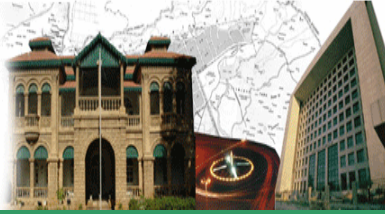


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# E/Newsletter

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**Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP)** is a statutory body established by the Government of Pakistan under the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners Ordinance 1983 (Ordinance IX of 1983) to regulate the professions of Architecture and Town Planning in Pakistan.

## **Dear Readers,**

I am extremely delighted to present this first issue of PCATP E/Newsletter. The Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) strongly believes that information sharing is essential to foster strong networking; therefore, the newsletter aims to highlight the activities of PCATP, our partners and professionals.

The green background of the newsletter depicts our strongest possible commitment to environmental issues. I am truly convinced that one of the greatest challenges of present time is to protect the environment for our future generation and, no doubt, the role of Architects and Town Planners is very critical in this regard.

I am sure you enjoy reading our newsletter, your contribution and comments will enable us to improve it further.

Best wishes,  
**Ar. Shama Usman**  
**Chairperson**

## **Result of PCATP Election 2009**

The Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) is a professional body that truly believes on democratic norms and practices. PCATP deems elections as life line for any institution; therefore, elections have become a consistent process, held after every two year, to elect members for the Executive Committee of PCATP. Elections have been successfully organized for 2009-2011 duration and following are the elected members of the Executive Committee. Ar. Shama Usman (Chairperson); Ar. Samar Ali Khan (Vice Chairman) and Plnr. Shehzad Haider (Vice Chairman). Members Executive Committee (Architecture) are Ar. Anjum Adil, Ar. Asad I. A. Khan, Ar. Asadullah Varzгани, Ar. Muhammad Tariq, Ar. Muhammad Tahir and Ar. S.M. Jahangir Sherpao. Members Executive Committee (Town Planners) are Plnr. Muhammad Arshad Chouhan, Plnr. Mubushar Hussain, Plnr. Muhammad Shahid Hassan and Plnr. Shafiq Ali Siddiqui. Ar. S. Faisal Sajjad and Plnr. Shaker Mahmood are the Education Nominees for the Executive Committee. While talking on the occasion the newly elected Chairperson of PCATP vowed her commitment to put all possible efforts to promote and protect the profession and professionals.

## Recognition of IAP & IPP as Professional Institutes and Arms of PCATP

It is to announce, with great delight, that the Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan, through a letter, F.NO. 1 (1)/2008-RP dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009, has approved the recommendation made by the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) for the recognition of Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) and Institute of Planners Pakistan (IPP) as Professional Institutes and Arms of PCATP. It would be interesting for our readers that PCATP has been struggling for such recognition since 1987. PCATP is really grateful to Mr. Kamran Lashari, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, for his efforts, interest and cooperation in resolving this longstanding issue of the recognition of Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) and Institute of Planners Pakistan (IPP) as professional institute and arms of PCATP.

## PCATP Applauds Successful IAPEX 2009

The Executive Committee of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) congratulates the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) for organizing successful IAPEX 2009. In a letter to Ar. Maria Aslam Hyder, Chairperson IAP Karachi Chapter, the Chairperson PCATP expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the organizing team, sponsors and promoters of the event. IAP Karachi Chapter organized IAPEX 2009 from 29<sup>th</sup> till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at Expo Center Karachi. The theme of IAPEX was 'Celebrating Architecture'. Thought provoking presentations, lectures and films were presented during the extravaganza.

## PCATP Participates in Training for Trainers

The Quality Assurance Agency of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has organized a workshop with a view to train Master Trainers on Accreditation and Self Assessment. Ar. Mohammad Tahir, Ar. Muhammad Arif Changezi and Ar./Plnr. T. Sadia Fazli, Registrar PCATP, represented the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners in this two day, 16-17 June, workshop in Islamabad. The workshop was organized as an outcome of the recommendations of the second meeting of Accreditation Councils and it was conducted by foreign experts.

## Nominations for Accreditation Board (2009 - 2011)

The Executive Committee of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) at its 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Meeting, held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in Rawalpindi, has nominated the following members for Accreditation Board term 2009-2011. The nominees are: Ar. Shama Usman, Chairperson PCATP, Statutory Member; Ar. Samar Ali Khan, Vice Chairman PCATP, Statutory Member; Plnr. Shehzad Haider, Vice Chairman (Town Planning), Statutory Member; Ar. Kalim A. Siddiqui, Member Accreditation Board; Plnr. Mian Khalid Aziz, Member Accreditation Board; and Ar./Plnr. T. Sadia Fazli, Registrar/Secretary to Accreditation Board.

## Get Your Copy Before It's Too Late!

The office of PCATP needs necessary to inform that only few copies of "Silver Directory of Architects & Town Planners - October 2008" are available for Sale at the office of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP). The Silver

Directory has been designed and published by PCATP with a view to compile the primary information of our esteemed members; Architects & Town Planners. Since, this book is a great resource for our community members; therefore, the book is sold out very quickly. With no reprint on the cards, this is your best time to make sure you snag your copy. The Silver Directory is available for only Rs. 500/= for the Members of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) and for Non-Members the cost stands at Rs. 1000/=. Hurry up and get your copy before it's too late!

