hours. There were 93 competition entries and the winning design was by Ambient Architecture. Shortlisted were Kennedy Fitzgerald Architects and Aglet + Feeney McMahon. The Assessors



is based on strategy and lateral thinking to identify and resolve problems. The winners were: Jeff Bolhuis, Miriam Delaney and Laurence Lord for 'Re-Mapping the Midlands'; Helena McElmeel for 'rebound' and Transcolonia (Blaithin Quinn and Paul Quinn). The twenty submissions on the shortlist for the competition can be viewed at: <http://3twenty10.ie/3twenty10/home.html>

European 11

Phil Hogan, TD, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, announced in December 2011 the winner of the international European11 competition. Caroline O'Donnell, an Irish architect who lectures in Cornell University and editor of the Cornell Journal of Architecture (CJoA), was awarded her first prize by Minister Hogan in the RIAI headquarters. Her scheme, Counterspace, was based on a site in the Dublin Docklands and praised as *"rooted in an idea of layering public and private space across the depth of the site. Poetically imagined and drawn, its robust, rhythmic form-making is softened by vertical landscaping. It is a bold, generous and compelling vision of a different urbanism, maybe even a different time."* The runners-up were the young Irish RIAI architects Jane Larmour and Patrick Wheeler with



their proposal 'East Wall Lot'. European offers a unique platform for young urban and architectural design professionals to develop their ideas and vision on series of vital questions about future of our built environment. The RIAI has to-date administrated three Irish participations in European.

Competition Launch: New Post Primary School, Tallaght



A major new architectural design competition for the design of a new post primary school in Tallaght was launched at the RIAI by Ruairi Quinn, TD, Minister for Education and Skills on 19 December 2011. Speaking at the competition launch, Minister Quinn said: *"I'm delighted to be announcing this competition. It is vital that we consider new approaches to the design of new second-level schools given the curricular developments that are underway and the number of new schools to be built over the next 15 years. The successful Design Team will design a new school in Kingswood, Tallaght, and manage its construction with a view to the school opening in late August 2017."*

NEW HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS

In 2011, the RIAI awarded a number of Honorary Fellowships (architects) and Honorary Memberships (non-architects). Through its honorary fellowship/ membership, the RIAI reaches out to the wider community and creates lasting links with leading architects and those who have shaped and influenced the built environment. At the RIAI Annual Conference, Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairi Quinn, TD, conferred, on behalf of the RIAI, **Honorary Fellowships** on the Pritzker Prize-winning Spanish architect **Rafael Moneo**, the renowned architectural critic **Kenneth Frampton**, and on the distinguished architect and writer **Edward Jones**, Director in the London practice of Dixon Jones.



The former President of Catalonia, **Pasqual Maragall**, was honoured with the award of RIAI Honorary Membership in Dublin on 12 October 2011. To mark President Maragall's Honorary Membership and the 20th anniversary of Dublin as European City of Culture, the RIAI and Dublin City Council held a joint Symposium on 13 October in Liberty Hall. Speaking at the booked-out event were the Irish-Scots architect David Mackay, Dublin City Planner Dick Gleeson, Dublin City Architect Ali Grehan, RIAI architect Alan Mee and Spanish architect Manuel Diez Garrido. Delivering a keynote lecture at the symposium was the renowned Irish writer Colm Toibin, author of *Homage to Barcelona*.

"We are paying tribute then to one of the leaders of an heroic generation of public figures in Barcelona who knew how to dream, who knew how to build trust, who knew how to put plans into effect, who knew who to keep trust". Colm Toibin on Pasqual Maragall

RIAI Annual Conference – Riding out the Storm – Survival, Renewal and Recovery

Entitled, *Riding out the Storm – Survival, Renewal and Recovery*, the 2011 RIAI Annual Conference focused in how architects can adapt to the current crisis, and how the profession and the RIAI Can capitalise on the strengths and reputation of Irish architecture to develop strategies

for the future. The conference, which took place in VISUAL, Carlow on 23 and 24 October, heard inspiring presentations from the RIAI's new Honorary Fellows Rafael Moneo, Kenneth Frampton and Edward Jones. Presenting two recent projects – his sculptural Church in San Sebastian and the Northwest Science Building, at Columbia University, NY – Moneo delivered an inspiring talk and argued for a return to the principles of construction and space in architecture, at a time when there is overreliance on iconography. Kenneth Frampton delivered a keynote lecture on the enduring value of Critical Regionalism while Edward Jones reflected on his connections with the School of Architecture at UCD and the days of the Flying Circus when visiting lecturers from the UK taught at UCD.

THE RIAI LECTURE PROGRAMME

The RIAI annual lecture programme was developed to stimulate debate, provide a platform for new ideas and recognise the outstanding work being created by members both in Ireland and abroad. In 2011, lectures took place both at the RIAI and in association with partners, including Dublin City Council, the Institute of Designers in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin and the National Gallery of Ireland. Close to 1,200 RIAI Members attended lectures throughout the year.

International Lecture *Evolution and Departure* by James Mary O'Connor, Moore Ruble Yudell

James Mary O'Connor, principal of the renowned American practice Moore





Ruble Yudell, delivered his lecture entitled 'Evolution and Departure' to a packed auditorium in Trinity College Dublin on 17 February 2011. The lecture looked at the award-winning work of the practice across several continents from the US to Ireland, Sweden and China. O'Connor illustrated how the practice had grown internationally, by making strategic decisions about the type and categories of work that they pursued. Moore Ruble Yudell invest in marketing with five of their fifty staff from a marketing background.

Design Week Lectures

The RIAI participated in Design Week 2011 and Innovation Dublin with a series of lectures on award-winning buildings from the RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2011. The well-attended lectures attracted both RIAI Members and a general audience and took place in the RIAI during November 2011. Architects featured included:

McCullough Mulvin Architects on the Long Room Hub at Trinity College (Best Education Building 2011) and on the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit, Cork (Best Health Building 2011)

Kavanagh Tuite Architects on Roebuck Hall University Residence, UCD (Best Sustainable Project 2011)

Paul Dillon Architects on Drive Through Restaurant, Galway (Best Commercial / Retail 2011)

Donnelly Turpin Architects on Rathmines Square Leisure Centre and Apartments (Best Public Building and Best Public Space 2011)

A2 Architects on Seaside House (Best House 2011)

Ryan W Kennihan Architects (Best Emerging Practice 2011)

Scott Tallon Walker Architects and **Populous** on Aviva Stadium (Best Accessible Project and Best Leisure Building 2011)

Healy Partners Architects on the Milk Market, Limerick (Public Choice Award 2011)

New Public Lecture Series: How to Create a More Energy Efficient Home - Dispelling myths and avoiding mistakes

The RIAI launched this new seminar to inform home owners of the range of options available to improve the energy efficiency of their homes as well as dispelling myths

and avoiding (expensive) mistakes. Led by William Scott, Scott & McNeill Architects, with Sally Starbuck and Frank Cooney offering expert advice as panellists during the Q & A sessions, the seminars were aimed at those planning to renovate, energy upgrade or build a new home. Four events were held in 2011 and the public feedback was excellent. The events also attracted significant radio and newspaper coverage.

RIAI Healthcare Committee '5x10' Event

This informal series of events was organised by the RIAI Health Care Committee to address issues affecting practices working in this field and to exchange ideas and information. The events featured a series of short presentations on ideas and issues in the field of Healthcare Design followed by discussions.

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON ARCHITECTURE - ACTION 38 COLLOQUIUM

Action 38 is a priority action of the Government Policy on Architecture, which explores how schools of architecture can contribute (and are contributing) to addressing built environment design challenges at local level. On 19 May 2011, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government convened a colloquium at the RIAI involving the City and County Managers Association, the RIAI, and directors of architectural programmes. The colloquium opened with a presentation by Martin Colreavy (Chief Architect, DAHG) on Ireland's Government Policy on Architecture. The meeting heard

examples of current research by Schools of Architecture at the larger urban design scale and how it interfaces with local authorities and real life projects (Professor Merrit Bucholz, SAUL and Professor Mary Corcoran, Maynooth University). Local authorities discussed the synergies between real life research projects and local governance (David O'Connor, Fingal County Manger) and how design thinking can change process. Professor Laura Lee, Carnegie Mellon University, presented her acclaimed Integrated Design Strategy for Adelaide (AUS), discussing how design thinking can transform outcome and empower communities. Henk Ovink, National Spatial Strategy Director, Netherlands and Co-curator International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2012, discussed the importance of flexible design strategies that respond to change and the need to develop new alliances outside the design world. The colloquium was chaired by RIAI President Paul Keogh, who generated an important discussion on design thinking and its applications in Ireland – in education, governance and practice.

