

**ARCASIA (Architects Regional Council Asia) 38th Council Meeting  
(November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**



**Venue: Kathmandu, Nepal**

**Day 1: 3rd November 2017**

**Session 1: Inaugural Session**

**8:30 – 9:00 Photo Session**

**1.0 Convening of the ARCASIA 38th Council Meeting (9:00-10:00)**

1.1 Presence of Quorum by Honorary Secretary Ar. Ramiz Baig will report on the quorum and present the following:

President:	Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan
Immediate Past President:	Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand
Advisor:	Ar. Tan Pei Ing
Advisor:	Ar. George Kunihiro
Zone A Vice President:	Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed
Zone B Vice President:	Ar. Chan Eng Chye Theodore
Zone C Vice President:	Ar. Nuno Soares
Honorary Secretary:	Ar. Ramiz Baig
Honorary Treasurer:	Ar. Sannah Ejaz
Chairman ACAE:	Ar. John Joseph Fernandez
Chairman ACPD:	Ar. Thirilogachandran Shanmugasundaram
Chairman ACGSA:	Ar. Debatosh Sahu
Chairman ACSR:	Ar. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai
Chairman ACYA:	Ar. Tan Szue Hann
Chairman Fellowship:	Ar. Rita Soh

AAA Convener, Arcasia Forum 19 Convener, Presidents of the Architectural Institutes of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam and delegates of all 21 member Institutes present according to the By-Laws for the required quorum.

The official delegates were introduced and quorum confirmed. Delegates from UMA and UAP were not present. However UAP delegates joined the session in the afternoon.

1.2 President call the meeting to order, address the Council and present the guests

International Guests introduction.

There weren't any International Guests present.

Acknowledging the presence of Observers and Past Chairman of ARCASIA.

President Jahangir acknowledged the presence of and welcomed ARCASIA Past Chairman Ronald Poon.

1.3 Welcome Address by the President of the Host Institute, IIA.

President IIA briefed the Council about the special circumstances in which this Council meeting was taking place away from Forum this year which was held in Jaipur, India in May, 2017. He thanked SONA for their co-operation and also thanked his team for technically hosting and arranging 2 major ARCASIA events in a matter of months.

1.4 Brief remark by Regional Presidents/Guests

President SAARCH, Ar. Kishore Thapa was not present so President SONA, Ar. Suman Vaidya welcomed all present to Kathmandu, Nepal for the Council Meeting.

1.5 Announcing of House Keeping Matters by Host Institute

1.6 Closing of the Inaugural Session

**Coffee Break (10:00 – 10:30)**

**Session 2: Council Meeting (10:30-12:30):**

**2.0 ARCASIA Council Meeting (10:30- 10:45)**

2.1 President calls resumption of meeting

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda was sent out by email to all Members previously. Comments were received and agenda revised accordingly.

It was pointed out by Ar. Sathirut Tananand that bringing the meeting to order after the elections becomes difficult so it may be a good idea to put the election item right at the end. This suggestion was approved and agenda item order revised.

The revised Agenda was presented to Council and was adopted.

2.3 Addition and Amendment to the agenda

**3.0 Minutes of the Council 37<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting held in Hong Kong**

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes (15 mins)

IAP brought up the item they had raised in the last Council Meeting regarding the inaccuracy of the maps in the ARCASIA history book. They have suggested a formal review and some sort of international convention to be followed when deciding on the maps.

The summary of decisions from the 37th Council Meeting was presented before the Council and was approved by SLIA and seconded by HKIA

**4.0 Honorary Treasurers report (15 mins)**

4.1 Financial Updates

Honorary Treasurer Sannah Ejaz presented the Financial Updates.

The ARCASIA USD and Pak Rs. account opened in Pakistan was presented and adopted by Council.

The ARCASIA Budget for the year 2017-18 was presented and adopted

An ARCASIA USD account is operational as of November 2017. Complete detail of process of account opening including documents, were shared in presentation with the council.

Total income in hand up to November 2017 was USD 28,610; this includes two cash receipts in January and July 2017 respectively. Total Expenses up to October 2017 have been recorded at total USD 5,650. From the above figures, the current balance (as of November 2017) is USD 22960.

The accounts were approved by IAP and seconded by IIA

Total budget for the upcoming year is estimated at USD 25,000, this includes USD 4000 expenditure on ARCASIA Secretariat, USD 1000 for each Zone, USD 1000 for each committee. In addition to the aforementioned, funds have been allocated for ARCASIA Emergency Architects (USD 5000), International Relations (USD 2000), Website Services (USD 3000), and ARCASIA Video/Documentary (USD 2000).

The Budget was approved by IIA and seconded by PAM

#### 4.2 Up to date Statement of Member Subscription status to be presented

Subscription Fees from all member Institutes was received just before the start of the 38th Council Meeting.

Subscription Fees from The Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA) and Vietnam Association of Architects (VMA) was not received. UMA was not in attendance. VMA was in attendance; however, the representative of VMA was not aware that the subscription fees had to be paid before the council meeting. Bank accounts details were shared for the subscription fees to be transferred to the ARCASIA account.

As per decision made in the 37th Council Meeting, yearly subscription fees for all Members Institutes was suggested to be standardized (1000 USD) except BIA and SONA (200USD). UMA were contacted twice in this regard, 24 April 2017 and 24 October 2017 requesting for a written consent from them, no response was received from the institute.

#### 5.0 President's Report (30 mins)

- President's Report.

The ARCASIA 2017 year started 14th of January 2017 with our Office Bearers meeting in Islamabad where President Sathirut Nui Tandanand handed over the ARCASIA Presidency to me. While giving me the Chain of office, he whispered an advice to me. He said learn to say NO, while adding he himself has not learnt it yet. The value of this advice was not lost on me as the next 8 months became a flurry of activity and travel all over the globe for ARCASIA and ARCASIA related activities, resulting from our agenda of ARCASIA-Reaching out to other Regions, to share knowledge and vision for the betterment of us all.

