



TIME for us to join forces and face new challenges

2018

The ARCTIC ice cap melts

The UK based associate member celebrated its 25th Anniversary. NL shares a well documented article on the deterioration of the Arctic ice cap, as a recognition of SGR activities.



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ARC•PEACE webpage HACKED!

Worldwide enemy hacker known as 'indoXploit' put an end to our webpage just at the beginning of February.



This is the result of two chaotic years with the 'comes and goes' of former volunteers in charge and not reliable technical servers. Volunteers to help recover this tool are urgently needed. Will you be one?

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Parisians cultivate their city



According to a new law 100 Has of Paris will be covered by gardens using walls, facades and roofs throughout the city by 2020.

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AMAZING PARTICIPATION



International Woman's Day

Huge demonstrations have been seen in many cities on March 8. Hundreds of thousands of women (accompanied by not few men) went out to show that their historical struggle stays until succeeding.

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Sustainability and Degrowth

ARC•PEACE Secretary was guest speaker at a series of Conferences organized by Palma Polytechnic to contribute to the 'Environment Week'. Main subject was the creation of social awareness on the day-to-day actions.



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TEACHING IN PRISONS

Buenos Aires, Argentina. Outside volunteer architects were authorized to teach construction technics to men in jail. Guided by architects they learn socially responsible abilities for when they go back to liberty; an example worthy of worldwide echoing.

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ARC•PEACE, CAHR & UNESCO

Graeme Bristol, shares with NL readers his busy 2018 Agenda at both ARC•PEACE and CAHR tasks. He challenges academical and professional colleagues to induce the UIA and universities the adoption of Human Rights in the practice and teaching of Architecture



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The network organised an international youth conference in Prague, November 27-29, 2017, which released 'Reach High for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World' a youth appeal to world leaders to participate constructively in 2018 UN High Level Conference on Nuclear Disarmament.

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ARC•PEACE ACTIVITIES PLAN UNTIL 2020: FIND A BIT OF FREE TIME JOIN US AND PERFORM ONE OR MORE CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES. YOU WILL FEEL GREAT!
Annex Page

Stephen Hawking dies at 76

On March 14, the world knew of this great loss to human science just at closing this NL #55 edition. An ARC•PEACE obituary.



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Defending a woman is defending life

Huge public demonstrations have been seen in many cities on Thursday 8, March. Hundreds of thousands of women (accompanied by not few men) went to show that their historic struggle to recover their stolen dignity not only has not ended but will advance to its ultimate goal.

Needless to say, a history of humanity without women would be absolutely impossible.

Women are not just symbols as many feminists tend to exhibit. Plunging into the great amount of literature will help anyone to know of her powerful and irreplaceable identity in human life.

Therefore, pretending to synthesize the struggle of women for the recognition of their 100% human demands in an Editorial would be quite disrespectful.

Let us consider this brief text as a humble homage in the living memory of every woman who, for the sole reason of being a woman, has been victim of the ignorant brutality of a historically irresponsible humanity.

If we accept it, we must also assume that by commission or omission each one of us is part of this unjustifiable fact. Truth has an exclusive role in the legitimate claims of all human beings. Thus, truth supports the natural dignity of every single woman.

And, at the same time, exposes the lies about which a society dominated by unjust men uses them to justify their repeated arbitrariness and outright failures.

Society continues creating distorted images of woman's original and perfect design. Nothing could be more unworthy of the human gender!

The three monotheistic religions: Hebrew, Christian and Islamic teach the book of Genesis, about God creating man and woman 'in his image and likeness'.

This means an indivisible and complementary unity, enjoying same rights, and with the high commission to be the stewards of planetary life. Those believers are estimated at approximately 55% of world's population. Among them and those included in the enormous and rich diversity of remaining 45% are those religious and non religious who see women and men as equals in rights.

And yet, why should women go out on the street demanding cultural, social, legal, economic and political equality?

The right answer is within an ample context.

Firstly, it is a fact that we suffer from a great inability to face the undesirable consequences of our actions.

Secondly, there is a tendency to confuse selfish actions with mature civility; pure competitiveness with the best way to achieve common good; cooperation with wasted time; and affluence with highest quality of life.

Thirdly, good words only seldom are followed by good deeds. All that having said, we must recognize that in parallel to the irrational and brutal abuses suffered by women, there is a radical militancy that defends their rights in such ridiculous forms and statements that clearly overshadow their just denunciation.

