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4.0	Financial Report 2012 Budget 2014 Discharge Treasurer	<p>Laurence Bonsma reports on the budget 2012. The balance ends with a small minus of 546 Euro. The reason is the 20th birthday of ECIA. The acquired sponsoring of Vola was paid in 2013. CGDI hasn't paid the membership fee for three years. Formally the general assembly is asked if CGDI should be suspended. It would be good to keep the Spanish organisation as member, but a certain payment is wished. The board should decide after contacting CGDI how to proceed.</p> <p>The balance of 2012 and the budget for 2014 are adopted by the assembly,</p>	Board
5.0	Update European Charter of Interior Architectural Training 2013	<p>The president is encouraged to present the update of the Charter of Interior Architectural Training. A huge working group with members all over Europe achieved consent after a long period. Originally the update should be finished in 2012. Now it took one year longer.</p> <p>Joke van Hengstum asks Constantin von Mirbach to explain the reaction of BDIA and Bundesarchitektenkammer, He explicates, that the German organisations support the efforts of ECIA for common European standards on training. They think, the long lasting objective should be the automatic recognition according to the Professional Qualifications Directive. For this discussion the further development of the European Charter of Interior Architecture Training 2013 should be a valuable guideline. It is crucial to define the current target of the charter: is it more to describe a status quo or to claim things. In the opinion of BDIA and BA it should be the political guidance paper regarding the future requirements for professional recognition according to the PQD. Therefore some items should be taken into account and be amended. Under item No. 3 the paragraph with a compensatory rule in the case of insufficient professional education is already deleted. In the field of interior architecture a minimum academic education of four years should be pursued. The topic of training under title No. 5 " Lifelong learning" should be deleted from the charter. Under the guise of Lifelong Learning political circles often attempt to water down the professional training schemes and reduce training times with the argument that any existing training deficits could be compensated through lifelong learning. Some changes for the wording of the charter seem to be necessary. Many technical terms have changed their meaning in the course of the discussions of the PQD and should be updated. Constantin von Mirbach sees two groups as audience of the charter: the national organisations and the EU commission. He points out that the charter is a strong paper which could be used on national level and for the EU commission.</p> <p>The attendees start a discussion on the update of the charter. The charter could be used in different ways. It seems to be a developing process to use the charter for demand on the EU commission. As the charter is a living document it is important to decide how to develop it. The update 2013 is based on the charter of 2007. A next update could be aspired in about five years. To prepare it for the EU the institutional members could help. ECIA Members are already the Bureau Architectenregister in the Netherlands and the Conseil français des architectes d'intérieur CFAI. The Bundesarchitektenkammer in Germany could perhaps be the next institutional member. Critical comments on the charter are welcomed, because they bring communication and rethinking.</p>	

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A warning is expressed not to overload the charter. An important aim is an unproblematic exchange of students in Europe. At the moment the charter defines the minimum level of being an interior architect and describes the core competence. The influence on the EU commission is not so important for the ECIA members, who are not part of the EU: Switzerland, Norway and Island. It turns out that the understanding of the charter and the wished aims are manifold. These details should be brought into consideration for the next update, The national registration institutions for interior architects could take part in the working process. The charter 2013 is adopted by the attendees unanimously. The president thanks the working commission and the chair Kees Spanjers, who had a lot of work. Translations of the charter in different languages are appreciated. The national organisations may give money for this task or take responsibility for the translation in common with countries with the same language.

6.0 Election of board members

For the following board members the term ends:
 Laurence Bonsma – end of third term
 Carlo Beltramelli – end of second term
 Elke Kaiser – end of first term
 Carlo and Elke are willing for a re-election. The attendees affirm their re-election.
 For Laurence a re-election as treasurer is not possible any more after three terms. Joke thanks her for the work as treasurer over six years and points out that she did a good job. ECIA is very grateful. Joke hands over a present and wishes her all the best for the future.
 According to the statutes the treasurer has to be elected in his function by the general assembly. Joke asks if it is possible to vote a board member now, to determine the treasurer in the next board meeting and to agree on him/her in the next general assembly. The participants agree.
 A candidate is suggested by VSI/ASAI. Marianne Daepf introduces herself. She is elected unanimously and welcomed as new board member.

7.0 National Organizations / Matters arising

Report National Organisations
Sweden:
 The education causes problems, because too few interior architects are graduating. The course for interior architecture in Gothenburg ended. In Boras a new course is in preparation. Since 10 years all architects are organized in one national association. The new president is interior architect and architect. 600 interior architects and 12.000 architects are enrolled.
Netherlands:
 BNI has lost 20% of the members because of poor business. 300 interior architects are organized. Since September 2012 BNI has a new board and a new office. Because of the missing membership fees they have to save money. The organisation thinks about cooperation with BNA, which has also money problems. At the same time BNI undergoes an identity crisis, asking questions like what and who are we, where are the boundaries.
 A magazine is published four times a year. Bureau

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Architektenregister enrolls only interior architects with a Master degree and as of 2015 two years of professional practice are necessary. The problem for the graduates with BA degree is, that they can't become interior architects, only interior designers. It is important to let enough students into the Master course. A strange development is visible. Interior architects have more years of education for enrolling than architects. Interior architects do a four year BA course and a two year MA course, architects do a three year BA course plus a two year MA course.