An invitation from our dear friend President Harsha Fernando from SLIA Sri Lankan Institute of Architects to their annual Architectural Events followed in February 2017 where I was fortunate enough to meet and hear the world-famous Architect Moshe Safdie talk about his ongoing projects and his twin towers under construction in Colombo and many others. The Urbanism discussion and resulting dialogue that followed in this event led to Incoming President Daya Hemantha Wijewardene expressing his interest to host the ARCASIA Training on URBANISM in February 2018 for Young Teachers and Architects from ARCASIA Institutes. Sadly, this was the last that I met Harsha before his untimely demise. (May his soul rest in peace!)

President Jahangir requested the Council Members to observe a moment of silence for the dearly departed, SLIA Past President Ar. Harsha Fernando.

The ACGSA Roundtable on Sustainability and Green in Bangkok was soon to follow on 24th February 2017 and we are grateful to President Ajaphol Dusitnanond that it was hosted by ASA at the Chatrium Hotel in Bangkok. This was followed soon after by our next OB meeting in Singapore on 17th March 2017 for which we are grateful to SIA for their hosting the meeting in Singapore. We had invited IIA President Ar Divya Kush to be able to discuss the ARCASIA FORUM 19th Preparations and Issues in Jaipur since there was a problem with visas to visit the event locations in the host country.

In April 2017 the Jury for AAA-ARCASIA Award for Architecture was held in Kathmandu to be able to accommodate me to also attend as required. An amazing quality of entries made the job of the jury even more challenging. We were able to invite international jurors like Ar. Hyder Ali from Sudan, Ar.

Yolanda Reyes from Philippines and Famous Indian Art and Movie Persona Amol Palekar apart from IIA President Divya Kush and his wonderful team and myself.

It was a conversation on building a virtual knowledge bridge between Asia and Europe that led to a breakfast meeting in Hong Kong last year between ACE President Lucianno Lazzari and 6 or 7 of us from ARCASIA. This resulted not only in an invitation from ACE President to attend their Council meeting in May 2017 but also that it will be followed up by a full day European association of Architectural Education event where I could present the ARCASIA vision to the European Architectural Education Fraternity in the Casa Dell' Architettura in Rome. I was able to present our ARCASIA vision of collaboration and mutual cooperation in areas of Architectural Education, Heritage, Green and Sustainability, Professional Practice, CPD and Social Responsibility which was received very well by all present both at the Architects Council Europe and the EAAE. Many expressed their interest to reach out and join in such collaborative endeavors.

On my way back from Rome I used the opportunity to meet President V4AF Visegrad 4 Architectural Foundation Ar. Erno Kalman in Budapest to explore the proposed MOU between ARCASIA and V4AF. Our positive discussions led to exploring a joint ARCASIA + V4AF Symposium and Roundtable on HERITAGE: Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Structures. This Roundtable was planned and agreed upon to be undertaken jointly and took place almost 4-5 weeks later.

The 19th ARCASIA FORUM took place on the 20th -24th May 2017 in the beautiful city of Jaipur in Northern India. Unfortunately, the 6 months long outstanding visa issues remained unresolved and since no visas from IAP, nor the three of us ARCASIA Office Bearers Hon, Secretary ARCASIA Ramiz Baig, Hon. Treasurer Sana Ejaz nor myself got any visas, we could not attend a wonderful event. The ARCASIA Council meeting was decided to be moved here in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The joint ARCASIA + V4AF Symposium and Roundtable on HERITAGE: Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Structures took place on the 1st of July 2017 at the Klebelsberg Kastély, Budapest. It was a well-attended Symposium and Roundtable with delegates from 10 ARCASIA (Asian) Countries and 3 of the 4 European Institutes were represented by their Presidents. The Hungarian Government supported the event by sending two representatives that participated as well. The Successful Roundtable led to a jointly signed resolution between ARCASIA and V4AF. The much encouraged V4AF has invited ARCASIA to hold further such joint events together in mutual areas of interest.

A meeting with the President of the Association of Hungarian Architects (AHA) Mr. Andras Krizsan took place in Budapest with Hon Secretary Ramiz Baig and Myself where, the AHA President was also very keen to undertake joint events with ARCASIA and suggested to start with sending an International exhibition to ARCASIA Institutes.

Right after our Roundtable in Hungary, I went to RIBA London as honored by the President RIBA Ar. Jane Duncan to receive the RIBA Presidential Medal at an impressive ceremony at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. This was followed by an 'Election Court' Livery Dinner Jointly Hosted by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects at the RIBA. On the sidelines of the RIBA events President RIBA convened an International Presidents Breakfast Meeting which was most useful to attempt a synergy in our various International Organizations' efforts towards attempting to meet the MDGs Millennium Development Goals as a profession. The AIA American Institute of Architects also honored me with an Honorary AIA Membership and The American Institute of Architects Presidential Medal that was received on my behalf by ARCASIA Past President Ar. Tan Pei Ing in Orlando USA for which I am very grateful to her and Ar. Rita Soh, who were both honored guests invited to accompany me by AIA.

This was closely followed by ACAE holding the ARCASIA Roundtable on Architectural Education in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 17th July 2017 that was held right after the ACAE Architectural Studio Teacher Training by ARCASIA Vice President Zone-C and Master Teacher Trainer Ar. Nuno Soares. We are grateful to President Djuhara of IAI Institute of Architects Indonesia and his amazing team of professionals Young and Younger for the amazing hospitality during our short visit to Indonesia.

We left for our OB Meeting in Kuala Lumpur the day after arriving just in time for the opening ceremony of PAM's Beautiful New Building. I am extremely grateful to the kind and gracious honor shown to me by PAM President Ezumi Harzani Ismail during the Inauguration of their Building by the Malaysian King who not only accepted an ARCASIA memento from me but also very graciously

signed the PAM Building Souvenir for me. It was a big honor to be invited to dine with His Highness for me as well as for Ar. Rita Soh I am sure.

Our successful Office Bearers Meeting was in parallel to the PAM Kuala Lumpur Architectural Festival at KLCC Malaysia. IAI President Ar. Ahmed Djuhara was our invited guest in our OB meeting.

We went to the UIA2017 Congress was held in Seoul, South Korea from 3rd to 10th September 2017. Architects Regional Council Asia, ARCASIA, was a visible presence during the congress due to the successful staging of a seminar jointly hosted with the Architects Council Europe (ACE) "A look into the future of education from Asian and European perspectives". This was another instance of ARCASIA's recent initiative towards cross regional cooperation.

