BUSÁRAS - GOLD MEDAL WINNER
Award Period: 1953-1955
Architect: Michael Scott
PUBLIC CHOICE AWARD WINNER 2014
CLONAKILTY 400, URBAN DESIGN MASTERPLAN
GIULIA VALLONE, CORK COUNTY COUNCIL, ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT
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In my outlook for 2014, I described what had been achieved in the first six months of 2014. I referred to Corporate Governance, BC(A)R, Members’ Meetings, Procurement, Fees and Charges, the Register of Architectural Technologists, Financial Strategy, Credibility, Reputation and Communications.

Having set out the challenges and the agenda at the start of 2014, my ambitions were somewhat limited by the exceptional events that occurred in 2014. My agenda required the comprehensive support of our Council. In the circumstances of that time, support was not forthcoming. From the very first Council meeting in January to the last few meetings in November and December, following the simultaneous resignations of six Council members, the decision making process, although difficult, continued and we made many long-term decisions of benefit to our members.

Some of those are outlined below. Prior to March 2014, more than 1,700 members had attended information sessions of the changes due to S.I.9 and S.I.105. In a changing world, information is key to adapting and progressing. We worked very hard to assist our members in adjusting to the changes that were required. S.I.9 came into operation on 1st March. We had tried to obtain a deferral of its introduction.

In 2014, we welcomed some 155 new members of all classes. It is in our membership that we gain our strength and, as our numbers increase, so does the potential that we have for improvement.

During the year, the five presidents and chief executives of the Institutes of Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England and Northern Ireland met to discuss areas of mutual interest. As Common Law jurisdictions in a sea of Napoleonic Code countries, our conditions are closer than we might expect. We have gained much by sharing information of areas as diverse as procurement, governance, fees and registration.

The task of rebuilding the substantial reputation built up by the RIAI over many years, and of repairing relationships with members and Government, continued. I found that the meetings that I held outside Dublin with the membership were very useful in getting a clear indication of the concerns of the members.
I also found that these contacts were important in strengthening our sense of common purpose. We continued these members’ meetings in 2015.

We had a strong media presence in 2014. Our Annual Awards got very good coverage in the national media, as did our other outward-looking activities, particularly the annual RIAI Simon Open Door Campaign. The Awards were featured in the RTE television news and arts programme ‘The Works’. Raising the profile of our members in a positive fashion is a priority.

During the year, the Architecture Centre was used for a number of exhibitions, ranging from the Kumamoto Exhibition from Japan in March to the Elke Thonnes Exhibition in October. We also had a number of outreach programmes such as the Mallow Colloquium in June, with the Academy of Urbanism and the Urban Forum; the Cork Schools Initiative in November; facilitating the Wood Awards; the Waterford Festival of Architecture; the National Ploughing Championships and the Ideal Homes Exhibition, to name only a few of the activities that fall into positioning our members.

2014 was a year of three EGMs as well as our AGM. The EGM of August was held, but the vote on the resolution was deferred. The AGM of September, as well as for regular business, was a useful forum for discussion. The EGM of November had, in addition to the deferred resolution, two further resolutions for debate and decision. Resolution 1 (the deferred resolution) was defeated. Resolution 2, supporting Council’s work on Building Control, was passed by a majority of 3 to 1. Resolution 3, which had been drafted at the Annual Conference by a group of Council members, without reference to their Council colleagues, was defeated. Of the eight Council members who were signatories to this resolution, six resigned from Council on that day.

The other two remained on Council and continued to make a valuable contribution. The EGM of December saw the results of the Council elections.

I met the new Minister for the Environment, Alan Kelly in May, and had great hopes for a positive relationship. The Government published its Construction 2020 document, which made commitments to the Construction Industry Register and to Latent Defects Insurance – both crucial elements of a culture of compliance.
In 2011, we predicted the housing crisis, but nobody listened. When I met Minister Kelly, I set out the way that the RIAI, through our Housing Committee, would address the issue. We put forward a threefold strategy to deal with the homeless crisis: to free up existing accommodation; to progress ‘shovel ready’ projects; and to plan for the short, medium and long-term provision of housing.

We continue to work with our Technologist members in developing sustainable careers for them, as well as for our Architect members. We set up the Voluntary Register and are committed to assisting in the development of a Statutory Register. The process of developing a standard with a QQI work group began in early 2015.

Our Annual Conference in October was very well attended. In our 175th year, I thought it important to put our history into perspective. Shane O’Toole’s galloping voyage through the past set the tone for the sessions that looked to the future. The team who worked on putting it together was crucial to its success. It was a great pleasure to hear Cathal O’Neill and Noel Dowley speak of their times with those titans of our profession – Mies and Kahn. For me, the highlight was the presentation given by our younger members, who described their approaches. We had our first digital link up with a speaker via Skype and, for the first time, the audio of the conference is available online at riaiconference.ie. Those sessions are now digitally archived.

During 2014, the economy took a turn for the better. After the hardest of times, the data began to improve. Sovereign borrowing costs dropped dramatically; the economy started to grow again after years of contraction; unemployment began to reduce; and there were jobs available on the RIAI website, after an absence of many years. Interest rates remain low. These changes resulted in an increase in confidence. Until the financial system becomes functional again, there will be a disproportionality to economic activity. However, the percentage of GNP that is the construction sector will inevitably increase to a sustainable level from the dramatically reduced baseline that followed the recession.

Our own finances improved during 2014. Of a forecast loss of €303,000 the out turn for 2014 was a loss of €215,758. As noted last year, we hope to get to a balanced budget by 2016.
The work of the Committees continued at an astounding pace. They, along with the staff of the RIAI, are the powerhouse of the services that we provide to members. Their output is there for all to see. The Steering Group has done exceptional work in supporting our members in BC(A)R. Towards the end of the year, we looked at how we might be able to co-ordinate the tasks and the outputs of the committee structure in the RIAI. We will develop this during 2015. The Corporate Governance Review, which we started in 2014, is now reaching its conclusion and we will be reporting to members shortly. I consider that this is one of the most important elements for the future identity of the RIAI. As a membership body, the successful synthesis of support, advocacy and effectiveness is crucial. As the registration body, our obligations to society need the support of our members. The RIAI should be the voice of the membership and the resource for its members, in support of society.

The core issues that we focused on and are focusing on are: The Essential Architect, Sustainable Careers and the RIAI as a Resource for Members and Society. In essence, we are looking at Complexity, Capacity, Positioning and Welfare.

As I reach the last quarter of my presidency, I hope that we can look forward as a united profession, learn from the past and create the future that serves both our members and society. I would like to thank my Council colleagues as well as the staff and executive of the RIAI.
EVERYTHING WITHIN

Annual Reports are often seen as a routine publication, although 2014 could hardly be regarded as routine. The 2014 Annual Report provides an opportunity for Members to review and be informed of the range of work undertaken by the RIAI.

THE RIAI IN 2014

2014 was the year of S.I.9 and, as the Practice and Education Reports show, substantial support provided to Members to help to come to terms with the requirements of the new regulations by CPD Information Seminars on the Role of the Design and Assigned Certifier and a new range of Client Agreements, Forms of Tender, Contracts etc. The full extent of RIAI support and information is detailed in the Practice and Education sections of this Annual Report.

Dedicated and informed Members worked with other professional and industry bodies to agree Ancillary Certificates and the Code of Practice for Inspecting and Certifying Buildings; their service to the profession was immense. It is all too easy to stand on the sidelines and shout and peddle solutions that are not solutions. Despite the vast amount of work needed to help members to deal with S.I.9, much work done in the interests of the profession was also undertaken.

175 YEARS OF SUPPORTING ARCHITECTURE

The RIAI held its first meeting on 1st October 1839 making 2014 the 175th Anniversary of the Institute. 1989 was the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the RIAI and a year long programme of events was held but because of the workload caused by S.I.9 and the difficulties with the Council, the 175th Anniversary was simply marked. There will be RIAI Members now who will be at the 200th Anniversary because it is only 25 years away.

ARCHITECTURE AND PROMOTION

A BUILDING DESIGNED BY AN ARCHITECT IS A BETTER BUILDING

The Architecture and Communications section of this Annual Report details the substantial media coverage of the Annual Awards, Simon Open Door, the National Ploughing Championship and the Ideal Homes initiative. The RIAI's focus on creating awareness of architecture
develops from a simple premise – a building designed by an architect is a better building. The key task is making architecture relevant to a wider audience by providing platforms for both the public and architects to meet so as to break down perceived barriers.

The RIAI also promotes architecture both nationally and internationally to develop new opportunities for Members. The Architecture and Communications Report provides detail on the RIAI’s strategic programme of Awards, Exhibitions, Competitions, Events and Publications designed to promote the value of architecture and the worth that architecture brings to society and engages members of the public.

2.7 MILLION
2.7 million was the value of media circulation, listenership, viewership of people throughout Ireland of the RIAI Annual Awards.

Some 2014 highlights were:

- 10th Annual RIAI Simon Open Door
- RIAI Architectural Awards 2014, celebrating 25 years.
- RIAI DES Designing Primary Schools competition and conference
- A competition for the 1916 Centenary Chapel at Glasnevin Cemetery
- Events and Exhibitions at the RIAI Architecture Centre
- RIAI Annual Conference 2014 fetched record audience
- Growth of RIAI online audiences
- Development of Outreach Programmes including the Ideal Homes Exhibition and the National Ploughing Championships

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGIST POLICY
On the 7th March 2014, the RIAI Council voted to support in principle the following policy in relation to Architectural Technologists:

1. RIAI will set up an RIAI Register of Architectural Technologists immediately.

2. RIAI acknowledges and will support the need for a Statutory Register of Architectural Technologists.
3. RIAI will promote such a Statutory Registered Architectural Technologist as a competent person to:

(a) Carry out Performance Calculation & Technical Design in accordance with Building Regulations
(b) Certify Performance Calculation and Technical Design carried out in accordance in Building Regulations
(c) Inspect the construction of buildings as required to certify compliance with Building Regulations

4. The RIAI will support the development and establishment of an Architectural Technologist Register Admissions Examination (ATRAE) for purposes of entry to the Statutory Register of Architectural Technologists. The examination should be at a level which recognises the education, experience and skills of the Architectural Technologist.

5. RIAI will develop and establish an RIAI Code of Conduct and a Professional Conduct Committee for professional practice as a Registered Architectural Technologist.

GENERAL MEETINGS
In addition to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) were three Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) on 12th August, 4th November and 17th December 2014.

The resolution put to the August 12th EGM was deferred until the EGM of 4th November 2014.

Three Resolutions put to members at the EGM of 4th November as follows:

Ordinary Resolution 1
“For the reasons outlined above and in the interests of the Registered Members, the consumer and the wider construction industry, we the Registered Members, call for the RIAI Council to adopt as their first priority a policy to seek publicly the revocation of the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations: S.I.9 of 2014 and its replacement by a system which better protects the consumer and to actively reach out to other groups to seek support for that policy.”

Decision: Defeated by 165 to 102 votes.
Ordinary Resolution 2

“That the registered members endorse and confirm their support for the decision of the Council made at the July 2014 Council Meeting to develop a working document on Building Control that would propose amendments to S.I.9 of 2014 and constructively engage with stakeholders in order to realise the best interests of the profession for the long term”.

Decision: Carried by a three to one majority (by a show of hands).

