

Society of Architectural Historians Australia and New Zealand

President's Report 2017

Thanks

First of all, I'd like to propose a **huge vote of thanks John Ting and Gevork Hartoonian** for organising this wonderful conference.

The SAHANZ PhD symposium in Adelaide earlier this week was just held in connection with CAMEA Asia. I'd like to invite Amit Srivastava and Nigel Westbrook to report on this event. For now I'd like to propose a **huge vote of thanks to Amit Srivastava and Nigel Westbrook**.

A vote of thanks to **Robin Skinner** for maintaining the website

Ed Board Chair:

Andrew Leach has decided to step down from his position as Chair of the Ed Board because of a potential conflict of interests. The SAHANZ Committee has appointed Paul Walker as the new Chair of the Editorial Board.

Partner organisations:

An active collaboration with SAHANZ' partner organisations SAH and EAHN is visible throughout: Karen Burns and Paul Walker ran a SAHANZ-endorsed session at SAH just recently in Glasgow. Susan Holden and Ashley Paine will hold a SAHANZ-endorsed session at the 2018 SAH conference, as will Andrew Leach with Alex Bremner at the EAHN conference 2018 in Tallinn.

Sydney 2019:

A proposal from the University of Sydney was selected by the SAHANZ Committee for hosting a combined conference of SAHANZ and EAHN in 2019. Called "*Distance Looks Back,*" it will explore the idea and implications of distance at a time when the EAHN community is thinking through the question of Europe. The conference committee is working towards an end of year deadline to formally propose the event to EAHN, but a notification of intention to submit has been discussed and welcomed at the business meeting held earlier this year in Dordrecht. The Sydney group is receiving advice (from the EAHN end) from the incoming EAHN chair, Mark Crimson. A call for papers will be developed for circulation early 2018.

Conf Policy and Guidelines

Combined Conference Policy and Guidelines have been developed and passed by the Committee. This document is combining necessary policy with advice for future conference convenors.

Presentation at a conference

The Conf Policy / Guidelines contain a passage on paper presentation which I cite here: “For inclusion in the proceedings, a paper needs to be presented at the conference. In exceptional circumstances, (such as health, mobility etc.), a live interactive video presentation by the paper’s author may be accepted. After considering all aspects of equity the decision to include a paper by an author who cannot be present lies with the Convenor, who may consult with the SAHANZ Committee.”

Finances

Three tax returns submitted in this period and the fourth underway as we speak.

Email Fraud

Most unfortunately, the Society has been the victim of a phishing scam. Unknown persons have been able to gather AUS\$ 1565 from the Society. The authorities and relevant IT Departments were informed immediately. The respective bank was requested to rescind the payment, but unfortunately this was not possible.

In the future, we will need to act with more caution when it comes to advertising our roles and emails on the website. A current suggestion is to have a 'home' email address like "secretary@sahanz.net" which becomes the address for external queries. Secondly, the Committee will need to revisit our banking processes.

Social Media Editor

A more comprehensive strategy will be necessary for the Society in view of the increased activities – social media, digitisation, 3 issues of *Fabrications* per year. Therefore, the Committee has decided to appoint a member of the Editorial Board as Social Media Editor. We would like Amy Clarke to do this job. The Committee expects liaison conversations between the new Social Media Editor and Robin Skinner to ensure the best results.

Saunders Grant

Finally, for the **Saunders Grant** the committee received 4 applications. From these, the Saunders Grant 2017 goes to Dr. Joshua Nash for his project entitled “Connecting Pitcairn Island and Norfolk Island Through Architecture: Islands, architecture, and language” is innovative in its cross-disciplinary methodology, drawing upon aspects of linguistics and architecture in investigating the ‘creole architecture’ of the historically connected settlements of Pitcairn and Norfolk Islands. We congratulate him.

As outgoing President, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Committee, Amit Srivastava, Catherine Lassen, Bill McKay, Nigel Westbrook, John Ting and Antony Moulis for their great work.

Christoph Schnoor
SAHANZ President 2015/17