The seminar was chaired by President ARCASIA, S.M. Jahangir Khan and President ACE, Lucianno Lazzari. The seminar was moderated by Honorary Secretary ARCASIA, Ramiz Baig. Notable speakers along with the chairmen included, President UIA - Esa Muhammad, Livio Sacchi from CNAPPC, Arturo Lavalle and Valina Geropanta from Guglielmo Marconi University Italy, Nuno Soares – ARCASIA Vice President Zone C and Mikako Oshima representing ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects. ARCASIA also had a booth display in the exhibition hall showcasing ARCASIA Award for Architecture winning entries as well as ARCASIA promotional video and materials. President ARCASIA S.M. Jahangir Khan and Honorary Secretary represented ARCASIA during the UIA General Assembly. Honorary Secretary ARCASIA, Ramiz Baig also chaired a UIA paper session on Architectural Theory and History on the sidelines of UIA Congress in Seoul Korea.

It has been a very positively vibrant and busy year for us at ARCASIA, and we look forward to the weeklong ARCASIA: URBANISM training workshop by Prof. Fabio Todeschini in Colombo in February 2018. We hope to have a wonderful attendance at both places from all the member Institutes of ARCASIA. The Arcasia Emergency Architects AEA is being worked on by Joseph Kwan and Rita Soh alongside Nui and remains our much cherished and important project to look seriously at training architects to respond to disasters and lease with their respective country NDMAs to become an active post disaster management entity in the aftermath of any such unfortunate incident.

Our Focus this year is ARCASIA reaching outwards to other zones of the world interactively in the areas of Architectural Education, Teacher Training, Urbanism, Heritage, Social Responsibility, Professional Practice, Cross Border Practice and many others as we see appropriate for collaboration. Our Committee for Young Architects needs to be involved in all of these to be able to hone ARCASIA leadership for the next generation in all areas.

- Adoption of President's Report by Council.

The President's report by Ar. S.M. Jahangir Khan for the period 2017 was presented and was adopted.

## **6.0 Vice President's Report (30 mins)**

- 6.1 Vice Presidents Zone A, Zone B, and Zone C present brief summary reports on activities and future plans for the respective zones.

### **Vice President Zone A: Ar. Abu Sayeed**

Ar. Abu Sayeed updated that ZONE A hosted the ARCASIA Forum 19 in Jaipur, India and now are also hosting the Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal. He also stated that this year India (IIA) is having many programs in all over India. Also, from Sri Lanka (SLIA) they have been very active in social responsibilities work shops and roundtables they have also construct new schools of architecture even organize free medical camps as a part of social responsibility. Nepal (SONA) has been constructing new houses in rural areas of Nepal in the name of social responsibility. Bangladesh (IAB) has shifted their interest towards urbanism and has been working with the World Bank. Pakistan (IAP) is active in conducting various events linked with ARCASIA committees. He further said that all Zone A countries have been very active with either hosting of or their active participation in ARCASIA events.

### **Vice President Zone B: Ar. Theodore Chan**

Ar. Theodore Chan stated that we have been planning a new activity with Zone B like countries Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia called LDD (Live Design Discourse) which actually, involves students from the Zone B four countries presenting in one place and present a sketch project. Each group has student from 4 countries. This will be way to initiate younger members towards ARCASIA. He also said it will be good if the countries from other zones can join this activity as well or start it in their own zones. He updated that two more LDD activities will happen in future one is in February 2018 in Bandung, Indonesia and other in May in Bangkok. Thailand.

Finally he stated that the 4 nation initiatives are taking shape in Zone B and he expects many activities linked with that initiative in the future.

### **Vice President Zone C: Ar. Nuno Soares**

Vice President Zone C Nuno Soares stated that the project he wanted to push across zones is the Studio Teacher Training Workshop. The plan is to have at least two training workshops in a year. Zone C members are being encouraged to and have already started to meet amongst themselves and have regional collaborations. He also stated that HKIA is hosting a 4 nation event involving Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan and China. He also stated that the annual event of AAM has a competition for students. He updated for the international collaborations he is been working up with academia of European Schools of Architecture. Nuno Soares stated that in UIA he is the regional representative of education commission.

All 3 Vice Presidents presented summary reports on the activities of their respective zones and were adopted.

6.2 House Keeping Matters – Host Institute (3 mins)

**Lunch Break (12:30- 13:30)**

**7.0 Institutes Presidents' Country Report (13:30-15:30)  
(under 5 mins / Institute)**

The following member Institutes presented the Country Report:

#### **IAB (Institute of Architects Bangladesh)**

IAB representative stated that work on the ARCASIA Book Vernacular Wisdom is underway. IAB has actively been involved in the various ARCASIA events all across the region. During the last term they hosted the ARCASIA OB and CC for the opening ceremony of the IAB Building.

#### **BIA (Bhutan Institute of Architects)**

Representative from BIA gave a report. They shared that BIA is willing to host ARCASIA events in the future as they would love to share their part of the region with others but they do not have the funds. They said they will try their best to be more regular for ARCASIA events in the future but funding for them remains a big issue.

#### **PUJA (Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera & Arkitek)**

PUJA were marking their first official meeting as full members of ARCASIA. They only attended in Hong Kong as observers. Their representative said that even though they are new they will try their best to attend ARCASIA events and look forward to the opportunity to host in the future. They already have participated in the ACGSA Roundtable which was held in Bangkok earlier in the year.

### **ASC (Architectural Society of China)**

Representative from ASC presented to the council the various activities and events that the ASC has been a part of. They said they are looking forward to being more active in ARCASIA now and would like to host future ARCASIA events.

### **HKIA (The Hong Kong Institute of Architects)**

Representative from HKIA updated the council that they were very proud of the ACA17 that they hosted in Hong Kong last year which was very well attended by architects from the region. HKIA will continue in its commitment to support ARCASIA.