Ordinary Resolution 3

“In response to the housing crisis and to ensure that the planned house building programme will provide well-built and sustainable homes under a cost-effective Building Control system, we request the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Mr. Alan Kelly TD:

• to undertake a full Regulatory Impact Analysis of the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations;

• to review the limitations on self-building that is a constraint on housing supply under the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations."

Decision: Defeated by a four to one majority by a show of hands.

The EGM of 17th December 2014 dealt with the announcement of Council for 2015 and appointment of the Honorary Secretary.

RESIGNATIONS FROM COUNCIL

The President in his address to the RIAI Annual Conference on 13th October 2014 said:

“I have never hidden my opinion that the mechanics of Council made it dysfunctional”

In October six Members of Council: Vivian Cummins; Orla Hegarty; Deirdre Lennon; Caomhán Murphy; Eoin O Cofaigh; and Joan O’Connor resigned and wrote to Council giving their reasons for resigning.
A detailed RIAI response to issues raised in their letters was given to members and can be reviewed at this Information Paper: www.riai.ie/images/uploads/INFORMATION_PAPER_ LETTER_OF_22_OCTOBER_2014.pdf

OUTLOOK FOR 2015
There have been positive changes in 2015 with the election of a diverse and more engaged Council. Productive work on RIAI Corporate Governance structures is nearing completion which will be put to Members at the December 2015 EGM.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY
There is optimism about workload in RIAI Practices, increase in the sales of RIAI documents and contracts, jobs on the RIAI website and most important of all, a substantial drop in the number of Members on the reduced Financial Hardship rate for Annual Charges.

ID 2015
The RIAI in 2015 delivered a number of projects with ID2015 funding as part of the Irish Government initiative to celebrate Irish creativity with the objective of encouraging investment in design and to stimulate job creation in Ireland. The RIAI projects are intended to raise awareness of the value and contribution of architecture to society.

The RIAI’s digital exhibition “Irish Architecture – A Sense of Place” will be shown at the Irish Pavilion at the Expo in Milan on 2nd October 2015. The RIAI’s new Digital Presentation “Designed in Ireland”, will be shown at Enterprise Ireland’s HQ and also on Enterprise Ireland’s websites globally.

LAST REPORT 2014
The 2014 CEO Report will be the last I make as I am retiring in September 2015. I wish my successor all the luck that will be needed.
CEO’S REPORT
A Building designed by an Architect is a Better Building

The RIAI’s focus on creating public awareness of architecture arises from a simple premise – a building designed by an architect is a better building. The RIAI actively works to make architecture relevant to a wider audience by providing platforms for public and architects to meet in order to break down perceived barriers. We also promote architecture both nationally and internationally to develop new opportunities for RIAI Members. This report provides an update on the RIAI’s strategic programme of awards, exhibitions, competitions, events and publications, designed to promote the value that architecture brings to society and to engage with members and the public.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

- 10th Annual RIAI Simon Open Door
- RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2014 – Celebrating 25th Years
- RIAI / DES Designing Primary Schools for 21st Century Conference + Competition
- 1916 Centenary Chapel at Glasnevin Cemetery
- Events and Exhibitions at the RIAI Architecture Centre
- RIAI Annual Conference 2014 – Record Audience
- RIAI Architectural Graduate Training Schemes
- Growth of our Online Audiences
THE YEAR IN FIGURES

15 Award-Winning Projects

136 RIAI online communications with Members including the fortnightly E-zine RIAI Online, practice newsletter and special news alerts

150+ attend the RIAI Annual Awards

213 architects taking part in Simon Open Door 2014

1,000 Advice Clinic Consultations in 2014 – Ploughing Championships and Ideal Home

1,264 Simon Open Door consultations in 2014

6,650 consultations for Simon Open Door since 2004

195,230 unique visitors to the RIAI website riai.ie in 2014

45.5% of these were new visitors

26% increase of website traffic compared to 2013

€67,000 raised for Simon Communities in 2014

€89,883 direct advertising value of RIAI Annual Awards coverage

€282,163 PR value of RIAI Annual Awards

€400,000 raised by RIAI Architects and the Public in 10 years of Simon Open Door

2,703,214 circulation/listenership/viewership of people of RIAI Annual Awards
PROMOTING AND COMMUNICATING ARCHITECTURE

1) Promoting Architectural Quality: The RIAI Irish Architecture Awards

2) Architecture and the Profession: Conferences and Colloquia (RIAI Annual Conference; RIAI/DES Conference; Shaping the Future of Ireland's Towns: Mallow)

3) Procuring a Quality Built Environment: Competitions (Glasnevin 1916 Chapel; RIAI / DES Primary School Competition)

4) Architecture and the Public: 10th Annual Simon Open Door; RIAI at Ploughing Championships and Ideal Homes; Exhibitions at the Architecture Centre; Lectures at the RIAI; RIAI Touring Exhibitions; Launch of Walks + Talks, Culture Night at RIAI

5) Communicating Architecture: Communicating with RIAI Audiences – Online and in Print

1) PROMOTING ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY: THE RIAI IRISH ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2014

In 2014, the RIAI Irish Architecture Awards celebrated their 25th anniversary. The awards are central to the Institute’s remit to recognise quality architecture and to communicate to the public the value that contemporary architecture brings to society.

The 2014 Awards reached an overall audience (circulation) of 2,703,214. A highlight of the media campaign was coverage on the RTE Six One News. In October, the RTE television arts programme, The Works, also featured projects from the 2014 Irish Architecture Awards and an interview with RIAI President Robin Mandal. The combined PR Value for the Irish Architecture Awards (print and online) was €282,163.

“Good architecture takes commitment and we can see the value of place making, driven by quality of life, community and a health-led agenda. The projects in this year’s awards continue to show the value and long-term investment that exists when high quality architecture is delivered when an architect is involved.”

Robin Mandal, RIAI President.
“The jury were pleased with the broad range of submissions that were received this year. It is gratifying to see that the quality of the buildings produced every year continues to increase and so does public interest in good design, as we can see from the strong response to the Public Choice Award.”

Des McMahon, Chairperson of the Judging Panel

WINNERS

In 2014, the RIAI received 138 entries across a diverse range of award categories and the jury selected a shortlist of 48 from which 15 awards were made. The Winners of the 2014 Irish Architecture Awards were announced by Minister Ruairi Quinn T.D. and RIAI President Robin Mandal at a ceremony held in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council offices on 24 June 2014. Earlier that day, RIAI President Robin Mandal announced on RTE Radio One, Morning Ireland, the winner of the Public Choice Award: Clonakilty 400, Urban Design Masterplan, designed by Architect Giulia Vallone from Cork County Council Architects Department

2014 CATEGORY WINNERS

Public Choice winner
Clonakilty 400, Urban Design Masterplan, designed by Architect Giulia Vallone from Cork County Council Architects Department

Best Commercial/Retail
Clerys Department Store, Dublin designed by Jennings Design Studio and in third place the Waterford Medieval Museum by Waterford Architects - Rupert Maddock, Bartosz Rojowski and Agnieszka Zipper-Rojowska.

Best Conservation/Restoration
Russborough West Wing Refurbishment and Post Fire Reinstatement, Blessington, Co. Wicklow designed by Howley Hayes Architects

Best Cultural Building
Airfield Evolution, Dundrum, Co Dublin designed by Solearth Architecture
**Best Educational Building**
Coláiste Ailigh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
designed by McGarry Ní Áedháigh Architects

**Best House**
The Cow House, (Residential) Blessington, Co Wicklow
designed by Michael Kelly & Dan Costelloe Architects

**Best House Extension**
Farmhouse Extension (Residential) Co Clare
designed by Studio Red Architects

**Best Housing (more than one unit)**
Southill Older Persons Accommodation, Limerick
designed by ABK Architects

**Best International Building**
Saw Swee Hock Student Centre (SAW),
London School of Economics
designed by O’Donnell + Tuomey Architects

**Best Public Space/Urban Design**
Granby Park, Dominick Street Lower, Dublin
designed by A2 Architects + Séan Harrington Architects

**Best Sustainable**
Airfield Evolution, Dundrum, Co Dublin
designed by Solearth Architecture

**Best Emerging Practice**
Robert Bourke Architects, Dublin

**RIAI Universal Design Award**
Adaption and Extension (Residential) Dublin
designed by Architect Justin O’Callaghan

**Assessors Award**
University of Limerick Medical School,
Student Housing, Pergola and Piazza
designed by Grafton Architects
JURIES
The main Jury for the 2014 RIAI Irish Architecture Awards were: Des McMahon (Chair) Gilroy McMahon; Denis Byrne, Denis Byrne Architects; Emma Curley, Emma Curley Architects; Emma Geoghegan, Meme Architecture; Máire Henry, DHB Architects; Head of Department of Architecture WIT; Stephen Best, Senior Lecturer at DIT.

Separate Juries are established for:
Emerging Practice – Architecture Ireland
Sustainable – RIAI Sustainability Taskforce
Universal Design – Universal Design Jury, chaired by international juror Stephanie Akkaoui Hughes and supported by the CEUD.
2) ARCHITECTURE AND THE PROFESSION:
CONFERENCES AND COLLOQUIA

2.1 The RIAI Annual Conference 2014, 12-13 October 2014, RDS Dublin:
Architecture Now – From Policy to the Common Place

The RIAI’s 2014 Annual Conference brought a diversity of speakers and professional thinkers from Ireland and around the world to the RDS, Dublin. Over 400 delegates attended the conference, which offered a packed programme of topical information and current thinking, including talks, workshops, and demonstrations. Addressing the RIAI Annual Conference, RIAI President Robin Mandal said:

“The title of the conference is Architecture Now – From Policy to the Common Place, so that we can concentrate on the present and look to the future. As we celebrate excellence, let us also celebrate the commonplace things that we do so well and that form the physical surrounds that define our culture. Architecture is the hallmark of a civil society and that is what we do so well, for the small stuff as well as the big stuff. We will look at what we have been doing to make things better, but first I would like to address the past, so that we might put it behind us and rediscover the common places that we all share and that unify us.”

Irish keynote speakers, Yvonne Farrell & Shelley McNamara, took delegates on an impressive retrospective of the work of Grafton Architects. Entitling their talk ‘The Learning Arena’, they discussed their perceptive approach to design, based on an understanding of the ‘DNA of place’. International speakers included the Rotterdam-based Programme Director of Dutch Design Fashion Architecture, Christene de Baan, Gillian Darley, President of the Twentieth Century Society and Wayne Dignam, Tender Team.

With the RIAI celebrating its 175th Anniversary this year, the conference looked back to the mid-20th century. Orla Murphy interviewed Cathal O’Neill who discussed his time with Mies Van der Rohe at IIT Chicago, while John McLaughlin interviewed Noel Dowley who recalled his work as a student under Louis Kahn and a long career in private practice. Entitling
his talk, Plus ça Change, Architectural critic Shane O‘Toole delivered a tour de force of 175 years of RIAI (1839-2014), drawing on historical parallels of times of ‘war and peace’ and new archival research. Niall Scott delivered a beautifully illustrated lecture on ‘Art and Architecture’, drawing on Scott Tallon Walker’s collaboration with artists from the 1930s to the present day. A panel of emerging practices – with David Flynn, MEME, Studio Red, Architectural Farm, Robert Bourke, Andrew Griffin and NOJI – interjected great energy into the first conference day, discussing new ways of practising, collaborating, public engagement and internationalisation.