THE MIES VAN DER ROHE AWARD 2011

The European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, the Mies van der Rohe Award is granted every two years to acknowledge and reward quality architectural production in Europe. In this way, the Award draws attention to the major contribution by European professionals to the development of new ideas and technologies. As a member of the European Council of Architects, the RIAI is invited to make nominations for this Award. In 2011, five projects were nominated:

- An Gaelaras, Derry, by O Donnell + Tuomey
- The Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, by McCullough Mulvin
- Killmallock Library, Co. Limerick by ABK Architects
- Fr Collins Park, Co. Dublin by Ar Arq with MCO
- Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre, Co. Meath by McGarry Ni Eanaigh

RIAI INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY

Internationalisation is a key focus for the RIAI to support Irish architectural practices pursuing new markets abroad. With funding from Enterprise Ireland, the RIAI commissioned in 2011 an important report – **Exporting Irish Architecture** – to support Irish practices, who wish to internationalise their service. The study has examined countries and regions that have successfully branded their architectural services internationally, including Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands, and recommended a coordinated and strategic plan for internationalisation, which is being implemented for 2012-2014.

EUROPEAN FORUM OF ARCHITECTURE POLICIES (EFAP) CONVERGING TERRITORIES PROJECT BY DR. NICOLA RUSSI

The Italian architect and urban designer, Dr Nicola Russi, undertook a research residence at the RIAI between August and October 2011 as part of the EFAP



'Converging Territories' project. Dr. Russi presented his findings on 6 December in the RIAI in a lunchtime lecture. Russi, who runs an architecture studio in Milan and teaches urban design at Politecnico di Milano, looked at areas in Dublin that were less developed during the so-called Celtic Tiger years, proposing a series of interventions on the 'West Side' of the city centre, from Grangegorman to the Liberties. Russi's research project sets out to formulate strategies that take into account the positive characteristics of Dublin, the existing urban context and the current economic situation.

Dr Russi has identified several positives such as Dublin's low-rise character, which "frames rather than hides the sky"; the "spontaneity" of urban context and



street life; and the use of open space as “generators”, as in the case of Dublin’s Georgian Squares. He addresses a series of urban design questions: How to transform decaying neighbourhoods into new local centralities and attractive districts? How to insert new projects in consolidated urban structures? How to develop projects that require relatively small investments? How to persuade families to live in the city centre? Russi proposes a new system of public spaces in the west side of Dublin as the main structure of small housing densification projects.

Public Events

In addition to the Design Week Lectures and Public Seminar on Energy Efficiency in the Home, the RIAI has invested significant resources in broadening the public discourse on architecture and engaging the public with architecture. This includes the new Architecture Tours Ireland and a presence of the RIAI and its members at public events such as the Ideal Homes Show in the RDS. The RIAI’s flagship event on public engagement is its annual Simon Open Door, which has raised by the end of 2011 almost €265,000 for the Simon Communities of Ireland.

ARCHITECTURE TOURS IRELAND

Architecture Tours Ireland (ATI) – a joint initiative between the RIAI and the Irish Architecture Foundation – were launched by Minister for Culture Jimmy Deenihan in May 2011. ATI takes in a variety of historical and contemporary architecture including such urban highlights as Dublin Docklands, Georgian Dublin, Temple Bar, and a dedicated Children’s Activity Tour. Tours run



every week and are led by RIAI-Registered architects. In addition to regular tours, ATI offer special interest tours for pre-booked groups, which will cover a wide range of architecture and urban design topics.

In 2011, visitors to Dublin from France, Italy, the US and the international participants of the Glenn Murcutt Masterclass held in Wicklow, explored Dublin’s architecture with Architecture Tours Ireland in 2011. ATI also participated in an international programme for foreign press organised by Fáilte Ireland to coincide with the annual Dublin Theatre Festival and Open House Dublin events in 2011. Special tours have been delivered for transition year students in 2011. www.architecturetours.ie

“Feedback on the tours has been extremely positive – our guides have a passion for architecture and a desire to show off

Dublin’s achievements”. (Kathryn Meghen, Assistant Director at the RIAI)

RIAI / SIMON OPEN DOOR 7-8 MAY 2011

The RIAI and the Simon Communities of Ireland joined forces again in 2011 for the annual fundraising initiative “Simon Open Door”. Participating RIAI Members around Ireland opened their offices on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May to give members of the public an hour’s consultation with an architect in return for a donation to Simon of €50. In 2011, 263 practices participated and raised €26,335 for the Simon Communities of Ireland.



RIAI ADVICE CLINIC AT THE SPRING AND AUTUMN IDEAL HOME SHOW

The RIAI provided Advice Clinics at the Spring Ideal Home Show at the RDS in Dublin, 15-17 April 2011 and at the Autumn Ideal Home Show, 28-31 October 2011. At the Spring Show, 256 free consultations were held over three days, providing members of the public an opportunity to meet with an Architect for a short 20-30-minute consultation. Forty

architects gave their time for free and the feedback so far from the architects involved, the organisers and the public has been encouraging. Many members were enthusiastic that some of the people that they met with will become future paying clients.

At the Spring Ideal Home Show, the RIAI organised a series of talks by RIAI members to capture the estimated footfall of 17,000 members of the public at the show. The following talks, followed by a Q & A session, took place:

Sustainable and Energy Saving Building & Extensions by Bill Scott

Top Tips on House Extensions by Ronan Rose-Roberts

Planning Your Extension - What You Need To Know by Paula Murphy

Can we fix it - Yes we can - Renovation Solutions by Anthony Brabazon

How to add Value + Style to your Extension Project by Sterrin O'Shea

Sustainable and Energy Saving Building & Extensions by Bernard Gilna

Extensions and New Builds - What You Need To Know by Amanda Bone

Planning Your Extension - What You Need To Know by Marcus Donaghy

How to Avoid Problems on Your New Build and Extension by Ailbhe Cullen

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL'S ENGAGING WITH ARCHITECTURE

Offaly County Council's Engaging with Architecture took place in May 2011 and featured architecture talks, building tours and schools workshops as well as a temporary Architecture Centre. The diverse programme was curated by Rachel McKenna, Senior Executive Architect, Offaly County Council. Participating RIAI architects included Yvonne Farrell of Grafton Architects and John Parker of ABK Architects.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL'S BID FOR WORLD DESIGN CAPITAL 2014

Dublin City Council's Bid for World Design Capital 2014 was formally submitted to the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design (ICSID) in March 2011. Dublin was one of three cities to be shortlisted for designation as World Design Capital 2014. The bid was prepared as a joint venture between the four local authorities of the greater Dublin area: Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council. It was led and coordinated by City Architect's Division, Dublin City Council. The RIAI worked closely with the bid coordinators to develop the architecture section.

OPEN HOUSE GALWAY- 14-16 OCTOBER 2011 AND EVERYDAY ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION

The RIAI supported the Open House Galway in 2011 and provided free

Architecture Tours for Children as part of Open House Dublin (7-9 October 2011). The Western Group of Architects organised the Everyday Architecture Exhibition in Galway as part of the Open House Galway project. The exhibition was part funded by the RIAI.

ARCHITECTURE AND TOURISM

Finola Reilly and the Westport Architects have initiated a new programme with Bord Failte looking to develop ideas to help strengthen Tourism in the region. The RIAI is part-funding the initiative.

SLOW ARCHITECTURE

The RIAI supported the Slow Architecture initiative – a boat-based exhibition that travelled Ireland's waterways in 2010 and 2011. The exhibition took the much maligned adjective 'slow' from the slow food and cittaslow movement, which have a common holistic concern with ethical, social and environmental issues, and looked to transpose these values to the built environment and asked architects and artists to respond to this notion of slow in their own way. Participants in 'Slow Architecture and Place' 2011 included Natasha Kalvas, Sonairte, Architectural Farm, Caitriona McArdle and Katrin Korter, Solearth Ecological Architecture and Carson and Crushell Architects. The team of the slow architectural research collective included: Simona Castelli, Philip Comerford, Mike Haslam, Sandra O'Connell and Eoghan O'Shea. A publication on Slow Architecture and Place is available from the RIAI book shop. Edited by Simona Castelli and Mike Haslam, the book contains contributions by Brian O'Brien, Ciaran Cuffe and Donal Hickey.



Education

- Over 1900 (two thirds of) members achieve full CPD compliance, 30% increase on 2010
- 153 new members admitted
- 31 candidates successfully completed the RIAI Examination in Professional Practice
- RIAI Visiting Boards carried out four accreditation visits
- *RIAI Policy on Post-graduate Professional Training* published
- *RIAI Employment & Social Welfare Rights: Advice Note* issued
- 85 RIAI members awarded 'Architect accredited in conservation at Grade III'
- New CPDEngage interface launched based on members' feedback
- Revisions to RIAI CPD Policy based on members' feedback
- Increase in CPD delivery, 21 courses titles provided

RIAI Education was headed by Education Director, Ann McNicholl until her retirement in 2011 when Sandra Campbell took on the role of Education Manager. The RIAI is grateful to Ann McNicholl for her many years of dedicated service to the Institute.

There have been many positive developments in RIAI Education throughout

2011 including a major increase in the number of members achieving compliance with *RIAI CPD Policy*. Considerable work was carried out by the Board of Architectural Education and the Education division of the RIAI on the development of the RIAI Provisional Level 8 Standard in Architectural Technology, the RIAI Standard of Knowledge Skill Competence for Practice as an Architectural Technologist and the RIAI Appeals Policy. The RIAI Policy on Post-graduate Professional Training and the RIAI Employment & Social Welfare Rights: Advice Note were issued in 2011. RIAI Accreditation visits continued throughout 2011 and RIAI CPD delivery increased relative to 2010. CPD funding opportunities expanded in 2011 via the RIAI Skillnet and the RIAI CPD unwaged and hardship lotteries.

