Architecture in the Commonwealth

Australia - Royal Australian Institute of Architects
Bahamas - Institute of Bahamian Architects
Bangladesh - Institute of Architects Bangladesh
Barbados - Barbados Institute of Architects
Belgium - Association of Professional Architects Belgium
Bermuda - Institute of Bermuda Architects
Botswana - Architects Association of Botswana
Canada - The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
Cyprus - Cyprus Civil Engineers & Architects Association
Fiji - Fiji Association of Architects
Ghana - Ghana Institute of Architects
Guyana - Guyana Institute of Architects
Hong Kong - Hong Kong Institute of Architects
India - Indian Institute of Architects
Jamaica - Jamaica Institute of Architects
Kenya - Architectural Association of Kenya
Malawi - Malawi Institute of Architects
Malta - Kamma Tal-Periti
Namibia - Namibia Institute of Architects
New Zealand - New Zealand Institute of Architects
Nigeria - Nigerian Institute of Architects
Pakistan - Institute of Architects Pakistan
Papua New Guinea - Papua New Guinea Institute of Architects
Sierra Leone - Sierra Leone Institute of Architects
Singapore - Singapore Institute of Architects
South Africa - South African Institute of Architects
Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka Institute of Architects
St Kitts and Nevis - St Kitts and Nevis Institute of Architects
St Lucia - St Lucia Association of Architects
St Vincent and the Grenadines - St Vincent & the Grenadines Institute of Architects
Tanzania - Architectural Association of Tanzania
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The first Institute of Architects in Sri Lanka was established in 1956 and was known as the Ceylon Institute of Architects (CIA). The constitution was mainly an attempt by Wynne-Jones with Herbert Gonsal as the chief proponent, and was worked out in 1956 through a number of meetings following several failed attempts to form an institute during the years 1948, 1951 and 1954. The CIA was established by a small group of overseas qualified Architects, who also had membership of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). The inaugural meeting was held on 11th September 1957 in Colombo. Twelve Architects participated at the inaugural meeting of the CIA and Oliver Weerasinghe took the chair and became the first president of the CIA.

Having adopted a constitution, which followed that of the British Institute, the intention of the CIA was to obtain the status of an allied society of the RIBA. They achieved this in 1960, by which time the membership of The Ceylon Institute of Architects had risen to 30. In 1976, through a private members’ motion by the then Minister of Housing and Construction, the Hon. Pieter Keuneman, the Ceylon Institute of Architects was incorporated as the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) by an Act of Parliament. After the incorporation, the institute was called upon to perform important public duties and to take the responsibility for the education and examination of architects for the purpose of providing a professional qualification. Since 1978, the institute has adopted Standing Orders, and a Code of Conduct, and has established a Board of Architectural Education to serve its members, the General Public and the construction industry of Sri Lanka.

A long overdue amendment to the SLIA Law was presented to Parliament in 1996 by the then Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Public Utilities, Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva. The Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (Amendment) Law No. 14 of 1996 vested power in the Institute to form an Architects Registration Board in February 1997 and since then all those who practice the profession of architecture in Sri Lanka are required to register under three categories namely a) Chartered Architects b) Architects and c) Architectural Licentiates. In Sri Lanka, architects are required to meet three common requirements for registration: education, experience, and examination. The Education can be from one of the two available institutions; the degree course held by University of Moratuwa or by the part-time course held by the City School of Architecture (owned by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects) or by any foreign university recognized by the SLIA.

At the moment Architect D H Wijewardene, FIA (SL) is the President, Architect Veranjan Kurukulasuriya, FIA (SL) is the Senior Vice President and Architect Russell Dandeliya, FIA (SL) is the Vice President of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects.
The University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka is an independent state university located at Katubedda, Moratuwa overlooking the picturesque Bolgoda Lake. It is affiliated with the Commonwealth Association of Architects and was established as the University of Moratuwa (UOM), Sri Lanka on 22 December 1978 under the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 and operates under the general direction of the University Grants Commission. However, its origin can be traced back to the Government Technical School (GTS) which was established in Maradana, Colombo in 1893.

University of Moratuwa, consists of three Faculties namely, Architecture, Engineering and Information Technology with nineteen (19) academic departments offering eleven (11) Bachelor degree programs to students selected by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and fifty-six (56) postgraduate programs together with MSc, Phil & PhD research based postgraduate degrees.

