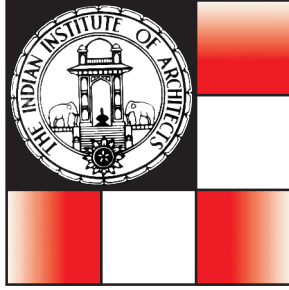


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure to wish you all Shubho Bijoya and pray for a wonderful year ahead.

Last month, the Chapter was proud to host the launch of Prof. Christopher Benninger's maiden book - 'Letters to a Young Architect' on the occasion of Teacher's Day. It was not only a grand celebration but also an opportunity to offer our respects to our teachers who have taught and nurtured many of us present on that wonderful evening.

We are also proud to have been part of two successful delegations to Vietnam and Patna and participated actively in the deliberations.

And of course I am pleased to announce that our chapter is the east zone champions in IIA-PL cricket and looking forward to playing in the finals on 30th November at Hyderabad.

I would like to request all our members for their continued support in completion of construction of our Chapter Building - a long cherished dream of all member architects.

With regular meetings at the IIA office, on Tuesdays, members are getting a platform to interact and express their problems. I request and invite all fellow architects to be in touch with us at the Chapter Premises where we are available every Tuesday, between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m.. Your active involvement and suggestions are highly solicited.

With the very best of wishes and warm regards

Subir Kumar basu

EDITORIAL:

Dear Friends,

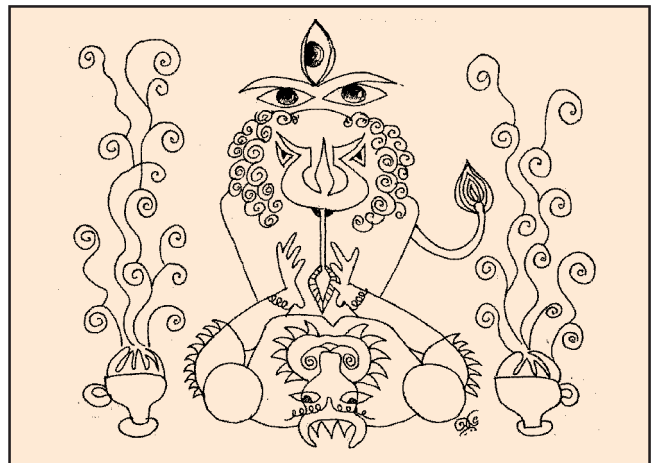
Shubho Bijoya and what a wonderful Durga Puja this has been. Problems of inflation, price rise, and corruption in public life were wished aside by the Goddess as young and old joined the festivities in gay abandon. The Kolkata festival now often compared to that of Rio De Janeiro looked its finest under thousands of kilowatts of bright lights, twinklers and grand pandals. Who needs architects to recreate the workshop of Viswakarma complete with audio effects or to construct 3,000 sq feet space of bamboo and timber with 5,000 kgs of steel netting on it?

Notwithstanding the creation of a much lauded idol made of 500 kg of brass and 100 cu. ft of mahogany, that could see itself rightfully preserved in a museum, novelty in design and material is but a hallmark of our Pujas.

And if that is not enough, it looks as if we are not far from the virtual Puja where everything from darshan to ritual will be performed online for the tech savvy new generation!

With all best wishes for the festive season,

Sonia Gupta



Sketch by Ar. Abhishek Dutta

ARCASIA 2011 AT VIETNAM

The Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) Convention held at Da Nang, Vietnam in the month of August, 2011 was well represented by members of IIA, W.B. Chapter. There were eleven delegates from West Bengal in a 15 member delegation from India!

Ar. Dilip Chatterjee represented the Institute in the ACPP (Arcasia Committee on Professional Practice) along with Ar. Anjan Ukil. He raised the different issues related to the profession during construction resulting in death or bodily injury of workers and personnel. His submission was discussed in detail and the committee minuted the same as a real problem.

Ar. Dr. Madhumita Roy attended the meeting of the Education Committee and was given the responsibility of preparing the list of Architectural Schools, students' strength and other details pertaining to architectural education of all member countries.

A quiz conducted by invitee-delegate Ar. Gita Balakrishnan, on the request of ARCASIA Council, was highly appreciated by attending members.

Ar. Debatosh Sahu was the selected member of the Institute in Green Architecture Committee.

At the Fellowship night IIA, W.B. Chapter, like in other years, were the undisputed leaders. Dressed in traditional attire, Ar. Subir Basu was the lead singer and Ar. Gopa Chatterjee took on a solo Indian Classical dance. All other members also joined in and the Chapter's performance was hugely acclaimed by members of other countries.

The next ARCASIA meet will be at Bali, Indonesia in the month of October, 2012 and we heartily expect more members to join from this part of the country.



Friendship Night at ARCASIA

EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT PATNA and IIAPL

The Eastern regional Conference at Patna was held on 27th and 28th of August, 2011.

IIA Council Meeting was held on the first day, which was attended by Ar. Subir Kumar Basu and Ar. Debotosh Sahu. Just before the conference the member states participated in the IIA-PL cricket eastern zone knockouts.