Finally, it is quite obvious that greed moves great interests that lurk to pocket large sums of money appealing to the dissatisfaction of the most neglected and the morbidity of insatiable people. But, this qualifies for another Editorial.

Our grandmothers, mothers, sisters, girlfriends, wives, daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and many more, represent women deprived from their rights. Many suffer discrimination, abuse, torture, exploitation, rape and death. Their rights, dignity, and their very life is in our hands. Let's prevent the greedy from continuing to profit from this ancient human trade. How?

Decide to stop being part of the problem. Let's join forces to be part of the solution. Right now!

The Editor

Pictures from Madrid largest women procession ever



Banner text above: **Respect my Existence or expect Resistance**



Vice-Secretary Øystein Grønning Reports live from Madrid

"March 8, in Madrid: Colossal long train: tremendous atmosphere. Here from Hotellvinduet, but we went on the train too, held on for hours.

Watch these videos: View from our hotel window, but we join in as well. Colossally grand procession went on for hours."

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The deterioration of the Arctic ice cap

Based in the UK, SGR keeps from their beginnings a strong presence on Sustainability, Climate Change and Disarmament among other crucial issues. ARC•PEACE NL congratulates our distinguished colleagues on their Silver Anniversary.

The deterioration of the Arctic ice cap and its climate has continued apace. Vanessa Spedding provides an update on recent developments.

Since the previous article in the *SGR Newsletter*¹ in 2013 on melt conditions and predictions for the Arctic ice cap, the decline of sea ice cover has continued with a clear and consistent trend, albeit with significant year-to-year variability.

Examining the latest Arctic observations

Latest figures from the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) in the USA² show that the Arctic sea ice extent for September 2017 —the end of this year's Arctic summer —was, at 4.87 million square km, not a record low but the eighth lowest minimum of summer sea-ice cover. However the summer was characterised by localised weather conditions in the form of storms and low-pressure areas, both of which have cooling effects, and which produced a temporary rally. Conversely, winter 2016-7 *did* break a record, with measurements registering an all-time low for winter sea ice extent.³

The rate of sea ice decline per decade provides a useful, longer view. For September 2017, NSIDC calculations give this figure as 13.2% per decade (relative to the period 1981 to 2010) – little changed since 2012. Further insight into the prospects for Arctic ice is provided by assessments of its thickness, or total volume, which give indications of its quality and resilience. A rare (and dangerous) winter expedition, undertaken by Norwegian researchers in 2015, showed that winter sea ice is thinner and weaker than they expected.



The scientists observed⁴ that much of the older, thicker, multi-year ice is being replaced by younger ice that is thinner, more vulnerable to storms and winds, more prone to breaking up, and more likely to experience accelerating degradation, as Prof Peter Wadhams warned in our 2013 article.¹

Overall the trends are clear and offer little comfort. A report for policy-makers published in 2017 by The Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)⁵ of the Arctic Council⁶ provides a comprehensive and disturbing overview of the state of the Arctic region and its prospects.

The report, titled *Snow, Water, Ice and Permafrost in the Arctic* (SWIPA), is based on assessments undertaken between 2010 and 2016 and concludes that the Arctic's climate is shifting to a new state, which is warmer, wetter and more variable. Its survey of the most recent predictions for an ice-free Arctic summer suggests this could occur as early as the late 2030s, fitting with the range of predictions made by Prof James Overland⁷ and Prof Tim Lenton (referenced previously¹) in 2013.

The SWIPA report notes that Arctic temperatures have been rising more than twice as fast as the global average for the past 50 years, that snow cover has declined steadily and that sea temperatures are also increasing.

These observations align with recent findings by a Japanese team of researchers that include Prof Kay Ohshima and Haruhiko Kashiwase, of Hokkaido University and the Japan National Institute of Polar Research respectively, which show clear evidence of the albedo effect in action.⁸

This is a positive feedback loop in which reduced reflectivity resulting from receding white ice giving way to dark water causes more of the sun's energy to be absorbed as heat, in turn causing more melting.

“This study was the first to quantitatively elucidate that ice-ocean albedo feedback is a primary driver of seasonal and yearly variations in Arctic sea ice retreat,” Prof Ohshima said.

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UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Community Architecture

NL Editor talked to ARC•PEACE Co-Chair, Graeme Bristol, about several issues in his Agenda 2018. The issue chosen for the title is of great importance in the Education of Architecture and related professions.

NL: Thanks for sharing us time and some of your projects, Graeme.