The University of Moratuwa was first known as The Ceylon College of Technology (CCT) established in the year 1966 in Katubedda. The CCT first earned University status, as the Katubedda Campus of the single University of Ceylon, on 15th February 1972. When Ceylon became a Republic on 22nd May 1972, the corporate name of the single University was changed to the University of Sri Lanka. In 1978, the Katubedda Campus of the University of Sri Lanka acquired the status of an independent University with its present corporate name 'The University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka', with three Faculties of study, namely the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of Physical and Applied Sciences.

According to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ananda Jayawardane, "The University of Moratuwa (UOM) is considered as one of the finest in Sri Lanka attracting best students and producing world class graduates who can compete with graduates with any other university in the world for both employment and post-graduate studies." The university’s vision is to be “the most globally recognized knowledge enterprise in Asia” with the need of transforming UOM to a world class enterprising university.

Mission of the University:
- Providing transformative education in technological and related disciplines which nurtures the inquiring mind and develops knowledge and skills for facing global challenges;
- Carrying out nationally relevant and high-impact research to expand the boundaries of knowledge and to enhance the national technological capabilities;
- Providing expert services to the State, Industry and the Society as an internationally positioned Sri Lankan University; and
- Contributing to sustainable, scientific, technological, social and economic development of Sri Lanka.

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CAA ACCREDITED SCHOOL: THE CITY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

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The City School of Architecture (CSA), is an architectural school in Colombo, Sri Lanka, accredited by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), which is a member institute of the Commonwealth Association of Architects. The SLIA owns majority of the shares of the school. Beside CSA, the University of Moratuwa has also been accredited by the SLIA.

The SLIA in 1986 felt the need to expand the profession of architecture in the form of increased opportunities for formal architectural education. The four-year course of lectures referred to as the SLIA Part I Lecture Programme was established in the year 1986 and the three-year course of the SLIA Part II Lecture Programme followed in the year 1991. These courses prepare students towards the Parts I & II of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects' Professional Practice Examinations leading towards full professional qualifications.

In 1999, the SLIA Part I & Part II lecture programmes were brought under the banner 'Colombo School of Architecture' and in 2008 the school was re-structured to have an independent management governed by the Board of Directors of City School of Architecture (Colombo) Ltd. The school's name was changed to 'City School of Architecture' (CSA). CSA was granted Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) accreditation in 2011 and SLIA accreditation in 2012.

Architectural education is a wide-ranging teaching and learning process, where a major portion of the teaching and learning components lie in the real world of practice. The CSA brings these experiences through its architectural programmes based on a "learn while you work" concept. Students are given an opportunity to pursue an academic career in architecture, whilst apprenticing under a Chartered Architect. They thus receive a proportion of the practice-based education through their training, whilst CSA brings within its structured curriculum, architectural education and the experiences of the practice of architecture. Beside interactive design studios, the education system of CSA includes theory subjects, site visits, local and international experiencing architecture visits, joint study programmes with foreign universities, participation in local and foreign student conventions and apprenticing in a Trainer Practice. All of these provide the CSA students with the necessary peripheral inputs to reinforce their design thinking and design skills.

Joint study programmes have been conducted with the National University of Singapore, University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, USA and the Sarvajanik College of Engineering & Technology in Surat, India.

The "learn while you work" concept of the course also enables students to form working relationships and establish direct links with the construction industry.
CAA ATTENDS: UIA WORLD ARCHITECTS CONGRESS IN SEOUL, KOREA


The UIA (International Union of Architects) world congress are a premier forum for professionals and future leaders in the field of architecture to exchange the best and latest practices, visions and first-hand experience. The UIA 2017 Seoul, in particular, was to promote various innovative architectural techniques and technologies among member sections and global citizens. In doing so, academic programs, exhibitions, competitions, student activities and public outreach programs took place simultaneously.

Since its launch in Lausanne, 1948, 25 congresses have been held and Seoul was awarded for the 26th UIA World Congress under the theme of “Soul of City”.

Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) had their event on the topic “The CAA – Looking into the Future” at the Room No. 3178 on the 5th September during the Congress. The session was headed by the CAA President, Vincent Cassar and the CAA Vice President Oceania, Dik Jarman. As it is well understood that continued sustainable development across the world improving the human conditions is imperative for global stability; what is less understood is the current capacity of the profession of architecture to provide that development across the world. As an Architectural Association of across the Commonwealth, CAA is undertaking a survey across all the commonwealth countries in a view to measuring and revealing the strength and weaknesses of the profession region wise. The findings portray the range of difference across the Commonwealth in terms of capacity, highlights area that need strengthening in order to best facilitate change in regard to new agendas such as carbon reduction, and illustrate opportunities for the growth in the sector across these regions.

