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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 1986 under the Companies Ordinance, with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) with the following objectives:

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

Over the years IAP has to its credit the establishment of the first school of architecture at Karachi, in 1954, which was subsequently upgraded to a five-year degree program. 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 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 its National Council and its Chapters. 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 coordinating, monitoring and policy-making role. In addition, the National Council represents the Institute at national and international forums.

OFFICE BEARERS

The office bearers are elected each year from the members of the National Council. The following are the office bearers of IAP for 2009-2010:

Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan	<i>President</i>
Ar. Ahmad Pervez Mirza	<i>Vice President.</i>
Ar. Muhammad Arshad	<i>Vice President</i>
Ar. Ashraf Shanjer,	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
Ar. Samar Ali Khan,	<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. Suhail A. Abbasi	<i>Member</i>
Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami	<i>Member (Chairman, Board of Architectural Education)</i>
Ar. Nayyar Ali Dada	<i>Member</i>
Ar. Arif Belgaumi	<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. Jahangir Khan Sherpao	<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 from an accredited institution and includes architecture graduates who have not gained the two years professional experience required to become an Associate. 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 and the Institute. There are currently 269 Affiliate Members, 1171 Associates and 45 Fellows on the register of IAP.

BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

All events and programmes are initiated, organized, funded and managed by the IAP Chapters. The Chapters collect subscription dues and raise funds for their activities. Each year, the National Council prepares a budget to cover its office and other operating expenses, which is presented to the Annual General Body Meeting. This budget is funded by the Chapters in proportion to their membership strength.

The income of the Chapters is primarily through collection of membership fees. This is hugely supplemented by income from the annual building products exhibitions, IAPEX, initiated in 2004, that now takes place in four cities, ie., Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Peshawar and are managed, respectively, by the four regional Chapters. IAPEX 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 Baluchistan

Lahore Chapter covers the Province of Punjab, except the areas of Punjab covered by the Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter.

Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter covers Rawalpindi Division, Islamabad Capital District and Azad Kashmir

Peshawar Chapter, founded in 2006, is the youngest chapter and covers the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K.P), formally known as NWFP, and the Northern Territories.

AGM OF THE INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the IAP is held before the 30th of September each year, while the Chapters are required to conclude their AGM's by the 31st of July. 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 are held to fill the vacancies created by the one-third retiring Council members. The Council members then elect the office bearers from amongst themselves.

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'.

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 full membership of the Institute.



REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS

The registration authority for architects is the Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners (PCATP) which was established in 1983 by the promulgation of an Ordinance by the President of Pakistan. It is a common registration authority for both 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 for Regional Coordination of Architects (**SAARCH**)

MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE PAST YEAR

NATIONAL COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

The Institute, this year, has finally managed to centralize the audit of all the Chapters, in order to submit consolidated accounts to the membership at the AGM and to the relevant statutory authorities. Having cleared up the backlog, IAP is now fully compliant with all statutory requirements.

To meet the growing responsibilities of the National Council to oversee the performance and activities of the Chapters and the greater need for communication, the IAP has appointed a full time manager, who is also an architect, to attend to IAP Secretariat responsibilities.

IAP WEB PORTAL

The IAP website www.iap.com.pk is fully operational and regularly updated. The web portal is expected to be a valuable resource for Pakistani architects and about architecture in Pakistan, as well a potential source of advertising income for the Institute.

IAP HOUSE PROJECT

With the devolving of responsibilities to local Chapters, building of IAP's headquarters, the IAP House, had also been handed over to the Karachi Chapter. A nationwide design competition was conducted last year and the winning architect awarded the consultancy. Due to some issues with the building control authorities, as well as the diversion of efforts towards the recent floods in the country, the ground breaking will now commence on January 01, 2011. Office spaces in the IAP house will be shared between the National Council and the Karachi Chapter.



INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

- **30TH ARCASIA COUNCIL MEETING AND FORUM, ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA, AUGUST 2009**

At the Arcasia Council Meeting IAP Vice Presidents Ar. Ahmed Pervez Mirza and Ar. Shama Usman represented Pakistan as the Official Delegates. Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami, Chairman BAE, represented IAP at the ACAE Meeting, Ar. Kalim A. Siddiqui represented at the Green and Sustainable Architecture Committee Meeting and Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan represented at the Professional Practice Committee Meeting.

- **NASA CONVENTION, CHENNAI, INDIA, DECEMBER 2009**

IAP President Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan along with a group of thirty five architecture students attended the Annual Convention of the National Architecture Students Association (NASA) in Chennai, India. This was a wonderful experience for the students who are now in the process of forming a similar association in Pakistan.

- **UIA FORUM, BANGKOK, THAILAND, APRIL 2010**

IAP President Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan along with Vice President Ar. Mohammed Arshad, Hon. Treasurer Samar Ali Khan and ACA-14 Convenor, Ar./Pln Kalim A. Siddiqui and other members participated in the UIA Forum and joined the meeting of the Office Bearers of ARCASIA on the sidelines, at which the preparations for ACA-14 were reviewed.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION

The Board of Architectural Education (BAE) has been reconstituted this year. The Constitution of the Board and its Aims and Objectives were approved by the National Council in June 2010. All heads of departments of the accredited schools of architecture are members of BAE and is chaired by a member of the National Council, appointed by it for a three year period.

IAP CHAPTERS' ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR

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. Lectures of local and visiting foreign architects were organized by all the Chapters.

IAPEX, the annual building material exhibition and architectural forum was successfully held in Karachi and in Islamabad. The two events were very heavily subscribed by exhibitors and attended by scores of architects, architecture students and members of the general public.

