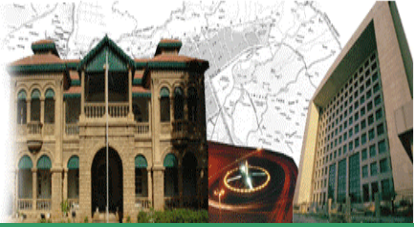


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PCATP REVIEW

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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,

On behalf of the PCATP Executive Committee, I would like to congratulate all members as this Honorable Council has successfully completed another year. For past one year, the present Executive Committee, under the stewardship of Ar. Shama Usman, has been trying its level best to fulfill their responsibilities as laid down by the PCATP Ordinance 1983. Furthermore, the Executive Committee (EC) is projecting a positive image of the Council that truly reflects our core values and achievements.

We are alive of the fact that the PCATP is a growing institution; therefore, continuous actions are absolutely required to maintain the upward moving momentum. There is an increasing realization among the Executive Committee (EC) that due to geographical spread of our members, a majority of them are not able to take active part in our programs/events. Since, we truly believe in active participation of all members in Council's affairs; therefore, the Executive Committee (EC) is planning to introduce video conferencing facilities so that the members can participate in our programs/events.

We have no doubt the videoconferencing technologies are some of the most important technologies currently in existence today. This allows us to keep in touch with our family, friends, colleagues, employees and clients from across the country and around the world in real time. We are fortunate that videoconferencing technologies are already in use in all major cities of Pakistan, very successfully. We, therefore, are looking forward to getting suggestions and feedback from our honorable members on the proposed use of video conferencing for PCATP's programs/events.

Many, many thanks for your kind support.

Stay happy and blessed,
Ar. Samar Ali Khan
Vice-Chairman (Arch.)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners was held on March 26, 2010 at KDA Officers Club, Mini Law, Kashmir Road, Karachi under the Chairmanship of Ar. Shama Usman. The Executive Committee (EC) Members including Ar. Shama Usman, Ar. Samar Ali Khan, Ar. Anjum Adil, Ar. Jahangir Sherpao, Ar. Muhammad Tahir, Ar. Muhammad Tariq, Plnr. Muhammad Arshad Chouhan, Plnr. Mubushar Hussain, Plnr. Muhammad Shahid Hassan and Plnr. Shaker Mahmood Mayo were present on the occasion.

Ar./Plnr.T.Sadia Fazli, PCATP Registrar, through PowerPoint Presentation, briefed the audience about the salient features of the Annual Report 2009. She informed the house that the Annual Report, a copy of which was already distributed among the participants, covered all the major activities of the Council during the year 2009.

A large number of PCATP members, architects and town planners, took part in the Annual General Meeting 2010. The prominent among the participants included Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan, President IAP, Ar. Imran Farooqi, Ar. Tariq Rasool, Ar. Arif Changezi, Plnr. Masood Jafri, Ar. Farhat Ullah Qureshi, Ar. Hyatt Rizvi Amrohi, Ar. Zahid Javed Raja, Ar. S. Javed Nazim Shah, Ar. Shah Muhammad Misbah, Ar. Zia Abbas Jaffery, Plnr. Aftab Muhammad Khan and Ar. Yasmin Lari, the first Chairperson of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP).

Salient Features of the Annual Report 2009

The Registrar of the Council informed that during the Year 2009 the Council had received a total number of 211 applications, including 183 architects and 28 town planners. Out of this, the Council had registered 173 architects and 21 town planners. 17 applications, including 10 architects and 07 town planners, have been deferred due to incomplete documentation. The Registrar informed that the total number of architects registered with the Council is 3104 while 725 are registered as town planners with the Council. The Registrar informed that out of 3104 paid up architects 1920 are paid up members while the rest are removed from the Register. Furthermore, out of 725 registered town planners only 319 are paid up members of the Council. She further informed that in 2008 the total percentage of paid up architect was 57% while in 2009 the percentage was increased by 5% and stood at 62%. Similarly, in 2008 the total percentage of paid up town planners was 36% while in 2009 the percentage was increased by 8% and stood at 44%. It was also informed that by the end of 2009, 709 architects and 100 town planners had opted lifetime membership.

The Registrar informed that during the last year 08 new architectural schools contacted the PCATP for accreditation. Out of 08 schools, 04 had submitted the formal application for accreditation. After a careful appraisal, the Council has scheduled visit to two institutions. Furthermore, the Council has also scheduled revalidation visits to 04 architectural schools in February and March 2010. It was further informed that accreditation process of 02 schools is in pending and their case will be presented in Accreditation Board Meeting.