At the meeting, the results obtained so far from the survey (The State profession in the Commonwealth) that is being undertaken by the Association, was highlighted and emphasized with those were present. The result of the survey will help the Association in formulating its programme of activities and vision for the coming years.

There were about 30 people attended the CAA session including Uganda, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, UK, Kenya, Korea and USA. CAA will be finalizing its on going survey by the end of 2017 and present the statistics at the CHOGM 2018 in London.

CAA had a booth at the UIA Congress to showcase the Association’s works. Also, the 85th Council meeting was held in Seoul on the 6th September 2017 at the Hotel URIA.
CAA NEWS: BRIAN CARTER AND ANNETTE W. LECUYER APPOINTED AS HONORARY FELLOW OF THE RAIC


Brian Carter and Annette W. LeCuyer were appointed Honorary Fellows of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada at the annual RAIC Conference in Ottawa in May, 2017. The honour was bestowed in recognition of their work to advance architectural practice and criticism. They have written extensively about architecture throughout the world.

Brian Carter graduated from Nottingham School of Architecture and the University of Toronto. A registered architect in the United Kingdom, he worked with Arup Associates on the design of the new headquarters for Truman's in London and the UK headquarters of IBM in Hampshire, England.

Appointed Chair of Architecture at the University of Michigan in 1994, he initiated the Michigan Architecture Papers – a series recognized with an International Book Award from the American Institute of Architects. In 2003, Carter was appointed Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the University at Buffalo – a post that he held for eight years. Currently, he is Professor of Architecture at Buffalo.

He is the author of Johnson Wax Administration Building and Research Tower (Phaidon, 1998); co-author with LeCuyer of All-American: Innovation in American Architecture (Thames & Hudson, 2002); and a contributor to DETAIL, ARQ, The Architects’ Journal, Canadian Architect and AZURE.

As editor for TUNS Press, (Dalhousie University, Halifax,) from 1994 to 2013, Carter was responsible for the publication of 10 award-winning books on the work of significant and emerging Canadian architects.

Annette LeCuyer Born in the United States, LeCuyer received her professional degree in architecture and a graduate diploma in architectural history from the Architectural Association in London. She is a licensed architect in the United Kingdom, where she worked for Foster Associates and Allies and Morrison Architects leading design teams for the Rosalind Franklin Building at Newnham College, Cambridge University, and 33-35 Blandford Street, an infill development in a heritage district in London.

She was an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan from 1994-2002, and since 2003, she has been a Professor at the University at Buffalo, where she has received a 2016 university-wide Meyerson Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Mentoring.

LeCuyer is the author of ETFE – Technology and Design (Birkhauser, 2008); Steel and Beyond – New Strategies for Metals in Architecture (Birkhauser, 2003) and Radical Tectonics (Thames & Hudson, 2001). She was an editor of Michigan Architecture Papers and buffaloBOOKS, a contributor to The Architectural Review, and editor of The Passage of Time, published by Dalhousie Architectural Press (2014).
CAA NEWS: PRESTIGIOUS RIBA PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL AWARDED TO PRESIDENT CAA

President CAA Perit Vincent Cassar was awarded the RIBA Presidential Medal by the Royal Institute of British Architects. This prestigious award, which was presented to Perit Cassar this week, acknowledges his lifelong achievements and influence within the profession of architecture both domestically and internationally. The award also recognizes Perit Cassar’s outstanding contribution in driving excellence in this sector.

Perit Cassar is well known at both the national and international level. He currently serves as the President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA), which position he will hold until 2019. He is also the past President of the Kamra tal-Periti (Chamber of Architects and Civil Engineers of Malta - KTP), past Council Member, Treasurer and Co-ordinator of a Thematic Area of the Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE), and representative of the KTP to the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE).

In these roles he has actively participated in a number of local, international meetings and conferences most of which focused on architecture, the architectural profession and the built environment. Perit Cassar is also a past President of the La Valette Rotary Club and an ex-Chief Scout of the Scout Association of Malta. He is currently the President of the Scout Fellowship of the Scout Association of Malta, and Council member and Treasurer of the Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association (MEREERA).

A graduate in Architecture and Civil Engineering from the University of Malta, Perit Cassar joined the Public Service in 1973 as a Junior Architect and Civil Engineer.

He started off working within the Schools and Hospital Section of the then Public Works Department. Since then he has worked within other sections of the Public Works organisation and was responsible for various projects including those for housing, healthcare, and other major projects of a civil engineering nature such as roads and marine works. Some of the projects included the design and construction of the Karen Grech Paediatric Hospital and its adjoining Maternity complex, the construction of Terminal I at the Malta Freeport Container Terminal and the Luqa Air Terminal.