### **IIA (The Indian Institute of Architects)**

President IIA informed the Council that you are already aware we have had a very busy year with ARCASIA. First with organizing the Forum 19 in Jaipur for which he thanked the Rajasthan Chapter for all their hard work and efforts. He said that despite their best efforts due to the political situation in the sub continent the visas for the Pakistani Office Bearers could not be realized. Thus with a heavy heart we had no choice but to move the Council Meeting here in Kathmandu. IIA has 2 members serving as Committee Chairs and IIA looks to continue its support of ARCASIA in the future.

### **IAI (Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia):**

President IAI presented the report to the Council. President IAI regretted that he could not join the ARCASIA Forum 19 in Jaipur, India. Delegates from IAI attended all the committee meetings. President IAI thanked SIA, ASA, PAM and JIA for helping out IAI in the aftermath of the December 2016 earthquake. President IAI stated that East Timor is very close to having their own architect's institute. They will be very soon sending an application for ARCASIA with the help of Ar. Tan Pei Ing and it will be completed by the end of January. They will appear in ACA 18, Tokyo as observers. President IAI stated that IAI has founded 5 more chapters in Indonesia. IAI Membership figure is more than 18,000. He stated that Indonesian Architect Act has been approved by the Parliament on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and signed by the President of Indonesia on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. It is stated that IAI is only Architects Organization in Indonesia. IAI has to form Board of Architects Indonesia and also Architecture Accreditation Board for Indonesia in 2 years' time. President IAI stated that IAI has hosted ACAE Roundtable in Yogyakarta this year. It was declared that IAI will host the ACGSA Roundtable in Bandung and ACPP Roundtable in Semarang next year in April.

### **JIA (The Japan Institute of Architects):**

President JIA presented the report to the Council. He stated that JIA appreciates that ARCASIA has allowed JIA to host ACA 18 in Tokyo, Japan. He updated that ARCASIA OB can also see the progress of ACA 18 when they will have their OB and CC meeting in Tokyo March, 2018. President JIA updated that after the 37<sup>th</sup> ARCASIA Council Meeting in Hong Kong JIA already had JIA National Convention Prize. He updated in October last year what JIA mainly talked about is History, Culture, Architecture and Urban Design as well as Competition and Corporation among adjacent areas and regions with in the visual characters. He updated that in a Tokushima Convention in September this year JIA focused on Vernacular in Architecture and Diversity of the World and JIA hopes to bring this idea in ACA 18, Tokyo. JIA had seminars with other ARCASIA institutes. Last year JIA had a Seminar with ASA on Disaster Resistant Design and Environmental Implications another seminar is scheduled for next year as well.

### **KIRA (Korean Institute of Registered Architects):**

Representative from KIRA presented the report to the Council. He updated the Council about the UIA Congress, Seoul 2017. He updated that thousands of participants attended the UIA Congress. Official Delegates were 7,600, 1,400 were students. He stated that 27<sup>th</sup> UIA General Assembly was held with the UIA Congress, Seoul. Actual president of AIA was elected as the president of UIA for the term 2017 – 2020. Copenhagen, the Capital of Denmark will be the host of UIA Congress after the next one in Rio De Janeiro.

**ALACE (Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers):**

President ALACE presented the report to the Council. He updated that ALACE participated in the ACA 17 and Student Jamboree last year in Hong Kong. ALACE participated in the football tournament held in Thailand for the Willis cup also participated in the 2017 VAA workshop on architecture and community in Vietnam. He stated for the upcoming activities ALACE will organize ALACE 2018 Convention.

**AAM (Architects Association of Macau)**

Representative from AAM presented the report to the Council. He updated about the CPD that it became mandatory in Macau in 2016. AAM has organized events regarding CPD to update fellow members of AAM. He stated that he has received request from fellow colleagues that area of Professional Practices need to be developed. He updated that every year AAM organizes visit to a country or region. This year AAM delegates visited Tokyo, Japan and met JIA also met Prof. Rokushika and discussed matters regarding CPD and learned about Professional Practice as well. AAM has received invitation from HKIA to participate their events. President AAM was also a jury member of the student's competition there also Ar. Nuno spoke there on the symposium. AAM also discussed Environmental matters, Industrial buildings and Heritage centers with electronic media regarding the city. AAM was also invited by Macau Cultural Institute to participate in the jury of Macau Pavilion in Venice.

**PAM (Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia):**

President PAM presented the report to the Council. He updated that PAM have professional architect's member around 1,143 and recently graduated members are around 1,661. He stated that PAM had their Annual Event KLAF in July this year. In KLAF we had Architecture Festival, Architecture and Art Exhibition, DATUM International Conference, Green Design Forum, Kuala Lumpur Design Forum, Students Award and Exhibition Program. PAM hosted UIA Council Meeting in Kuala Lumpur and ARCASIA OB and CC meeting as well. He stated that PAM had launched three publications this year.

**AMA (Association of Myanmar Architects):**

Representative from AMA presented the report to the Council. He stated that Myanmar is a small country with many political and other problems but we assure you that AMA will participate in upcoming ARCASIA Events. This was their first full meeting as ARCASIA members and they are very happy to be part of this organization. Representative stated that AMA has 2093-member architects. AMA has honorary board of eight persons. AMA hosts Seminars, Workshops, and Design Competitions within the country.

**SONA (Society of Nepalese Architects):**

President SONA presented the report to the Council. He stated that SONA has one chapter in Kathmandu and trying to expand more chapters in Nepal. They are very happy to be the country where the Council Meeting was shifted to when it couldn't take place in Jaipur, India and offered all cooperation to the hosts IIA with the planning and execution of this event.

**SIA (Singapore Institute of Architects):**

The SIA representative presented to the Council. They updated the council on the board of members of SIA who look after the desired committees. SIA has taken initiatives to have sessions with the relevant ministries in the Government. She presented the events and activities of SIA. Lastly she updated that SIA has allowed the use of its space to young architects as one of the ways to get them involved with SIA and ultimately ARCASIA.