Ar./Plnr. Sadia Fazli informed that the PCATP was 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. Furthermore, during the year under report, the Council came to know, either through newspapers or from registered members that some public as well as private organizations invited Architects or Town Planners to submit design proposals/expression of interest, without contacting and following the PCATP criteria/rules in this regard. The Council, in response, contacted 06 organizations and recommended them to adopt the proper procedure, if they wish to invite design proposals.

It was informed that the Honorable High Court of Sindh through a Judgment directed the PCATP to check and regulate the professional standards. While responding on the directions of Sindh High Court the Council has established "Vigilance Committees" with a view to conduct visits to government and private offices to verify the professional practices/standards and registration status of working professionals.

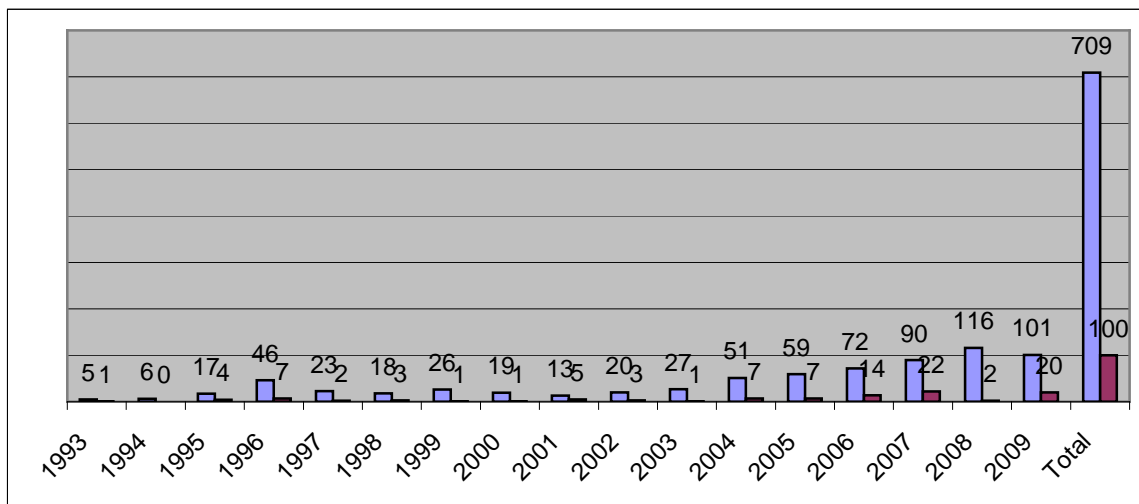
Excerpts from the Annual Report 2009

Life Membership of PCATP

The 2009 Annual Report stated that a scheme of Life Membership of the PCATP introduced from the calendar year 1993 offers lifetime membership of the Council on payment of an amount, according to age of the member. However, it must be noted that at least ten year good standing with the Council is a prerequisite to apply for the Life Membership.

It is informative for our readers that the amount received as Life Membership Fee is placed in a Fixed Deposit as principal amount and can be withdrawn only with the prior unanimous Resolution of the Executive Committee followed by approval of the General body of the Council. The Fixed Deposit on account of Life Membership fee up to June 30, 2009 amount to 5,495,069/- are invested in Term Deposit Certificate deposit with the United Bank Limited / National Bank of Pakistan. It is pertinent to mention that during the reporting period, the Council received Rs. 919,000/= on account of Life Membership.

Life Member Status 1993 to 2009



Rawalpindi Housing Scheme (RHS)

The 2009 Annual Report mentioned that as no further progress was made on this scheme and the report submitted in 2006 by Secretary, RHS on the said scheme remains same. The Executive Committee of the Council, therefore, unanimously RESOLVED that after taking into consideration all aspects of the case decided to refund the original amount of the RHS members with an undertaking that if PCATP gains any profit after sale of RHS land, proportionate share on their deposited amount and its period of retention with PCATP shall be paid to them or to their legal heirs accordingly.