The Education Division of the RIAI is responsible for the development, with the BAE and Council, of RIAI Education and CPD Policy, development and delivery of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme at national and regional levels, implementation and development of the RIAI CPDEngage, monitoring and responding to the changing education needs of members, CPD funding, coordinating and delivering a comprehensive calendar of educational events.

The Board of Architectural Education exercises responsibility for all educational matters and for assessment of applicants for RIAI membership. The voluntary input of RIAI members, in terms of time, quality and



Sandra Campbell
Education Manager

intensity to the BAE, examinations, visiting boards and other educational activities is enormously valuable. Without it the Institute could not provide the services and support that it does to members and potential members alike.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION

The Board of Architectural Education held seven Ordinary meetings in 2011

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

153 new members were admitted to the RIAI in 2011 including:

128 Architects
9 Architectural Graduate members
17 Architectural Technologist members

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION

In the 2010/2011 cycle 46 candidates sat one or more stages of the RIAI Examination in Professional Practice. Of 37 undertaking the final stage 31 were successful. Briefing sessions for Examination Candidates and their Mentors and advisory sessions for final year students on examination and registration requirements, practical experience and career planning, were delivered as usual.

The Repeat Programme was started in 2009 for candidates who had failed their Case Study and Oral examination by a narrow margin. This proved very successful again, with 3 out of 5 eligible candidates passing in this process.

SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE - FOUR VISITS

RIAI Visiting Boards carried out four accreditation visits during 2011:

- The Bachelor of Architecture Degree in University of Limerick was granted full approval.
- Register Admission Examination conducted by Architects Registered Admissions Exam Ltd. (ARAE) was granted full approval.
- The Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology in Letterkenny Institute of Technology was granted provisional approval.
- The Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology in Galway Mayo Institute of Technology was



granted provisional approval.

Interim review of other programmes continued throughout the year.

TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP 2011

The theme for the 2011 Travelling Scholarship was 'Town'. There was no outright Winner and two students shared the prize. Three entries were 'Highly Commended', six were 'Commended' and a further 7 entries were 'Selected for Exhibition'.

Registration

The education division continued to

contribute to the development and implementation of the RIAI admission procedures under the Building Control Act 2007 and Directive 2005/36/EC on the *Recognition of Professional Qualifications*. Evaluation of non-EU qualifications in architecture and the assessment of candidates seeking exemption from the examination in professional practice remains its responsibility.

FEEDBACK & APPEALS

RIAI Feedback & Appeals system was drafted and legal advice sought.

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS

Considerable work was undertaken in 2011 on the development of an RIAI Provisional Level 8 Standard in Architectural Technology. The Architectural Technologist membership title was introduced in all RIAI documentation. Draft proposals for new Architectural Technologist Admission Routes and transitional arrangements were developed.

CONSERVATION ACCREDITATION

The RIAI Conservation Induction Module Grade III was held in May 2011 with 85 participants successfully completing the Assessment Exercise entitling them to use the title Architect Accredited in Conservation at Grade III. The bi-annual call for applications for RIAI Conservation Architect Grade I and Grade II was issued in November 2011, with a submission deadline of February 2012

CPD

There has been a positive response to the introduction of the mandatory CPD Policy



in 2009 with over 1900, or two thirds of, members meeting the requirements of the RIAI CPD Policy for the 2010-2011 cycle, representing an increase of one third on 2009-2010 compliance figures. Many members who completed and recorded their CPD by the deadline commented that scheduling regular monthly visits to RIAI CPDEngage helped them to focus their CPD activities and keep on top of their targets for the cycle.

RIAI CPD
continuing professional development

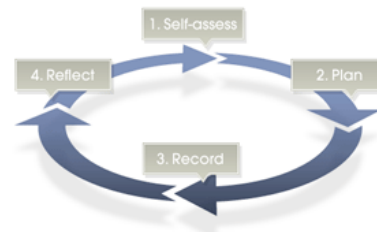
The second cycle of mandatory CPD provided useful feedback from members as well as practical experience of logistical issues for RIAI administration. As a result of this feedback and experience the RIAI CPD Policy was revised in March 2011 and substantial changes made including the expansion of the range of activities that can be counted as structured CPD. In addition a number of new CPD guidance documents were made available to RIAI members via the website and CPD bulletins including:

- RIAI CPD FAQs
- A sample member's CPD record

■ Guidance on Evidence Items for Structured CPD

CPD *E-Bulletins* Nos. 76 to 83 were issued to all members and registered RIAI practices.

CPD ENGAGE



RIAI CPDEngage continued to provide members with access to a range of online CPD including access to over 100 hours of free online structured CPD. The system provides details of upcoming courses by the RIAI and other training providers. It provides links to free and low-cost online structured CPD and links to useful documentation on a wide range of subject matters. CPD Engage allows members to plan, find, undertake, record and reflect on their CPD activities regardless of geographic location or time of day.

Examples of positive feedback on CPD Engage:

"I found it stimulating, informative and extremely useful!"

"I have just started using it over the past year & I realise now what an essential tool it is for architects today."

"It was well worth the effort."

"I have found the CPD to be a very good resource. The information on available CPD opportunities is also excellent"

"CPD engage is actually a very good way of keeping up to date with everything."

"It was actually a much less painful experience than I expected, if not quite enjoyable!"

On the basis of members' feedback the RIAI worked with Aurion Learning Ltd., the developers of RIAI CPDEngage, to produce an improved user interface for the product. The new user interface was launched in March 2011.

RIAI COURSES

CPD delivery increased again in 2011. Some courses, particularly those relating to new legislation, were delivered around the country in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Limerick. The RIAI Annual Conference took place in Carlow. CPD courses delivered in 2011 include:

- Part M & Disability Access Certificates
- Conservation Induction Module Grade III
- CPD Road Show on TGD Part L 2011
- Safety by Design
- PSDP Accreditation
- Designing Low-Energy Domestic Refurbs
- Building Fabric Design
- Introduction to BIM
- Series of free two-day BIM training courses
- Business Skills for Recovery Conference
- Education Colloquium - Primary School Design
- RIAI/DES Seminar - How the DES procures buildings
- Retaining Our Heritage - Fire Dimension
- RIAI Annual Conference 2011, Carlow

- RIAI/SCS CPD Event: Networking Matters
- Issues Related To Boundary Mapping In Ireland
- Design Week Seminars in the RIAI
- Moore Ruble Yudell Lecture
- 5x10 RIAI Healthcare Design Committee events
- How to create an Energy Efficient Home
- Landscape Character Assessment (with the Heritage Council)

FREE AND LOW-COST CPD

The prices of RIAI courses were further reduced across the board and the RIAI 'CPD Lottery' continued to offer one free place to an unemployed member and one place at a fifty per cent discount to a member experiencing financial hardship on each RIAI CPD course held in 2011. Access for members to free or low-cost CPD was given priority in RIAI CPD bulletins and the over 100 hours of free online CPD activities were listed on CPD Engage.

SKILLNET FUNDING



In July 2011 approval was received from Skillnets Ltd. to launch the RIAI Skillnet Network. A grant was received to part-subsidise the development and delivery of RIAI Skillnet CPD training courses for the period July-December 2011.

RIAI CPD NETWORK

More companies and presentations were added to the 'RIAI CPD Network'. RIAI Regional Representatives supported local practices in arranging group sessions for presentation on topics of particular interest. To contact any of the companies below see <http://www.riai.ie/cpd/network-courses/>.



RIAI CPD Network Presentation Title	Company
Accessibility in the built environment (way finding and signage for people with disabilities)	Doorware Ltd.
Bituminous Roofing	ICOPAL / Anderson Monarflex
Ceilings & Healthcare Environments	Armstrong Industries Ltd
Ceramic Tile Movement Joints: Why, Where, When?	Schlüter-Systems
Chilled Ceilings & Beams	SAS International
Coated Steel For Roofing & Cladding Systems	Tata Steel
Condensation in the Roofspace	A Proctor Group
Contract Wallcoverings	Tektura PLC
Curtain Wall: Classification, design and testing	Kawneer Ireland Ltd.
Design Opportunities with Twin-Skin Systems	Tegral Metalforming
Designing with Roof Windows	VELUX
Electric Underfloor Heating Solutions	DEVI Heat Ltd.
Energy Management Systems	Total Energy Controls Ireland
Energy-Efficient and Sustainable Design Parts 1 & 2	Malachy Walsh and Partners, Consulting Engineers
Environmental Considerations when Specifying PVC Floors	Gerflor Mipolam Ltd
External Insulation	Derchil Limited
Firestop Seminar	Hilti
Flat Roof Waterproofing Solutions	Bauder Ltd
Glass for Fire Resistance	Pilkington Building Products
Glulam (Glued Laminated) Timber	Raudon Teoranta/Atek Beams
Green Building with Porcelain Tile	GranitiFiandre S.p.A.
Green Roof Design	Moy Materials Ltd.
Green Wall Façade Systems	Façade Systems Seminar
Gyproc Plaster & Plasterboard Systems	Gyproc Seminar
Hardwood Sports Flooring	Junckers

