Dear Architect,

**IAPEX 2019 – Call for Papers**

It is a pleasure to invite you to IAPEX 2019 being organised by the Institute of Architects Pakistan – Karachi Chapter. The event will take place between the 19th and 21st of April 2019 at the Expo Center, Karachi, Pakistan.

The Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) established in 1957, aims to promote and advance the art and science of the profession of Architecture in Pakistan and look after the interests of persons engaged in or about to get engaged in the profession. IAP also endeavours to connect Pakistani professionals to other national and international professional bodies of Architects through seminars, meetings, conferences and other activities.

The Institute of Architects Pakistan initiated the IAP Expo in 1984, which was elevated into an Annual 3 days IAPEX Building Materials Exhibition and Conference in 2004. IAPEX is a unique platform to connect and interact with all stakeholders associated with the profession.

IAP - Karachi Chapter feels pleasure in inviting you to participate in the conference by sending an original Abstract based on the theme outlined below. Abstracts can propose original ideas for oral and paper presentations. Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to present their papers at the IAPEX-2019 and their visit will be facilitated with an arrangement of economy class airfare and local hospitality for the duration of the conference. Proceedings of the conference will be published by the Institute. All participating architects must be members of their National Association or Council of Architects.

The theme of IAPEX 2019 is

**“The Skin – Evolving Building Facades”**

The exterior aspect and character of the built form has always played a leading role in the significance of buildings throughout history. The value and success of a building has largely been judged on its outward appearance, beauty as it were, and its stature in how it holds its place on the street. The facade has been the long standing protagonist in this theatre of the City. In recent times however, this relationship of the outside of the building to its inside has gone through a tremendous transformation. Although still an expression of the building’s period, history, function, power and wealth, the façade of the building has taken on a role that could be said to be “more than skin deep.”
The ease of detaching the facade from its structure that came with modern construction techniques has played an important part in the evolution of the Skin. From energy producing facades, light-responsive envelopes, low-tech as well as high-tech solar-reflective technologies and shading systems to smog-reducing skins, the Skin has become the new frontier for design enhanced environmental control in the built form. Greater Awareness for the need of energy efficiency and sustainability measures are compelling proponents for inquiries into this realm.

In light of this, the Institute of Architects Pakistan – Karachi Chapter has decided to have The Skin – Evolving Building Facades as the theme of its next international conference, IAPEX 2019, Karachi, Pakistan.

Our intention is to invite a discussion on the various directions in which building facades are evolving in these times of extreme change, technical advancement, global warming, and the pressing need for sustainability to combat our growing economic and environmental concerns; to share and learn from the solutions being developed generally in the world and particularly in the region.

Important Dates

- Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: December 15th, 2018
- Notification of Acceptance of Abstract: January 15th, 2019
- Deadline for final Paper Submission: March 1st, 2019

For all general enquiries and submissions please contact with following:

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We look forward to seeing you at IAPEX 2019 – “The Skin – Evolving Building Facades”

Sincerely,

Best regards,

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