Review of the PCATP Ordinance 1983

The Annual Report 2009 stated that at the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on March 13, 2009, it was decided unanimously that the draft prepared by Ar. Misbah Najmi and Ar. Tariq Rasool on the subject of "registration of firms", should be reviewed again and bring forward comments, so that PCATP bye-laws be amended. The Council, by following AGM resolution, collected the comments received during the stipulated time. Later the Council sent the document to the legal advisor of the Council for necessary action. However, the legal advisor informed that for the said purpose and as mentioned in the bye-laws # 8 and 9, "EGM should be convene to seek amendment to PCATP bye-laws". The amendment of the bye-laws requires presence of atleast 20% of the total membership of each discipline.

Since, it was a difficult task to gather atleast 20% of the total membership of each discipline; therefore, during the reporting period the Council has decided to make amendments in 1983 Ordinance and pass it through the parliament. For the said purpose, the Council organized two meetings in Karachi and Lahore respectively. Furthermore, the Council requested the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) to organize meetings to get suggestions from as many professionals as possible. These meetings discussed the issue in detail and gave several suggestions.

Proposal For An Independent Pakistan Council of Town Planners

Taking part in the proceedings of Annual General Meeting 2010 of the PCATP, Plnr. Aftab Ahmed Khan informed the participants that in 1983, when the PCATP came into being, it was decided that the Town Planners should have separate Council within ten years of PCATP's inception.

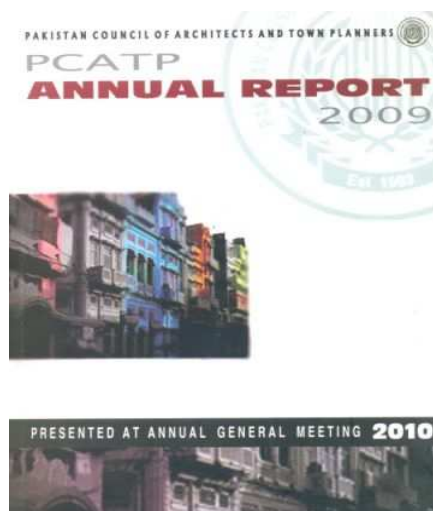
Plnr. Aftab Ahmed Khan invited the founder Chairperson PCATP, Ar. Yasmeen Lari to take the floor, with a request that in the light of the historical back ground which is not know to the majority, to kindly guide the Chairperson PCATP, Executive Committee members and to help professional Town Planners in establishing their independent and separate council with immediate effect..

Ar. Yasmeen Lari came to the floor and informed the house that, ""It is true that town planners were allowed to be with the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners only for ten years but unfortunately they are still with us after about 25 years with absolute uncertainty and much less freedom of action." Ar. Yasmeen Lari, Founder Chairperson PCATP, then requested Town Planner Aftab Mohammad Khan to constitute a committee to take up this job and arrange to prepare all documents for the creation of an independent and separate PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF TOWN PLANNERS.

The participants of the AGM whole heartedly supported the suggestion and a committee was also formed to initiate work in this regard under the chairmanship of Plnr. Aftab Muhammad Khan. The other members of the committee including Plnr. T.A. Jaffery, Plnr. Shehzad Haider, Plnr. Arshad Chouhan, Plnr. Mubushar Hussain, Plnr. Shahid Hassan, Plnr. Shafiq Ali Siddiqui and Plnr Shaker Mahmood. While for the inclusion of a woman town planner in the committee, the name of Ar./Plnr. Sadia Fazli, the Registrar of the PCATP, was suggested; however, she politely refused her inclusion in the said committee.

Annual Report Available at PCATP Website

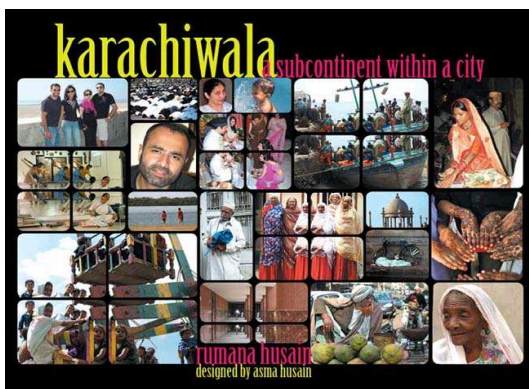
The E-Newsletter would like to inform our readers that the PCATP Annual Report 2009 is available at our website; <http://www.pcatp.org.pk/>.



Launching Ceremony of Karachiwala

The much talked about book “Karachiwala: A Subcontinent Within A City” by known artist Rumana Husain was launched on 24th February at the Karachi Arts Council. The book provides a firsthand look into the multi-layered and multi-faceted city of Karachi, and documents the social and physical diversity through the personal stories of over 60 families, groups and individuals of diverse ethnicities, religions and professions.