How to comply with Parts F1/F2 & Part L of the Building Regulations	Tilt-a-dor Ltd
How to specify office partitions	Komfort Workspace
Improving Energy Efficiency & Airtightness in Buildings with Spray foam	Econ Polyurethane Systems on behalf of BASF Polyurethanes Ltd
Innovative Single Ply Roofing Systems	Colas BP Ltd
Insulation Solutions	Kingspan Insulation Ltd. Seminar
Introduction to Light Gauge Steel Framed Building Systems	Stanta Crowley Ltd
Introduction to Western Red Cedar	Western Red Cedar Export Association
Keystone Lintels Online Training	Keystone Lintels Ltd
Laser Scanning High Definition Surveying (Fota House Case Study)	Coastway
Light & Architecture	Philips Electronics Ireland Ltd.
Lighting Energy Management & Sustainability	Lightplus
Linoleum: an assessment of performance, environmental credentials and life cycle costs	Forbo Ireland Ltd.
Metal Construction Envelopes	Euroclad Ireland Ltd.
Modern Practices in Building Conservation	Pro-Tech Conservation Solutions
Next Generation Windows	NorDan Vinduer Ltd.
Optimising Energy in Design	VELUX
Passive House? No Big Deal	Isover Ireland
Paving the Way	Instarmac Group plc
Perimeter Fencing Systems	NK Fencing Ltd.
Pitched Roofing-Perimeter Defects & Modern Solutions	Monier Ltd.
Preservative & Fire Retardant Treatments for Timber-Based Products	Arch Timber Protection - part of the Lonza Group
Principles of Passive Design (Daylighting and Natural Ventilation)	IN2 Engineering Design Partnership
Radon Protection - New Buildings	Necoflex Limited, Radon Control Systems
Roofs and facades: Providing a future safe workplace at the design stage	Skyway Safe Access
Rubber Floor Coverings: A product with fascinating properties	Freudenberg Building Systems Ltd.
Selecting and specifying the correct hardwood floor	Junckers

Single Ply Roofing	Sika-Trocral
Slated Roofs - Getting them Right	Tegral Building Products Ltd.
Slip Resistant - its specification & maintenance	Lomac Tiles
Slips & Trips - Specifying Safety Flooring	Altro
Solar hot water - excellence by design	VELUX
Solar Thermal Technology & Applications	Kingspan Renewables
Solar Water Heating Systems	RVR Energy Technology
Sound Control for New Homes	Isover Ireland
Sound passage through a building	A Proctor Group
Specification of safety floor coverings	Polyflor Ltd.
Specification of vinyl floor coverings	Polyflor Ltd.
Specifying Glass Partitions	OPTIMA Products Ltd
Specifying Irish Blue Limestone - A Technical Guide	Stone Developments Ltd
Sports Floors: matching the needs to the specifier	Gerflor Mipolam Ltd.
SUDS - Permeable Paving System	Roadstone
Sustainability and the Building Envelope	Tata Steel
Tegral Slating Manual	Tegral Building Products Ltd.
The Development of Modern Solid Surfaces	DuPont Corian®
The hand drying landscape and its evolution	Dyson Ireland Limited
The Principles and Design of Rain Screen Cladding	Tegral Building Products Limited
The Use of Light Gauge Steel in Construction	Fusion Building Systems
Timber Cladding Enhancement of Natural Timber	Arch Timber Protection - part of the Lonza Group

RIAI CPD LINKS

RIAI Recognised CPD Providers

A number of new programmes were added to the RIAI CPD Links listing. The listing on the RIAI website is designed to provide RIAI members with better information on the range of CPD offered by other educational, professional and training organisations. To contact any of the training organisations below see <http://www.riai.ie/cpd/links-courses/>

RIAI CPD Links Course Title	Training Provider
Access Auditor	O'Herlihy Access Consultancy
Annual Historic Houses of Ireland Conference & Related seminars	NUI Maynooth
Autodesk Revit Architecture 2012 Advanced Course	ArcDox
Autodesk Revit Architecture 2012 Essentials Course	ArcDox
Building Information Modelling Essentials	Dedicated CAD Systems Ltd
Certified European Passive House Designer	Irish Passive House Academy
Concrete Properties Programme	Irish Concrete Society
Google Sketchup Essentials 1	Viewsion Ltd.
Harvard ManageMentor	CPD College
How to prepare or review a Disability Access Certificate	O'Herlihy Access Consultancy
Introduction to BIM (Building Information Modelling)	ArcDox
Introduction to BIM and Revit Architecture	ArcDox
Layers of Light approach to lighting design	W TWO Design
Lighting Fundamentals	W TWO Design
PHPP Planning Pack	Sustainable Energy Ireland
Revit Architecture Advanced Course	Paradigm Technology Ltd.
Revit Architecture Essential Course	Paradigm Technology
Town Walls Maintenance and Repair Seminar	The Building Limes Forum Ireland

“Untitled” – an architectural research conference	School of Architecture, Dublin Institute of Technology
W/Workshop in Joseph Walsh Studio	Joseph Walsh Studio
WUFI® PRO Heat & Moisture Simulation Workshop	Joseph Little Architects/Building Life Consultancy
Zero Marketing Budget	Next Chapter Ltd



Practice

- Advice Given to 900 RIAI Members During the Year
- RIAI Representation on Procurement of Architectural Services
- 5th Edition of the RIAI Good Practice Guide on-Line
- RIAI Survey of Architectural Resources Needed for Schools
- Major Submissions to Government and Government Agencies
- Revised Edition of Articles of Agreement 2002

The expectations of 2010 for some improvement in the general economy and the construction sector, in particular, remained unfulfilled in 2011. There appeared to be some stabilisation, yet few if any reported any increase in workload in Ireland. RIAI Practices, who sought work abroad, reported improvement in workload, with an estimated 28% of all workload for such RIAI Practices was abroad. The sectors hardest hit were estate and volume housing, extensions and renovations to existing domestic dwellings, retail and general commercial. Those who relied, heavily on these sectors, suffered most and these practices were reduced to skeletal staff. Summer work, with devolved grants, from the Department of Education and Skills, to Boards of Managements, provided some Practices outside the Dublin

region, with sufficient work to keep them busy, in particular, during the period of the summer school recess.

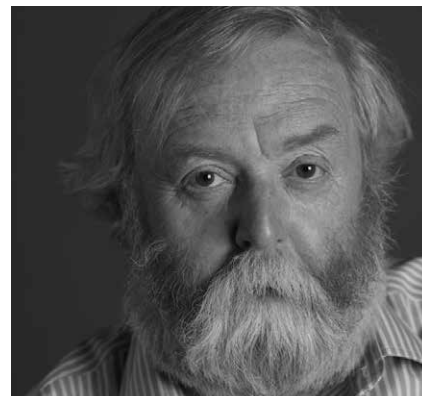
Practices that specialise in retrofitting existing dwellings to meet the every demanding energy conservation; those who specialised in universal design saw an increase in workload, due to their particular expertise.

Competition for public works, revolved around the procurement of architectural services for schools, however, the awarding of commissions, were very much on low fee bids and little attention was paid to quality, despite the best efforts and advice of the RIAI Design for Education Committee to DES.

RIAI TELEPHONE SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Some Members still seem to be unaware that the RIAI offer advice to members and Practices as part of the general service. Advice on practice matters are of great benefit to Members, who either work alone, or in isolation from other colleagues. When the collective experience of peers is required, this is usually harnessed by the RIAI executive.

There were in excess of 900 telephone calls answered by the Practice Director in 2011, the majority of which were answering queries from RIAI Members and Practices. Advice on obtaining Professional



Joe Miller
Practice Director

Indemnity Insurance, insurance levels, notifications, wording of bespoke conditions of engagement, warranties and risk management, based on analysis of current claim trends. Throughout the year the Practice Director has obtained legal advice for benefit of Members and the general Membership.

Both the RIAI Director and the Practice Director, frequently rely on the experience and expertise of practitioners whose expertise and experience is unsurpassed within the profession, on particular matters.

The Director and Practice Director also rely on an RIAI contracts advisor, who advises in specialised and complex contractual problems, resulting in a written reply by the

RIAI to the contractual matter raised by the member.

By seeking early advice from the RIAI, many of the Member's difficulties can be resolved, or a procedure can be established to mitigate risks of serious contractual difficulties with clients, local authorities and building contracts. There is a considerable body of knowledge from the RIAI Director, Practice Director and the Practice Committee available to the Membership: prevention is the best medicine.

Contractual difficulties prominently featured in request for advice, in particular relating to interim certification, over certification, non-payment of certificates, practical completion, disputed defects lists, client interference, cost overrun, contract time overrun, and application of liquidated and ascertained damages. Members sought advice on planning and building regulation, appropriate use of building contracts and warranties, the vetting of letters on behalf of Members, to clients, client's legal advisors, and contractors.