GB: I am pleased to get in touch with NL readers. I hope this is the beginning of a profitable interaction with many of them after this interview.

NL: What is the situation as regards the recognition from UNESCO for a very important initiative of yours?

GB: I continue to work on finding a university partner to join with CAHR and UNESCO to establish the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Community Architecture. For any ARC•PEACE member who might have some ideas about that, I have [here](#) a set of prerequisites for the host university.

NL: We know that ARC•PEACE Secretariat has approached a couple of Spanish Universities with respect to that important UNESCO chair.

GB: Indeed, I been told of this action. I feel very grateful to Prof. Roberto Goycoolea Prado for his sincere and positive comments on this initiative. I also understand it is quite difficult to find an immediate response from public universities due to their well known strict planning.

NL: You also attended the Union Internationale des Architectes (UIA) at Seoul. Is there any project you have for the Union to consider?

GB: My time at the UIA Seoul conference was taken up with trying to lobby the UIA Bureau to establish a new [work programme](#) on human rights in architecture.



I know I have support with past president Louise Cox but in order to make this work I have been told this has to be proposed by a member. A member is a national architecture organization like the RIBA, the AIA or, in my case, the RAIC. I have been pushing away at the RAIC to get this underway but so far my proposal is on the bottom of their pile of intentions. My work, however, continues. I have attached the draft proposal to the UIA which I hope the RAIC will put before the Bureau. (Note of the Editor: See page 7)

NL: We understand there has been some contacts from ARC•PEACE with Spanish colleagues in order to invite them to support your initiative during the next Council meeting. Have you got any positive answer?

GB: Again, I must thank our well known colleague Jordi Balari, from Spain. He approached Prof. José María Llop Torné on my behalf. He is one of the Council members and responded quite positively. I'm happy to count with his support at the UIA Council meeting, on April.

NL: Would you like to anticipate some other projects to NL readers?

GB: Yes, there is a paper I did a couple of years ago, now entitled 'The Trouble with Architecture'. It is finally being published as a chapter in an upcoming book with Springer, [Neo-liberalism and the Architecture of the Post Professional](#).

NL: It sounds quite interesting and we look forward to see this publication.

GB: I'm also working on another paper which, if accepted, I may present at [a conference](#) in Bangkok in July: 'Human Rights and the Business of City Building'.

I want to pursue some of the ideas surrounding this ongoing [investigation](#) by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. I mentioned this in my comments on the Kuala Lumpur Declaration. I think there are some intriguing ideas there about gentrification, economic imperatives and human rights. I have been trying to pursue this with the community in Tottenham as well as with the OHCHR working group.

NL: Thanks again Graeme for giving us the opportunity to know about your engagements worldwide. Best to you.



Pictures illustrating this note show CAHR educational program in Thailand where Graeme Bristol spends much time advocating Human Rights.

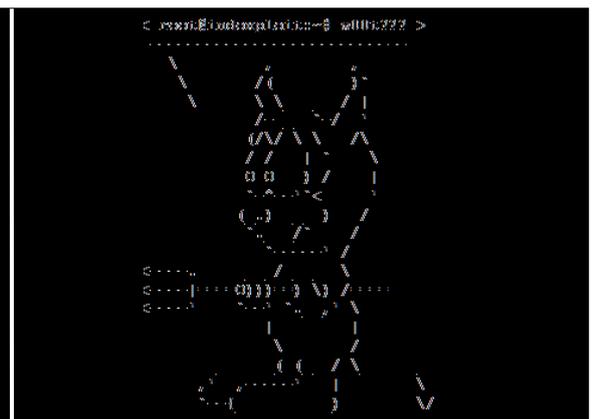
ARC•PEACE WEBSITE IS DEAD!

At the right is how it looks since early February 2018

Many of you have clicked on [www.arcpeace.org](#) and the indoXploit devil (on the right) greets you with his burning trident ready to carve your desire to navigate. So, NL regrets to inform that ARC•PEACE website is no longer at work.

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Voilà! pretty soon Paris will look like a green city

Paris allows by law that any citizen cultivate healthy and sustainable food anywhere in the city.

It was in the month of April 2015 when the Mayor of Paris announced the start-up of a new circular economy with the aim of protecting gardens and promoting the development of ecological actions in the city.

The objective was to foster an ecosystem where nothing is lost and everything is transformed and take a step to end the image of the city as a resource-consuming entity.

It was intended to favour eco conception (products whose life cycle has the least environmental impact), industrial ecology (that the waste of one company is a source of others) and the economy of functionality (prioritize the service provided of a good to its possession).