The book, which is over 330 pages, contains illustrations, photographs, family trees, maps, diagrams and foldouts. The book also features brief essays specially written by five distinguished citizens, Dr Hamida Khuhro, Ar. Arif Hassan, Prof Akbar Zaidi, Luthfullah Khan and Zubeida Mustafa.



Building & Material Exhibition IAPEX 2010, April 16 - 18, Karachi Expo Center

The Institute of Architects Pakistan - Karachi Chapter is organizing its sixth international exhibition of building products IAPEX 2010 on 16th, 17th and 18th of April 2010 at the Karachi Expo Centre.

This follows the successful IAPEX exhibition of previous years along with international architectural conference held at the same venue, with the participation of leading manufacturers and traders attended by a very large number of leading architects, allied professionals and thousands of visitors.

IAPEX 2010 will once again showcase traditional and contemporary building materials and finishes, hardware, building, home decore, furniture, fixtures and fittings, garden tools and impliments and many other building & home related products manufactured in Pakistan and the Asian region. In addition to being the leader in the Pakistani Building Products Industry a large numbers of selected manufacturers' representatives from other parts of the region have been invited to participate in IAPEX 2010.

Running concurrently with the exhibition at the venue will be the IAP Forum at which eminent architects from the region and Pakistan will be presenting their works. For further information, please visit; <http://www.iapex.com.pk/index.htm>

PCATP Chairperson Message For IAPEX 2010

As Chairperson of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP), I am very delighted to congratulate the organizers of IAPEX Karachi 16- 18 April, 2010. The impressive achievement of IAPEX clearly reflects the tremendous business potential in this part of the world. And, I have no doubt to state that IAPEX has become a symbol of collaboration between architects and the business community in Pakistan.

It is clearly understood that the Raj Architecture of this part of the world was rigorously functional, simple but sophisticated, and of course socially responsible. I have never had any hesitation to state that architects are the agents of social change. I strongly believe that as practitioner of this trade, it is a high time for our community to address the social issues related to the modern architecture. We direly need to think that, how can professionals respond to the critical social challenges of present time and what future visions and alternatives are we offering? I am an ardent believer of socially responsible architecture and I must state that such architecture is no more an option, it is an absolute necessity. It is indeed our duty to improve the lives of our fellow countrymen through our work.

All my very best wishes to the office bearers and members of the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) Karachi Chapter and those contributed in organizing this event. I would also like to pay my sincere gratitude to all the sponsors and supporters of IAPEX Karachi 2010.

Many thanks for your kind support!

85th Ordinary Meeting of the PCATP

The 85th Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) was held on 25th March 25, 2010 at the PCATP Office, Karachi. The meeting was attended by Ar. Shama Usman, Ar. Samar Ali Khan, Ar. Anjum Adil, Ar. Jahangir Sherpao, Ar. Muhammad Tahir, Ar. Muhammad Tariq, Ar. Asadullah Varzgani, Plnr. Muhammad Arshad Chouhan, Plnr. Shafiq Ali Siddiqui, Plnr. Mubushar Hussain, Plnr. Muhammad Shahid Hassan, Plnr. Shaker Mahmood Mayo, Ar. Syed Faisal Sajjad and the Registrar of the Council, Ar./Plnr.T.Sadia Fazli.

The Executive Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 84th Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee without any objection or amendment. The confirmation resolution was proposed by Plnr. Shafiq Ali Siddiqui and seconded by Ar. Samar Ali Khan.

The Registrar informed the Executive Committee that she has taken several steps to minimize the fraud and forgery incidents in registration process. She elaborated that the Council is no more accepting provisional certificate for new application and the aspiring candidates are required to submit the attested photocopy of their Degree. Furthermore, the copy of the Degree should be attested either by the Head of the Department or the Registrar of the concerned architectural school. The Registrar informed that while responding on the directions and Sindh High Court, the Council has decided to take action and formed two vigilance committees. The Registrar informed that Ar. Samar Ali Khan, Ar. Anjum Adil, Ar. Imran Farooqi, Ar. Tariq Rasool and Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan (standby member) are the members of the vigilance committees.