**IAP (Institute of Architects Pakistan):**

President IAP presented the report to the Council. He updated that IAP participated in the Last ARCASIA Council Meeting in Hong Kong, 9<sup>th</sup> ACGSA Roundtable Thailand, ARCASIA + V4AF

Roundtable in Budapest, RIBA Convention in London, UIA Congress 2017 Seoul and ACAE roundtable in Indonesia. President IAP received RIBA Presidential Award at the RIBA event. He updated the council on the local events held by IAP's Chapters. IAP also hosted the ARCASIA Handing over ceremony in Islamabad earlier this year. He further stated that IAP is proud to have its members Ar. Jahangir Khan as President, Ar. Ramiz Baig as Honorary Secretary and Ar. Sannah Ejaz as Honorary Treasurer of ARCASIA.

**SLIA (Sri Lanka Institute of Architects):**

President SLIA presented the report to the Council. He updated that SLIA has a membership of 1,300 architects. SLIA had their annual exhibition in February this year. He stated that in his presidency his actual goal is to educate the members of the SLIA on architecture education. SLIA have 3 annual general meeting in a year. SLIA is looking after the CPD programs very effectively. SLIA has hosted a program called "Evening with the Architects" where young architects showcase their work. SLIA also participated in the UIA Congress Seoul 2017. He stated that SLIA also produce Architects Publications this year 4 publications were issued. SLIA also started a program to bring student architects from rural areas of Sri Lanka and have been participate in the Annual SLIA Exhibition. SLIA participated actively in the flood relief campaign.

**ASA (The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage):**

Representative from ASA presented the report to the Council. He stated that the key policy of his term is to improve the fee structure especially with the government procurement system and restructure communication with the media. He stated that ASA has 3 chapters. ASA hosted one of their largest exhibitions in the South-East Asia last year in which the ARCASIA Council was invited. The theme of next year exhibition will be "Vernacular Architecture" and ASA will extend invitation to the ARCASIA OB. He updated that last year ASA held different category awards including one for the Emerging Architect. They also held the International Idea Competition where entries from 20 countries were received. ASA also participated in the Professional Practices activities and Social Responsibility. ASA also participated in ARCASIA + V4AF Roundtable, UIA Seoul and this year in December ASA will host ACYA "Stormathon" event in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**VAA (Vietnam Association of Architects):**

Representative from VAA presented the report to the Council. He stated that VAA has different types of Architecture Magazine and operate a website as well. This year VAA hosted an Annual Vietnam Architecture Festival on the occasion of 70 years of Vietnamese Architects Day. In 2017 VAA hosted International Exhibition, National Architects Award, and House Design Award for Architecture Students, International Forum for the Architecture Community, Architects Golf Tournament, Architecture Education Award for Students and CPD courses organized step by step in every province for the members.

**UAP (United Architects of the Philippines):**

President UAP presented the report to the Council. He stated that UAP has received the most professional organization of the year award by government of Philippines for 2017. UAP has received this reward for the 6<sup>th</sup> time. UAP has more than 41,000 registered architects. UAP Has around 14000 architects members in good standing. UAP has 120 chapter in Philippines and 20 chapters in abroad.

Honorary Secretary thanked every institute for making their presentations to the Council and also stated ARCASIA will support every institute for their future projects.

**8.0 ARCASIA Projects (15:30-16:30)**

**New Projects**

**8.1 ARCASIA: New Horizons**

- **Creating new bridges in regions previously unexplored on ARCASIA issues**

Sathirut Nui updated the council that ARCASIA OB has been discussing this since George Kunihiro Presidential Term and came up with a ten-year plan for ARCASIA.

President Jahangir Khan stated that ARCASIA OB has been communicating with each other very well having 4 to 5 meetings in a year and different roundtables and workshops. He stated that the time has come and ARCASIA can interact with other regions to give and learn from them with that ARCASIA can have cross-regional view to open up with the other countries. He stated that I have received recognition from AIA and RIBA but these recognitions are for ARCASIA. President Jahangir Khan shared his presentation on recent events conducted by ARCASIA with the council. The first event managed by ARCASIA was V4AF + ARCASIA Heritage Roundtable which took place in Budapest, Hungary. Many architects from ARCASIA Countries joined the roundtable and had a remarkable interaction with each other. The second event managed by ARCASIA was with ACE which took place during the UIA Congress. The declaration between V4AF and ARCASIA was shared with the council and adopted.

The President ARCASIA then introduced EDEN, which is the European Distance and E-learning Network that is based in UK but the Secretariat is in Budapest. President Jahangir Khan stated that a representative from EDEN was there at the V4AF event and after the roundtable he made an offer to work with ARCASIA to share the Education Information with Architects of different regions. President Jahangir Khan stated that ACAE can work with EDEN and hopefully they can offer all the Education Network with the schools associated with ACAE. The cost of subscription with EDEN is 500 Euro per year. IIA endorsed to go with the decision and seconded by IAP.

President IIA, stated that having a MoU is a very good idea but inhouse we should know that what we can get out from these MoU's. How can we get best result out of these MoU's for our region.

Honorary Secretary Ramiz Baig introduced the Inspireli awards to the Council, these awards are setup by the Czech Society of Architects and they want to open them to our Members.

The council adopted ARCASIA stand on reaching out to other regions for architectural issue cooperation under various heads. Inspireli awards and EDEN membership to be pursued.

## **8.2 Future of Architecture education in Asia**

### **Implementation of the decisions and recommendations that took place in the ACAE Roundtable in MACAU 2016**

VP Zone C Nuno Soares stated that we have had an ACAE roundtable in MACAU last year to discuss the future of architecture education in Asia and the results of that roundtable are yet to be implemented. He shared the results of roundtable with the council. He stated that in term of challenges the number of Architecture programs being offered in each country is rising up too fast and there is a discrepancy between the education offer and the demand of the profession. He said that curriculums are not adapted to current issues which are being faced; the faculty lacks qualification and engagement with professional practice. He stated that to overcome these problems we are focusing on three topics Framework of Architecture Education, Architecture Teaching Quality and Regional Exchange and Cooperation. This was decided in the past roundtable of ACAE. He stated that in terms of Framework of Architecture Education and Curriculum we are suggesting periodic system of curriculum update with input from professionals and other institutes. Regional issues such as heritage architecture and vernacular technologies are absent from institutes. For teaching standards of teachers, the main idea in some schools is to have a PHD holder to teach but architecture is practice based so school should have studios taught by practitioners. Lastly, He stated that for Regional exchange and cooperation ARCASIA can have international student's workshops to foster students of different countries with each other.

