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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of Architects, Pakistan (IAP) was established in 1957 by a small group of architects who had been trained in the West and either worked for the government or were in private practice. IAP was formally registered in 1968 under the Societies Act, and subsequently registered in 1987 under the Companies Ordinance 1984, with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) with the following objectives amongst others:

- To organize the profession of architecture in Pakistan and to look after professional interests as well as those of the public, in general, concerned with the building profession.
- To promote the cause of Architecture in Pakistan and to assist in the setting up of schools of architecture throughout the country.
- To enforce a code of ethics and discipline among practicing architects and for this purpose to promote the passing of a statutory Registration Act for architects in Pakistan.
- To establish contact with other national and international professional bodies of architects throughout the world, and
- To conduct research and organize seminars, conferences and exhibitions for promoting the cause of the architectural profession

Members of IAP have been instrumental in setting up and running many of the private architecture schools in the country. Apart from the majority of the full-time faculty who are members of IAP, a large number of senior members of IAP are associated with schools as visiting professors, thesis advisors or jurors.

Through the consistent efforts and lobbying of IAP the professions of Architecture and Town Planning received the due recognition and protection with the establishment of a statutory registration body, Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) in 1983.

IAP has conducted several architectural design competitions at local, national and international levels for the government and corporate clients. It continues to conduct competitions on its own or in collaboration with PCATP.

In 2007, the Institute took a significant step to reorganize itself and redefine the relationship between the National Council and the Chapter Executive Committees. By adopting the Charter of Chapters, the National Council of the IAP devolved to its Chapters the responsibility to manage its membership, organise events and generate funds for them. The National Council assumed for itself, a monitoring, coordinating, and policy-making role. The National Council represents the Institute at the Federal Government level and in national and international forums.

IAP is presently in the process of going through major revisions of its Articles of Association to cater to the current and future demands of the profession in line with the IAP Founders' vision. The exercise is expected to be completed within the next few months.

OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers are elected each year from amongst the members of the National Council. The following are the office bearers elected of IAP elected for the term 2010-2011:

Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan	<i>President</i>
Ar. Ahmad Pervez Mirza	<i>Vice President.</i>
Ar. Suhail Abbasi	<i>Vice President</i>
Ar. Arif Changezi	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
Ar. Arif Belgaumi	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>

In addition to the above there are four other members directly elected to the National Council. The directly elected members who each have three-year tenure are:

Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami	<i>Member (Chairman, Board of Architectural Education)</i>
Ar. Nayyar Ali Dada	<i>Member</i>
Ar. Mohammad Arshad	<i>Member</i>
Ar. Kalim A Siddiqui	<i>Member</i>

The four Chapters of the IAP are represented on the IAP National Council by the Chairpersons of the Executive Committee of each Chapter. The four Chapter Chairpersons are:

Ar. Anjum Adil	<i>Chairman, Karachi Chapter</i>
Ar. Syed Muhammad Irfan	<i>Chairman, Lahore Chapter</i>
Ar. Fawad Suhail Abbasi	<i>Chairman, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter</i>
Ar. Abdul Qayyum Khan	<i>Chairman, Peshawar Chapter</i>

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

The IAP membership comprises of three categories: Affiliates, Associates, and Fellows. The Affiliate category is open to Students who have entered the 3rd year of their architectural education and includes architectural graduates who have not gained the two years professional experience required for eligibility to become full Associates. Architects applying for Associate membership need to have minimum two years of professional experience and be registered with Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP), the profession's statutory licensing body. Fellows of the Institute are elected by the National Council to recognize outstanding service to the profession, to architectural education and to the Institute. There are currently over 400 Affiliates, 1200 Associates and 45 Fellows on the register of IAP.

BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

All events and programmes of the Institute are initiated, organized, funded and managed by the Chapters. The Chapters collect subscription dues and raise funds for their activities. Every year, the National Council prepares a budget to cover its expenses, programmes related to education and subscriptions to international organizations, which is presented to the Annual General Body Meeting. This budget is funded by the Chapters in proportion to their membership strength.

The Institute has an overall annual budget. Income is derived from a modest membership fee which contributes towards the operating expenses of the IAP Secretariat. The annual building products exhibition, IAPPEX, initiated in 2004 has been expanded to include an Architectural Conference/Forum and now takes place in 4 cities and is managed by the regional Chapters. This event brings a regular income to the Institute and has made it financially independent. However, specific activities, programmes and events are still arranged through sponsorships.