PRACTICE DIRECTOR'S SERVICE TO THE CLIENTS

Confidential advice is frequently sought by clients regarding perceived difficulties they have; normally it is the inexperienced client who seeks advice on the detail of their agreement with the Member, contractual obligations under the building contract, and general procedures during the construction stage. Generally clients are satisfied when issues are discussed confidentially with the RIAI Director and Practice Director and this service can be regarded as a form of mediation and is greatly appreciated

by clients. Occasionally complaints are made against Members, however early discussions by clients with the RIAI, have, without doubt, prevented complaints being made, a process of which the Member would not have been aware.

Procurement of Architectural Consultancy Services for Government Projects. Complaints from RIAI Practices are common when they are unreasonably prevented from tendering through the e-tender process, because of restrictive conditions imposed by the procurer. This still occurred despite the issue by the Department of Finance of Circular 10/10, which was intended to pave the way for greater access for SMEs to the public procurement process. Despite this circular it has been necessary for the RIAI to write to numerous procuring agencies of the state advising them that they are in breach of the circular.

The more common restrictions include unnecessarily high levels of Professional Indemnity Insurance cover and excess levels; unrealistic annual turnover inappropriate for the size of the project; previous experience of similar projects over a short time span – ignoring the downturn in the construction industry – excessive requirements for technical and administrative staff – health and safety qualifications.

CLIENT/ ARCHITECT AGREEMENTS

In 2011 the preferred option for both the client and architect for fee agreements, together with a fixed service, was a lump sum fee. This gave cost certainty to clients

and also certainty to Members, because of the exceptionally low tenders, well below prudent cost plans. Unusually low tenders are a cause for concern as they may lead to liquidation or receivership during the building programme.

NEW AND EXISTING BUILDING CONTRACTS

The prequalifying of contractors and suppliers no longer had the certainty it previously had, because of the increased number of receiverships and liquidations of some of the most established contractors. Trading difficulties cause building programme uncertainty, late delivery of materials, unpaid wages to tradesmen and sub-contractors, resulting in receivership or liquidations.

RIAI Practices experienced the same difficulties encountered in 2010, with main contractor, domestic sub-contractor, nominated sub-contractors and suppliers experiencing trading difficulties. Members encountered considerable contract administrative difficulties dealing with the determining of contracts and the appointment of other contractors to complete projects.

The general advice to RIAI Members when the non-performance of contractors becomes persistent was to advise the client of the options available under the building contract, including the option of determining the contract, after a warning notice was issued to the contractor; the liquidation of the contractor under the contract permits the client to immediately determine, and the completion of the contract using another contractor.

REVISED RIAI 2002 EDITION OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

The RIAI 2002 edition was revised in 2011, reprinted with up-dates agreed with the Liaison Committee to the Construction Industry. The Practice Director prepared guidance notes explaining the changes and these are published on the RIAI and Liaison Committee web sites, copies were made available, through the RIAI bookshop. The revised edition is dated 2011.

THE RIAI SHORT FORM OF CONTRACT (SF 88)

Sub-committee C of the RIAI practice Committee worked on up-dating SF 88. It is known that SF88 is extensively used by RIAI Members for small to medium size works. However, in recent years demands of clients for specialist suppliers and sub-contractors has caused difficulties, if SF 88 was used. There is no provision for the appointment of nominated sub-contractors or suppliers in the contract.

It is intended that the updated SF 88 will make very clear the appropriate use of the contract, and will update insurance requirements, determining the contract, if the contractor is in liquidation, and an extended defects liability period. The revised version will be available in 2012.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL ON THE PROCESSING OF DISABILITY ACCESS CERTIFICATES APPLICATIONS

The RIAI Director and Practice Director met Michael Stubbs, DCC Director of Services

and Jim Keoghan Head of Building Control to discuss difficulties and unsatisfactory processing of DAC application by DCC Building Control. Two important changes to their procedures were agreed; the national DAC application form would be used instead of the DCC version, and Agents/ Architects to be copied with any correspondence by DCC with the applicant during the application process. This brought DCC in line in these two aspects with DAC regulations.

An Bord Pleanála have appointed external consultants to process DAC appeals; 5 RIAI Members are acting as external consultants to the Bord.

Work on a guidance document on the processing of DAC continued and the RIAI were represented on the Local Government Services Board by Fionnuala Rogerson, Michael Mohan and the Practice Director.

AN BORD PLEANALA AND DECISIONS ON DISABILITY ACCESS CERTIFICATE APPEALS

Up to the 20th April 2011 An Bord Pleanála had adjudicated on 7 appeals on DACs. The total number in the system at that date was 28, three of which were subsequently withdrawn.

Of the 28 appeals, 23 were processed by Dublin City Council, which is 82% of all appeals. An analysis was carried out of the decisions and the conditions amended by An Bord Pleanála.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BILL

The Bill was sponsored by Senator Fergal Quinn and was a rushed attempt to provide legislation to secure payment when disputes arise in construction contracts, through a 28 day Adjudication process. It is ironic that most disputes in construction occur between sub-contractors and main contractors, usually members of the CIF, yet these disputes cannot be resolved within the CIF.

The RIAI, SCS, EI and ACEI produced a report which researched adjudication worldwide, which proposed alternative solutions to these problems.

It has been reported by the Department of Finance that the Attorney General has produced a revised Bill, the contents of which are, as yet, not known.

MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENTS (MUDS)

The Muds Bill was passed in law and is now an Act No.2 of 2011.

The section appropriate to architects is in Section 3. - 3(1)(d).

Schedule 3 provides the information that the developer is obliged to issue to the management company. The RIAI met representatives of the Law Society of Ireland, on foot of the workshop held at Dublin Castle, when some practical difficulties were identified in relation to certification, compliance and the form of the Owner Management Contract (OMC). The Law Society proposed OMC contract

and held discussions with the RIAI on the finalisation of the contract.

THE RIAI GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE 5TH EDITION ON-LINE

The up-dating of the 5th edition on-line was completed. All 10 chapters have been reviewed and expanded. Additional chapters were included on the appointment of consultants for public works under the Department of Finance Conditions of Engagement. Chapters on the use of the GCCC forms of building contracts are also included, including procedures on site and contract administration. The risk management section of each chapter has also been revised and expanded.

A quality assessment section will be included so that Director or Project Architect can record and monitor the appointment, planning, tendering and contract administration, during the course of the appointment.

RIAI SURVEY OF ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A survey was undertaken by the RIAI to ascertain the architectural resources needed to provide a proper architectural service for primary and secondary schools. This was necessary because of the awarding of commissions for architectural services, when it was obvious that fee accepted by the school procurer was too low, when analysed using hourly rates. The results of the survey indicate the number of hours per sq. metre of floor area of the school. The Department of Education and Skills

were advised of the results of the survey through discussions with the RIAI Design for Education Group and it is hoped the survey information will add another component to how tenders for school commissions can be evaluated when the bid is being made and being assessed.

THE IRISH GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

The RIAI is a founding member of the Irish Green Building Council. An important meeting was held for founding member on the 24th May 2011 to demonstrate the work to date of the Council. The workshop was addressed by the Minister of the Environment, Phil Hogan and the RIAI participated in the work shop sessions.

THE RIAI COMMITTEES

The Practice Committee

The changes to the structure of the Practice Committee continued to be implemented in 2011, under the chairmanship of Brian Kavanagh. These were made to improve efficiency and have more defined outcomes, with a quicker response to current practice issues. The Practice Committee now comprises 9 sub-committees, each with their list of specific tasks and deadlines.

- Sub-Committee A; deals with Planning.
- Sub-Committee B: deals with Building Regulations.
- Sub-Committee C: deals with Contracts, Certification and Dispute Resolution.

- Sub-Committee D: deals with the Good Practice Guide.
- Sub-Committee E: deals with Communications with the Membership.
- Sub-Committee F: deals with Cost Information Systems.
- Sub-Committee G: deals with RIAI Agreements and Documentation.
- Sub-Committee H: deals with Procurement.
- Sub-Committee I: deals with Building Information Modelling.

Topics for the Committee during 2011 include:

- RIAI Planning Survey
- Meeting with Planning Department of Fingal Co. Co. and Dublin City Council re planning difficulties
- A strategy for influencing development plans
- bREG
- Liaison Committee Guidance Notes on Health and Safety.
- RIAI submission on Part L 2011.
- RIAI submission on Part H
- RIAI Submission on Part K
- RIAI Submission on Part F
- Preparation for Part L Road Show

- TGD Part B and BS9999
- Survey of DAC and Fire Safety Procedures by Local Authorities
- Up-dating of SF88
- Review of the “White” form of contract
- Progress on the new form of contract – Liaison Committee
- Revisions to David Keane's Book on RIAI Contracts
- Conciliation and Arbitration and the Liaison Committee
- EU Service Directive
- Discussions with Tim Boucher Hayes and the revised RIAI form of contract
- Up-dating the RIAI Good Practice Guide 5th Edition on- line.
- Good Practice Guide as equivalent to ISO 9001
- Co-Lateral Warranties and the Law Society
- RIAI Technical Series for 2012.
- Recession Survival Kit for Practices - Workshop
- RIAI Web Site.
- Code of Practice for Internship.
- VAT Obligations and Stage Payments for Public Work Contracts.
- RIAI Meeting with NAMA.

