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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 was 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:

a) 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.
b) To promote the cause of Architecture in Pakistan and to assist in the setting up of schools of architecture throughout the country.
c) 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.
d) To establish contact with other national and international professional bodies of architects throughout the world, and
e) 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 the 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 the National Council and the 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 has 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 and four Chairpersons of the four regional Chapters who are *ex-officio* members. The directly elected members have three-year tenure, 1/3 of who retire each year to maintain continuity. The members are:

Ar. Samar Ali Khan,	*Member*
Ar. Ashraf Shanjer,	*Member*
Ar. Anjum Adil,	*Member*
Ar. Syed Mohammad Irfan,	*Member*
Ar. Maria Aslam-Hyder,	*Chairman, Karachi Chapter*
Ar. Parvez Iqbal,	*Chairman, Lahore Chapter*
Ar. Salman Mansur,	*Chairman, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter*
Ar. Abdul Quyyum Khan,	*Chairman, 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 3rd year of their architectural education and includes architectural graduates who have not gained the two years professional experience requirement for full Associate membership. Architects fulfilling the requirements 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 44 Fellows and 1061 Associates Members and 357 Affiliate Members on the register of IAP.

Budget of the Institute

As a part of the recently adopted Charter of Chapters, all events and programmes will be initiated, organized, funded and managed by the Chapters. The Chapters will collect subscription dues, and raise funds for their activities. Every year, the National Council will prepare a budget to cover its office expenses and programmes, which will be presented to the Annual General Body Meeting. This budget will be 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:

a) Karachi Chapter covers the Provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan
b) Lahore Chapter covers the Province of Punjab, except the areas of Punjab covered by the Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter.
c) Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter covers Rawalpindi Division, Islamabad Capital District and Pakistan Administered Kashmir.
d) 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 30th of August each year, while the Chapters are required to conclude their AGM's by 31st 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. This year, since the numbers of nomination was the same as the number of seats being contested, all candidates were elected unopposed to the National Council of the IAP. The Council members from amongst themselves then elected the office bearers.

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. The budget was approved after some debate and discussion.

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)**

Members of IAP have been on the Council of UIA in different periods and have been very actively involved with ARCASIA since its inception and have held various offices including the Chairmanship, twice, during the last twenty six years. The Chairmanship of SAARCH, which is by rotation, was with the IAP during 2004-06.

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 hampered throughout the year by the escalating political unrest. Planning for events was effected by a serious terrorist bombing of a political procession in Karachi, in October. The political uncertainty and terrorist violence climaxed with the assassination of former prime-minister Benazir Bhutto in Rawalpindi in December 2007. The rioting and looting that followed the assassination paralysed Karachi and put a hold on most public events during the winter. The general elections, held in February 2008, also contributed to an air of insecurity and tension. Nonetheless, concerted efforts were made by all the Chapter Executive Committees to work around these constraints and plan their events.

IAP National Council Activities and Programmes

1. National Council Secretariat and Accounting Practices

The IAP National Council Secretariat is currently staffed by a single person who ably manages the routine functions of the National Council including maintaining the books of accounts. With the growing responsibilities of the NC to oversee the performance

and activities of the Chapters and the greater need for communication with foreign architectural institutes, the Institute anticipates the need for additional office personnel to attend to daily Secretariat responsibilities

As per the requirements of the 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 National Council has decided that there needs to be greater scrutiny of the Chapters' accounts, with the goal to submit consolidated accounts to the membership at the AGM and to the relevant authorities. Currently, the modalities of a centralized audit conducted by the National Council are being discussed and should soon be in place. The NC is reviewing its requirements for accounting staff and chartered accounting consultants in order to meet this challenge appropriately.

2. IAP Web Portal

The ambitious project for the redesign of the new IAP website is in process. During the year 2006-2007, with the assistance of a software consultant, an extensive specification document was developed outlining in detail the features and functions of the IAP web portal. During the last year the web site design sub-committee has been developing the content for the various pages of the web portal. 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. The first phase of this web portal will be launched before the end of the year.

