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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, as reported in last year's report, 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 will represent the Institute in 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 2008-2009:

- Ar. Ejaz Ahed, *President*  
Ar. Shama Usman, *Vice President.*  
Ar. Ahmad Pervez Mirza, *Vice President*  
Ar. Arif Belgaumi, *Hon. Secretary*  
Ar. Syed Zaigham S. Jaffery, *Hon. Treasurer*

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. Samar Ali Khan, *Member*  
Ar. Ashraf Shanjer, *Member*  
Ar. Anjum Adil, *Member*  
Ar. Syed Mohammad Irfan, *Member*

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. Maria Aslam-Hyder, *Chairperson, Karachi Chapter*  
Ar. Parvez Iqbal, *Chairperson, Lahore Chapter*  
Ar. Salman Mansur, *Chairperson, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter*  
Ar. Zulfiqar Ali, *Chairperson, Peshawar Chapter*

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their architectural education and includes architectural graduates who have not gained the two years professional experience requirement for full Associate membership. 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 licensing body. Fellows of the Institute are nominated by the National Council to recognize service to the profession and the Institute. There are currently 357 Affiliate Members, 1061 Associates Members and 44 Fellows on the register of IAP.

## BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

As a part of the recently adopted Charter of Chapters, all events and programmes 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 office expenses and programmes, 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, IAPEX, 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 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 Pakistan Administered Kashmir.

Peshawar Chapter, founded in 2006 is the youngest chapter and covers the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the Northern Territories.

## AGM OF THE INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the IAP is held before the 31<sup>st</sup> of August each year, while the Chapters are required to conclude their AGM's by 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Council members retiring. The Council members then elect the office bearers from amongst themselves.

As a requirement of the Charter of Chapters, this year for the first time, the National Council presented for adoption by the membership, its annual budget for 2008 – 2009.



## 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 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

The IAP National Council and its Chapters had charted ambitious plans for holding events throughout the year. Planning for events was somewhat hampered during the year by incidents of political unrest. Nonetheless, concerted efforts were made by all the Chapter Executive Committees to work around these constraints and plan their events in an environment of safety and security.



## **NATIONAL COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND ACCOUNTING PRACTICES**

As reported last year, as part of its commitment to meet the requirements of the recently adopted Charter of Chapters and to fulfil the IAP's obligations to submit accounts to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Pakistan (SECP) and the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), the Institute, this year, has continued to pursue its policy to centrally audit the accounts of all the Chapters, with the goal to submit consolidated accounts to the membership at the AGM and to the relevant authorities. This year will be the first year that consolidated accounts will be presented to the membership at the AGM in late August. An accounting firm has also been retained to audit all the Chapter and National Council accounts.

To meet the growing responsibilities of the National Council to oversee the performance and activities of the Chapters and the greater need for communication with foreign architectural institutes, the IAP has hired additional staff to attend to daily Secretariat responsibilities.

### **IAP WEB PORTAL**

The ambitious project for the redesign of the new IAP website has been completed and launched. The website is now being tested and content uploaded. The team views this web portal as an on-going project which will continue to evolve as the needs of the Institute change. 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 AWARDS 2009**

After postponement last year, the IAP Awards are being held this year with the Award distribution ceremony scheduled to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in Karachi. Under the convener-ship of Ar. Ashraf Shanjer a team of volunteers is conducting the current cycle of the Awards this summer.

### **IAP HOUSE PROJECT**

The Institute has intended for many years to construct its headquarter building in Karachi. Last year the responsibility of executing this project was handed over by the National Council to the Karachi Chapter. After receiving the responsibility of the management and financing of the IAP House Project, this year the Karachi Chapter of the IAP has successfully conducted a national design competition and awarded the contract to the winning entrant. The project is under development and the construction drawings are being prepared.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The IAP continues to maintain its membership and active participation in ARCASIA, SAARCH and the UIA. The Arcasia Council Meeting and ACA13 were held from October 27<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Busan, Republic of Korea. IAP President, Ar. Ejaz Ahed led a delegation of architects and architectural students that represented the Institute. The Arcasia Council accepted IAP's bid to host the 31<sup>st</sup> Arcasia Council Meeting and ACA14 in 2010.

The SAARCH Council Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009. IAP President, Ar. Ejaz Ahed represented the Institute in the Council Meeting while a small delegation of architects and architecture students attended the associated events.