Among other issues, eight million Euros were committed to boost urban agriculture. In this line the City of Paris approved on July 1 a measure both unprecedented and revolutionary.

Any citizen of the French capital can green the environment and grow food anywhere in the city, whether at home, office, public gardens, walls, roofs or flower boxes on the street.



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It is about greening the city and promoting the culture of urban gardens throughout the capital.

The government of the French city will allow any citizen to become a gardener, although it establishes a series of conditions: sustainable methods must be used, avoiding the use of toxic pesticides and promoting biodiversity in the city.

According to reports from Ecoinventos, a permit from the City Council, which will be provided within a month, will be needed and they must commit to maintaining their urban gardens correctly and ensuring that the vegetation improves the aesthetics of the city. The local government of Paris will issue permits for three years, with the option of renewal. In exchange the local government will provide a "sewing kit" with seeds and topsoil.

This measure aims to improve the quality of life of Parisian citizens, giving freedom to their "gardeners" and allowing them to fly their imagination, so they can be creative in their practices of local greening, strengthening social cohesion and turning Paris into a greener and liveable city.

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Insular Sustainability: everyone's present task

Tourism is 74% of gross income in the autonomous province of Balearic Islands.

Construction, conservation of cultural and natural heritage, gastronomy, transport, and information technology are the areas for the creation of jobs.

The Palma Polytechnic trains young people that find getting a job quite difficult when leaving the Poly. Same happens to those choosing to pursue a university career.

All of them need consciousness of the fact that success is really achieved only if cooperating to environmental sustainability right now; an ever present truth in an archipelago. Prof. Javier Caparrós Llodrá is Rector of the Polytechnic,

He invited Oscar Margenet Nadal to speak on this crucial subject. Oscar in turn invited Majorca's Counselor of the Environment, Ms Sandra Espeja and Andy Margenet as the technical support. A synthesis of "Before the Flood" film shot by the National Geographic, directed by Martin Scorsese and conducted by Leonardo Di Caprio was initially projected.

A film highly recommended to watch at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxifYIIEV_4



Left: about sixty people participated including the executive staff, teachers and students of the Poly and some from the general public.

Indeed this is worth repeating an initiative!

[The Editor](#)



From left: Andy Margenet, the Poly Rector, Majorca's Counselor of the Environment, and ARC•PEACE Secretary.

Architects help prison interns to rebuild their lives

Not a few think that prisons reveal the failure of our civilization. 70 years ago, Hitler's Germany and Stalin's USSR were ruled over concentration camps. There were more criminals outside the fields than inside, and more innocent inside than outside. Today, USA, the most powerful and developed country in the world has the world record of incarcerated. And the media shows that the capitalist disciplinary system seems to produce more criminals outside than inside. There are also many generous beings teamworking in many ways; they understand that both socialist and capitalist societies need intensive labor inclusion therapies for their fragile morals and in that way interpret prisons. The conflicting bioethics of inmates with serious behavioral disorders is studied by multi disciplinary teams in order to integrally rehabilitate not few lives.

Héctor Santojanni is an Argentine senior architect. He is a Christian Chaplain in charge of the Prison Ministry for Internal Change (MCCI). His main activity is coordinating a team with men and women including Architects, Psychologists, Lawyers, Businessmen and other volunteers. Their activity is held at the Hall 1, in the U24 Prison, located at Florencio Varela in the Buenos Aires Province.

The MCCI has been working for the last decade and received the official endorsement from the General Direction of the Penitentiary Service of Buenos Aires Province in 2014.

The team of volunteers assists the people in prison in their spiritual, moral, educative and material needs.

The teachings go from Masonry, Sanitary and Electrical Installations to Arts and Crafts, Playing music, Dressmaking, and English language.

They started in a warehouse with some 50 inmates living totally cramped, with only one bathroom and no shower due to broken pipes.

"We then decided to rebuild it, with no materials, tools or funds. But soon some miracles began to happen" says Santojanni *"an inmate found an old block abandoned in one of the yards, which we restored and we began to make cement blocks."*



That effort is still not enough. They would like being able *"to extend this vision to other pavilions and thus continue our rehabilitation program based on long lasting moral and spiritual principles"* Santojanni ends.

Left: Héctor and Silvia Santojanni with their two children.

They started by building a wall in the rectangular plant warehouse dividing the workshops and tutorial sector from the dormitory area.