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

IAP has currently four Chapters covering the entire country:

Karachi Chapter covers the Provinces of Sindh and Balochistan

Lahore Chapter covers the Province of Punjab, except the Division of Rawalpindi which is covered by the Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter.

Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter covers Rawalpindi Division of Punjab, Islamabad Capital District, Province of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir

Peshawar Chapter, founded in 2006, is the youngest chapter and covers the Khyber Pakhtun-Khwa (KPK) (formerly known as NWFP) and the Northern Territories.

AGM OF THE INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the IAP is held before September 30 each year (or within year of last AGM), while the Chapters are required to conclude their AGM's by August 15. Apart from the statutory business that is conducted, members freely express their views and recommendations on a wide range of issues that confront the profession or the Institute. Major policy decisions are made or endorsed at the AGM.

Each year at the AGM, elections to the National Council for a three year term are held to fill the vacancies created by the retiring Council members. The Council members then elect the office bearers from amongst themselves for a one year period. Office bearers are eligible to be re elected provided they remain members of the National Council.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE

IAP is registered as a not-for-profit limited company with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). The Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP), the regulatory statutory body established by the Government, recognizes IAP as the sole representative body of professionally qualified architects of the country and as its 'executive arm'.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECT IN PAKISTAN

As an individual professional, the architect's title is by law protected under the Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) Ordinance 1983. The PCATP registers qualified architects and only those registered with PCATP are legally allowed to practice or even call themselves architects. Correspondingly, the IAP only recognizes PCATP registration as a requirement for Associate membership of the Institute.

REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS

Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) was established in 1983 by the promulgation of an Ordinance by the President of Pakistan. It is a common registration authority and maintains separate registers for architects and town planners.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

IAP is a member of the following international organizations:

International Union of Architects (**UIA**)

Architects Regional Council Asia (**ARCASIA**)

South Asian Association of Architects (**SAARCH**)

IAP is in the process of applying for re-admission to the membership of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (**CAA**)

MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE PAST YEAR

The IAP National Council and its Chapters had charted ambitious plans for holding events throughout the year.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

2009-10 was the first year when consolidated accounts of the National Council and all the Chapters were submitted to the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (according to their requirements) and also presented to the membership at the AGM. A common accounting firm has been retained to audit all the National Council and Chapter accounts.

IAP WEB PORTAL

IAP website has been completed and launched and has remained very active during the year. All the local, national and international event announcements, architectural competitions and important news received by IAP from UIA, ARCASIA and SAARCH are uploaded on the web for dissemination amongst the membership. This has helped in creating awareness in our members about architectural events worldwide

IAP HOUSE PROJECT

The Institute has intended for many years to construct its headquarter building in Karachi. As reported last year, a young firm, "Schematics", were selected as architects for the project through a national design competition. Construction documents of the project have now been finalised and the necessary building approvals have been obtained from the municipality. The project will shortly go for tendering. The Karachi Chapter is working to make this project the very first true 'Green Building' of the country and is geared up for the ground breaking ceremony that will take place at the Chapter AGM in the coming month.

PAKISTAN GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

IAP is one of the initiators of the process to establish the Pakistan Green Building Council (PGBC). As an active participant in the meetings, representatives of IAP, as founding members, have made significant contribution in the preliminary stages of the formation of PGBC. IAP has assigned itself the task of preparing a "Green Building Manual" for the building industry and this will eventually become an official document of PGBC. The first draft of the manual is likely to be completed by November 2011.

IAP CHAPTERS ACTIVITIES

During the course of the year the four regional chapters of the IAP organized numerous events to promote the profession of architecture and further the dialogue between architects from different parts of the country.

KARACHI CHAPTER

The Flood Relief Committee of the Karachi Chapter has continued from the previous year to help in rehabilitation of the flood victims, working closely with Karachi Relief Trust which has undertaken reconstruction of scores of villages in all the provinces.

The Chapter Executive Committee arranged lectures throughout the year for the benefit of its membership: A presentation on Rocca products by its Manager, Middle east was held on January 11, 2011 at the Indus Valley

School. Lectures by Ar. Zarminae Ansari and Ar. Iftikhar Azam were arranged on February 26 at the NED University City campus. Another Lecture by Ar. Khadija Jamal-Shaban was held on June 04 at the dawood College of Engineering & Technology (Iqbal) Campus. To ensure attendance of students, these lectures are hosted at different schools of architecture.