3. IAP Awards 2008

The IAP Awards will be held during this year and will be managed by Ar. S. Zaigham Jaffrey and his team of volunteers. A new category is being introduced this year called the "IAP Young Architect Award".

4. IAP Golden Jubilee Event

Several attempts were made during the course of the last year to organize an event to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the IAP. The event was envisaged as a one day conference, in which international architects would be invited to present their works and presentations would be made to highlight the history and achievements of the IAP. Unfortunately, the prevailing political uncertainty and the law and order situation made it extremely difficult to confidently commit to any dates or to convince foreign speakers to come to Pakistan for the conference. Hopefully, a more stable political environment will allow us to schedule the Golden Jubilee event this year.

5. IAP House Project

The Institute has intended for many years to construct itself a headquarter building in Karachi. This year the National Council gave that goal an impetus by devolving the responsibility for the management and the financing of the IAP House project to the Karachi Chapter. The Chapter has aggressively pursued the goal of getting the IAP House project started. Its efforts are reported below.

6. International Conference on School Safety

The IAP was invited by the Aga Khan Planning and Building Services, Pakistan (AKPBSP) to participate as a partner organization in the International Conference on

School Safety held in Islamabad from 14th to 16th May 2008. The event was organized to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the His Highness, The Aga Khan's Ascension to the Imamate of the Shia Ismaili Muslims. The conference came about partly as a result of the high death toll of children in the Kashmir earthquake and in other natural disasters and sought to highlight the need to build seismically safe schools to protect the most vulnerable members of our society.

The Institute was represented at the Conference by the IAP President Ar. Ejaz Ahed and several other members. The Conference ended with a resolution called the Islamabad Declaration to promote seismically safe school construction and outlined an Action Plan to bring theory to practice, to identify a body of experience that can be shared through a network of concerned organizations. Additional information about the Conference and its ongoing programmes can be obtained from www.schoolsafetyconference.org.

7. International Affiliations

The IAP continues to maintain its membership and active participation in ARCASIA and the UIA. The Arcasia Council Meeting and Forum was held from September 15th to September 20th 2007 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. IAP President, Ar. Ejaz Ahed was unable to represent the IAP at ARCASIA due to medical reasons. In his stead, IAP Vice President Shama Usman assisted by Ar. Arif Belgaumi represented the IAP as the official delegate.

IAP Chapter Activities and Programmes

Karachi Chapter

1. Joint Seminar with ASHRAE on Green Building Design

The Karachi Chapter held its first event on January 23rd 2008 in collaboration with ASHRAE. The seminar successfully presented the Engineering profession's perspective on Green Buildings Design and was very well received by the audience of the architects and engineers.

2. IAPEX Karachi 2008

After being postponed due to the national elections scheduled in February, IAPEX Karachi was finally held on the 1st to the 3rd of March 2008 instead of February as originally planned.

IAPEX Karachi 2008 was the most successful Building and Materials Exhibition organized by the IAP in terms of number of exhibitors, attendance and revenues generated. IAPEX Karachi 2008 celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the IAP and focused on the contribution of its members to the profession over the years. Presentations were made to highlight the work of the various generations of architects that have helped mould the architectural environment in Pakistan, starting with the pioneers and founders of the Institute, the presentation focused on the work of the established large practices, the younger practices and finally the next generation of rising stars.

3. Distinguished Architect Lecture Series

During the course of the year a lecture series was organised and distinguished local and foreign architects were invited to present their work and ideas. The speakers this year included Ar. David Robson from Sri Lanka, Ar. Mark Kevin Lowe from Malaysia, Ar. Kirtee Shah from India, Ar, Sunil Gunawardene from Sri Lanka, Ar. Tariq Hasan and Ar. Naheed Mashooqullah from Pakistan. Each architect presented his / her work and engaged in lively dialogue with the appreciative audience. Ar. David Robson expanded on his architectural experiences in Sri Lanka and about the recent architecture there.

