

Dear Friends, dear Colleagues,

I am glad to give me the opportunity to share my Regional II meeting with you, greetings to Nikos and all UIA VP here present.

First let me highlight about some inconvenience held with the UIA SG, related to Lebanese exemption fees 2020 and 2021.

The Lebanese section has received Invoice 2020 on March 2020 as has never received the one related to 2021 as per April 23, 2021. For this purpose the President of the Lebanese Order asks the UIA Secretariat to give us the payment situation, knowing as well that April 24, 2021 was the deadline to pay our dues as we have nominated candidates to elections for the term 2021-2023.

We received from the UIA Secretariat, both Invoices saying clearly that we are exempted to pay our due, according to the Council decision, even more 2021 Invoice, **received for the first time**, has no amount figure but written "**OFFERT**".

Ten days later, we received on May 03, 2021, a letter from the SG saying as we have people nominated for the term of 2021-2023, we have to pay our dues, giving a margin date on May 14, 2021, to let the Lebanese section pay related dues, neglecting the formal Invoices sent by UIA and received on May 23, 2021.

The President of the Lebanese Order replies to this letter, denying the content of the SG letter, as he considered the Invoices received, being as official documents.

I put this unusual situation in your hands, asking you to take the appropriate decision.

So I wonder why we are signing the terms of **Conflict of Interests**, if we will not been able to apply them.

I'll talk about some goals during my mandate as SG:

- 1- **We worked hard to let the UIA website being Interactive; I never find any topics being discussed there.**
- 2- **Bureau and Council MoM should be clearly dispatched on the website to give the opportunity to All Member sections to follow the debate and give their opinion upon.**
- 3- **What about the Young Architects committee and the Architecture's Student committee, which have been approved during Durban GA? It appears that both fall down and haven't get any continuity.**

Lot of Participants talked about Democracy, I am convinced it's a **Believe** and a way of **Acting**.

- **I am in favor of Change into our Organisation Region I motion should be a base to achieve such change.**
- **We gain more Wisdom with age, Work into the UIA should be a team work, concerning All Member Sections and not only Elected one.**

- **We should rely on WP, which are the most into contact with the Society, such as Municipalities, Schools and Universities, Medias, etc...**
- **Some needs to have the UIA being close to our Community and Society, interacting with Medias (TV, Press, Publication and Publishing houses, etc...)**
- **Our aim as Architects is to preserve Heritage wherever it is and to whom is belonging.**

These are some ideas, and my experience gives me the horizon that any program should be ours, our Vision and common approach should be shared through and toward our Organisation.

Thanks for giving me to time to express myself