In 1992 Perit Cassar oversaw the reorganisation of the Public Works Department into the Works Division whereby he was appointed as its first Director General, a position he actively occupied until 2003. During this period the Works Division saw a number of transformations and improvements within its structures and was responsible for the carrying out of a number of projects all over Malta and Gozo.

In April 2003, Cassar was appointed as the Permanent Secretary within the Ministry for Youth and the Arts which portfolio included all aspects related to Youth, Sport, the Arts, Theatre, Music and Cultural Heritage. In February 2004 with the establishment of the Ministry for Urban Development and Roads, responsible for urban development and land transport issues, he assumed the responsibility for that Ministry as its Permanent Secretary.

Perit Cassar retired from Government service in June 2008, and in 2013 he was appointed as Chairman of the Malta Environment and Planning Authority (MEPA).
On 31 July, a meeting of the members of CAA European Region took place in Cyprus to discuss issues of mutual interest. The meeting was chaired by CAA Vice President Europe, Peter Oborn, and attended by CAA President, Vincent Cassar, CAA Council member, Christos Panayiotides, President of the Cyprus Association of Architects, Christos Christodoulou, Council Member from the Malta Chamber of Architects & Civil Engineers, David Felice, and RIBA Council Member, Elena Tsolakis.

CAA President, Vincent Cassar, opened the meeting by providing an update of recent CAA activity including the recent International Student Charrette on the theme of ‘delivering the New Urban Agenda’ hosted by the RIBA in London as part of its recent International Week. All present were thanked for their contributions to the CAA’s ‘Survey of the profession’ which will be launched at the UIA Congress in Seoul in September.

The Member Organisations (MO’s) each then provided a verbal report on the issues facing the profession in their regions. While workload appears to be relatively buoyant in all regions, concern was expressed regarding the low level of fees and the diminishing role of the architect in some quarters. Concerns were also expressed regarding public procurement practices, the focus on cost over quality, the difficulties faced by Small to Medium sized Enterprises (SME’s) and the growing popularity of design and build in which the architect’s role is subordinated to that of the contractor. All present agreed the need to gather evidence to demonstrate the value of architecture.

It was noted that access to affordable housing was an issue of concern to all of the MO’s represented. The RIBA noted that uncertainty created by BREXIT and the recent fire at Grenfell Tower, in which over 80 people died, were both having an impact on the profession in the UK.

The meeting discussed opportunities for greater collaboration in the area of continuing professional development, building information modelling and cultural exchanges including lectures, exhibitions and awards. The CAA undertook to consider how it might be able to better support members in these areas.

During the course of their visit, delegates visited the ‘Old Harbour’ in Limassol, which has been the subject of redevelopment in recent years. The new harbour area provides extensive food and beverage facilities for visitors to the island and is clearly very popular. The CAA would like to express its gratitude to the Cyprus Association of Architects for the hospitality extended to delegates during the course of their visit.
CAA NEWS: CAA HOSTS CANBERRA ACCORD 6TH GENERAL MEETING

http://www.comarchitect.org/

The Canberra Accord (CA) is an agreement amongst several international accreditation or validation agencies in architectural education. The Accord is intended to facilitate the portability of educational credentials between the signatories. The signatories include Australia, USA, Canada, China, Korea, Brazil, Portugal, Mexico and the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA).

The Canberra Accord6th General Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 5th-7th May 2017. The CAA hosted this event in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), City School of Architecture (CSA) and Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa. Around 45 senior professionals in architectural education from all the signatory countries attended this event.

The CSA was privileged to host the Canberra Accord 6th General Meeting on 5th May. Chaired by Architect Sean Rodrigues from Canada, there were 16 member-countries attending the meeting, namely Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Cyprus, India, Japan, Korea, Malta, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, UK and USA. Sithabile Mathe, Chair of CAA Validation ExCom, Christos Panayiotides, Chair of Education, and Nadeesha Yahampath, Executive Director from Sri Lanka, represented CAA at the meeting. Vincent Cassar, President, Kalim Siddique, Senior Vice President, Jayantha Perera, Chair of Communications and Chandana Edirisuriya, member of the Validation Committee, also attended the event.

The Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa, organised the meeting on 6thMay. Participants also visited an exhibition of students’ work at the Department of Architecture. As scheduled, the SLIA hosted the Canberra Accord delegates on 7th May and the meeting was held at the SLIA’s new auditorium. Chair of the CA expressed gratitude towards the CAA and the two schools of Architecture for hosting the three-day event with remarkable hospitality.