A wide range of experts delivered advice and insights from BC(A)R to BIM and from Housing to Urban Design. A number of parallel sessions also took place. The conference concluded with RIAI practice updates. The Annual Conference dinner took place in Airfield, Dundrum – Winner of the RIAI Irish Architecture Award 2014 for Best Cultural and Best Sustainable Building. Running alongside the conference for the third consecutive year was Architecture Expo.

2.2 ‘Designing Primary Schools for 21st Century Learners’ Conference, Dublin Castle, 7 March

The ‘Designing Primary Schools for 21st Century Learners’ conference took place on 7 March at the Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle. The conference coincided with the RIAI/DES competition Designing Primary Schools for 21st Century Learners and the winners of the competition were formally announced by Ruairi Quinn, TD, Minister for Education and Skills.
The conference brought together national and international experts on education design: Takaharu Tezuka, who was an international juror in the RIAI/DES competition, presented his work – including his award-winning Fuji Kindergarten – in a lecture entitled “Beyond Architecture”. Tezuka is co-founder of Tezuka Architects and Professor at Tokyo City University, Japan. Also speaking at the conference were: Reino Tapaninen, Chief Architect with the Finnish National Board of Education; Alastair Blyth, Chair of the RIAI/DES Competition Jury and Architect ex OECD - Centre for Effective Learning Environments; Hannah von Ahlefeld Analyst, OECD- Centre for Effective Learning Environments, Paris; Tony Sheppard, Chair OECD Centre for Effective Learning Environments, Technical Manager, Department of Education and Skills, Ireland; Dr. Anne O’Gara, President Marino Institute of Education; Diarmuid Dullaghan, Divisional Inspector, Department of Education and Skills; Angela Brady, Past-President RIBA; and Robin Mandal, RIAI President.

2.3 Shaping the Future of Ireland’s Towns: Mallow – A Mid-Sized Town in Transition, 20 June

The RIAI, Cork County Council, Academy of Urbanism, Urban Forum and RTPI Ireland held a new Urban Design CPD Colloquium on 20 June 2014 in Mallow. Developed by the RIAI Urban Design Committee, the central objective of this colloquium was to bring together key stakeholders from relevant government departments, local authorities, professional organisations, practitioners and local communities to investigate the potential for a joined up approach in exploring the techniques involved in the regeneration
and development of Irish towns into the future. The location for the inaugural CPD was the town of Mallow in County Cork and the successful event was attended by over 60 people including local politicians, town councillors and members of Mallow Development Partnership. A series of short papers and presentations was offered in a half-day compact format, after which a discussion/workshop approach took place in the second half of the day followed by the identification of key objectives to be explored at a local level in a town visit. The feedback from participants and from Minister Sean Sherlock, TD, Minister of State, Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation was excellent. This was the first in a potential series of towns explored in terms of urban design, economic development and place-making, run by the RIAI in partnership with relevant professional bodies.

3) PROCURING A QUALITY BUILT ENVIRONMENT: COMPETITIONS

Through the competition process architects are making a significant contribution to society and to a quality built environment. In 2014 the RIAI held a number of successful competitions.

3.1 RIAI Competition – 1916 Centenary Chapel at Glasnevin Cemetery

The RIAI organised a competition on behalf of the Glasnevin Trust (the body which administers Glasnevin Cemetery) to design a Chapel to commemorate the 232 citizens who died in the 1916 Easter Week Rising and who were interred in Glasnevin Cemetery. Irish practice O’Daly Architects were chosen as the winner of this international architectural competition.
The **Judging Panel’s Citation** on the winning entry stated: “This project imaginatively created a unique sense of place which is simultaneously one of peaceful contemplation, commemoration and celebration. The design strongly reinforces the notion that all religions, and all humanity, have in common a love of and affinity with nature. This has been achieved by the clever exploitation of sunlight and daylight, rich and complex inside/outside relationships and a sensitive use of materials. The response to natural phenomena and landscape together create a fitting tribute to the citizens of Dublin who perished in the 1916 Easter Rising.”

In **Second Place** were David Jameson (Architect), Paul Fox (Architect) and Rose Bonner (Architect). **Highly Commended Were:** Cian Deegan (Architect) and Alice Casey (Architectural Graduate); Ralph Bingham, MOLA Architecture and Andrew Weston (Architect, RIBA) - Weston Williamson + Partners, London.

Speaking at the announcement of the winners on 30 January 2014 at the RIAI, **Jimmy Deenihan, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht** said: “Architecture is an important and enduring reflection of our society. I welcome the sustained commitment of Glasnevin Trust to ensure that their developments are characterised by high quality architecture. I look forward to seeing the 1916 Centenary Chapel project develop and progress over the coming months.”

**3.2 DES/RIAI Ideas Competition for ‘Designing Primary Schools for 21st Century Learners’**

The Department of Education and Skills and the RIAI held an ideas competition for a primary school design to explore with architects and educationalists the development of innovative architectural designs that respond to the emerging 21st century needs of primary school learners and teachers.
The ideas competition provides an opportunity to pursue designs that are agile, which can accommodate future changes in learner needs and pedagogy over the coming years and decades or that even could be adapted, potentially, for the purposes of secondary education if required. Successful learners in the 21st century increasingly need to develop a much broader palette of knowledge, behaviours and skills to succeed in life, than were needed generally in the 20th century. It is also an imperative that for modern society as a whole to succeed each 21st century learner must be empowered to succeed and achieve their maximum potential.

The international competition was an open, single-stage architectural design ideas contest. Ruairí Quinn T.D. Minister for Education & Skills announced the winner and shortlisted entries at the Department of Education's conference ‘Designing Primary Schools for 21st Century Learners’, held in partnership with OECD and the RIAI at the Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle on 7 March.
MAIN AWARD

GILROY McMAHON ARCHITECTS

Jury Citation
"The jury decided that overall this design achieved the goal of creating places that would encourage the range of approaches to teaching and learning anticipated in the competition brief. The design suggests a keen awareness of scale providing a variety of learning spaces that can be adapted to allow for different learning scenarios from intimate to large group settings. The display and performance area in the atrium promises to be an important focus in the building."

KIM DREYER ARCHITECT – Second Prize

Jury Citation
"The simplicity of the design belies a complexity. The jury was particularly impressed by the consideration given to special education needs and its integration within the whole design. The potential of the atrium and staircases for performance of various types would enable it to become a centre of activity within the school. The range of collaborative learning spaces offers potential for integrated learning and opportunities for a variety of teaching scenarios."

COADY PARTNERSHIP – Third Prize

Jury Citation
"The design draws together several design ideas in an interesting way including a range of informal and intimate learning spaces that add to the flexibility teaching and learning opportunities that the building can accommodate. The connection of the interior learning spaces to the exterior is an important asset in this proposal as are the main central space in the building with its stepped gallery and the overall flexibility of the plan to accommodate community engagement."

Short-listed practices were:

AVANTI ARCHITECTS
JOHN O’NEILL ARCHITECT
JOHN McLAUGHLIN ARCHITECTS
SÉAN HARRINGTON ARCHITECTS
Competition Jury

Architects
Alastair Blyth (Chair), Architect ex OECD, Centre for Effective Learning Environment
Angela Brady, Immediate Past-President RIBA, UK
Prof. Takahura Tezuka, Tokyo City University, Japan
Reino Tapaninen, Chief Architect, Finnish National Board of Education, Finland
Tony Sheppard, Chair OECD Centre for Effective Learning Environments, Technical Manager, Department of Education and Skills, Ireland

Educationalists
Michel Lanners, Ministere de l’Education Nationelle et de la Formation Professionelle, (MEN), Luxembourg
Graham Norris, Assistant Director Curriculum Learning & Teaching, Education Scotland

Ireland
Aine Lynch, Chairperson, National Parents Council Primary
Dr. Anne O’Gara, President Marino Institute of Education, Dublin

Pairic Clerkin, St. Patrick’s N.S., Diswellstown, Dublin
Mary McLoughlin, Principal Officer, Department of Children and Youth Affairs
Diarmuid Dullaghan, Divisional Inspector, Department of Education and Skills

4) ARCHITECTURE AND THE PUBLIC

The RIAI’s focus on creating public awareness of architecture through exhibitions, events, special initiatives and publications arises from a simple premise – a building designed by an architect is a better building. The RIAI actively works to make architecture relevant to a wider audience by providing platforms for public and architects to meet and breaking down perceived barriers in order to engage with people who do not plan to work with architects on their projects. We also promote architecture both nationally and internationally to develop new opportunities for RIAI Members.
4.1. Record-breaking Simon Open Door Weekend, 10 and 11 May 2014

The 10th RIAI Simon Open Door weekend was an overwhelming success, exceeding all previous years. Over 1,260 consultations took place nationwide on 10th and 11th May, raising a total of €67,085 this year for the Simon Communities charity. Over the 10 years, the campaign has raised a massive €400,169.

There was an extensive PR campaign, including articles in the Sunday Independent, Sunday Times, Irish Times residential section, and pieces on RTE Radio Morning Ireland, Moncrieff on Newstalk, TV3 Ireland AM, TV3 Late Lunch amongst many other.

Consultations took place mainly in architects’ offices nationwide, but also at other locations such as the RIAI, IKEA, Sherry FitzGerald in Ballsbridge, Fumbally Exchange, and the Vision Centre Cork. Feedback from the public has been universally positive, and some architects have reported that the event will lead to potential clients, for example:

“I would like to say that the whole Simon Open Door project was very successful….I felt very proud that RIAI was organising this event. So thanks a lot for all the support. I have 3 clients who contacted me straight back wanting to work with me on their projects – so it is helping my business equally.”

MRIAI, Cork.

4.2 RIAI Walks + Talks

The RIAI launched in January 2014 its new nationwide programme of ‘Walks + Talks’ to celebrate Irish architecture. The RIAI Walks + Talks were developed in place of the travelling awards exhibition to enable the public to experience and get an understanding of the RIAI Annual Awards Buildings.

Each Walk + Talk is open to the public and free of charge.

As part of Walks + Talks, Architects provide free building tours and talks for the public. The first event was a tour of Presentation College Bray by Paul Keogh Architects - Winner of ‘Best Educational Building’ in the Irish Architecture Awards - on Saturday 1 February. Approximately 60 people attend the tour and there was
a very good mix of architects and the general public. The second tour of the extension to Carnaun School, Athenry, by Paul Dillon Architects was held on 1 March. Approximately 35 people attended and were very engaged in the event. Tours of Bord Gáis Networks by Denis Byrne Architects – Winner of ‘Best Commercial and ‘Best Sustainable Building – took place on 8 March 2014.

4.3. RIAI Exhibitions at The Architecture Centre
Following its relaunch in 2013, the RIAI held a number of successful exhibitions at its exhibition venue – The Architecture Centre – throughout 2014.

Exhibition - 1916 Centenary Chapel at Glasnevin Cemetery, 30 January – 21 February

The RIAI Architecture Centre presented an exhibition of Entries for the 1916 Centenary Chapel at Glasnevin Cemetery in January / February. The exhibition was formally opened by Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, on 30 January 2014 and was on view until Friday 21 February.