The 6th Annual International Exposition of Construction materials and building products, IAPEX 2011 Karachi, organized by the Karachi Chapter, was held on May 10-12, 2011 at the EXPO Centre, Karachi, largely attended by architects and building professionals and citizens. "Generation Next" was the title of the accompanying presentations at which upcoming young architects were invited to showcase their work

As part of the fundraising for IAP House construction, the Chapter held an exhibition called "21 Chairs", during April 2011, at the Indus Valley School, to display the 21 chairs designed and donated and put up for sale by 21 invited architects and their collaborative partners who were artists, designers, younger colleagues or students. The sale of chairs fetched a handsome income for IAP House Fundraising Committee.

LAHORE CHAPTER

After successful organization of the 31st ARCASIA Council Meeting, the ACA-15 and the ARCASIA Students' Jamboree by the Lahore Chapter in October 2010, the monthly Lecture Series recommenced on January 21, 2011 with the first lecture by Prof. James Wescoat on "Indus Basin as a Garden". This was followed by a lecture on "Architectural Conservation" by Prof. Sajjad Kausar on February 26, 2011. On March 28, Ar. Shahid Abdulla from Karachi made a presentation of his recent work and on April 29, Ar. Jahangir Khan Sherpao gave a lecture "A Walk Through Andalusia".

The Lahore Chapter's activities rounded off with the annual IAPEX 2011 Lahore, a three day exhibition of building materials and building products accompanied by an Architects' Convention on the theme "Architecture as an Expression of Poetic Spaces" and a seminar on "Conservation of Shalimar Gardens". Notable speakers were Prof. Sajjad Kausar whose keynote address was on "Mughal Gardens of Kashmir: Ecstasy of Fragrance, Texture and Sound", Ar. Najeeb Omar from Karachi, Ar. Rafiq Azam from Bangladesh, Ar. Kamil Khan Mumtaz, Ar. Nayyar Ali Dada and Dr. Ayesha Pamela Rogers.

The Seminar on "Conservation of Shalimar Gardens" was an interesting dialogue between conservationists and the representative of the Government's Archaeology Department, the institution which is responsible for the conservation of Shalimar Gardens.

RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD CHAPTER

The Rawalpindi / Islamabad Chapter remained busy throughout the year with multifarious activities involving members and students.

In the Regular Lecture Series 2010-11 lectures and presentations were made by six architects during the year: Ar. Ejaz Ahmed Quadri, Ar. Rafiq Azam from Bangladesh, Ar. Asadullah Varzgani from Lahore, Ar. Waqar Aziz, Landscape Architect Samina Aziz and Ar. Najeeb Omar from Karachi were the guest speakers. The lectures were well attended by members and students.

The Chapter conducted a Post Floods Housing Design Competition amongst the students of three architecture schools that are located in the region. There was an overwhelming response and the large number of submissions put up in an exhibition and evaluated by a jury consisting of senior architects. This was followed by a well attended Award Ceremony.

The Chapter has announced scholarships to two deserving students of the graduating class from each of the three architecture schools every year. The scholarship holders and the sponsor were recognized at a function specially organized for the purpose.

The post-flood relief efforts continued during the year, the notable contribution from the Chapter being the distribution of 250 warm beddings to the poor in the flood affected district of Charsadda in KPK Province.

The Rawalpindi / Islamabad Chapter hosted the annual IAPEX Rawalpindi Building Materials and Products Exhibition and Seminar from April 22 to 24, 2011. The action packed three day program included Recent Graduates' Exhibition, Exhibition and Seminar on "Fifty Years of Islamabad Architecture", Seminar on "Post Floods and Earthquakes: Humanitarian Disaster Mitigation". Amongst the technical presenters at the two seminars were Prof. Samra Khan, Ar. Ahmed Zaib Masud, Ar. Sikander Ajam Khan, Dr. Carmen and Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami.

Finally, the Board of Architectural Education Roundtable was conducted by the Chairman, BAE, Ar. Akeel Bilgrami, at which heads of the four architecture schools falling under the jurisdiction of Chapter, presented their respective philosophies and teaching paradigms.

One of the evenings was dedicated to students. A quiz competition for the students was conducted and the students came up with a variety of cultural performances. The finale was the Architects' Recognition Awards Dinner Jazz Gala at which 50 members of IAP from all over the country were recognized for their contribution to IAP and the profession.