- Casey Article for the Irish Times and RIAI Response.
- Members Survey of Skills Requirements for CPD.
- GCCC: 10.3 Change Orders
- BIM Information Comparison on BIM Software: 4 Suppliers
- BIM Open day at RIAI
- BIM Free Training Days by Software Suppliers
- BIM Questionnaire on Training Needs and Skills in the Profession.

RIAI Sustainability Task Force

There was a change in chairmanship for the STF, when Bill Scott retired and was replaced by Paddy de Roe. An open meeting for all Members of the RIAI was held in December 2010 resulting in a number of new members for the STF. The workload included:

- DEAP Software Consultation – consultation commentary submitted by STF on basis of previous Part L consultation response.
- Climate Change Bill – consultation commentary drafted but withheld following withdrawal of bill by new government.
- Consultation on Green Procurement - consultation commentary submitted by STF for inclusion in RIAI submission.
- Public Consultation on Ventilation

Systems (Part F) - consultation commentary submitted by STF.

- Waste disposal / Site management -sample specification for site / projects issued for publication.
- Information, references and reference sites made available for ‘Green Corner’ of RIAI website.
- Data on energy / sustainable computer tools made available for ‘Green Corner’ of RIAI website.
- Renewable rights- guidance on how current legislation / law affect the long term rights of those using renewable energy technologies in the context of adjacent development.
- How to Achieve a Sustainable Home– introduction to sustainability issues by Bill Scott – RIAI
- Pilot briefing aimed at the general public but largely attended by Architects.
- Part L Roadshow – STF members briefing on implications of new Part L Regulation delivered at various locations nationwide.
- RSUA - Contract was made with the Royal Society of Ulster Architects RSUA and representatives attended a meeting of the STF. The meeting found many points of interest. The link with the RSUA is being further developed in the coming year.

RIAI Housing Committee

The chair of the Housing Committee is Mick

McDonagh. The Committee discussed the following during the year:

- Survey of the Ghost Estates.
- The Pre '63 submission to the Dublin City Council by Paul Kelly
- Part L 2011 of the Building Regulations.
- The report by the National Consumers Agency on Housing.
- The Joint Sustainable Communities and Housing Conference 2011
- The Manual for Streets issued by DECLG
- The RIAI Policy on the Future of Housing in Ireland
- bREG
- SEAI and BER Assessment of a Housing Estate in Fingal
- Dublin City Council future Housing Needs
- DECLG Pyrite Panel Group
- A Paper on Passive Housing prepared by John Morehead

RIAI Accessibility Task Force

The chair of the RIAI Accessibility Task Force is Ruth O'Reilly. The workload included:

- The RIAI Award for the Best Accessible Building.

- The Schindler Award for European Schools of Architecture
- The Conference on Independent Living and Design for our Ageing People
- Participation on the Local Government Management Services Board and Guidance on the Processing of Disability Access Certificates
- The "Kanchi Network" Creating Inclusive Business through the Disability Business Case
- Preparation for an "Open" meeting for RIAI members to include reports on the workload of the ATF
- Report on and Presentation to the Building Control Officers Conference 2012
- Reports on UIA and ACE issues on Accessibility
- European Disability Standards
- Accessibility Issues and Protected Structures
- Case Study on adaptability on a 4 Storey Centre City Building and a Disability Access Certificate
- The Improving Access to Historic Buildings Publication
- Building Regulations TGD Part K.

RIAI Design for Education Group

The chair of the Design for Education Group is Jim Coady. The Committee discussed the following during the year:

- Arranging the DES Seminar on procurement of Architectural Services for School Projects
- The RIAI School Survey to Establish the Hours Required for a Complete School Service for Various Types of Schools
- School Design Research- Individual Projects and Competitions
- Schools Colloquium Open by the Minister of Education
- Arranging Schools Exhibition for Colloquium
- Arranging Colloquia for 2012.
- The Joint RIAI/ DES Meetings
- The Primary School Brief for the DES Competition
- The School Building Inventory
- The Secondary School Competition
- PPP for Schools
- Topics for Seminars for 2012
- School Brief for travelling Scholarship

RIAI Historic Building Committee

The chair of the Historic Building Committee was David Young. The Committee discussed the following during the year:

- DECLG "Improving Accessibility to Historic Buildings"
- Conservation Grants
- Sustainability and Protected Structures
- The RIAI Report on Conservation in Planning Departments and the Public Service
- HBC Contributions to the RIAI Good Practice Guide
- RIAI Conservation Guidelines
- RIAI Conditions of Engagement for Conservation and Restoration Works
- The Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015
- The Building at Risk Grant Scheme
- The Heritage Council Draft Strategic Plan
- Part IV Revision of the Planning and Development Act

An Appreciation of the Support of the Membership

The Practice Division within the RIAI is supported by the Members without whose assistance the Practice Committee; the Accessibility Task Force; the Housing Committee, the Historic Building

Committee, the Historic Building Committee and the Sustainability Task Force could not function so successfully.

The Practice Committee Consulted with Outside Bodies including:

- Law Society of Ireland.
- Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.
- Department of Education and Skills.
- Department of Finance.
- Liaison Committee to the Construction Industry.
- National Consumers Agency on MUDs.
- The Construction Industry Council.
- Engineers Ireland and ACEI
- The Irish Green Building Council.
- Office of Public Works
- BRAB.

RIAI Submissions on Various Consultation Documents:

They are available on the RIAI web site.

- Submission on SEAI Public Consultation on the DEAP Software
- Submission to DECLG on Climate Change
- Submission to DECLG on the National Spatial Strategy

- Submission to DECLG on Green Procurement
- Submission to the Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2011 -2017
- Submission on the Draft National Renewable Energy Action Plan (RIAI STF).
- Submission on the South Dublin County Council Draft Development Plan 2011- 2017 (RIAI Housing).
- Submission on the Draft Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011- 2017 (RIAI Housing – STF).
- Submission on the Draft Fingal County Council Development Plan 2011- 2017 (RIAI Housing- STF).
- Submission on the Draft Building Regulations Part L.
- Submission on the Draft Building Regulations Part K.
- Submission on the Draft Building Regulations Part F.
- RIAI Submission on the Public Consultation Document Part A (Structure) of the Building Regulations 1997- 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications with the RIAI Membership is conducted by e/mail with monthly Practice, Members and CPD bulletins, which cover the latest and most salient information available to the RIAI for the benefit of the Members.

Registration and RIAI Admissions

ADMISSIONS 2011

128

new architects admitted to the Register, almost one fifth come through routes specifically designed for recognition of practical experience.

153

new members admitted to the RIAI including 127 architects, 9 architectural graduates and 17 architectural technologists.

INTRODUCTION

2011 was, like previous years, a busy one for RIAI Admissions. The RIAI Admissions Section directly supports the work of three separate decision making bodies: the Statutory Admissions Board, the Statutory Technical Assessment Board, and the Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee which addresses applications for RIAI membership. A significant amount of policy work was also undertaken in relation to the ongoing work of these three bodies as well as in the broader context of modernisation of the European Directive on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC).

PRESCRIPTION OF QUALIFICATIONS

Prescription of qualifications at national level is an important issue for professional access and the RIAI made three recommendations for prescription to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in 2011. These were for the B.Arch. Awards made by Waterford Institute of Technology and the University of Limerick as well as the Architects Register Admission Examination. In accordance with the regulations developed for this process, and the terms of the Act, the recommendations were reviewed and confirmed by the Higher Education Training and Awards Council and the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland. Prescription requires regulation in the form of a Statutory Instrument by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government which remained outstanding at the end of 2011.

In 2011 RIAI Council decided that, as prescription is a potentially lengthy process and because a number of people had successfully completed the Register Admission Examination, those who met the criteria set down in section 14(2)(f) of the Act would be admitted to membership, until such time as prescription was in place, to provide timely access to the register for



Margaret Hynds O'Flanagan
Admissions Director

those who met the criteria. The Admissions Board and Department of the Environment Community and Local Government were apprised of this approach and in 2011 twenty applicants were deemed eligible to register on this basis.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Admissions Section was also very closely involved in the systems review process and subsequent invitation to tender for a new RIAI database system.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Admissions Section hosted a visit from the Slovak Chamber of Architects in March

2011, the Slovak Chamber were seeking information in particular on methods for recognising individuals who had achieved the necessary knowledge, skill and competence for recognition as an architect without the benefit of recognised formal qualifications.

ADMISSIONS BOARD

The Admissions Board met 9 times in 2011. No new ministerial nominee was provided to replace the Board member who had resigned in 2010 which created some difficulty in achieving the required quorum, however, the existing Board members

were flexible and endeavoured to attend meetings to ensure that applicants were not disadvantaged.

The Admissions board considered 128 candidates eligible for admission to the register. The rates are set out in the table below.

Of this 128, 127 applicants sought Registration and Membership of the RIAI and 1 sought Registration only.

Routes E and F are those established to assess individuals in practice without recognised qualifications but who have

attained the necessary standard through practical experience. In 2011, 24 architects, that is 19% of new entrants, came through these routes.