The Executive Committee especially invited Ar. Akeel Bilgrami to brief the members about the Board of Architectural Education (BAE), formed by the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP). Ar. Akeel Bilgrami informed the Executive Committee Members about the background, aims, objectives and proposed mechanism of the Board of Architectural Education (BAE). He made it clear that the primary purpose of the board is to promote architectural education and propose uniform standards for architecture education in the country. The Executive Committee applauded the efforts of IAP and Ar. Akeel Bilgrami for undertaking such an important work. It was decided that the PCATP Registrar shall submit the concerned information about the IAP's initiative, Board of Architectural Education (BAE), to Higher Education Commission (HEC) for information.

The Executive Committee Members appreciated the efforts of the Registrar and PCATP office for the smooth functioning of the Council.

Architect Community Demands Halt to the Destruction of Protected Buildings in Karachi

The Architect Community and the Members of Heritage Foundation, Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) and Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP) strongly condemned the demolition of protected buildings damaged in the arson attacks on 28th December 2009, and demanded an immediate halt to the destruction and stressed that the buildings be restored rather than be torn down and rebuilt.

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While taking to the media at a briefing, organized by the Heritage Foundation, at the Karachi Press Club, Ar. Yasmeen Lari lamented that on the 10th of Muharram not only were innocent lives lost and businesses destroyed, but precious buildings were also burnt and vandalized. She said those structures needed to be retrofitted and restored on an immediate basis. She said of the 12 identified buildings on M. A. Jinnah Road, five were declared dangerous by the KBCA. She said thankfully Denso Hall escaped the disaster and Husaini Manzil was adopted by the Karachi Electric Supply Company on which Heritage Foundation would soon start restoration work. Ar. Lari regretted that instead of being restored, the damaged edifices were being dismantled, which she said should be stopped immediately.

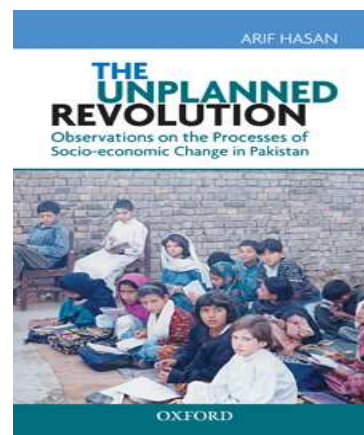
Ar. Samar Ali Khan, Vice-Chairman, Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP), said the Council was fully supporting Heritage Foundation in its noble cause and the media should also join hands. Ar. Samar Ali Khan vowed: "We cannot allow history to suffer."

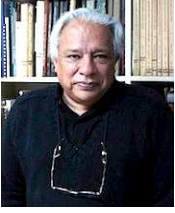
Ar. Shahab Ghani Khan, President, Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP), observed that if a person who lived in Karachi 30 years ago revisited the city, he would not be able to recognize it, because so many ill-planned things had happened. He said those who thought that Karachi could become another Dubai were terribly mistaken. It would be criminal to ignore the colonial and Mughal buildings that existed in the city, because they are our collective heritage.

Landscape Architect and the Head of the Visual Studies Department of Karachi University, Durriya Kazi, said the wholesalers who lost their livelihoods on 28th December were a hard working lot. They took pride in what they did, which is why their association with their market was strong. Talking about the torched buildings, she said reconstruction was not the solution because high-rises could not be raised in the affected areas. She requested the developers to undertake development work without cutting off roots. A large number of students of Architecture Programme at the Visual Studies Department Karachi University were also presented on the occasion.

Launching Ceremony of Two Books of Ar. Arif Hassan

We need to adjust societal values to the rapidly changing socio-economic scenario around us where rapid social change has just altered the complexion of social activity. So many age-old institutions that were an inseparable part of social activity have just gone, to be replaced by technologically-oriented new ones. This has totally reoriented the manner whereby we go about things. These were the views expressed by noted town planner, architect, and sociologist Arif Hassan at a ceremony to mark the launch of two of his books, "Participatory development" and "Unplanned revolution", on 9th March 2010 under the aegis of the Oxford University Press (OUP).





Dr Noman Ahmed, Chairman of the Department of Architecture and Planning at the NED University, appreciated and lauded Ar. Arif Hassan's role in the resounding success of the Orangi Pilot Project. He said that Ar. Arif Hasan is the author of twelve books on development and urban planning.