Kumamoto Artpolis: Architecture through Communication, 5-25 March
In cooperation with the Japan Foundation and the RIAI, the Embassy of Japan in Ireland showed an exhibition of photographs entitled “Kumamoto Artpolis: Architecture through Communication” at the RIAI from 5-25 March 2014. This exhibition was formally opened on 4 March by the RIAI President and the Japanese Ambassador to Ireland. ‘Kumamoto Artpolis’ is a programme operated by the Local Government Authorities since 1988 for ‘young and energetic architects to design public buildings such as museums, schools and hospitals to enhance the local culture through architecture’. An exhibition highlight was Ushibuka Haiya Bridge, designed by Peter Rice with Renzo Piano and Noriaki Okabe in the 1990s.
Book Launch and Lecture by O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects, 14 May 2014, RIAI

On 14 May 2014, the RIAI hosted the well-attended (70 plus people) book launch of “Nevertheless there is this thing called architecture” – Two Conversations with O’Donnell + Tuomey and Cesare Piva, 1999-2009 by the Gulistan Press. Speakers included the Italian architect Cesare Piva; architectural critic Shane O’Toole; RIAI President Robin Mandal and Sandra O’Connell (RIAI/ Architecture Ireland). The book launch was followed by a special talk by Sheila O’Donnell and John Tuomey on their recently completed Saw Swee Hock Student Centre at the London School of Economics.

Tracing the Lines by John Dorman Architect (MRIAI), 26 -30 May, RIAI

‘Tracing the Lines’ – beautiful pen drawings by architect John Dorman, which illustrate corners of the city captured in the poems and writings of Irish poets – were exhibited at the RIAI from 26 to 30 May. Coinciding with the exhibition was a well-attended poetry reading with over 100 guests on the launch night, Tuesday 27 May, from 6 to 8pm. Poets Pat Boran, Catherine Ann Cullen, Nessa O’Mahony and Mark Granier read poems featured in the exhibition, while other speakers included RIAI President Robin Mandal and project initiator John Dorman. The exhibition was inspired by Dublin’s 2014 ‘One City One Book’, the poetry anthology ‘If Ever You Go: A Map of Dublin in Poetry and Song’, published by the Dedalus Press. ‘If Ever You Go' takes the reader on a journey around Dublin as seen through the eyes of poets and songwriters. Inspired by this anthology, architect John Dorman set out on his own 5-week journey of discovery. Armed with a small sketch book, felt tip pen and a copy of the book, John Dorman daily took to the streets on a dublinbike, sketching fragments of Dublin based on images referred to in the poems. The sketches were then overlaid and woven with fragments of historic maps to provide a geographical reference and context to the poems. An architect and member of the RIAI, John Dorman says: “I found this project to be an exciting and illuminating experience as it connected me with two greats: our poets and our town.”
RIAI President Robin Mandal opened on 21 October 2014 an exhibition with artist and printmaker Elke Thönnes exploring new methods to ‘read the city’. Thönnes places iconic city structures onto a variety of maps, often referencing their genesis. Her works are about contact with architecture and the memory these structures hold. President Mandal said: “Elke Thönnes has a view that the history of architecture is also that of the people who made that history and that the changing maps tells the story of how the city evolves. This resonates very strongly with architects, who also agree with her view that the use of the buildings are of little importance, but what they tell you is most important. (…) One need only think of Brian Friel’s Translations to understand the alacrity of that thought – so that places are noted as landmarks visually and with their layers of history woven together. Her work in superimposing the images on the maps create ‘maps in our heads’…..”

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‘Reading the City’ by Elke Thönnes, 21 October

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4.4. Culture Night at the RIAI
The RIAI participated for the first time in Dublin Culture Night which took place on Friday 19 September. The RIAI’s programme included regular tours of its building at No 8 Merrion Square, free architectural walking tours of Dublin’s buildings and urban spaces and a showing of the acclaimed film ‘Drawing on Life’ by Paul Clarke and Conor McCafferty. ‘Drawing on Life’ is based on a series of interviews with architects – including Grafton Architects, McCullough Mulvin and O’Donnell + Tuomey. By looking closely into the world of architects’ sketchbooks and notebooks, it offered a glimpse of the design process and reveals the relationship between architects and drawing.

4.5. RIAI Outreach: Advice Centre at Ideal Home Show and the Ploughing Championships
Each year, the RIAI organises a number of free Architects’ Advice Clinics at public events. In total over 1000 meetings were held between RIAI Architects and members of the public in 2014. These included Architects’ Advice Clinics at the Ideal Home Exhibitions, RDS Simmonscourt in April and October, as well as at the National Ploughing Championships, which took place in Stradbally, Co, Laois from 23-24 September.
RIAI Support for Open House Dublin and Limerick

The RIAI supported in 2014 the Irish Architecture Foundation who were running the annual Open House Dublin weekend from 17-19 October with the theme ‘Learning from Buildings’, architecturefoundation.ie. The RIAI also supported the annual Open House Limerick weekend, which ran from 3 to 5 October 2014.

5) ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. RIAI Online Communications

Regular communication updates are sent to all members and the public on a regular basis. The main topics in 2014 included BC(A)R, Council updates, CPD, competitions, awards and events.

In total the RIAI circulated in 2014:

- 136 RIAI information newsletters and news items – these include members, practices, regions and public newsletters.
  Of these were:

  - 20 Information updates to RIAI members regarding BC(A)R (including five BC(A)R Information Bulletin prepared by BC(A)R Steering Group)
  - 25 RIAI Online – Members Newsletters campaigns
  - 12 Practice RIAI Newsletters
  - 14 monthly RIAI Public Newsletters – the list of subscribers has substantially grown in 2014 from 867 (January) to 1330 (December) up 35%.

The average opening rates across all communications with members was 53.0%, well above industry average – (industry average is 17.5%) which is evidence of an engaged audience. RIAI Members regularly contribute content to the newsletters on new projects, publications, awards and competition success. These high opening rates continue also into our public campaigns, with a 43.0% opening rate (industry average is 14.0%) of RIAI Public Newsletters.
2. RIAI Website: Public and Members Homepage

A brief study of the Google Analytics for the year 1 January 2014 to 1 January 2015 has shown:

In 2014 the RIAI website had over 195,230 unique visitors during the period Jan 01 2014 to Jan 01 2015. 45.5% of these were new visitors. This represents an overall increase of 26% in website traffic compared to 2013.

The Average page view is 3.43 with average visit duration of 2.55 minutes. The most visited Pages are: the RIAI Homepage (riai.ie), RIAI JobSearch, the Members Area and the Practice Directory.

5. RIAI Publications

5.1. Architecture Ireland

Architecture Ireland is the official journal of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland. Its objective is to be a forum for excellence in architectural practice, featuring the work of RIAI Registered architects in Ireland and abroad. Alongside in-depth building features, the magazine covers a wide range of topics relating to the practice and experience of architecture. The magazine has featured interviews with many leading figures including Takaharu Tezuka, Kevin Roche, Glenn Murcutt, Juhani Pallasmaa, David Chipperfield, Daniel Libeskind, and Lord David Puttnam.

Architecture Ireland published 7 issues in 2014 including a number of Special Issues. Some highlights are:

AI 272 (Dec/Jan) ‘Where the Work is’, focused on new public work including Housing (Shangan Housing by FKL Architects); Healthcare (Phoenix Care Centre by Moloney O’Beirne Architects); and public projects (Offices for Department of Justice and Tipperary Town Council by Coady Partnership). The issue also covered the RIAI Gold Medal 2004-06 for Poustinia by Tom Maher and Kevin Bates.

AI 273 (Feb/March) was a special issue on ‘Architecture and Landscape’, featuring the Airfield project by Solearth Architects (lead architects) and Granby Park. The magazine also featured an obituary of Patrick Scott written by Dr. Ronnie Tallon.
AI 274 (April/May) focused on new Third Level buildings including Moloney O’Beirne Architects Sutherland Institute; ABK’s National Film School at IADT and O’Donnell + Tuomey’s multi-award inning Saw Swee Hock Student Centre for the LSE, which also won ‘Best International Building’ in the 2014 RIAI Irish Architecture Awards.

AI 275 (June/July) focused on new International Work including De Blacam and Meagher’s new Digicel HQ in Kingston Jamaica and innovative new fit-out projects and the 2014 Irish Architecture Awards. The issue also featured a ‘Letters to the Editor’ page; the RIAI EGM Notice (Architecture News page) and a page relating to BC(A)R and two motions presented to Council. The issue featured an obituary of Dr. Ronnie Tallon, written by Shane O’Toole.

AI 276 (August) was a special issue on education design and featured Irish best practice – including the 2014 winner of ‘Best Educational Building’, Colaiste Ailaigh by McGarry Ní Éanaigh – alongside international expertise, including interviews with the Japanese architect Takaharu Tezuka, who discussed his award-winning Fuji Kindergarten, and Reino Tapaninen, Chief Architect with the Finnish National Board of Education. AI also interviewed the Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O’Sullivan.

AI 277 (Sep/Oct) paid tribute to O’Donnell + Tuomey Architects following the announcement of the RIBA Royal Gold Medal, considered the highest architectural honour. The issue also featured public and housing projects including Southill Older Persons Accommodation by ABK Architects, winner of the Best Housing project in the 2014 RIAI Irish Architecture Awards.

AI 278 (Nov/Dec) published the dlr LexIcon in Dun Laoghaire by Carr Cotter Naessens, winner of an RIAI Competition. Also featured was the winner of the ‘Public Choice’ award in the 2014 RIAI Irish Architecture Awards, Clonakilty 400 by Cork County Architects and Giulia Vallone.

The fifth volume of The RIAI Annual Review, Irish Architecture was launched in December 2014.

The book brings a unique perspective on contemporary Irish architecture and design and features award-winning buildings alongside essays, reviews and design competitions. Writing in The RIAI Annual Review, RIAI President Robin Mandal highlighted the contribution Irish architecture makes to creating a sense of place:

“The architect’s greatest skill is in ‘place making’, which includes buildings, but is much more than that. It is the skill of making a foil to the lives of the inhabitants of the city, town, village and countryside.”

The RIAI President also praised the growing success of Irish architects abroad: “A special focus in the Review is on the London School of Economics’ multi award-winning Student Centre and its Irish architects O’Donnell + Tuomey, who have been awarded one of the world’s highest architectural honours, the 2015 RIBA Royal Gold Medal. The Student Centre features alongside Digicel’s new headquarters in Jamaica and an arts pavilion in Kistefos, Norway, which together demonstrates the ongoing success of Irish architects internationally.”

With the current housing crisis, Paul Keogh explored innovative housing solutions. Dublin City Architect, Ali Grehan celebrated Ireland’s design talent and the forthcoming Year of Irish Design, ID2015. Architectural Critic Raymund Ryan reflected in his essay ‘In Real Life’ on the creative and diverse work of Irish architects post-recession. Maria Kiernan marked the 25th Anniversary of a pioneer exchange programme between Soviet and Irish architects, which was operated by the RIAI in the early days of Glasnost (1990).

