

*UIA REGION II PRESIDENTS MEETING*

*ATHENS, Wednesday ATHENS, Wednesday 12 May 2021/ (14:00 – 19:00 p.m. Athens –EET time)*

*Subject of the meeting: “UIA Elections / Strategies for the Future / Recovering and Supporting Funds”*

*Organizer / Host: TMEDE GREECE*

*Fani Vavili, President of UIA Greek (Hellenic) section*

*Short report*

*On behalf of UIA Greek Section, I welcome all of you at this virtual 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. Most of all to the president of the TMEDE & of ATTICA Bank Ntinou Makedos and his technical team for housing this event, offering all the technical support needed.*

*Also, I would like to welcome our colleague, the president of the Greek architects Dimitris Xynomilakis. Finally, I have to say that it is an honour for the UIA Greek Section that Nikos Fintikakis is the vice president of UIA Region II, organizing this event*

*I repeat my position that we participate in UIA and its bodies out of our deep interest and work we have done through the years for UIA. I wish a fruitful meeting and I wish that next meeting will take place in vivo & I would be happy to welcome you in Greece.*

*I will start expressing, on behalf of the UIA Greek Section and myself personally, our support to the new UIA IWA (International Women Architects). Congratulations Istelianna for your initiative wishing, with the help of all, important results*

*The several events that the UIA Greek Section has in its programming are postponed, due to the pandemic, for safer times. Some of them, as webinars, continue digitally*

*The “International Open Ideas Competition for the Design of the surrounding area of the Ancient Theatre of Larissa, Greece” According to UNESCO-UIA international competitions and town planning regulations will be, hopefully, announced in June.*

*The International Architectural Competition jury, for the re-design of Thessaloniki International fair Conf\_ex, under the auspices of UIA-UNESCO, will meet for evaluation at mid-July*

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

*As member of UIA-PHG I inform you that the UIA-PHG RIO Congress 2021 call for papers, posters etc. under the themes 1) Health and Cities, and 2) Architecture for Health was very successful. More than 160 colleagues submitted their proposals*

*Finally, I inform you again that I will be a candidate for the UIA Council decided by Greece with alternate Kyriakos Pipinis.*

*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 now, 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.*

*Discussions for changes in UIA are welcome since too many years (more than 70) have passed from the day UIA started in Lausanne, in order to adapt to current social, economic, technological, global demands and changes. Bringing architects from different backgrounds, together is an important task. Not only to boost innovative & creative ideas, good design, construction and practices but also to create a better, healthier place to live in our planet. In this transformation era the work of UIA is so very important!*

*Thank you again for being all together on Wednesday 12 May 2021. Our next digital meeting, I hope soon enough, will give us the opportunity to see each other again in a more free from the pandemic environment*

*Until then keep going, keep healthy!*

*Fani Vavili -Tsinika*