Upcoming International & National Events/Conferences

2010 Asia Pacific Water and Sewer Systems Modelling Conference (21-22 April, 2010) Gold Coast, Australia

The conference will feature keynote presentations from leaders in hydraulic modelling representing USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and India. Other highlights include twenty-nine state-of-the-art, real-world case studies, presented by experts from utilities and engineering consulting firms. Participants will learn about the sustainable management of water and wastewater networks; sophisticated water quality modelling; water hammer, uni-directional flushing and desalination modelling; integrated urban drainage planning; nutrient and H₂S modelling in sewers; advanced river and flood modelling; protecting investments through improved asset management; how to design more efficient pressure sewer systems; and the effective management of sewer collection systems.

Website: <http://www.asiapacificwater.com>

Enterprise Architecture Conference by John Zachman, "Father of Enterprise Architecture", (30 April, 2010) Tokyo, Japan

This conference is focused how to create value for your organization by systematically recording assets, processes, connectivity, people, timing, and motivation through a simple framework.

Organized by: iCMG PVT LTD

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 28 April 2010

Website: <http://www.Architecturesummit.net>

The Asian Conference on Arts and Humanities (18-21 June, 2010) Osaka, Japan

The conference's theme is 'East Meets West' and the organizers encourage submissions that approach these questions from a variety of perspectives. However, the submission of other topics for consideration is also welcome.

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Emerging Landscapes: Between Production and Representation (25-27 June, 2010) London, United Kingdom

Focusing on the synergies between the disciplines of photography and architecture, this interdisciplinary conference examines the synergies between production and representation in the formation of contemporary ideas of landscape.

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Organized by: University of Westminster

Website: <http://www.emerginglandscapes.org.uk>

International Conference on Contemporary Arts and Art History (9-11 August, 2010) Hazara University Mansehra

The conference will be divided into the following three main areas. The papers will also be accepted in the related fields.

Theme 1:- Contemporary Art Scenario: The contemporary art trends will be discussed. Papers from renowned Art practioners will also be accepted apart from art academics and researcher.

Theme 2:- Art Administration & Economics of Art & Design: In this field the modern trends of local development and the role of Art & Design and cultural heritage institutes will be addressed. The new field of Cultural economics is also introduced for the first time in Pakistan for research.

Theme 3:- Art History Of the Twentieth century South Asia: In this area Art History and its development aspects will be discussed, comparatively analysis will be made of the different art historic movements. The emphasis will be on Art History of Post Independence Pakistan. Gender in Art will be also discussed. Feminism in Art History will be included in this Area. The Last date for submission of abstracts is 30th June 2010. It is also required that participant should send their full paper in soft format till 15th July 2010 as to make it convenient to publish at the conference event. All the papers will be part of the new research Journal of the department.

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Fun-Time: Selected Jokes

If Cars Were Designed By Architects.....

Your car would be designed based on what kind of road you live next to. This process would take several years, even though there are already many cars on the street you live on. After your car is designed, your town government will have to approve it. Then your neighbors may complain and force you to redesign your car. When the design is finally finished, your car will be built from scratch. Parts will be sent to your garage, where the workers will then proceed to assemble your car. This will take 50% longer than you expected, and cost 100% more than expected. The finished car will look nothing like some of the older cars, although it will run on the same engine. It will look very impressive from the front, less so on the side, and even less so on the back. This is because all parking is tail-in. Every few years you will have to repaint your car, both on the outside and on the inside. Periodically you will reupholster your car. The car itself will last over a hundred years if properly maintained, though you may need to strengthen the frame by adding steel bars to the outside. Eventually when you want to get a new car, you will have to dismantle the old one first. If you're lazy you can simply blow up the car.

you can simply blow up the car.

The Top Ten Scariest People You Don't Want to Deal In Their Professional Capacity

10. Telephone solicitor
9. Traffic cop
8. SWAT team
7. Paramedic
6. Firefighter
5. Hazardous materials disposal team
4. Trauma surgeon
3. Executioner
2. Architect
1. Renovation contractor

The Cows of Architectural Styles

Art Deco: You have two cows. You paint one silver, and make the other stand up on its hind legs.

International Style: You have two cows. You put them both in identical boxes.

Brutalism: You have two cows. You skin one and bury the other in concrete.

Late Modernism: You have two cows. You slice one in half and encase it in glass. The other you disembowel and glue its innards on its outside.

Post Modernism: You have two cows. You paint one green and purple and give it a hat, and you dress the other one in mismatched clothes.

Reader's Response

We are extremely grateful to our readers for their appreciation, feedback and suggestions on the Second issue of our E-Newsletter. Your response helps us to improve the publication. Many thanks. – Ed.

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