Each IAPEX followed a different theme. The forum at Karachi Chapter's IAPEX had the theme "Raj Architecture" with sub themes

- Definition of Raj Architecture.
- Understanding Raj Architecture through examples.
- Historic attitudes towards Raj and its implication on the architectural land marks of that era.
- Current state of architectural examples of Raj period.

- Future attitudes towards Raj architecture including
 - Preservation
 - Restoration
 - Adaptive reuse
 - Successful examples from the region.

Papers were presented by prominent local architects as well as International Architects Prof. Abu Saeed from Bangladesh and Prof. Ashley De Vos from Sri Lanka.

Rawalpindi-Islamabad IAPEX has become an annual event. This year Rawalpindi-Islamabad chapter took the lead when the first IAPEX was held from March 19-21, 2010 at PC Hotel, Rawalpindi. It comprised of a large exhibition of Building Materials, Exhibition of Architects and students work, a Building Materials Seminar, an Architectural Forum, Students Evening and Closing Ceremony Dinner.

Rawalpindi-Islamabad IAPEX 2010 was a great success on many counts including the financial outlay and the attendance of architects and students also improved this year.

As part of the ARCHITECTURE SERIES 2009-10, lectures were organized by the Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter throughout the year. Ar. Sophia Tahira Elias-Ozkan and Ar. Ali Uzay Peker, professors from Middle East Technical University, Turkey, were guest speakers at one of the events. Ar. Arif Masoud, Ar. Saifullah Siddiqi, and Ar. Salman Mansoor, presented their works on different occasions. A lecture by Ar. Habib Fida Ali, one of Pakistan's leading architects, on "Pragmatic Modernism" was well attended by the architects and students. The last lecture of 2009 session was given by Architect and Conservationist Masood Khan on December 7 in Islamabad. The topic "Urban Heritage: Themes and Variations" was of great significance as it touched upon a gravely misunderstood, ignored and yet a very crucial subject.

The IAP Lahore Chapter has been busy preparing to host the 31st ARCASIA Council Meeting and ACA-14 in Lahore from October 25-29, 2010. The effort began almost two years ago when IAP's bid to host ACA-14 was accepted at the 29th Council Meeting in Busan, Korea. The ACA-14 Organizing Committee, headed by Ar. Kalim A. Siddiqui, has been actively involved with the planning. .

Despite the preoccupation with ACA-14, the Lahore Chapter continued with the IAP Lecture Series Program 2009-10. Prof Jon T. Lang from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia was on a visit to Pakistan and the Lahore Chapter took this opportunity to invite him to speak on "Mixed Use Development & Design for Urban Community".

The Peshawar Chapter has been greatly affected by the unrest in the Province making it almost impossible to hold any event.

Throughout the year the Chapters of the IAP have been active in supporting architectural education by encouraging student participation in all its events. Students have also volunteered their time in the various organizing committees. IAP members have been involved with design vetting committees and other professional panels in their local municipalities. Members of the Peshawar Chapter were instrumental, through the help of architecture students of NWFP University, Abbottabad, in helping preserve the architectural heritage of that town from destruction.

Our Country is afflicted by a calamity of unprecedented magnitude. The floods in the river Indus and its tributaries have ravaged million of acres of fertile land, uprooted over 20 million people and have seriously affected their livelihoods and their future. IAP and its chapters worked tirelessly to plan, organize and implement the relief work.



Relief work was divided into two phases.

- Immediate Disaster relief
- Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Temporary shelters have been designed and fabricated by IAP and were utilized immediately by the displaced families living in the south of Pakistan. These shelters were designed keeping in mind the climatic conditions and the life style of the people living in the region. IAP also provided technical assistance in installing these shelters which have a minimum life of 5 years and are being used as temporary homes by the displaced people. IAP had set up and adopted a relief camp for one hundred families where food and medicines were arranged for a period of about 45 days, after which the families returned.

IAP also designed and fabricated easy to use indigenous long life water filters, which can purify contaminated water large enough for a family of ten. These have been distributed in the Camp adopted by IAP and made available to others.

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 promote architectural education in Pakistan by assisting the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) in its role as the body accrediting architecture programmes.

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.

GREEN & SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE (GSA)

In the wake of the global energy crisis the IAP has initiated a programme to promote **Green and Sustainable Architecture** for which a core committee and various sub-committees have been formed. The initiative taken by Ar. Samar Ali Khan and Ar. Fariha Obaid will eventually lead to the formation of the Pakistan Green Council. For now, lectures and movies are being arranged by the committee to create awareness amongst members, and, the sub-committees are working on new building codes and on introduction of suitable courses in architecture programmes in the country.

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 to allow registered architects to practice without hindrance throughout the country.



RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTE

Since 1986 IAP has owned an open plot of land in a prime location in Karachi. Steps have been taken by the National Council to initiate the process of commissioning the design and building the IAP House. As reported above, the project for the IAP House has been awarded and construction work is expected to start in January 2011. A temporary structure made several years ago at the site, houses the offices of the IAP National Council Secretariat and the Karachi Chapter. In addition, the IAP owns a small office space in a commercial building in Lahore and in 2009 purchased a plot of land in a neighbourhood of Islamabad. Both properties are managed on behalf of the IAP by the local Chapters.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The most important and most immediate future plan of IAP is the continuation of the Rehabilitation of the flood affected countrymen by providing basic necessities of life and by designing low cost house typologies using indigenous building materials and providing technical assistance to home builders. IAP will partner other NGOs involved with Rehabilitation and continue to lobby with the government to adopt the rehabilitation strategies developed by IAP.

Members of the four Chapters plan to actively involve themselves in matters relating to the built environment in our cities and join hands with activist groups in safeguarding citizen's interests, lobbying for safer and cleaner cities and for protection and preservation of our architectural heritage. A continuing emphasis will be given by IAP to promote "**Green Buildings**" and "**Sustainable Architecture**".

Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan

President, IAP