### Please Read Carefully

You have to register with the Council to represent yourself as Architect or Town planner

PCATP Ordinance 1983, Section 2 (a)

PCATP Ordinance 1983, Section 2 (n)

Make sure to renew your registration ever year.

### PCATP's Registration & Renewal – Fee Structure

This is to inform that following is the Fee Structure for Registration and Renewal of Architects and Town Planners at the Pakistan Council of Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP).

Registration and Form Processing (New)	Rs. 1150/=
Renewal of Registration for a Validity Period of One year	Rs. 500/= (As per the Executive Committee decision the Annual Renewal Fee would be Rs. 1000/= from the year 2010)
Late Payment Surcharge @	Rs. 100/= per year
<b>Lifetime Membership</b>	
Up to age 35 years	Rs. 10000/=
Age 36 to 45 years	Rs. 8000/=
Age 46 to 55 years	Rs. 6000/=
Age 56 to 65	Rs. 4000/=
<b>Restoration of Membership</b>	

If your name has been removed from the 'Register', you still have a chance to restore your registration and become a lifetime member. You only need to pay a sum equivalent to the 50% of your outstanding dues along with the lifetime membership fee according to your age bracket.

### Second KIRAT Workshop

Heritage Foundation in collaboration with PCATP and IAP organized the Second KIRAT Workshop on Architects and Post-Disaster Development, held at the KIRAT Campus, Chattar, District Mansehra from 26<sup>th</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The main aim of the workshop was to build KIRAT as a platform for facilitating activities for the benefit of communities affected by Earthquake 2005. The workshop organizers hope that such interaction will be helpful in developing a structure for a sustained collaborative framework between PCATP, IAP, Heritage Foundation and other educational institutions.

### **PCATP Recommends Proper Procedure for Design Competition**

PCATP responded on an advertisement, published by Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB), regarding the call for Architects to participate in a Design Competition for an office cum commercial building. In a letter to Managing Director PPIB, it was informed that one of the primary functions of the Council is to organize "Architectural Competitions". Since, its inception, the Council has successfully organized several competitions for federal and provincial governments as well as private entities. The Council has also outlined a procedure and regulations to organize such competitions. For that reason, PCATP recommended PPIB to adopt the proper procedure, if they wish to organize competition for Architects. PCATP is highly grateful to PPIB to pay attention on our request and also announcing the 'Withdrawal of Competition Offer'. PCATP hops that organizations/departments will adopt proper procedure to organize Design Competition for Architects in future.

### **Grand Architects and Town Planners Convention**

The Lahore Chapter of the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) successfully organized Architects and Town Planners Convention to celebrate the Golden and Silver Jubilee of IAP and PCATP respectively. This three day event, 21<sup>st</sup> June- 23<sup>rd</sup> June, was held at Pearl Continental Hotel, and the Alhamra Arts Centre. PCATP esthetically participated in the program and put all efforts to make the program successful. Besides others, Ar. Shama Usman, Chairperson PCATP, Ar. Samar Ali Khan, Vice Chairman PCATP and Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan, Chairman PCATP (2005-2009), also delivered speeches/presentations on the occasion.

### **Design Competition for Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Monument**

The Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (ACATP) has been commissioned by the Ministry of Culture, Government of Pakistan to organize and conduct a two-stage nation wide Architectural Design Competition for the Construction of Mohtarma Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Monument/Memorial at Liaquat Bagh, Rawalpindi. The office of PCATP received sixteen (16) entries as a response to our call; however, one (01) entry did not meet the criteria and made competition open for fifteen (15) entries. In order to evaluate remaining fifteen (15) entries for the competition, PCATP, along with the Promoter, had called a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 in Islamabad and invited the Jury of Assessors, included known and experienced architects of Pakistan, to shortlist the entries for

second round. After a careful, professional and impartial appraisal, the Jury has decided to select six-entries for the second round. The Jury for the second and final round of the competition is expected to be held in the last week of July.

### Annual General Meeting of PCATP

The Annual General Meeting of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) was held on March 13, 2009 at Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi under the Chairmanship of Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan. A large number of PCATP members took part in the proceedings of the meeting. The meeting through a resolution confirmed the minutes of its last meeting held on March 08, 2008. Ar./Plnr. Sadia Fazli, Registrar PCATP, presented the Annual Report, for the year 2008, of the Council. She apprised the participants about different activities of the Council. The Audited Accounts were presented before the members who were asked to make comments, if any. The Chairman confirmed that there is surplus of 3.4 million, the Council is lucky to have this money from the competitions and from UET, Taxila. The Chairman informed the members that according to the decision of last Executive Committee, the annual renewal fees have been raised from Rs. 500 to 1000/- (which will be affected from the year 2010), whereas the life membership fee remains the same.



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