Is not just a longitudinal separation but a zigzag curved wall *"so as not to generate intersections at 90° with transversal separations"* our colleague explains.

"What we tried was that the inmates had ways to contact each others different from the usual ones; so they could see the habitat also contributing to the dignity of the person."

As a result most of the inmates took an interest in learning the basic techniques of construction. *"This was the beginning of our first courses specially designed for them"* concludes Santojanni.

"We formed work teams that began to do their practices in the different parts of the penitentiary, until the possibility of carrying out workshops appears, in order to extend the courses to other pavilions, where we also propose architectural shapes that do not had to do with those used in a prison, generating much more visual effects; and they were widely accepted" describes the architect Chaplain.

But there again they faced with unjustified lack of funds. Some inmates make handicrafts like the nice cuckoo clock (right pic) which are sold outside for funding.



Right: meeting in the new room built among the inmates.



Bottom: mold used to make the blocks.

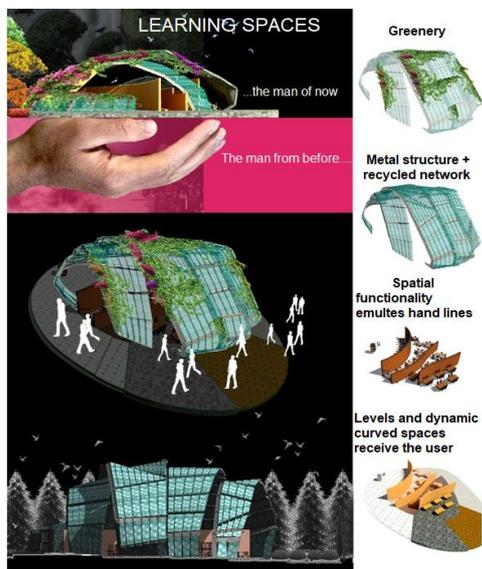


They now add recycled plastic to the mortar cutting plastic bottles in thin stripes. *Below: an inmate at work.*



Above: Santojanni lecturing a group.

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Fernando David Mendizábal Mendoza, young Bolivian architect



Fernando cooperates with Héctor Santojanni and Lucas Vidú, the architects engaged in MCCI at UP24. His 'new multiple use pavilion' project was recently approved; hopefully it will soon enter into planning stages.

The idea comes from a right hand image in a position to deliver or receive. He transforms it into an inverted hand shaped structure that protects learning spaces.

Research and writing by Oscar Margenet Nadal

1. This proposed working group can support a number of the other working groups in the application of rights particularly with children, architecture for all, culture/heritage, education, urbanisation, and professional practice

2. The UN and many other agencies now are demanding a rights-based approach (RBA) to development. The architectural profession has had a long-standing relationship with UNESCO and a number of other UN bodies. It is important for the profession to take a leadership role in implementing the RBA in the education and practice of the profession.

5. OBJECTIVES. 1. Supporting the other working programmes in recognizing the rights implications of urbanisation, energy, culture, children, humanitarian efforts, architectural education and professional practice

2. Encouraging the inclusion of human rights principles in the UIA/UNESCO Charter on Architectural Education, the UIA Accord on International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice, the UIA Accord Policy on Ethics and Conduct, as well as similar national regulations and standards.

3. Organizing regular symposia on human rights and architecture (the first one of these was organized by CAHR and KMUTT in Bangkok in 2006).

4. Supporting continuing professional development courses on human rights and architecture.

5. Implementing a rights-based approach in these five areas of intersection between architecture and human rights:

a. Cultural Rights – working with vulnerable communities in the protection of their cultural history.

b. Rights of access – working with communities to overcome exclusion in the access to buildings, to resources and to the city.

c. Housing rights – working with vulnerable communities to provide design alternatives to forced eviction especially through development-induced displacement

d. Environmental rights – working with vulnerable communities in the protection of traditional and legal land rights in the face of disaster and development as well as the protection of their rights to clean water and air.

e. Workers' rights – providing a safe haven away from construction sites for the children of migrant construction workers and improving their access to education and health care.

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARCHITECTURE by Graeme Bristol

The author of this positive proposal is Executive Director of Canada-Thailand based Centre for Architecture & Human Rights (CAHR) and ARC•PEACE current Co-Chair. Any person interested on this subject may write Graeme to: gbristol@gmail.com.