Speaking at the launch, Martin Colreavy, Principal Advisor, Built Heritage and Architectural Policy at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht said “Having the time to reflect, review and communicate on key architectural projects, as presented in The RIAI Annual Review series to date, is very important. It allows us collectively to constantly address and evaluate the immense importance that architecture makes at a national and local level – both from a creative, cultural and visual perspective but also as representative of the unique places we build, work and live in. This series, now in its fifth volume, continues this comprehensive overview and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht via the Government Policy on Architecture Implementation Programme was delighted to offer support and assistance in 2014 in this regard.”
BEST EMERGING PRACTICE 2014
1. WINNER, ROBERT BOURKE ARCHITECTS
2. HIGHLY COMMENDED, ARCHITECTURAL FARM
3. COMMENDED, LISTON ARCHITECTURE, CAROLIN LISTON
THE YEAR OF S.I.9
2014 will be the year most RIAI Members will remember as the year of S.I.9 of 2014. The RIAI President Robin Mandal analysed the expectations of Members, as those who feared the prospect; those who reluctantly accepted the regulations and will deal with them; and those who will embrace the regulations and see it as a business opportunity. There was a clear necessity for the RIAI to provide whatever support they could for the Membership, which included CPD roadshows on various aspects of the Regulations; updating of client/architect agreement documentation, supplements to RIAI contracts; guidance on tender requirements devised by the RIAI Technical Work Groups, the formation by RIAI Council of a B(C)AR Steering Group, frequent consultation with DECLG, the BCMS and construction industry ‘stakeholders’. A special section of the RIAI website was created to amalgamate and co-ordinate all current B(C)AR documentation and archival information.

Solving Member problems and difficulties will vary from year to year, there are common underlying problems to be resolved, mostly during the administration of building contracts, difficulties with contractors, determining a contract, certification and opinions on compliance.

Contractual difficulties prominently featured in request for advice, in particular relating to interim certification, over certification, non-payment of certificates, practical completion, disputed defects lists, client interference, cost overrun, contract time overrun, and application of liquidated and ascertained damages. Members’ advice is frequently sought on planning and building regulations, appropriate use of building contracts and warranties, the vetting of letters on behalf of Members, to clients, client’s legal advisors, and contractors.

By seeking early advice from the RIAI, many of the Member’s difficulties can be resolved, or a procedure can be established to mitigate risks of serious contractual difficulties with clients, local authorities and building contracts. There is a considerable body of knowledge from the RIAI CEO, Practice Director, the Practice Committee, the Historic Building Committee, Accessibility Task Force, and Sustainability Task Force available to the Membership: prevention is the best medicine.
Advice was given on obtaining Professional Indemnity
Insurance, insurance levels, notifications, wording of
bespoke conditions of engagement, warranties and risk
management based on analysis of current claim trends.
Throughout the year, the Practice Director has obtained
legal advice for the benefit of Members and the general
Membership.

PRACTICE DIRECTOR’S SERVICE TO THE
MEMBERS’ CLIENTS
Confidential advice is frequently sought by clients
regarding perceived difficulties they have with their
Architect; normally it is the inexperienced client
who seeks advice on the detail of their agreement
with the Member, contractual obligations under the
building contract and general procedures during the
construction stage. Generally clients are satisfied when
issues are discussed confidentially with the RIAI CEO
and Practice Director and this service can be regarded
as a form of mediation, and is greatly appreciated
by clients. Occasionally complaints are made against
Members, however early discussions by clients with the
RIAIl, have, without doubt, prevented complaints being
made, complaints of which the Member would not
have been aware.

REVIEW OF THE RIAI BC(A)R 2014
DOCUMENTATION BY THE PRACTICE
COMMITTEE
John Mitchell, chair of the Practice Committee assisted
by Shane Santry, David Wright, Brian Kavanagh, Simon
McGuinness, Mike Beary, John Deaton, Gopal Naidoo
and Joe Miller concluded their review of the various
documents. Previously they were reviewed by the group
set up by RIAI Council, including Orla Hegarty, Jude
O’Loughlin, Eoin O Cofaigh, Barrett Chapman and
Anne Fletcher, and the RIAI Technical Work Groups,
chaired by Shane Santry, Orla Fitz.Gerald, and Mike
Beary. Legal advice was sought from David Phelan of
Hayes solicitors in the July-August period.

THE RIAI DOCUMENTS ARE:
- RIAI Client/Architect Agreement for
  Professional Services – Edition 1
- RIAI Client/Architect Agreement for Small
  Commercial Works – Edition 1
- RIAI Client/Architect Agreement for Domestic
  Work – Edition 1
- RIAI Agreement between the Building Owner
  and Architect for Appointment as Assigned
  Certifier – Edition 1
THE BUILDING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2014

RIA I BUILDING CONTRACTS REVIEW GROUP
This group consisting of Niall Meagher (Chair), Dan Daye, James O’Donoghue, Toal O’Muire, Jude O’Loughlin, Vincent Traynor and Joe Miller, are working on modernising and up-dating the RIAI Articles of Agreement, with and without quantities.

RIAI CPD TO SUPPORT MEMBERS ON S.I.9 OF 2014
CPD events were arranged in Dublin, Cork and Galway in February dealing with Practical Guidance.

Other CPD events were held in Dublin and Limerick on the role of the Design Certifier in the Design process. ‘The Role of the Assigned Certifier’ events were held in Dublin and Limerick in November 2014. Subsequently all of these CPD events were posted on the RIAI website under the BC(A)R Members’ area.

LIAISON COMMITTEE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
The Liaison Committee comprises the RIAI, SCSI, Engineers Ireland, ACEI and the CIF. The RIAI is represented by Jude O’Loughlin (Chair for 2014), Niall Meagher, James O’Donoghue and Joe Miller. The committee was formed to agree changes to the RIAI Articles of Agreement and the Code of Practice for Tendering and Contractual Matters, published in 2006. In 2014, the Committee, through consultation, published on the Liaison Committee website, Revision to Code of Practice Section 15 - dealing with Abnormally Low Tenders, and an up-date on changes to Health and Safety legislation.
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL
The Construction Industry Council was formed to consolidate the views of the construction professionals, including the ACEI, EI, SCSI, RIAI, the Building Materials Federation and the CIF, and to present a common voice to the Irish Government on matters relating to the construction industry.

RIAI/ OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME 2014
The Office of Public Works in association with the RIAI, operates a Graduate Training programme.
A total of 24 architectural graduates are placed on the programme. 66 applied in 2014 and 36 were interviewed over a three day period by 2 architects from the OPW and the RIAI Practice Director. As a result of the interviews, 8 graduates were employed under the scheme for a three year contract, who supplemented the 16 already working on the programme.

RIAI/ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME 2014
The graduate training programme in Tullamore continues with 4 graduates on the scheme.

RIAI/ CORK CITY COUNCIL GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME 2014
The graduate training programme in Cork City continues with 2 graduates on the scheme.

RIAI/ CORK COUNTY COUNCIL GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME 2014
In 2014, Cork County Council commenced a graduate training scheme with 3 places on offer for a three year contract period. There were 37 applications for the positions and 16 were interviewed by 2 Architects from Cork County Council and the RIAI Practice Director, over a period of 1 ½ days. Three candidates were offered and accepted a three year contract.

THE RIAI COMMITTEES WITHIN THE PRACTICE DIVISION

THE RIAI PRACTICE COMMITTEE
The structure of the Practice Committee continued to be implemented as initiated in 2011. The Practice Committee now comprises of John Mitchell (Chair), and the Subcommittees, each with their list of specific tasks and deadlines. Sub-Committee A, Rob McCauley (Chair), deals with Planning. Sub-Committee B, Shane Santry (Chair), deals with Building Regulations.
Sub-Committee C, Jude O’Loughlin (Chair), deals with Contracts, Certification and Dispute Resolution. Sub-Committee D, Michael Grace (Chair), deals with the Good Practice Guide, Sub-Committee E, Brian Kavanagh (Chair), deals with the communications with the Membership. Sub-Committee F, Dan Daye (Chair), deals with CPD Technical and Business, Sub-Committee G, John Mitchell (Chair) deals with RIAI Agreements and Documentation, Sub-Committee I, Ralph Montague (Chair), deals with Building Information Modelling.

The other Members of the Committee are Margaret Brennan, Simon McGuinness, Gopal Naidoo and Joe Miller. Michael Grace represented RIAI Council on the Practice Committee.

Topics for the Committee during 2014 include: BIM Workshop for Principals; BC(A)R 2014; Law Society and BC(A)R; M. Collins Paper on third party certification; Latent Defects Insurance; Registration of Builders; BC(A)R CPD, CIF; Department of Education and Skills; BC(A)R Sub-agreements; DECLG Consultation on Development of Planning Guidelines; Public Consultation on Part E- Sound; Formulation of an RIAI Planning Policy; RIAI Council Policy on BC(A)R; P.I.I. for Assigned Certifier; Conveyancing under BC(A)R; Review of GCCC Building Contracts; Health and Safety matters; Procurement and DOES; RIAI Technical Series; Review of the RIAI Building Contract; RIAI Health and Safety documentation; EU Procurement Directive; BIM Protocol; BC(A)R procurement implications for Contracting Authorities; NBS and the Construction Products Directive; Software for calculating Fees, Overheads, storage of Archival Records for Procurement; CPD for Design Certifier; BC(A)R INF and PIP; Review of the RIAI BC(A)R 2014 Documentation by the RIAI Council Appointed group; Part L – ACDs – By S. McGuinness; Proposed CPD for Members 2014/2015; RIAI Code of Practice for BC(A)R 2014; M. Grace’s Paper on Specification writing; Software Systems; CPD on Improving Cost Knowledge; Discussions with Mortgage lenders; R. McNally and INF and PIP Template; the Demise of BRAB; BC(A)R Housing Agency/ DECLG Inspection Plan for Simple dwellings; BC(A)R Up-loading and Completion Cert process.
**RIAI SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

Sally Starbuck was the Chair of the RIAI STF for 2014. The other members are Bill Scott, Paddy de Roe, Bernard Gilna, Frank Cooney, Susan Cogan, Pat Kirwan, Michael Goan, Darragh Lynch, Pat Barry, Mark Costello, Rory van Vuuren, Michelle Fagan and Joe Miller. The STF considered and discussed many topics which included: a review of the Planning Guidance Documents for Development Plans in respect of Rights to Renewables and checklists; BC(A)R and proof of compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations; project initiative re Irish Water sustainability policy; fire risk of flues penetrating air tight construction; draft guidance note on glazing ratios; work on the RIAI website ‘Green Corner’ including top tips; working with your architect; report on the Better Building Conference April 2014; RIAI sustainability awards; property insurance for non-standard construction; review input to RIAI Good Practice Guide; green paper on energy policy in Ireland; water conservation of potable supplies; student award for sustainability and sustainable locations of schools. An ‘open’ meeting of the RIAI STF was held which resulted in the recruitment of 9 new Members.