## **8.3 ARCASIA: Young architects perspective**

- **Re-envisioning the youngest ARCASIA committee to be directly involved with the other committees providing their important perspective.**

Honorary Secretary Ramiz Baig stated that ARCASIA is supporting whole heartedly this new committee and looking forward to their events all over the 21 ARCASIA Countries. We would further like ACYA reps of member institutes to not only be involved in ACYA activities but to be involved in all of ARCASIA activities that take place in their own countries. This way once these representatives of ACYA out grow ACYA category than they are ready to fit in other committees of ARCASIA.

ACYA Chair Tann Szue Hann stated that there are two identified gaps in the career or the progress of young architect. First gap is the time when he is a student to the time he became a fully registered architect. The other gap is that those architects are involved with their country institutes but not with ARCASIA.

#### **8.4 Collaborations with other regional and international organizations**

**Already covered in 8.1**

#### **8.5 ARCASIA Travel Prize (Ar. Sathirut Nui Tananand)**

Sathirut Tananand stated that ARCASIA Travel Prize this year as we have secured sponsorship from BlueScope and they will be our corporate sponsor for travel prize. He stated that ARCASIA Travel Prize is for architects under 40 years of age and it gives them opportunity to be able to take the money to do research and travel within the 21 ARCASIA Countries. He stated that we have remodeled the structure of ARCASIA Travel Prize. This year we have decided for the young architect to select the theme of his choice and go the country of his choice as well to do the research. The only stipulation we have put is that the focus of the research should be beneficial to the culture and to the society. For the jury panel we would have young architects. 2 winners from the emerging architects for the jury panel of ARCASIA travel prize. The ARCASIA Travel Prize secretariat will be organized in Bangkok and that is the easiest way to review and everything will be done electronically. ARCASIA Travel Prize will be held every 2 year and can be held with ACA.

#### **8.6 ARCASIA Emergency Architects – establishment and first training event (Ar. Rita Soh)**

Ar. Rita Soh stated that AEA became spinoff after the last meeting of ACSR because ASIA has so many disasters. If we create an entity which has a business model and a financial plan having going through this last year. The simple problem is to where do we start from when looking at 21 Asian countries and then there are funding issues. She stated that having the budgeted funds and a committee can be formed. She stated that setting up AEA can be a interim measure of generating funds for ARCASIA. It could be a platform for ARCASIA to do emergency relief measures.

President UAP stated that they have founded an emergency relief committee in in Philippines and it has been working since then in all kind of relief programs and are also funded by different organizations as well.

Sathirut Tananand stated that ARCASIA should have a group that can respond to certain emergency situations. The first thing ARCASIA should do is to get the institute to involve. Secondly, we can have the training program which is something structured. The training program is actually emergency management and medication. The third one is long term which is really setting up a foundation talking about the funds and budget programs.

President Jahangir Khan asked 7 out of 21 countries of ARCASIA who has emergency relief setup at their institute a one page writeup to help Rita Soh.

Rita Soh suggested that ARCASIA has a decent number of institutes already having emergency relief programs to coordinate with ARCASIA and start a committee.

Forming a group and work with the following member institutes UAP, IAB, ASC, HKIA, IIA, IAI, ASA.

Go ahead on training program with ADPC for capacity building. Modalities and budget will be circulated for approval to all institutes by circular resolution. (email)

**9.0 Revision of Constitution & By-Laws (16:30-17:00)**

9.1 Eligibility criteria for ARCASIA Fellowship (added upon request of IAP)

The point raised was clarified and a policy to include official representatives on ARCASIA Committees will be circulated.

**End of Day 1 (17:00)**

**Day 2: 4th November 2017**

**Session 3: Review of ARCASIA Information Dissemination, Awards, and Membership**

**10.0 ARCASIA Information Dissemination (9:00 - )**

10.1 MOUs with Other Regional Organizations - Updates, Renewals and New MOU:

- New MOU with V4AF

Honorary Secretary Ramiz Baig then shared the new MOU to be signed with V4AF for Council Approval.

Pei Ing stated that the idea to have an MOU with V4AF started during her term in 2014 but it couldn't happen at that time because V4AF were not themselves registered. So the council decided to not sign the MOU with them at that time. Now that they have fulfilled all legalities regarding their institute they contacted President Sathirut Tananand and now President Jahangir Khan to sign the MOU with them.

President Jahangir Khan stated that the MOU was not signed because V4AF was not registered but now they are so this case is gone and ARCASIA can sign the MOU with them. He stated that the first roundtable with V4AF on heritage was a very successful one. President Jahangir Khan suggested signing the MOU with V4AF.

No objection was raised and the MOU with V4AF was approved unanimously.

Council unanimously approved for the MOU with V4AF to be signed.

- Review of existing MOUs

Honorary Secretary Ramiz Baig stated that ARCASIA has 2 existing MOU's, one with ACE and another with AUA that will expire this year. He showed the MOU's to the council to review and possible vote on extending them.

Pei Ing stated that MOU with ACE was signed in Past-President George Kunihiro term and then renewed in Pei Ing Presidential Term. She stated that as per the policy by the council the MOU validity is of three years and it is expired in August, 2017. She supported the idea that the MOU to be renewed.

George Kunihiro stated that the MOU is really up to the ARCASIA President at the time to get connected and have activities. He stated that in future whoever takes the Presidential term should get the advantages out of these MOU's.

SIA endorsed and SONA seconded that the MOU with ACE should be renewed.

IAI endorsed and SIA seconded the MOU with AUA should be renewed.

## **11.0 ARCASIA Awards (9:45 - )**

### 11.1 Report by AAA 2016 Awards Convener

Representative from HKIA Gave report on AAA 2016. He stated that HKIA had received a total of 391 submission. He showed the shortlisted projects and the winners in his presentation.

## **12.0 New Membership (10:00-10:30)**

### 12.1 Potential to expand in all 3 zones

President Jahangir Khan stated that ARCASIA Zone B and C are working on the membership process. President IAI Ahmad Djuhara is working on with the East Timor membership and VP Zone C Nuno Soares has mentioned Taiwan and North Korea to be members of ARCASIA.