The membership of the Admissions Board in 2011 was as follows: Richard Humphreys, Chairperson (Minister's appointee); Paula Butler (Minister's nominee); Brian Cunningham (Minister's nominee); Mairead Hughes (Minister's nominee); Eoin O'Cofaigh (RIAI nominee); Toal Ó Muire (RIAI nominee); Grainne Shaffrey (RIAI nominee).

The RIAI thanks all Admissions Board members for their continued dedication to the important task of considering applications for registration.

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT BOARD

The Technical Assessment Board met 9 times in 2011. The Board continued its work in carrying out the various duties assigned under the Act. The area is complex and the Board sought and received legal advice on issues relating to consideration of the criteria set down in section 22(7) of the Act, the outcome of this advice and the Board's own advice to Assessors was published on the RIAI website in the Information area for technical assessment candidates.

The Board decided on six applications in the course of the year, five applicants were deemed eligible for registration and one was deemed ineligible.

The membership of the Board in 2011 was as follows: Cliona Kimber, Chairperson (Minister's appointee); Sean Balfe

Subsection	RIAI Route descriptor (see www.riai.ie)	N	%
14(2)(a)(I)	Route A1: Prescribed Qualifications (14(2)(a)(I))	19	15%
14(2)(b)	Route A1/2: Prescribed/Recognised Qualifications plus RIAI Professional Practice Examination	29	23%
14(2)(b)	Route B: Assessment of qualifications held against required standards. Addresses extra-EEA qualifications and combinations of qualifications acquired across States including those: – prescribed under Irish law; and/or – recognised within the EU in accordance with Directive 2005/36/EC; and/or – recognised and awarded outside the EU but demonstrably equivalent to a prescribed qualification.	9	7%
14(2)(a)(II)	Route C: Prescribed Qualification, and experience based assessment of professional level standard	3	2%
15(1)(b)	D1: Automatic recognition under Directive 2005/36/EC	42	33%
14(2)(h)	E: Technical Assessment	4	3%
14(2)(b)	F: Register Admissions Examination (pre prescription)	20	16%
Total		128	100%

(Minister's nominee); Bernard Lennon (Minister's nominee); Geraldine Walsh (Minister's nominee); Henk van der Kamp (Minister's nominee); Orla Fitz.Gerald (RIAI nominee); Loughlin Kealy (RIAI nominee); Joan O'Connor (RIAI nominee).

The RIAI thanks all Technical Assessment Board members for their continued dedication to the demanding and important task of considering applications made under the Technical Assessment route.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee established by Council in 2010 met 9 times in 2011. The Committee deals with all applications for membership of the RIAI and is scheduled to meet in the week following admissions board meetings to reduce and potential for delay to candidates seeking registration and membership. Sandra Campbell joined the Committee in July following Ann McNicholl's retirement.

The Committee considers applicants for all grades of RIAI membership and in the course of 2011 decided the following numbers were eligible for Membership in the grades indicated in the table below.

The membership of the Committee in 2011 was as follows: Martin Donnelly, Chairperson; Joe Byrne; Sandra Campbell (from July 2011); Sheila Foley (to September 2011); Margaret Hynds O'Flanagan; Ann McNicholl (to June 2011); Jim Murphy; Ronan Rose-Roberts; David Thompson.

The RIAI thanks all Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee members for their dedication to the important task of considering applications for RIAI membership.

Mobility for Architects

Developments

In June 2011 the Official Journal of the European Union (2011/C 183/01) included a notice of a change to the requirements for the automatic recognition of architects from a number of Member States including

Ireland. Irish architects seeking automatic recognition in another EU/EEA member State now require an 'Accompanying Certificate' to the effect that they are registered or eligible to be registered in Ireland. The certificate is called the "Certificate of fulfilment of qualifications requirements for professional recognition as an architect in Ireland issued by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI)". The RIAI worked hard to ensure that certifying 'eligibility' to register was an option so that migrating architects would not be forced to maintain registration here if established in another country.

Supports: 105 letters of confirmation issued to support migrating Irish architects

The RIAI continued to provide services for members, registrants and graduates seeking work and/or training opportunities abroad. In the course of 2011 105 letters confirming status and/or qualifications were issued by the RIAI in support of migrating Irish graduates and professionals.

European co-operation

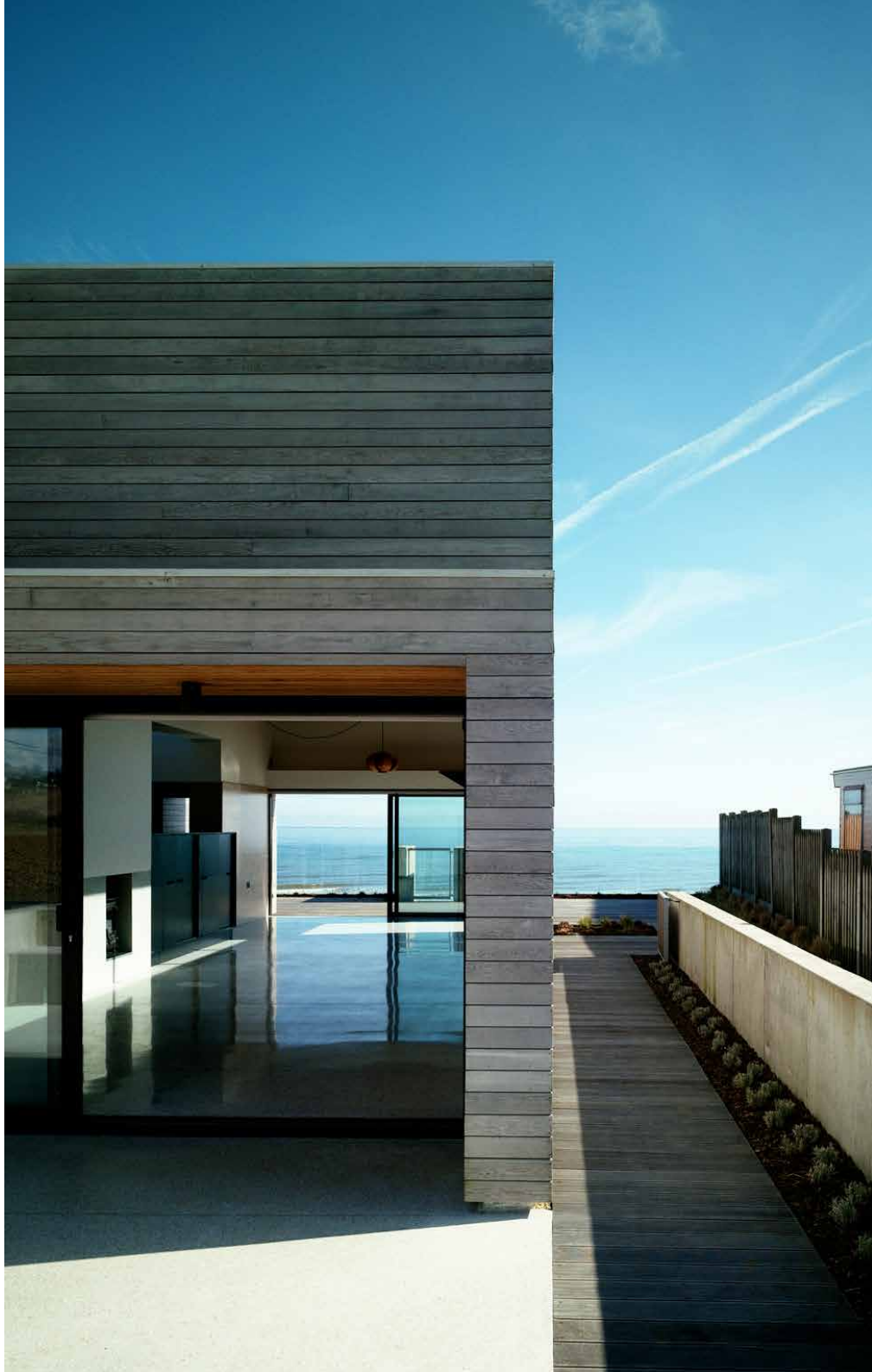
The 'Modernisation' process of Directive 2005/36/EC continued in 2011 with a public consultation which was launched in January 2011 and to which the RIAI provided a comprehensive response. In the context of the modernisation process the RIAI and An Bord Altranais worked together through late 2010 to provide a forum for discussion at national level. The first meeting of the Irish Sectoral Competent Authorities co-organised by the RIAI and An Bord Altranais was hosted by An Bord Altranais in January 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage understanding and debate about the proposals made by the Commission at

Membership Grade	N	%
Architect (MRIAI)	102	67%
Architect (MRIAI(IRL))	25	16%
Total Architect (127)		
Architectural Graduate	9	6%
Architectural Technologist (RIAI(Arch.Tech.))	17	11%
Total	153	100%

national level. The meeting was attended by representatives of: An Bord Altranais; the RIAI; The Dental Council; the Medical Council; the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland; the Veterinary Council of Ireland; HETAC; the NQAI; the Department of Education and Skills, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation and the Department of Health. A second meeting of the group was hosted by An Bord Altranais, and in July the RIAI hosted a third meeting. The Department of Education and Skills then hosted a meeting for all Competent Authorities, including those not covered by the sectoral system, in August at which the RIAI gave a short presentation.