### **IAP CHAPTER 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.



Local and international architects were invited to give lectures in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Peshawar. Karachi Chapter invited local architects Ar. Suhail Abbasi, Ar. Syed Akeel Bilgrami to present their works while Ar. Aydan Balamir from Turkey and Ar. Shams-ul-Wares from Bangladesh talked about the Aga Khan Award for Architecture and the roles and responsibilities of architects respectively. Later in the year, Ar. Akhtar Chauhan from India conducted a seminar with local architecture students in Karachi. The Lecture Series in Lahore saw architects Ar. Nayyar Ali Dada, Ar. Kamil Khan Mumtaz, Ar. Pervez Vandal, Ar. Ejaz Ahed, Ar. Aruna Zahra Ashraf and Ar. Shaukat Nawaz Raja give presentations on diverse themes ranging from the state of professional practice in Pakistan to vernacular architecture, architectural education and green and sustainable design. The speakers illustrated their talk with examples of their work. Meanwhile, the Rawalpindi –Islamabad Chapter invited Ar. Jehangir Khan Sherpao, Ar. Muhammad Atiqqe, Ar. Azar Raza Khan, Ar. Kalim Siddiqi and Ar. Faisal Arshad to present lectures featuring their recent works. The Peshawar Chapter our youngest and smallest chapter organized a similar lecture series featuring prominent local architects.

IAPEX, the annual building material exhibition and architectural forum was successfully held in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. The three 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. Karachi Chapter's IAPEX titled "Celebrating Architecture" focused on the relationship between architecture, painting, photography and textiles while the Lahore Chapter's IAPEX held a Grand Convention featuring a Symposium on Green Architecture. The Lahore Chapter also used the occasion to host the Mehdi Ali Mirza Awards to recognize excellence in architectural studies.

The IAP Lahore Chapter assisted by IAP members from around the country has been busy preparing for ACA14 in October 2010. The effort began with the decision of the Institute to bid for the right to host the event in Lahore. A concerted effort to prepare the presentation documents led to the Arcasia council awarding the privilege to host ACA 14 to IAP. Since October's meeting in Busan, the ACA14 committee led by Ar. Kalim Siddiqi has been busy with the preparation for 2010.

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. Peshawar Chapter, for instance was instrumental, through the help of architecture students of NWFP University, Abbottabad in helping preserve the architectural heritage of that town from destruction in the name of development.

## OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE INSTITUTE

In an important development the recommendation of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP), to the Federal Government to accept the Institute of Architects, Pakistan as its Executive Arm as per section 8(m) of the PCATP Ordinance was approved by the Ministry of the Environment. This is significant because it will now involve the IAP in helping the PCATP, among other things, in developing and administering registration exams and continuing professional development courses.

The IAP has been very active in the development of the Energy Code of Pakistan. The Code is being developed by the National Energy Conservation Centre of the Ministry of Housing and Works. IAP President Ejaz Ahed and IAP Hon. Secretary Arif Belgaumi have been on the committee that has helped develop and review the Code. It



is expected that the Energy Code of Pakistan will be ready to be submitted to the Federal Government for approval and adoption by the end of this year.

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.

In the wake of the global energy crisis the IAP has initiated a programme to promote **Green and Sustainable Architecture**. Towards this end, the Institute is gathering and disseminating information to inform its membership.

## 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 2010. Pending the actual construction, temporary structure has been constructed at the site and 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 has recently purchased a small plot of land in a neighbourhood of Islamabad. Both properties are managed on behalf of the IAP by the local Chapters.

The most important and most immediate plan for the future for the IAP is preparation and hosting of ACA14 in 2010. The planning and preparations for this event are already underway. Convener ACA14, Ar. Kalim Siddiqui has assembled a team which is focusing on all aspects of the event to insure that it is a huge success. Special care is being taken to insure the safety and comfort of the visiting delegates.

Several new initiatives, mentioned elsewhere in this Report, were undertaken by the IAP National Council and the four regional Chapters during the past one year. Follow-up action is required for some and the ongoing programs need to be sustained. As the term of President IAP, Ar. Ejaz Ahed concludes at the end of August, the new President assisted by the next National Council will continue to build on the success and achievements of the last year.

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. Ejaz Ahed**  
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