



ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DES ARCHITECTES D'EUROPE



**ACCORD ON PROFESSIONALISM
IN ARCHITECTURE
BETWEEN
THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE
AND
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

Whereas:

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the representative body for the architectural profession in the European Union, with, as Member Organisations, registration and professional architectural organisations from the EU Member States;

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is a professional body for architects in the United States of America;

Recognising That:

- Architects throughout the European Union and the United States of America seek integrity, professionalism and competence in the practice of architecture and offer society the skills and stewardship necessary to develop and protect the built and natural environment;
- Architects formulate, develop, assess and audit curricula, content and outcomes of courses in undergraduate architectural education, and of post graduate and diploma courses in architectural education and of continuing professional development, to meet both society's and the profession's needs;
- Architects participate in the establishment and maintenance of standards for architectural registration and licensing;
- Registration with member registration bodies, and membership of professional organisations or chapters is open to architects duly qualified under applicable local or national statutes or regulations;

The ACE and the AIA:

- Share the desire to: promote understanding, fellowship and freedom of movement and establishment between architects in the European Union and the United States of America; promote the profession's aesthetic, professional, scientific, social and technical effectiveness and responsibility; advance standards of architectural education, training and practice; provide leadership in the construction sector to promote overall quality and sustainability; and make the profession to be of ever-increasing service to society;
- Acknowledge and affirm the basic principles of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications between the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA);
- Recognise that environmental quality, energy efficiency, sustainable approaches, consumer protection and public safety, health and welfare require support through legislative backing and professional standards of design and practice.

The ACE and the AIA Agree to Exchange Information on:

- Architectural education and training
- Professional ethics and standards, institutional governance, board and officer training, committee structures, program planning and assessment, in their respective organisations, member organizations and chapters;
- Architect registration and licensing procedures;
- Architectural design and practice, to include legislation and public policy on planning, architecture and environment; planning, conservation and construction codes, practice guides and standards; construction specifications and contracts; public and private procurement procedures; and
- Electronic means of communication and practice.

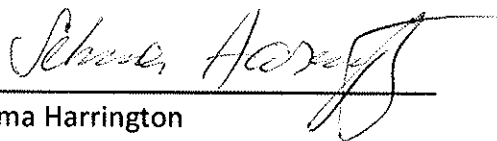
The ACE and The AIA Further Agree:

- To exchange liaison delegates and representatives who may, from time to time, be invited as unfunded observers and deliver statements on behalf of their organisations;
- To facilitate the exchange of architectural exhibitions and materials for publication;

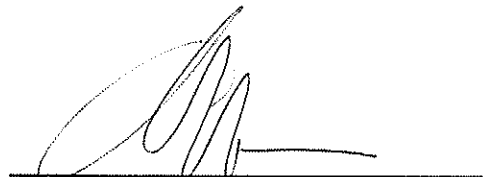
- To promote a better understanding by the relevant respective Registration Bodies and Legislative Organs of the architectural and professional standards and values pertaining in each others' areas;
- To encourage their respective competent authorities to negotiate and agree on the mutual recognition of standards in education, examination, registration and licensing, and to negotiate and agree on equal access to the market for provision of architectural services in their respective areas;
- To consult with one another so as to advance the work of the UIA through participation in its Congresses, Assemblies, Work Groups and Commissions.

This Accord is Effective:

For five years from the date of signature, unless abrogated by either party and it may be revised at any time or may be continued by mutual agreement.



Selma Harrington
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Date:

12th May 2011

Historical Note:

The Accord was first signed on 8th September 2000 in Copenhagen, Denmark, by Eoin O'Cofoigh, ACE President and Ronald L Skaggs, AIA President. It was re-signed on 15th October, 2005 Luxembourg by Marie-Hélène Lucas and Douglas Steidl.