It was decided at ARC•PEACE XX⁰ GA, Palma, to support Graeme's on one of his great achievements: the UNESCO Chair Program to Universities and while this is on the way he attempts to persuade UIA Council Board to include his proposal in their April meeting Agenda. His briefing follows:

1. PROPOSAL. The UIA will establish a working programme on 'Human Rights and Architecture'.

2. PROCESS. The author is the Centre for. He contacted the President of the RAIC in Ottawa to seek the approval of this proposal by the Board of Directors. The RAIC, a member of the UIA, is making a formal presentation of it to the UIA Council and Bureau.

3. WHY HUMAN RIGHTS? The question is often asked, 'what does architecture have to do with human rights?' The principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights have important implications for architecture.

Our understanding of rights necessarily affects the processes of architecture and, of course, the products of our efforts. Both improve when a human rights approach is taken to that process of design.

Conversely, when we fail to recognize the human rights implications in our work, delays, design failure and worse are often the result. Architects, engineers and planners are intimately involved in development and there are too many examples of failure. It has been estimated that there were 163 million people who had been forcibly displaced (2007 figures).

At 65% (105 million) 'development-induced displacement' accounted for more forced evictions than all other causes combined (political persecution, disaster and conflict).

This fact alone suggests a different approach to development – a rights-based approach. That approach opens up a number of avenues of exploration for research and has a number of positive implications for practice. A Working Programme in 'Human Rights and Architecture' is meant to build awareness in the profession about those implications.

4. WHY ANOTHER WORKING PROGRAMME IN THE UIA? Presently the UIA has three Commissions: Architectural Education, Professional Practice and Competitions.

There are now twelve Working Programmes:

- Architecture and Society (9)
- Architecture and Children, Architecture for All, Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources, Cultural Identity
- Architectural Heritage, Educational and Cultural Spaces, PHG
- Public health, Responsible Architecture, Spiritual Places, Sports and Leisure; Urbanisation (2)
- Architecture and Tourism, Intermediate Cities
- Urbanisation and Development; and Habitat (1)
- Action without borders. There are two main reasons to add to this list:

In addition to information available online (www.architecture-humanrights.org) CAHR has been working on these issues of human rights and architecture since 2002. In 2006, CAHR was formalized as a Canadian-registered non-profit organization. Along with a number of publications on these issues, Graeme Bristol, CAHR's ED, has been working with UNESCO to establish a UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Community Architecture, a proposal supported by the UIA (see letter of endorsement, 31JAN2014).

6. **BACKGROUND.** In 2011, the theme of World Architecture Day was 'architecture and human rights'. It is important to expand this focus on rights beyond a thematic 'day'. As Kofi Annan's move to integrate human rights throughout the UN system, the UIA can and should lead by example to show how this can be done in the architectural profession.

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ABOLITION 2000 Youth Network

The Abolition 2000 Youth Network is a working group which provides a forum for networking and building cooperation between various youth-led nuclear disarmament initiatives, and with youth working on other related issues or peace and sustainable development. The working group also provides a bridge between youth and other Abolition 2000 actions and initiatives. It also includes representatives from Amplify, Ban All Nukes generation (BANg), Chain Reaction 2016, CTBTO Youth Group, Global Zero, IPPNW,

A BRILLIANT MIND LEFT THIS WORLD



Stephen William Hawking (January 8, 1942 – March 14, 2018) was born at Oxford and died at Cambridge, UK.

Though he is no longer with us, his scientific work survives him. As a humble homage let us quote some of his latest predictions:

Artificial intelligence Among other reflections in this regard, the British astrophysicist said in 2016:

"We do not know the possibilities of life on other planets, we may be the only intelligent beings in the entire galaxy and there is a terrifying possibility that technology will overtake the human race".

Development of weaponry He was also one of the more than 1,500 personalities who signed a letter in 2015 against this shameful industry.

Student Network, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non proliferation & Disarmament (youth), Parliament of the World's Religions (youth ambassadors), UNFOLD ZERO, Youth Future Project, and others.

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Left picture: Hawking, with physicist Thomas Hertog, wrote about the possibility of measuring the existence of other universes.

"If any major military power pushes towards the development of artificial intelligence weapons, a global arms race is virtually inevitable and the end of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow," says the letter.

Climate change Hawking indicated that the Earth could "die" in 200 years if this problem of global warming is not addressed and that the planet will reach the same temperature as Venus.

In Hawking's words, Venus is an example of uncontrolled global warming, something that could happen on Earth if greenhouse gases in the atmosphere reach extreme levels.

On behalf of ARC•PEACE members the Newsletter Editor wishes to convey our most sincere condolences to the family of the British sage.

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