West Bengal Chapter's first match against hosts Bihar Chapter was won convincingly (86/1 against Bihar's 84 all out) with the contributions of Ar. Sudipta Seal (45 not out and 3 wickets) and Ar. Atanu Chakraborty (3 wickets). The east zone final was a spectacular win against Orissa (113/6 against Orissa's 80/9), with Ar. Atanu Chakraborty, Ar. Anjan Ukil and Ar. Debaditya Maitra each having taken 3 wickets and Ar. Sudipta Seal being declared Man of the Match and Series. West Bengal Chapter were the east zone champs! The Prize distribution ceremony was held in the evening and indeed, the celebrations and team travel brought back memories of college days.

The participating teams were:

West Bengal

Bihar

Orissa

Jharkhand

The finals of the tournament will be held on November 30th at the Hyderabad National Convention.



At the ARCASIA meet



Ar. Gita Balakrishnan at the Fellowship Meeting



Cricket Team of IIA West Bengal Chapter



IIA-PL Prize Distribution

UIA MEET at TOKYO, JAPAN

Ar. Dilip Chatterjee and Ar. Gopa Chatterjee attended the International Union of Architects (UIA) Conference held at Tokyo, Japan in the last week of September 2011. The conference was attended by about 100 member countries of the world.

Ar. George Kunihiro the Convener of the UIA Conference gave all a warm welcome. The inauguration programme was a grand ceremony with the Emperor and Empress of Japan as chief guests. Ar. George Kunihiro arranged a special Lounge for holding meetings of the ARCASIA members and to interact with the world body.

Ar. Dilip Chatterjee attended the Professional Practice committee meeting chaired by the Chairman of the Professional Practice committee of UIA and Ar. Balbir Verma was elected as member of UIA Council.

The quality of the continuing professional development (CPD) in the world is a priority for the UIA; therefore the institution has worked in the development of minimum standards that should be met by organized CPD Systems, individual courses and all teaching material, irrespective of type and content. The first objective would be acceptance of those basic standards by ARCASIA members.

The next UIA convention will be at Durban, South Africa in the year 2014.



Ar. Dilip Chatterjee at the UIA - CPD meeting

PRESENTATION BY VISITING PROFESSIONAL

On Tuesday August 23rd, 2011, presentation by a professional at the Chapter premises was by Prof Samaresh Mukherjee. Prof Mukherjee has had a long career in teaching at the Department of Architecture, Jadavpur University. He started working on the revolutionary concept of Permanent Low-cost Vernacular Architecture (PLVA) in the 70s and has since built a successful body of work in a cost saving durable technique inspired by the traditional architecture of Bengal.

On that evening, he showed us a short film documenting his work and its features such as load bearing walls with continuous foundation, Chinese bond, squarish slabs of brick with 2 way reinforcement, calculated corbelled brick vaults, arches with no shuttering, simple water proofing with wax emulsion, doors and windows of local woods bamboocrete for verandah roofs and IPS for rest.

The presentation by associated professional on a Tuesday of September was held on the 20th at Chapter premises. Mr. Dipankar Banerjee, renowned electrical consultant graced the occasion with an illuminating talk on 'Design Aspects and Salient Points of Electrical Power Receiving & Distribution in Any Infrastructural Establishment'. He dwelt on the very important aspects of assessment of approximate connected load, space requirement for establishing H.T & L.T substation, DG Set - space planning, requirements of cut-outs, distribution including lift / escalator supply, illumination -lux level, requirement of earthing grid & type of earthing and Lightning Protection System.



Prof. Samaresh Mukherjee



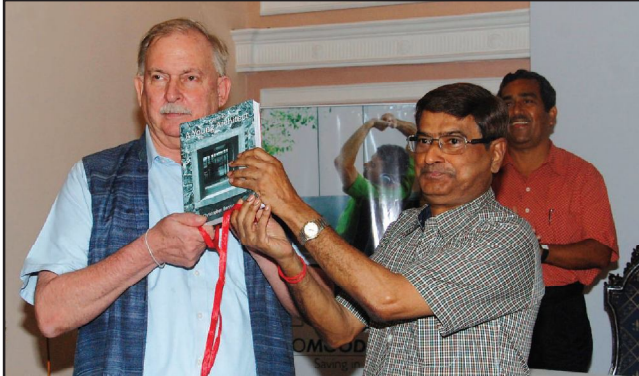
Mr. Dipankar Banerjee, Electrical Engineer

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers' Day was celebrated on the 9th September 2011 at Bengal Club, Kolkata.

In association with WB Chapter, architect and renowned teacher Christopher Benninger's book 'Letters to a Young Architect' were launched amidst great fanfare.

After Ar. Benninger's warm address to the audience, Professors Samaresh Mukherjee and K.P. Bhattacharya, both retired professors from Jadavpur University, were felicitated. Senior architects Dulal Mukherjee and Prof. Santosh Ghosh were also felicitated for their contribution in shaping so many students during their long eventful careers.



Book Launch By Architects Christopher Benninger And Dulal Mukherjee



The Distinguished Audience At Teachers' Day Celebration

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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World Habitat Day, World Day of Architecture & Chapter Building's 1st Anniversary shall be held on 18th November, 2011

Presentation by visiting professional shall be held in 4th week of November i.e. 22nd November 2011 by eminent professional.

2nd informal fellowship meet will be held on 13th January, 2012.

REGIONAL/NATIONAL

NATCON at Hyderabad will be held on 2nd & 3rd December, 2011

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