PESHAWAR CHAPTER

Despite the strife, insecurity and unrest in the Province of KPK and particularly in the City of Peshawar, the Peshawar Chapter Executive Committee managed to initiate fresh programs and conducted a fair amount of activity during the year. The Chapter initiated the "Clean and Green Peshawar Pilot Project" and founded the "Our Peshawar Council" in association with other NGOs and citizens' groups primarily to protect the physical and social environment of Peshawar City. The Chapter Executive motivated and mobilized its members and hundreds of students of different colleges to clean and spruce up a part of the city of Peshawar.

During the year presentations were made by Ar. Yasmeen Lari on the "Green Karavan Ghar" and Ar. M. Faisal Rehman and Ar. Muhammad Khalid under the Portfolio Series.

For the first time, the Peshawar Chapter Executive hosted a National Council meeting in Peshawar. This was held in a restaurant built in a traditional village environment.

OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE INSTITUTE

The IAP is active in promoting architecture and the architectural profession at many different forums. The main areas in which the IAP has been active have been education, professional development, building codes, environment and public safety.

IAP has continued its efforts to improve the quality of architectural education in Pakistan through the Board of Architectural Education (BAE). Members of IAP assist the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) in its role as the body accrediting architecture programs. A separate report on architectural education is submitted to the ACAE.

Nominees of IAP serve on many committees of the Local, Provincial and Federal Government bodies and are involved in assisting the government at various levels including revision of building byelaws of different towns and cities.

In the last few years the Institute has become a vocal advocate for the need for proper master planning and the protection of the environment. Representatives of the Institute have spoken and written in the media against unplanned developments, irresponsible reclamation, and environmental degradation. They have agitated for the protection and preservation of our built heritage and of historical sites.

In the wake of the global energy crisis the IAP has initiated a program to promote Green and Sustainable Architecture, and as mentioned earlier in this report, is developing a Green Building Manual for the construction industry and for inclusion in the Pakistan Green Building Council guidelines. Interaction with a large number of other design professionals of related fields, building contractors, manufacturers and others is taking place to make IAPs efforts all inclusive. A Progress Report on the Green Building Manual is attached as Annexure to this Country Report.

KEY ISSUES FACING THE ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION/INSTITUTE

Despite clear provisions in the PCATP Ordinance of 1983, several municipal authorities in the country require registered architects to obtain additional licenses to practice in their jurisdiction, often with a substantial annual licensing fee. An architect with a widespread practice, not necessarily large, can end up paying heavily to obtain up to fifteen licenses from various municipal authorities across the country, many of these being cantonments under control of the Ministry of Defence. IAP has continued to pursue this issue with the Government and the Ministry of Defence, without much success, to allow registered architects to practice without hindrance throughout the country.

Due to the numerous municipal authorities controlling different parts of the urban centres, there is lack of Uniform Building Bye Laws within the same city, etc.

In many development authorities, the architect is not given due role and functions that are clearly within an architect's domain. These are being performed by other professionals and as a result, in addition to other disadvantages, job opportunities for architects in government and semi government entities are severely restricted. Because of an engineer dominated environment in the public sector, architectural services are often awarded to engineering firms depriving architects of their legitimate market share.

Due to weak regulatory controls, there is a mushroom growth of non-accredited educational institutions offering architectural programs whose graduates find themselves professionally ostracized.

RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTE

Since 1986 IAP has owned an open plot of land in a prime location in Karachi. Construction work on IAP House Karachi is expected to start in September 2011. In addition, the IAP owns a small office space in a commercial building in Lahore, managed by the Lahore Chapter, and in 2010 purchased a plot of land in an Islamabad neighbourhood for construction of IAP House Islamabad, to be managed by the Rawalpindi / Islamabad Chapter.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

There are two areas in which the National Council of IAP would wish to concentrate in the coming year:

1. Complete the Green Building Manual and push it for acceptance by other allied professionals and the Federal Ministries of Housing & Works, Environment and Planning, as also the relevant ministries at the Provincial level. At the same time, IAP would take the lead in the formation of the Pakistan Green Building Council, carrying all the other stakeholders along.
2. To work closely with Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners in improving the quality of architectural education through faculty development programmes, exchange of faculty and assisting schools in the review of their curricula. In addition, IAP would nurture new schools to bring them to the level of accredited schools. IAP also intends to explore the formal introduction of CPD programmes that would tie up with renewal of membership and a member's progress in the Institute's hierarchy.

Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan
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