Ahmed Djuhara stated that he helped them with the formation of their association. He stated that they have not sent their report yet because of some country political issue but they will send it by the end of January, 2018.

VP Zone A Abu Sayeed stated that Zone A can go to south and work with Maldives for the membership.

KIRA stated that they have no objection if North Korea wants to join ARCASIA.

ASC has no reservation with Taiwan being asked to join as Chinese Taipei.

Zone A will pursue Maldives for joining ARCASIA

## **Coffee Break (10:30 – 11:00)**

## **Session 4: Assessment and Future Plans for ACAs and Forums (11:00-12:30)**

### **13.0 Asian Congress of Architects (ACA) / Forum**

#### 13.1 Report on ACA 17 in Hong Kong – President of HKIA Marvin Chen (30 mins)

HKIA representative gave report on ACA 17. He stated that ACA 17 was organized in Hong Kong Convention Centre. Their guest of honor was the Chief Executive of Hong Kong at the time He showed the photographs of OB, Council and Committee Meetings during ACA17. He spoke about the program of the ACA17. He stated that HKIA helped in organizing the ACGSA exhibition during ACA17. Also, HKIA worked with UIA for arranging a symposium. He shared the outline and programs of ACA17 through Slide Presentation. Students sketching competition took place during the ACA17 Students Jamboree. He spoke about the total expense of ACA 17 which was \$ 946,762/- The total registration of ACA17 was 632 and for the student registration if 243. He stated that most of information regarding ACA17 is on HKIA website.

#### 13.2 Progress report on ACA 18 to be held in Tokyo, Japan

JIA representative gave the presentation on ACA 18. He stated that JIA will host ACA 18 side by side with the Student Jamboree in September, 2018. The dates are 10 to 14 and will be held at Meiji University. He also stated that JIA has decided to have their national convention with ACA18. The registration fee is 400USD and 350USD for young architects under 40. He updated the council about the meeting sessions and keynote speakers. For the student jamboree he stated that some famous young professors will lead the student jamboree. Each institute can send 10 students. 2 of them will be as official delegates of the institute. For the remaining 8 students per institute their registration fee will be 300USD. He also stated that around 4-night events will take place during ACA 18. The registration will start from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018. Countries which needs visa should register by 10<sup>th</sup> of July. He showed a short video presentation to the council about their plans for the ACA18.

#### 13.3 Presentations by Member Institutes to bid for ARCASIA Forum 20, 2019 (30 mins):

ASC and IAB made very impressive presentations which wowed the Council Members. Then the matter of who will be the host for Forum 20 was put to vote.

IAB won the right to host ARCASIA Forum 19 by 10 votes to 9 with 1 vote disqualified.

13.4 House Keeping Matters – Host Institute (3 mins)

**Lunch Break (12:30-13:30)**

**Session 5: Committee Summaries and Roundtable Reports (13:30-15:00)**

**14.0 Committee Reports:**

14.1 ACAE Summary Report - Ar. John Joseph Fernandez (15 mins)

VP Zone C Nuno Soares gave a brief report on behalf of ACAE Chair. NS updated the council with ACAE Ongoing projects, ARCASIA Resolutions and New projects for ACAE. Lastly he updated with the new projects of ACAE which were making initiatives visible, students exchange programs, faculty training studio teaching, mapping accreditation system in ARCASIA and lastly ACAE 2018 programs and work schedule.

14.2 ACPP Summary Report - Ar. Thirilogachandran Shanmugasundaram (15 mins)

ACPP Committee Chair Thirilogachandran reported on ACPP. He started with the ACPP meeting held in Jaipur during Forum 19. He shared the ACPP events and roundtable schedule of 2017-18. Also updated with the two new roundtables to be confirmed with AUA and ACE their dates and venue will be confirmed soon. He updated the council with the major issues faced by ACPP. He stated that ACPP is looking to launch a hand book or manual for ACPP to be use as Guide. Lastly he shared a brief report on ACPP Professional Practice Data.

14.3 ACGSA Summary Report - Ar. Debatosh Sahu (15 mins)

ACGSA Chairman Debatosh Sahu presented a detailed report on his committee activities. This committee has been the most active with its roundtables across the ARCASIA region. He discussed progress on the ACGSA Book “vernacular Wisdom”, the exhibition as well as the road map for the coming year. The ACGSA Committee meeting protocol manual was presented to the council and was adopted.

14.4 ACSR Summary Report - Ar. Sudhir Balakrishnan Pillai (15 mins)

ACSR Chairman Sudhir gave a brief report on ACSR Summary. He shared the charter of ACSR with the council and the adoption of charter by the member institutes. He also updated the council on the ACSR Committee Meeting held in Jaipur Forum 19. Shared the agenda points and discussion took place over it. He updated the council with the Public Toilet Project that took place in Nepal, Update on the Post Disaster Relief effort in Kathmandu by SONA and key events regarding ACSR.

14.5 ACYA Summary Report - Ar. Tan Szue Hann (15 mins)

ACYA Chairman Tan Szue Hann gave the report on ACYA. He updated the council with the ACYA Council meeting held in Jaipur Forum 19. He also updated with ACYA upcoming event which is 1<sup>st</sup> ACYA Stormathon to take place in December in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Also an ACYA Forum to take place in ACA 18, Tokyo. Later he also update on the ACYA Questionnaire. He also stated about the possible collaboration programs of ACYA with ACE which is titled ARCASIA & Beyond. He updated that he was one of the jurors in ARCASIA student competition and ARCASIA travel prize jury. Lastly he updated that the Inspireli Award is now open for the ACYA Members for the first time.

#### 14.6 Fellowship Report - Ar. Rita Soh (15 mins)

Rita Soh updated the council with the Fellowship Report. She shared the report on Fellowship meeting that took place in Jaipur and the discussion that took place during that meeting. She updated the council with the criteria to qualify for ARCASIA Fellowship. After a discussion on the matter it was decided that the fellowship should be more inclusive and the revised criteria will be shared with the Council for adoption. The working of the fellowship will not be altered and will remain as intended.