In April 2011 the European Commission held a meeting in Brussels to discuss the minimum training conditions set down in Article 46 of Directive 2005/36/EC. All EU and EEA member states were represented at the meeting, Ireland was represented by the RIAI and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

The RIAI was also represented at the three meetings of the European Network of Competent Authorities held in 2011 in London (January) Valletta (May) and Gdansk (September). The RIAI also continued its involvement with the Architects Council of Europe's Working Group on Directive 2005/36/EC. In January 2011, on the invitation of the European Commission the RIAI presented at a workshop session of the Commission's conference titled 'The IMI and the Services Directive'. The IMI is a confidential querying facility set up by the European Commission to facilitate confidential exchange of information between Competent Authorities with regard to applications for recognition.





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RIAI Taskforces

RIAI

- **RIAI Council**
- **RIAI Audit Committee**
- **RIAI Remuneration Committee**
- **Western Region**
- **Northern Region**
- **Southern Region**
- **Eastern Region**
- **Limerick Forum**
- **London Group**

Services to Members

- **Accessibility**
- **Housing**
- **Sustainability**
- **Historic Buildings Committee**
- **Practice Committee**
- **Practice Sub Committee A:**
Planning & Development Plan Reviews, Public Service Architects
- **Practice Sub Committee B:**
Building Regulations – Fire Safety – Health and Safety – DAC's- Building Technologies
- **Practice Sub Committee C:**
Building Contracts – RIAI Forms – Government Forms – Certification – Contract Administration – Dispute Resolution – Insurances – Project Management – Warranties – Liaison Committee
- **Practice Sub Committee D:**
Good Practice Guide Review – Risk Management – Practice Notes – Information Papers – CPD online
- **Practice Sub Committee E:**
The Role of the Practice Committee – Communication with Membership – Reducing Bureaucracy
- **Practice Sub Committee F:**
Information Systems – Project Costing – Templates – Risk Analysis – Cost Guidelines
- **Practice Sub Committee G:**
Review of RIAI Documentation – Client/Architect Agreements – Client Briefing – Warranties – Opinions on Compliance
- **Practice Sub Committee H:**
Procurement – P.I.I
- **Practice Sub Committee I:**
Building Information Modelling
- **Design for Education Committee**
- **Healthcare Design Committee**
- **RIAI Government Contracts Committee**
- **Small Practice Procurement Committee**
- **MUDS Drafting Group**
- **Joint RIAI/DES Education Committee**
- **City and County Architects**
- **Liaison Committee**
- **Architectural Technologist Committee**
- **Competence Taskforce**
- **Architectural Technology Competence Taskforce**
- **Good Practice Guide**
- **Conservation Accreditation Board**
- **Conservation Appeal Board**

Services to the Profession

- **Professional Conduct Committee**
(NOTE: Not active at present while awaiting Ministerial nomination of non-architect members of the committee (ref Building Control Bill)).
- **Board of Architectural Education**
- **Student Award / Travelling Scholarship**
- **Architecture Assessment Panel**
- **Professional Practice Exam Board**
- **BAE Architectural Technologist Assessment Panel**
- **BAE Admissions Committee**
- **University of Limerick B. Arch Course – Visiting Board**
- **DIT Dip Arch. Tech. Course – Visiting Board**
- **Galway Dip Arch. Tech. Course – Visiting Board**
- **ARAE REG, UCD**
- **Architectural Technologist Examination**
- **International Affairs Committee**
- **ENACA**
- **Admissions Board**
- **Technical Assessment Board**

Architecture & the Public

- **Urban Design Committee**
- **Architecture Ireland**
- **House Magazine**
- **Irish Architecture Foundation**
- **Tidy Towns Award**

- European
- Gold Medal For Architecture
- Silver Medal For Housing
- Silver Medal for Conservation And Restoration
- RIAI Annual Irish Architecture Awards
- Government Policy on Architecture Committee
- Media Relations

Architecture & Public Policy

OUTSIDE BODIES

- Local Government Management Services Board
- Irish Agrément Board
- Timber Consultative Committee
- The Construction Industry Standards Committee
- Joint DOELG/RIAI Housing Committee
- Architects Council of Europe
- ACE Work Groups:
 - Cost Information Systems
 - Internal Market and Competition
 - Governance
 - SHW
 - SHW Research
 - Trade in Services
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Professional Qualifications Directive
 - Professional Experience
 - Accreditation-Validation
 - Finance
- EU Advisory Committee on Education and Training
- Construction Industry Council
- UIA Architecture for All
- Inter-Professional Group
- Irish Architectural Archive
- RIAI Insurance Services Limited
- Design Ireland
- Construction Advisory Committee – Health & Safety
- Construction Safety Partnership
- BRAB
- DOCOMOMO
- National Construction & Demolition Waste Council
- URBAN FORUM
- National Disease Surveillance Centre
- Royal College of Physicians Clinical Advisory Group on Healthcare Associated Infections
- Local Authority SPC's (Strategic Policy Committees)
 - **Dublin City Council** – Housing, Social & Community Affairs SPC
 - **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown CoCo** – Planning SPC
 - **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown CoCo** – Housing SPC
 - **Fingal CoCo** – Planning & Development SPC
 - **Kilkenny CoCo** – Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and other Policy Issues SPC
 - **Leitrim CoCo** – Community, Culture & Enterprise Development
 - **Limerick City Council** – Economic and Development SPC
 - **Limerick City Council** – Social Policy and Housing SPC
 - **Mayo CoCo** – Housing SPC
 - **Monaghan CoCo** – Planning, Economic Dvpt & Water SPC
 - **Waterford CoCo** – Environment & Planning SPC
 - **Waterford CoCo** – Housing SPC
 - **Waterford CoCo** – Community, Culture, Sports & Recreation SPC



Financial Statements and Report

Financial Report

- €273,000 subvention for Annual Charges
- €131,248 operating deficit
- 33% of turnover from Annual and Practice Charges

2011 was the second year in over a decade that the RIAI operated at a loss; €131,248 (€164,396 loss in 2010) being deducted from reserves. The difficult economic climate continues to impact on all areas of the RIAI.

The RIAI Council has approved the executives' strategy of using the reserves

- to subvent the annual charges of members and registrants
- to invest in long term initiatives to further the objectives of the organisation
- to support the development of the systems and supports required to implement the organisations responsibilities under the Building Control Act 2007

In 2011 the number of architects and architectural technologists experiencing financial hardship increased and the subvention for hardship and unwaged members was €273,000.

The RIAI overall turnover decreased by 15.46% with notable reductions in income from Annual Charges, rent from Corrigan House, Visiting Boards, Competitions, Bookshop and RIAI Insurances. Focus continued on reducing expenditures and overall expenditure decreased by 15.65% mainly due to cuts in salaries and to savings made in expenditure on the Irish Architectural Awards, and the achievement of small reductions in costs across the majority of RIAI activities.

Investment continued in the promotion of architecture through the Simon Open Door, the RIAI Ideal Homes, and research into the development of an international strategy for the promotion of Irish Architecture. Resources were invested in developing stronger lines of communications to ensure that Architects and Technologists are provided with timely relevant information; and that the RIAI could communicate with it's stakeholders and the general public in a more effective manner. There were two new significant expenditure items in 2011, namely the first phase of the redevelopment of the RIAI database and an advertisement campaign to increase awareness of the Buildings Control Act 2007.

Focus also continued on developing education supports for architects and architectural technologists and to developing new low cost accessible CPD courses.

The RIAI policy of maintaining a broad range of sources of funding, with Annual Charges and Practice Registration Charges contributing to 33% to turnover, continues to be pursued. The overall position of the RIAI remains strong despite the loss in 2011, with good level of reserves and unencumbered assets; strict monitoring of the financial aspects of all activities will be continued by the Executive with strategic guidance from the RIAI Council.

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Revenue Account

for the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
	€	€
Annual charges and other operating income	3,286,622	3,887,586
Expenditure	(3,417,870)	(4,051,982)
Deficit for the year before taxation	(131,248)	(164,396)
Taxation	-	-
Deficit for the year after taxation	(131,248)	(164,396)

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Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2011

	2011 €	2010 €
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	2,137,470	2,240,159
Current Assets		
Stocks	65,493	74,827
Debtors	153,177	206,267
Cash at Bank and in Hand	3,352,882	3,360,921
	3,571,552	3,642,015
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one year)	(672,427)	(714,331)
Net Current Assets	2,899,125	2,927,684
Net Assets	5,036,595	5,167,843
Capital and Reserves		
Revenue Account	3,815,352	3,946,600
Revaluation Reserve	1,195,333	1,195,333
Other Reserves	25,910	25,910
Accumulated Funds	5,036,595	5,167,843

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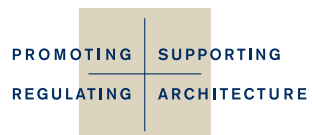
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Note

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are extracted from the complete statutory financial statements which have been attached to the Annual Report lodged at the Companies Registration Office and on which the auditors have reported without qualification. A copy of the complete statutory financial statements are also available on request from the Institute or can be accessed on the Institute's website.





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