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**RIAI HOUSING COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Housing Committee Mick McDonagh handed over the ‘reigns’ to Michael Crowe in January 2014. Other Members of the Housing Committee were: Stephen Manning, Paul Kelly, Michael Landers, Tony Reddy, Derry Solon, Kieran Gallagher, John Morehead, Tara Cooke, Ailbhe Cullen, David Byrne and Joe Miller. Various matters were discussed including research on storage in housing by Ailbhe Cullen; Sustainable Communities and the RIAI Housing Committee; Pre ‘63 report prepared by Paul Kelly; Dublin City Council and Bed Sits; Housing Standards and Rented Accommodation; withering planning permissions; Housing information on the RIAI website; RIAI Planning Survey 2012-13; Special Policy Committee Reports; the specification and installation of external insulation; Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2013; Health and Safety Regulations 2013 for domestic dwellings; Part L and effect on new dwellings; Part E draft amendments; BC(A)R 2013; the current housing shortage; alternative urban /estate management models.
RIAI UNIVERSAL DESIGN TASK FORCE
The RIAI Accessibility Task Force changed its title to RIAI Universal Design Task Force. The Chair was Isoilde Dillon and the other Members for 2014 were: Ruth O’Reilly, Michael Mohan, Caitriona Shaffrey, Angela Rolfe, Fionnuala Rogerson, Mark Costello, Helge Koester, Rory O’Donnellan, Maol Iosa Molloy, Aoife Ferris, John Sugars, Kate Dowling, Pamela O’Connor and Rebecca Ryan.

The UDTF workload for 2014 included: the issue of housing for people with disabilities being treated as institutional buildings under the Building Regulations; DES seminar on inclusive school environment; Accredited CPD; Building Control Regulations and DACs; RIAI Universal Design Award 2014; CEUD universal design guidelines; HIQA forms for health care buildings; platform lifts and Georgian Squares; the role of the RIAI Universal Design Task Force.

RIAI DESIGN FOR EDUCATION GROUP
The Chair of the Design for Education Group is Jim Coady, and the other Members of the committee were Michael Grace, Siobhán Ní Éanaigh, Tom O’Connor, Michael Mullen, Paddy Fletcher, Eamonn Greville, Paul Keogh, Mary Duggan, Sean Harrington, Michael Healy, Martin Donnelly, David O’Connor, Michael Williams, Sheila O’Donnell and Michelle Fagan.

The Committee has been very active in preparing advice, not just to Members and Practices, but also to the Department of Education and Skills. Topics and Seminars include: a Primary School Seminar and Colloquium; a Post Primary School Colloquium; Primary School Competition; joint DES / RIAI meeting; schools in a sustainable community; procurement; informal meeting with Sean O’Foghlu of DES; new members; implications of BC(A)R.

RIAI HISTORIC BUILDING COMMITTEE
The Chair of the Historic Building Committee was Kevin Blackwood with Jacqui Donnelly as vice Chair, and the Members comprised of: Susan Roundtree, Nicki Matthews, Mark Costello, David Young, Cathal Crimmins, Padraig Murray, Grainne Shaffrey, Fionnuala May, Jimmy O’Connor, Richard Mc Loughlin, Aoife Hurley and Alastair Lindsay. Kevin Smyth is the RIAI Council representative.
The Committee discussed the following during the year: up-dating the RIAI Conservation Guidelines; Conservation Accreditation Induction Module; Conservation Accreditation System, GCCC Review; RIAI Practice sub-committee on Planning; Building Regulations Part E -TGD; BIM presentation by Ralph Montague; RIAI Urban Design committee mission statement; RIAI President met the HBC in September; accreditation and other professions; presentation by Colum O’ Riordan of Irish Architectural Archive.

**RIAI HEALTHCARE DESIGN COMMITTEE**
The Chair of the RIAI Design for Health Committee was Brian Cullen and the other members for 2014 were: Lizette Conneely, Sean Mahon, Aidan Healy, Donal Blake, Hugh Campbell, Esmonde O’Briain, Joanne Coughlan, David Petherbridge, Paul de Freine, Eleanor Masterson, Helen Giblin and Fionnuala Rogerson.

**RIAI URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE**
The Chair of the Urban Design Committee for 2014 was Martin Colreavy and the Committee members were: David Dwyer vice chair, Paul Altman, James Pike/ Derbhile Mc Donagh, Grainne Shaffrey, Noel J Brady, Brian Hogan, Paul Keogh, Eithne Moran, John Mc Laughlin, David Power, Tony Reddy, Peter Twamley, Philip Jackson and Anne Kiernan.

**RIAI MEMBERS APPOINTED TO VARIOUS EXTERNAL BODIES**
Alistair Lindsay and Frank Cooney to the DCC Heritage Plan Working Group
Orla Fitz.Gerald to the BCMS
John Graby / Joe Miller to the Construction Safety Partnership
Brendan Mac Conville to the Health and Safety Authority, Construction Advisory Committee
Des Kennedy to the Radon Committee in DECLG
Niall Kerney to the Irish Agrément Board
Joe Miller to the Irish Green Building Council
Jude O’Loughlin, chair, James O’Donoghue, Niall Meagher and Joe Miller to the Liaison Committee to the Construction Industry.
Robin Mandal, John Graby and Joe Miller to the Construction Industry Council.

**THE PRACTICE COMMITTEE CONSULTED WITH OUTSIDE BODIES INCLUDING:**
Law Society of Ireland, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.
Department of Education and Skills, Department of

**RIAI SUBMISSIONS ON VARIOUS CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS AND FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS**

HSE Estates existing large Healthcare Frameworks, on RIAI advice they are now being drawn by lot. Consultation with BCMS administration setting up clarification procedures. BC(A)R Ancillary Certificates were devised in conjunction with ACEI, Engineers Ireland, SCSI and the CIF. RIAI Submission on Planning Application Process and Procedures/ Development to DECLG.

**AN APPRECIATION OF THE SUPPORT OF RIAI MEMBERS**

The Practice Division within the RIAI is supported by the Members without whose assistance the Practice Committee; the Universal Design Task Force; the Housing Committee, the Historic Building Committee, the Sustainability Task Force, Design for Health Care Committee, the Design for Education and the Urban Design Committee, could not function so successfully.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications with the RIAI Membership is conducted by e/mail with regular Practice, Members and CPD bulletins, which cover the latest and most salient information available to the RIAI for the benefit of the Members.

A special section of the RIAI website Members’ area is dedicated to S.I.9 of 2014 / BC(A)R with revised RIAI documentation, CPD presentations, Legislative documents, Inspection Plans and archival information.
BEST EDUCATIONAL BUILDING WINNER 2014
COLÁISTE AILÍGH
MCGARRY NÍ ÉANAIGH ARCHITECTS
EDUCATION REPORT

- 155 new members admitted
  (139 Members / 8 Arch.Tech. / 8 Arch.Grads)
- 15 candidates successfully completed the RIAI Examination in Professional Practice
- RIAI Visiting Boards carried out 3 accreditation visits
- Call for applications for Conservation Architect Grade 1 and Grade 2
- CPD compliance figures remained steady
- Significant increase in CPD with 15 CPD courses titles provided and over 2,890 training days attended

2014 saw a further subvention of the price of RIAI CPD courses and the continuation of the RIAI CPD unwaged and hardship lotteries.

The Education Division of the RIAI is responsible for the development, with the BAE and Council, of RIAI Education and CPD Policy, development and delivery of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme at national and regional levels, implementation and development of the RIAI CPDEngage, monitoring and responding to the changing education needs of members, CPD funding, coordinating and delivering a comprehensive calendar of educational events.

VOLUNTARY INPUT
The Board of Architectural Education exercises responsibility for all educational matters and for assessment of applicants for RIAI membership. The voluntary input of RIAI members, in terms of time, quality and intensity to the BAE, examinations, visiting boards and other educational activities is enormously valuable. Without it the Institute could not provide the services and support that it does to members and potential members alike.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION (BAE)
The Board of Architectural Education held 8 Ordinary meetings and 1 Special Meeting in 2014. Orla Hegarty resigned from the Board of Architectural Education in 2014. The RIAI and the Board of Architectural Education thank her for her participation and work on the BAE over the years.
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION
ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee considers applications for all grades of RIAI membership and in the course of 2014 considered the following number of applicants eligible for RIAI membership:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Membership Grade</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Architect (MRIAI)</td>
<td>108</td>
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<td>Architect (MRIAI(IRL))</td>
<td>29</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Architect</strong></td>
<td><strong>137</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Architectural Graduate</td>
<td>11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Architectural Technologist (RIAI(Arch.Tech.))</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>19</strong></td>
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</table>

Membership of the Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee for 2014 was as follows:
Martin Donnelly, Chairperson; Jim Murphy;
Neville Verdon; Sandra Campbell; Deirdre Hargaden;
Cathy Prunty.

Margaret Hynds O’Flanagan resigned from the Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee in September 2014 to avoid any potential or perceived conflict of interest. Margaret will continue to attend meetings in an advisory capacity.

The RIAI thanks the current and outgoing members of Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee members for their dedication to the important task of considering applications for RIAI membership.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION

21 candidates undertook the final stage of the RIAI Examination in Professional Practice in the 2012/2013 cycle and 15 of these were successful. Briefing sessions for Examination Candidates and their Mentors and advisory sessions for final year students on examination and registration requirements, practical experience and career planning, were delivered as usual.

The Repeat Programme was started in 2009 for candidates who had failed their Case Study and Oral examination by a narrow margin. One candidate was successful in the Repeat Programme in 2013.

The RIAI Examination in Professional Practice has been in suspension since 1 March 2012. No further applications...
were accepted after this date. Candidates wishing to apply to complete a Professional Practice Examination after 1 March 2012 should contact UCD or DIT. Further information is available in the Education section of the RIAI website.

EXEMPTION FROM THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXAMINATION
The Building Control Act 2007 provides a mechanism whereby those with ‘prescribed degrees’ i.e. provided and recognised in the Irish State, can seek an exemption from the professional practice examination on the basis of seven years professional experience and demonstration of the knowledge, skill and competence required.

Restriction of access to this exemption to those with Irish degrees alone, especially in the context of the high level of immigration of architectural graduates in the past ten to fifteen years and the fact that for years many Irish school leavers travelled to the UK to study architecture, seemed illogical and unfair. To ensure that the system is used by those working in the State, as opposed to becoming an opportunity to avoid assessment systems in the UK and beyond, those seeking exemption from the professional practice examination who did not quality in Ireland must have undertaken four of the required seven years professional experience within the Irish State.

RIAI PRESCRIPTION AND ACCREDITATION PROCESSES
RIAI Visiting Boards carried out 3 accreditation visits during 2014:
- CIT B.Sc(Ord) Architectural Technology Level 7 and 8
- GMIT (B.Sc(Ord) Architectural Technology Level 8
- WIT (B.Sc(Ord) Architectural Technology Level 7 and 8

TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP
In 2014 the Board of Architectural Education decided to undertake a review of the format of the Travelling Scholarship. The outcome of the review is pending.

REGISTRATION
The education division continued to contribute to the development and implementation of the RIAI admission procedures under the Building Control Act 2007 and Directive 2005/36/EC on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications. See the Registration Section of this report for further details.
RIAI GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE QUALITY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

The RIAI Good Practice Guide Quality Management Certification Scheme is based on the RIAI Good Practice Guide and so reflects the realities of managing an architectural practice, as distinct from other business models. The scheme is independently certified and is appropriate for use by architectural practices working in the field of architecture. This meets the criteria for award of maximum marks in the Quality Assurance measures described in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reforms latest guidance on prequalification of consultants. A training course is available for practices who wish to apply for Certification.

ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS

In 2014 the RIAI progressed on the development of a National Standard for Architectural Technology with QQI. On foot of discussions between the DECLG, the RIAI and the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) in July 2014 the RIAI approached QQI requesting the establishment of a National Standard in Architectural Technology and in November 2014 QQI invited the RIAI and CIAT to discuss the process for the development of a national standard for Architectural Technology. The outcome of this meeting was an outline programme to agree draft terms of reference and composition of the panel to develop the standard for approval by QQI.