#### 15.0 Other Matters (15:00-16:00)

15.1 Approval / recommendation to be sought of the institute / country from which any special guest, speaker, presenter is invited to any ARCASIA event hosted by any member institute. (added upon request by IAP)

Policy to be devised to review taking into consideration the concerns raised regarding the selection of speakers/presenters. Whereby it was generally agreed that the host institute should be informed about their countrymen's participation in any ARCASIA event if the invitation hasn't gone through the institute.

#### 15.2 Formation of an ARCASIA Heritage Program (Ar. Abu Sayeed)

VP Zone A Abu Sayeed stated that recently there is a demand to form a heritage committee or a working group with some member institute discussing this issue. During the committee reports of countries, we have seen some work on heritage issue. He updated that during the Presidency of Ar. Yolanda Reyes there were some small programs that did work on heritage like formatting the timeline charts etc. In the last OB Meeting this issue was discussed and we have a proposal to organize a working group of heritage. He stated that people working in this committee should either be academic or full-time conservationists. We should form a committee which connects with the National Institutes of Heritage and work with them. He shared the work program of the committee of heritage with the council. Time to time there should be a heritage roundtable in which specialist can share their work and knowledge with others.

President Jahangir Khan stated that there should be an ARCASIA Heritage Committee to work over these issues. Fellowship Chair Rita Soh also agreed to have a some formal setup for heritage issues in ARCASIA. She stated that this committee should work on a project to project basis initially.

Heritage work program to be undertaken by IAI to be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

#### 15.3 House Keeping Matters – Host Institute (3 mins)

#### 16.0 Summary of Decisions and Actions of the 38th Council Meeting (16:00-16:15)

16.1 Hon. Secretary Ar. Ramiz Baig to present the summary of Decisions of 38th Council Meeting (15 mins)

The summary of decisions was presented to the council and approved.

#### 17.0 Elections (16:15 -17:00)

17.1 Nomination and Election of Deputy Committee Chairs.

#### Nominations of ACAE:

Nominations for ACAE Chairman received by ARCASIA Secretariat:

1. Ar. Dr. Bharat Sharma (SONA)
2. Ar. Gyanendra Singh Shekhawat (IIA)

During the council meeting nomination of Ar. Nuno Soares (AAM) was received. A total of 3 nominations were received for the ACAE post. SONA later withdrew their nominee. The two remaining candidates were asked to come forward and address the Council.

The results were that 20 valid votes were casted for the post of ACAE Chairman and Ar. Gyanendra Singh Shekhawat (IIA) got 13 votes and Ar. Nuno Soares (AAM) got 7 votes.

#### **Nominations of ACPD:**

Nominations for ACPD Chairman received by ARCASIA Secretariat

1. Ar. Prajwal Hada (SONA)
2. Ar. Dilip Chandra Chatterjee (IIA)

SONA withdrew their nominee. Ar. Dilip Chandra Chatterjee (IIA) was elected unopposed for the post of ACPD Chair.

#### **Nominations of ACGSA:**

Nominations for ACGSA Chairperson received by ARCASIA Secretariat

1. Ar. Bibhuti Man Singh (SONA)
2. Ar. Amina Qayyum Mirza (IAP)
3. Dr. Archawan Chutarut (ASA)

A total of 3 nominations were received for the ACGSA post. SONA later withdrew their nominee. The two remaining candidates were asked to come forward and address the Council, ASA nominee was not present and a representative spoke on her behalf.

The results were that out of the valid votes casted for the post of ACGSA Chairperson Dr. Archawan Chutarut (ASA) got 13 votes and Ar. Amina Qayyum Mirza (IAP) got 7 votes.

#### **Nominations of ACSR:**

Nominations for ACSR Chairman received by ARCASIA Secretariat:

1. Ar. Russell Dandeniya (SLIA)
2. Ar. Rajesh Thapa (SONA)

SONA withdrew their nominee, Ar. Russell Dandeniya (SLIA) was elected unopposed for the post of ACSR Chair.

#### **Nominations of ACYA:**

Nominations for ACSR Chairman received by ARCASIA Secretariat:

1. Ar. Ahmed Ridha Abdul Razak (PAM)
2. Ar. Sudeep Sharma Paudyal (SONA)

The two candidates were asked to come forward and address the Council, PAM nominee was not present and a representative spoke on his behalf.

The result was that Ar. Ahmed Ridha Abdul Razak (PAM) and Ar. Sudeep Sharma Paudyal (SONA) both secured 10 votes resulting in a tie. President Jahangir then casted the tie breaker vote through coin toss resulting in Ar. Ahmed Ridha Abdul Razak (PAM) winning.

## 17.2 Nomination and Election of candidates for the post of President-Elect

Nominations for President-Elect received by ARCASIA Secretariat:

1. Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (IAB)
2. Ar. Rita Soh (SIA)

No more nominations were received during the council meeting. The two candidates were asked to come forward and address the Council

The results were that out of the 20 valid votes casted for the post of President-Elect and Ar. Rita Soh (SIA) got 15 votes and Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (IAB) got 5 votes.

Honorary Secretary Ramiz Baig thanked the election commissioner Ar. Ronald Poon, Ar. Tan Pei Ing and Ar. Sathirut Tananand for their help with the ARCASIA Elections.

Ar. Rita Soh, the new President - Elect thanked the council for supporting her and assure that together we will bring ARCASIA to new heights.

## 17.3 Vote Counting and announcing of the winners.

### **ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education (ACAE)**

Ar. Gyanendra Singh Shekhawat from Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) was elected ACAE Deputy Chair

### **ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP)**

Ar. Dilip Chandra Chatterjee from Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) was elected unopposed for the post of ACPP Deputy Chair.

### **ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA)**

Dr. Archawan Chutarut from Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage (ASA) was elected ACGSA Deputy Chair.

### **ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)**

Ar. Russell Dandenya from Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) was elected unopposed for the post of ACSR Deputy Chair.

### **ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA)**

Ar. Ahmed Ridha Abdul Razak from Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) was elected ACYA Deputy Chair.

### **ARCASIA President – Elect**

Ar. Rita Soh from Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) won the election for ARCASIA President-Elect.

## 18.0 Closing Remarks by ARCASIA President (17:00-17:15)

The Meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks.

### **Adjournment by President (17:15)**