

UIA REGION II PRESIDENTS MEETING

**ATHENS, Wednesday 10 March 2021/ Subject of the meeting:
"Recovering and Supporting Funds for Architects and Engineers.
Next events and activities"**

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Short report

1. I welcome all of you in this virtual meeting of UIA Region II presidents meeting

I would like to express my appreciations to the Technical Chamber of Greece and the president Giorgos Stasinou for his continuous support to UIA and the Greek Section. Also to the president of the TMEDE Ntinou Makedos, who is also the president of ATTICA Bank, for his support and specifically for housing this event, offering all the technical support in order this meeting to be organized and his important presentation and information of the engineers industry that of the construction sector. I would like to welcome the president of the Greek architects Dimitris Xynomilakis. On behalf of the Greek UIA Section, and personally also, I thank them. Finally I have to say that it is a privilege for our Greek UIA section to have Nikos Fintikakis as vice president of UIA Region II, who has a very long dynamic presence in UIA.

We are all here because of our deep interest and work we have done through the years for UIA. I wish a fruitful meeting, no matter if it is not in vitro. I would be very much welcomed you in Thessaloniki. We met here some years ago when Deniz Incedayi was the vice president of our Region. I hope that the pandemic will leave us soon, so the world and all of us will be free again but I believe that our way of life will not be the same!

I will start expressing again, on behalf of the uia Greek Section, our support to the Lebanese colleagues for the terrible disaster, the explosion in Beirut. I wish that our colleagues would have the opportunity and the funds to regenerate the area of the catastrophe and that the workshop on reconstruction of Beirut's port area, organized by the Order of Architects and Engineers of Lebanon with UIA support. It will run soon, from 12-14 March will give many important results

2. A few events as a result of the Pandemic

The pandemic, of course, had an impact to our profession as well. But it was a surprise to realize that new housing buildings are under construction as well as other activities that bring some income to the frozen market, as mentioned in more details by Giorgos Stasinou and Ntinou Makedou

There were also some jobs for the architects especially in the redesign of interior spaces of flats, houses et al. This might bring some changes to the teaching agenda of the schools of architecture

3. *There is still a discussion about “the determination of professional rights of Architects in Greece”*

4. *Summer Workshop 2020 organized by UMAR / UIA region II / SADAS-PEA/ UIA Greek Section under the theme: "Sustainable Designs: Natural Building Techniques" at the Stourna Hostel at Pilion Mountain, Volos, Central Greece postponed for a safer time*

5. *4th congress "Architecture & Tourism" at Rhodes Island Organized by architects of Rhodes, UIA region II / SADAS-PEA/ UIA Greek Section with the following Sub-themes: 1. Thematic Tourism. 2. Sustainable Design - Ecological Architecture. 3. Award-winning (whether implemented or not) tourism related project. 4. Relation of Natural Resources and Infrastructure to Tourism Development. Papers and PPs were selected but the congress postponed for later*

6. *The "International Open Ideas Competition for the Design of the surrounding area of the Ancient Theater of Larissa, Greece" According to UNESCO-UIA international competitions and town planning regulations will be, hopefully, announced in APRIL. The area was hit a few days ago of a number of earthquakes with more 1000 buildings destroyed*

7. *The International Architectural Competition (2 phases) for the re-design of Thessaloniki International fair Conf_ex, under the auspices of UIA-UNESCO regulations is at the second phase and the projects of the 15 teams selected from 116 submitted will be finished at the end of July (hopefully).*

Here I have to express my appreciation and thanks to all support and continuous help offered by the UIA-ICC directors Regina Gonthier and Jerzy Grochulski in developing and finalizing the above competitions

8. UIA Greek section organized two mini webinars to discuss matters that are connected to coronavirus: “the experience of the pandemic”

9. Also in few days we organize a webinar under the title “Conditions created by pandemic health protocols and their impact on public / private space”

10. The UIA Greek section is happy to support and is very much willing to help the Georgian architects in organizing the virtual exhibition they have suggested which will be a very important event under such circumstances (hybrid – digital)

11. As member of UIA-PHG I inform you that the UIA-PHG RIO Congress 2021 CALL FOR NEW PAPERS AND PROJECTS after a challenging year of dealing with COVID. The two themes for the UIA-PHG 2021 Seminar are: 1) Health and Cities, and 2) Architecture for Health. Priority will be given to projects that address the health design implications resulting from/ associated with the Pandemic □ Abstract submitted to: jmn@uia2020rio.archi (Mr. Jerônimo de Moraes)

12. As member of the Education Committee I Inform you that the EDUCOM had two meetings to revise the UNESCO-UIA Charter for architectural education with emphasis on issues of sustainability and the environment, architectural heritage, pedagogical methods, creativity in relation to new technologies and so on.

13. Finally I announce that I will be a candidate for the UIA Council decided by Greece. Very shortly I Joined UIA Greek section in the mid 80's and almost at the same time UIA-PHG. Through all these, more than 30, years, organizing many events (seminars, conferences, exhibitions, presenting papers etc.), I considered UIA an organization that is too important and crucial for the architects of the world

Thank you again for being all together last Wednesday. Our next digital meeting will be on the 12th of May

Until then keep going, keep health!