RIAI CONSERVATION ARCHITECT GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2

The call for applications for RIAI Conservation Architect Grade 1 and Grade 2 takes place every two years as part of the RIAI Conservation Accreditation System. The call for applications for RIAI Conservation Architect Grade 1 and Grade 2 was issued in November 2013 with 28 candidates submitting applications. The Conservation Accreditation Board reviewed those presentations in early 2014 and of the 28 applications received 6 were awarded Conservation Architect Grade 1 and 6 were awarded Conservation Architect Grade 2. The RIAI would like to extend grateful thanks to those who gave their time to serve on the Conservation Accreditation Board.

Individual accreditation is open to any RIAI Registered Member. Members who achieve accreditation are issued
with a certificate for the relevant Accreditation Grade and a soft copy of the associated accreditation mark which they can display on their emails, etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACCREDITATION
8 members achieved Environmental Accreditation in 2014. Any MRIAI, FRIAI, MRIAI IRL or RIAI (Arch.Tech) may apply for RIAI Environmental Accreditation. To achieve RIAI Environmental Accreditation a member must successfully complete two mandatory and one optional course from the suite of Environmental training courses offered by the RIAI. Accreditation can also be achieved via recognition of prior learning.

Members who achieve accreditation are issued with an RIAI Environmental CPD Accreditation Certificate and a soft copy of the RIAI Environmental CPD Accreditation mark which they can display on their emails, etc. An RIAI Practice may apply to display the accreditation mark on their publicity materials, website etc. on the basis of the accreditation of at least one principal currently employed by the practice.

CPD
Architects on the Register of Architects and members of the RIAI of all categories continued to record and reflect on their CPD activities on RIAI CPDEngage throughout 2014. The compliance rate for the 2013-2014 cycle was 74%. These figures include members of all types. Members received regular email reminders throughout the year of their obligation to comply with RIAI CPD Policy.

A number of CPD guidance documents are available to view and/or download from the RIAI website:
- RIAI CPD FAQs
- A sample member’s CPD record
- Guidance on Evidence Items for Structured CPD
- Guidance on Study of a New or Unfamiliar Topic or Original Research

Over 136 members and practice newsletters were issued to all members and registered RIAI practices during 2014. These newsletters included information to members on CPD activities provided both by the RIAI and third parties together with CPD support and updates on RIAI CPD Policy.
CPD ENGAGE - 100 HOURS OF FREE CPD
RIAI CPD Engage continued to provide members with access to a range of online CPD including access to over 100 hours of free online structured CPD. The system provides details of upcoming courses by the RIAI and other training providers. It provides links to free and low-cost online structured CPD and links to useful documentation on a wide range of subject matters. CPD Engage allows members to plan, find, undertake, record and reflect on their CPD activities regardless of geographic location or time of day.

The RIAI continue to work with Aurion Learning Ltd., the developers of RIAI CPDEngage, to improve the user interface for the product based on member feedback.

RIAI COURSES
CPD delivery significantly increased in 2014, with many sessions relating to the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations, delivered around the country in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Sligo and Kilkenny. RIAI members and others completed over 1340 training days organised by the RIAI CPD Division in 2014. CPD courses delivered in 2014 included:

- RIAI briefing on Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014
- RIAI Safety by Design
- RIAI PSDP Courses
- RIAI Building Fabric Design – Compliant and Best Practice Dwellings
- RIAI Technical Series
- BC(A)R 2014 - Practical Guidance CPD Seminar
- RIAI Sustainable Fundamentals (online course)
- RIAI training on the use of DEAP to demonstrate compliance with TGD Part L
- Joint DES/RIAI Seminar; Schools in the Sustainable Community
- RIAI GPG Quality Management Certification and Training
- Shaping the Future of Ireland’s Towns: Mallow
- The Role of Design Certifier in the Design Process
- Adjudication Conversion Course for Experienced Arbitrators/Conciliators
- RIAI Renewable Technologies CPD
- The Role of Assigned Certifier
- RIAI Members’ Meetings with the President
The RIAI Annual Conference took place in the RDS in Dublin. This conference saw an attendance of 586 members.

FREE AND LOW-COST CPD
The prices of RIAI courses were further subvented across the board and the RIAI ‘CPD Lottery’ continued to offer one free place to an unemployed member and one place at a fifty per cent discount to a member experiencing financial hardship on each RIAI CPD course held in 2014. RIAI Newsletters continued to inform members of free or low-cost CPD opportunities and over 100 hours of free online CPD activities were listed on CPD Engage.

RIAI CPD NETWORK
10 more presentations were added to the ‘RIAI CPD Network’ listing in 2014 bringing the total number of presentations listed to 131. To contact any of the companies below see ria.ie/cpd/network-courses/.

RIAI CPD LINKS
35 programmes were featured on the RIAI CPD Links listing in 2014. The listing on the RIAI website is designed to provide RIAI members with better information on the range of CPD offered by other educational, professional and training organisations. To contact any of the training organisations below see ria.ie/cpd/links-courses/
The RIAI is the Registration Body and Competent Authority for Architects in Ireland per Section 13 of the Building Control Act 2007. The Council of the RIAI is the decision making forum of the Registration Body and makes the decisions required under the Act which include, but are not limited to, nominations and appointments to Statutory Boards, establishment of Statutory Boards, misuse of title prosecutions, procedural and policy developments, establishment of Rules, and appointment of the Registrar. RIAI Council may draw on advice from relevant committees, most notably the Board of Architectural Education (e.g. re Programme Accreditation, CPD, Assessment Procedures etc.) and its sub-committees and the Board of Architectural Education Admissions Committee. Development of policy options and analysis is generally carried out by senior members of the Executive.

2014 was a busy year in which activity expanded quickly with regard to Misuse of title complaints, Professional Conduct Committee activity, the revised Technical Assessment procedures and plans for the implementation of the modernised Professional Qualifications Directive (2005/36/EC). On 1 December 2014 Frank Turvey solicitor was appointed Professional Standards Officer.

### Registrants 2014

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<th>Registrant Type</th>
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<td>Registrant (Register Only)</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Registrant and RIAI Member</td>
<td>2465</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2485</td>
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STATUTORY BOARDS

The Building Control Act 2007, in addition to establishing the RIAI as Registration Body and Competent Authority, provides for four Statutory Boards to be established by the Registration Body. Board Composition is defined in the Act as follows:

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<th>Admissions</th>
<th>Technical Assessment</th>
<th>Appeals</th>
<th>Professional Conduct Committee</th>
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<tr>
<td>Established by</td>
<td>RIAI (Council)</td>
<td>RIAI (Council)</td>
<td>RIAI (Council)</td>
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<td>Chairperson</td>
<td>Solicitor/ Barrister/ former Judge appointed by the Minister</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non architect members</td>
<td>4 nominated by the Minister and appointed by the RIAI</td>
<td>4 nominated by the Minister and appointed by the RIAI</td>
<td>2 nominated by the Minister, 1 nominated by the Minister, with consent of the Minister for Enterprise Jobs and Innovation, all appointed by the RIAI</td>
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<tr>
<td>Architects (currently on the Register)</td>
<td>3 nominated and appointed by the RIAI</td>
<td>3 nominated and appointed by the RIAI</td>
<td>2 nominated and appointed by the RIAI</td>
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<tr>
<td>N Members incl Chair</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quorum</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quorum Rules</td>
<td>Majority of Minister's nominees (may include Chair)</td>
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<td>Majority of Minister's nominees (may include Chair)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date Established (1st Term)</td>
<td>1st May 2009</td>
<td>1st May 2009</td>
<td>Decision of 14th December 2012 to establish on 7th January 2013</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date Established (2nd Term)</td>
<td>14th September 2012</td>
<td>14th September 2012</td>
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<td>End of 2nd term</td>
<td>13th September 2015 (Elections July/August 2015)</td>
<td>13th September 2015 (Elections July/August 2015)</td>
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MEMBERSHIP OF STATUTORY BOARDS

The composition of the four Statutory Boards in 2014 was as follows:

**Admissions Board 14 September 2012 - 13 September 2015**
Chairperson Mr Garrett Fennell, Solicitor, Minister’s appointee 2012
Ms Paula Butler, Minister’s nominee 2009, 2012
Ms Mairead Hughes, Minister’s nominee 2009, 2012
Mr Donal Connery, Minister’s nominee 2013
Mr Henry Patrick Toher, Minister’s nominee 2014
Mr Eoin O Cofaigh, RIAI nominee 2009, 2012
Ms Eithne Moran, RIAI nominee 2012
Ms Laura Bowen, RIAI nominee 2012

**Technical Assessment Board 14 September 2012 - 13 September 2015**
Chairperson Ms Frances Meenan, Barrister, Minister’s appointee 2012
Mr Sean Balfe, Minister’s nominee 2009, 2012
Ms Geraldine Walsh, Minister’s nominee 2009, 2012
Mr Henk van der Kamp, Minister’s nominee 2009, 2012
Mr Gerry Farrell, Minister’s nominee 2012
Ms Orla Fitz.Gerald, RIAI nominee 2009, 2012
Ms Carole Pollard, RIAI nominee 2012
Mr Niall Meagher, RIAI nominee 2012

**Appeals Board 7th Jan 2013 to 6th Jan 2016**
Chairperson Mr. Michael Condon, Solicitor, Minister’s Appointee 2012
Mr. Martin Lawlor, Minister’s nominee 2012
Mr. Charlie O’Connor, Minister’s nominee 2012
Mr. Sarah Carey, Minister’s nominee 2012
Mr. Vincent Traynor, RIAI nominee 2012
Ms. Sadhbhanna ni Fhlionn, RIAI nominee 2012

**Professional Conduct Committee 7th Jan 2013 to 6th Jan 2016**
Chairperson Mr. John K O’Connell - Barrister, Minister’s Appointee 2012
Mr. Noel Carroll, Minister’s nominee 2012
Ms. Helen O’Donnell, Minister’s nominee 2012
Ms. Nicola Hogan, Minister’s nominee 2012
Ms. Anne Forde, Minister’s nominee 2012
Mr. Peadar O’Maoileain, Minister’s nominee 2012
Mr. Paddy Malone, Minister’s nominee 2012
Ms. Anne Kiernan, RIAI nominee 2012
Mr. Brian O’Connell, RIAI nominee 2012
Mr. Liam Tuite, RIAI nominee 2012
Mr. Niall Rowan, RIAI nominee 2012
Mr. Fionán de Barra, RIAI nominee 2014
ADMISSIONS BOARD

The Admissions Board considered 154 applications in 2014, the majority at 85% where ab initio applicants for registration as architects in Ireland on an ‘establishment’ (permanent) basis. A further 10% were applications from architects permanently based elsewhere in the EU/EEA but seeking access to registration to provide services in Ireland on a temporary and occasional basis. A further 5% of applications related to readmission to the register. Where a person has been off the register for more than three years an assessment is required. One applicant was unsuccessful in the process required by the Admissions Board.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Applications Considered by the Statutory Admissions Board</th>
<th>Eligible</th>
<th>Ineligible</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>%</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New Admissions to the Register (establishment)</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Admission for provision of services on a temporary and occasional basis</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Readmission</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>153</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>154</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>N Members incl Chair</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>12%</td>
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The breakdown of those applying to establish as architects in Ireland was as follows:

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<th>Act</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>%</th>
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<td>14(2)(a)(I)</td>
<td>Prescribed Qualifications</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<tr>
<td>14(2)(a)(II)</td>
<td>Prescribed Qualification + Exemption PPE</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>14(2)(b)</td>
<td>Recognised Qualification + RIAI PPE</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Mixed/Intl. recognised Qualifications</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Non prescribed Qualification + PPE Exemption</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EU/EEA Qualifications affected by changes to the Directive</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>14(2)(d)</td>
<td>Minister’s List</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>14(2)(f)</td>
<td>Register Admission Examination</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<tr>
<td>14(2)(h)</td>
<td>Technical Assessment</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>16(1)</td>
<td>General System recognition under Directive 2005/36/EC</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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<td>131</td>
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Between the Register Admission Examination, Technical Assessment and the Minister’s List some 17% of successful applicants in 2014 came through routes specifically designed for those without formal qualifications. This is up from 12% in 2012 and the same as the proportion of new “establishment” admissions for 2013, also 17%.