4. Workshop conducted by Ar. Mark Kevin Lowe

Ar. Mark Kevin Lowe's presentation was followed by a workshop with students of all the regional educational institutions. A total of 50 students participated in this interactive workshop which was held at NED University City Campus Ar. Lowe was assisted by design faculty from NED University and Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture.

5. Management of IAP House

With the Charter of Chapters coming into effect this year the Karachi Chapter took over the management of the IAP House property and the temporary office built there. Both the National Council Secretariat and the Chapter are using the facility as their office. All National Council and Chapter Executive Committees meetings have been held there. During this year, plans are in place to extend the temporary facility to include a large function room where small seminars and functions can be held. This facility will be in use until the proposed IAP House is completed.

6. IAP House Project

As reported above, this year the IAP National Council handed over the responsibility for realizing the IAP House, the permanent headquarters of the IAP in Karachi to the Karachi Chapter. The Karachi Chapter Executive Committee has formed a steering committee to oversee the project. A national design competition has been announced to select an architect and planning for the project is underway.

7. City Issues

1. KBCA Licensing Committee

The IAP-Karachi Chapter has been represented by its Chairperson on the Licensing Committee of the Karachi Building Control Authority. This Committee holds interview meetings roughly once every month to assess applications for Licenses by Architects, Engineers and Builders.

2. Karachi Waterfront Development Project

Plans to hand over the entire waterfront of Karachi to foreign developers without environmental and urban planning consideration were proposed by the federal government over a year ago. The IAP through the efforts of the Karachi Chapter members has opposed such irresponsible development out of concern for proper master planning and risk of environmental damage. The IAP-KC has been a founder member of the Dharti [*Homeland*] Coalition a group of like-minded NGO's who have joined together to address the issues of sustainable development

and environmental degradation in the coastal region of Sindh. Ar. Arif Belgaumi has been the IAP's representative on the Dharti Coalition.

3. Proposal to Develop High Density Zones in Karachi

The Chapter has taken serious notice of the recent proposal floated by the provincial government to develop high density, high-rise zones to attract developer investment**.** The Chapter has nominated Ar. Husnain Lotia to further investigate the proposal and represent the Chapter in such affairs.

Lahore Chapter

1. Presentation by IAP Student Delegates to Arcasia Student Jamboree

A seminar was organised at the University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore on 6th Nov, 2007 to allow the students who had participated in the ARCASIA STUDENT JAMBOREE held in Beijing and Macau (Hong Kong) to make presentations about their experiences. Architecture students, Jawad and Maliha Kirmani shared their views of the Jamboree with fellow students.

2. Presentation by Malaysian Architect, Mark Kevin Lowe

Malaysian Architect, Mark Kevin Lowe came to Pakistan on the invitation of Karachi Chapter. The Lahore chapter requested him to visit Lahore for a lecture. This lecture "Architecture is a Process not a Product" was held at the NCA, Lahore and was well attended by students of different institutions.

3. IAPEX Lahore 2008

Initially IAPEX, the Annual Building Material and Technology Show and Seminar was to be held on 27th – 29th March 2008 at Alhamra Arts Council. Well before the event, 2 bombs blasts hit the city. The Committee decided to postpone the event and reschedule. The event was finally held at Hotel Pearl Continental, Lahore from 27th – 29th May, 2008. The show was very successful and was well attended. Scholars and renowned architects from all over the country spoke on the "60 Years of Architecture in Pakistan". The general consensus of the participants was that Pakistan needs to do a lot in Architecture to compete with the developed nations.

Rawalpindi / Islamabad Chapter

1. Architectural Lecture Series

The Rawalpindi / Islamabad Chapter launched an Architectural Lecture Series to highlight the work of Pakistani Architects & Architectural Firms. This program was a great success and large number of architects and architecture students attended its many sessions. Several local and national architects were invited to present their work in its various sessions.