Great Britain:

3000 students graduate each year. 108.000 interior designers are registered by the government, what says nothing about qualification and quality. So many interior designers do not find enough work.

Five ministers support SBID, because the members are no producers or manufacturers, but offer service. The accredited members have to collect points each year to fulfil the rule for advanced training. SBID has an own successful magazine. The international awards organised by SBID bring good reputation and new members. Since two years they work on cooperation with the qualification body NSDAQ, coming from the USA and Canada, They will be ready in 2014. The system is translated to the UK. SBID just launched a healthcare advisory council to meet the needs of the growing ageing community in the field of interior design. The council could be powerful and valuable for SBID and its members. There is no money in it.

Norway:

The economy goes very well and interior architects have a lot of work. Problems exist with the education. Students come from abroad for the Master courses, because in Norway it is without payment. A competition for the places goes on and Norwegian students can't do a Master then. But NIL asks for five years of education.

A working group is engaged in the merger of architects, interior architects, landscape architects and city planners. The organisations will decide in their general assembly 2014 about this step. Important will be, that the interests are still kept, because the interior architects are a small group.

Island:

The economy is still in a crisis. The tourism is very interesting for the business of interior architects. Around 20 interior architects are working in Island. At the beginning of the crisis only five worked. So the number rises.

Belgium:

AINB is quite healthy with 300 interior architects. They have changed their structure with smaller boards. Work is enough, but to get enough money for the work is difficult. AINB is in contact with four schools concerning the development of education.

Italy:

AIPI has very good news. The Italian Government has recognised, among other professions, also the profession of Interior Designer. A result expected for the last 40 years. The economical crisis is going on.

Switzerland:

VSI/ASAI has finished the REG registration as a long term project. REG is the Foundation of the Swiss Registers of the professionals in the subjects of engineering, architecture and environment. It is a

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voluntary, not governmental registration of the title. VSI/ASAI has 200 members and is growing very fast at moment with 15 to 20 members per year. Four schools educate the interior architects in Switzerland. Since one year one more school offers a Bachelor program.

VSI/ASAI is member of the Swiss association SIA for organisations of architects and engineers and integrated in the work. In Switzerland the work of architects is not regulated by legislation. They decided with SIA not to go for legislation for the work of architects, only to pay attention to the title and the education. A problem for architects exists with the EU, because without legislation everybody can come and work as he likes.

France:

It is not a good period for the business of interior architects. 80 schools offer programs with different level, but a lot of schools are good. 14 schools are recognized by CFAI. The diploma of interior architects is nationally registered in level 1, what is positive. CFAI works together with the national body for classifying diplomas. The interior architects work on a protection of the title, which is a difficult and long way to go.

Ireland:

The interior architects are organised in the Institute of Designers IDI, which is a multidiscipline organisation. About 80 persons are recorded as interior architects. Four schools offer programs for interior architecture. Two schools are recognized by ECIA.

Germany:

BDIA moved from Bonn to Berlin this year. 2200 members are organised. 125.000 architects are registered in Germany. At some schools students graduate, who could not be enrolled in the chamber as interior architects. For enrolling an education of 3 or 4 years (up to the federal state) and a professional practice of two years are necessary. The regulation for fees of architects and interior architects HOAI was updated this year.

Estonia:

ESL has 178 members. Education has changed: 3 years BA plus 2 years MA now, before until 2002 4 years BA plus 2 year MA. Three schools offer courses for interior architecture. Two schools are private.

The existing building law as well as the new draft does not recognize the status of interior architects as it would be desirable, but ESL is participating to improve the positions in the building legislation. The negotiations regarding the building law are tough for interior architects since one representative of the government has expressed the point of view that the building act is for safety and this is the reason why interior architects have not been invited to work out the legislation from the very beginning. Now ESL tries to convey what interior architects do.

Situation in Denmark:

Pernille Gronbech gives some information for Denmark. Interior architects are members of the Danish organisation for designers DD. Around 300 to 400 interior designers are organised. Graduates of two schools have the possibility to be member of the organisation for architects. In Denmark two lines lead to the interior: from architecture or from arts and crafts. Two schools have merged. The Royal Academy of Arts now offers a 3 years Bachelor and a 2 years Master for interior architecture.

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Report IFI:

Joke van Hengstum asks IFI-Delegate Iria Degen to give a report on IFI. The situation for IFI is difficult. The congress in Istanbul was cancelled. Place and date for the GA are not fixed yet. The president elect stepped down. It is not clear, who will become president. Two month ago the office moved from Montreal to New York. All this is very sad for IFI in the year of the 50th anniversary. The board of ECIA would like to meet IFI, whenever it will be possible. It was planned for Istanbul.

8.0	Next general assembly	National organisations, which have a proposal for the location of the next general assembly, should write an email to the secretary general. The board will decide the place and date of the general assembly 2014 in the coming board meeting.	All NOs
	Closing	The participants are invited to look at the presentation "Examples". Nearly all national organisations sent in projects, so it could get a successful project of ECIA. Jan van Geysen thanks the national organisations for the good input.	

Participants GA	Organisation	Function	Signature
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Elke Kaiser	ECIA	Secretary General	<i>Elke Kaiser</i>
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