2. Study Trip to Rohtas Fort

A day long study and recreational trip to the famous 16th century Rohtas Fort near Jhelum was arranged for the members and their families in the month of November 2007.

3. IAPEX Rawalpindi / Islamabad 2008

IAPEX this year was held from 13th to 15th June 2008 at Hotel Pearl Continental, Rawalpindi. The event comprised of a Building Materials Exhibition, an Exhibition of Architects' works, a seminar on Green Architecture, a seminar on Building Products, and a Banquet Dinner.

4. CDA DESIGN VETTING COMMITTEE

The nominated members of the Chapter attended all the monthly meetings of the Design Vetting Committee at Capital Development Authority, Islamabad. The Chapter also extended full support and help to the Building Control Section of CDA, on various issues including interpretation of Building Bye laws.

Peshawar Chapter

1. Design Discovery Pakistan

The IAP, Peshawar Chapter was inaugurated on 14th of September 2006. On the occasion of its first anniversary, Peshawar Chapter organized its first seminar on Digital Design Tools in Architecture and Introduction to Design Discovery Pakistan. The participants of the seminar included Architects, students of Architecture Department from the University of Engineering and Technology, Abbottabad and Professional CAD Operators.

Architect Abdul Majid Khan gave a presentation on Design Discovery Pakistan which was a summer workshop project conducted by the Architecture Department of the University of Engineering and Technology, Abbottabad. It involved one Faculty Members and a group of student from each of the Architecture Departments of Pakistan.

2. Lecture Series

The Chapter Executive Committee conducted a series of lecturers, seminars and other presentation which culminated in the IAPEX 2008 Peshawar.

3. IAPEX Peshawar 2008

The Institute of Architects Pakistan, Peshawar Chapter organized its 1st IAPEX on June 28th & 29th 2008. It comprised of an Exhibition of Building Materials/ Products, and a Symposium titled "Vision for a Sustainable Development of Physical and Social Infrastructure of Peshawar" at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Peshawar. The symposium featured sessions on special topics pertaining to architecture, planning and preservation in Peshawar.

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. In addition to this the Institute has been active in exposing architecture students to international architects. All IAP events, except the AGM are open to architecture students; visiting architects are often invited to conduct special workshop or seminars for students.

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, and in the wake of the October 2005 earthquake, committees on disaster management and building codes, reconstruction and rehabilitation.

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 all over the country do not allow architects within their jurisdiction to practice without a valid architect's license for which they continue to charge an 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 Defense. IAP has taken up the issue once again with the Government and the Ministry of Defense to allow registered architects to practice without hindrance throughout the country.

Obtaining building approvals from the building control authorities is becoming increasingly complicated and lengthy, thus causing considerable delays and the resultant frustration. The new Building Bye-Laws being vague, unclear and open to mis-interpretation, have fostered a situation ideal for promotion of corrupt practices both on the part of the officials and the architects.

The Institute is in the process of implementing the provisions in the recently adopted Charter for Chapters which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Chapters and the National

Council. The details of this Charter and its implications will continue to be articulated over the coming year...

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 before, IAP House will have, in addition to the National Council and Karachi Chapter offices, exhibition spaces, an auditorium, meeting rooms, library and cafeteria, etc. Pending the actual construction, temporary offices have been constructed at site and for the first time, IAP now has a permanent address. A national competition for the design of the IAP House has been announced and will soon lead to a design commission.

Plans for the Future

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. The coming year, therefore, will continue to be a year of building and consolidation.

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. An emphasis will be given by IAP to promote "**Green Buildings" and "Sustainable Architecture".**

The IAP website, which will be up and running during the coming year will be a vast resource to the Institute's members and will also be a source of income for the Institute through sponsorships and advertising.

Ar. Ejaz Ahed
President, IAP

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