A further 36% of admissions came to registration via RIAI membership. In 2014 this route was used in instances where a) the applicant had completed the RIAI professional practice examination (19 cases, this examination is now suspended); b) qualifications were acquired across EU member states or internationally and not fully addressed in the Directive or the Act (16 cases in 2014); a person with a non-Irish qualification who has been in practice seeks to take the assessment for exemption from the professional practice examination (1 case in 2014); or d) an applicant who is eligible under the terms of the Directive but not the Act because they have not been updated simultaneously.
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT BOARD

The Technical Assessment Board received 13 new applications in 2014. The Board agreed to expand the Assessor Panel and requested that a training session to include existing and new panel members be scheduled. The Board requested that the Admissions Director ascertain whether the current assessors who are retired members of the Institute will continue their registration or not so as to be sure of the number of new assessors required. The Board agreed to amend its calendar to accommodate the new cyclical assessment system.

The outcomes for Technical Assessment applicants from the opening of the system to the end of 2014 were as follows:

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<th>Technical Assessment Outcomes to end 2014</th>
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<tr>
<td>Eligible</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Eligible on Appeal</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ineligible</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>30</td>
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TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

The RIAI provides briefings and workshops for candidates undertaking portfolio based assessments, in relation to sections 14(2)(a)(II) and 14(2)(h) of the Act to assist in the preparation of submissions and to familiarise prospective applicants with the RIAI in advance of the interview process. There were five such briefings in 2014. Technical Assessment briefings were held in March and October with 14 and 11 attendees respectively. Briefings for those seeking an exemption from the professional practice examination were held in February, June and December 2014 with 10, 10 and 6 participants respectively.
PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION, PRESCRIPTION AND NOTIFICATION

Following accreditation of a programme by the RIAI, in accordance with the “RIAI Prescription Procedures V.1.0 2011”, it is recommended for prescription to the Minister who considers the recommendation with the support of QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland). No programmes were newly accredited or reaccredited in 2014. However, the Cork Centre for Architectural Education’s M.Arch. was prescribed by the Minister in the form of “S.I. No. 566/2014 - Building Control (Prescribed Qualifications) Regulations 2014” of 16 December 2014. A programme cannot be notified for recognition at EU level until it has been prescribed so initiation is anticipated in 2015. Similarly, the new UCD M.Arch. cannot be notified to Europe until the Minister has prescribed the award.

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Professional practice qualifications are not individually listed in Annex V of the Directive, but they are recognised on the basis of RIAI certification that they fulfil the requirements for access to registration as an architect in Ireland.

ARCHITECT MOBILITY: RIAI ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPE

The RIAI continued to provide services to Irish architectural graduates and architects moving abroad in 2014. Services provided include the confirmation of recognition of qualifications and letters confirming eligibility to register/actual registration for those seeking registration abroad, especially in accordance with the provisions of Directive 2005/36/EC. Advice was also given to architects living or qualified abroad seeking to work in Ireland and to be included on the Register of Architects.

The process addressing the implementation of the modernised Professional Qualifications Directive (2005/36/EC) began in 2014 and included participation in the Architects Council of Europe Working Group on Regulatory Questions and Issues (including Article 59 of the new Directive) in January by the Registrar; attendance at the 12 February event hosted by the European Commission on the new Directive by the Admissions Director, and participation in meetings of the European Network of Architects Competent Authorities and the Architects Council of Europe Working Group on the Professional Qualifications Directive in late March by the Admissions Director.

Quarter two work in this area included a meeting with the European Commission, attended by the RIAI’s Admissions Director and Olga Mihalikova (Slovak Chamber of Architects) representing the European Network of Architects Competent Authorities on 22 May. On 19 June, the Admissions Director attended a training session organised and funded by the European Commission on the notification of diplomas for recognition under the Qualifications Directive. In future, new notifications will be issued via the Internal Market Information system (IMI) and not the system previously used (CIRCA). Changes to the system include an increased role for the Competent Authorities. To date notifications have been issued directly by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) but in future they will be issued by the RIAI (architectural qualifications) with sign off by DES. Once the system is finalised, development is ongoing at this time, the RIAI will brief Schools preparing notifications on the requirements of the new system.

Quarter four work in implementation included a panel discussion, in which the Admissions Director participated, at the Architects Council of Europe General Assembly in Brussels on 28 November to discuss the introduction of Directive level provision for traineeship as a requirement for those with four year academic qualifications and how traineeship differs and operates in various professions across the EU and beyond.
NEW APPOINTMENT
On 1 December 2014, Frank Turvey solicitor was appointed Professional Standards Officer replacing Fiona Ní Cheallaigh solicitor, who resigned in March 2014. From the date of Fiona Ní Cheallaigh’s resignation up to his appointment in December Mr Turvey had been performing the duties of the Professional Standards Officer on a two-day a week basis while on secondment from Hayes Solicitors.

PROTECTING THE CONSUMER
Regulation of professions protects the public in a number of ways. Firstly, by ensuring that certain standards are maintained by the professionals, harm to consumers is less likely to occur than in an unregulated profession. Secondly, where consumers have been or may be harmed by the professional – either by a drop in the standard of competence expected or by a breach of the Code of Conduct – the regulator can respond with disciplinary measures. Finally, unqualified persons implying registration when they are in fact not registered are subject to prosecution in the criminal courts. It is for these reasons that the users or potential users of Registered Architects’ services need to have confidence in the RIAI as the Regulator of the profession.

PROTECTING THE REPUTATION OF REGISTERED ARCHITECTS
Furthermore, a rigorous regulatory regime safeguards the high standards established by practitioners and the RIAI over the last 175 years and protects and enhances the reputation of registered architects in Ireland.

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICER
The Building Control Act 2007 (the Act) establishes the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) and the Appeals Board. The PCC considers complaints regarding the professional performance and conduct of Registered Architects. The Appeals Board considers appeals from decisions of the Professional Conduct Committee as well as the Technical Assessment Board and the Admissions Board. The Act also provides for the regulation of the title ‘Architect’ and designates the RIAI as the prosecutor.

The Professional Standards Officer is responsible for the operational management of the complaints scheme on behalf of the PCC and in the event of an inquiry liaises with the legal representatives of both the Registrar and the Architect. The Officer is also responsible for the operational management of the Appeals Boards, provides administrative support to the Chairman and liaises with the body whose decision is the subject of the appeal.
The Professional Standards Officer also investigates allegations of misuse of the title ‘Architect’ under Section 18 of the Act. The Professional Standards Officer also provides legal advice to the Registrar CEO & Council when required.

**COMPLAINTS AND THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE**

The Ministerial appointees to the PCC were made in late 2012 and were formally appointed in January 2013. Therefore the focus of the Professional Standards Officer and the Committee in 2013 was on drafting rules and procedures and training committee and board members in relation to their statutory duties as prescribed by the Act. This delay in nominating persons to the Committee resulted in a backlog of complaints. In 2014 however the emphasis of the Officer and the Committee changed from planning to implementation. In 2014 the Professional Standards Officer began to progress the professional conduct complaints that had backed up since the commencement of the Act. The first sitting of the Inquiry Committee of the PCC took place in March 2014. While initially the sittings of the PCC were on an ad hoc basis, the committee hopes to meets every two months in order to provide a more efficient and speedy complaints process. This is just one of a number of improvements to the Committee’s practice and procedure that it is hoped will be implemented over time to create a more effective and efficient process.

**THE APPEALS BOARD**

The Appeals Board sits as and when required. The Board heard its first appeal in 2013 and it heard one appeal in 2014. With each appeal requiring a preliminary meeting, where the Chairman is obliged to issues directions to each party, and hearings often running into a second day, the workload on Board members can be quite substantial. In February 2014 the Board issued a decision regarding an appeal of a decision of the Technical Assessment Board it heard in December 2013. On 20 October 2014 it held a preliminary meeting in advance of appeal of a decision of the Technical Assessment Board which was heard on 20 January 2015. However in 2015 the number of appeals is set to rise to at least 4.
PROSECUTIONS FOR MISUSE OF THE TITLE ‘ARCHITECT’

Section 18 of the Act prohibits the use of the title ‘Architect’ by persons not on the Register. No prosecutions were taken in 2014 however investigations were ongoing in a number of cases. Section 18 also prohibits the practising or carrying on of business under any name containing the word architect unless the person is registered. The Professional Standards Officer is working with the Companies Registration Office to ensure only businesses under the control and management of a Registered Architect can register a company or business name with the word ‘Architect’ or any cognate versions thereof in its title.
FINANCIAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

€114,421
subvention for Annual Charges

€215,758
operating deficit

32%
of turnover from Annual and Practice Charges

2014 was the fifth year in over a decade that the RIAI operated at a loss; €215,758 being deducted from reserves (€480,737 loss in 2013). The difficult economic climate continues to impact on all areas of the RIAI.

The RIAI Council has approved the Executives’ strategy of using the reserves:
- To subvent the annual charges for registrants and members
- To invest in long term initiatives to further the objectives of the organisation
- To support the development of the systems and supports required to implement the organisations responsibilities under the Building Control Act 2007.

RIAI turnover increased by 13.2% with notable increases in income from Annual Charges, Seminars, Graduate Training Programmes, Competitions, and RIAI Insurance Services Limited. RIAI expenditure increased in the same period by 3.7%, with sizeable increases in outlay on Seminars, Graduate Training Programmes, Competitions, Council Expenses, and on legal advices sought in relation to BC(A)R.

The continued subvention of annual charges for registrants and members experiencing financial hardship, and the continued vacancy of Corrigan House contributed to the RIAI’s deficit in 2014.

Investment continued in the promotion of architecture through the RIAI’s participation in and funding of activities such as the RIAI Simon Open Door, the RDS Ideal Homes Exhibition, the National Ploughing Championship, Biennale Venice and Open House in Dublin, Galway and Limerick. Resources continued to be invested in developing stronger
lines of communications to ensure that Architects and Technologists are provided with timely relevant information, and that the RIAI can communicate with its stakeholders and the general public in a more effective manner.

Focus also continued on expanding educational supports for architects and technologists and on developing new low cost accessible CPD courses. The RIAI policy of maintaining a broad range of funding activities continues to be pursued. The overall financial position of the RIAI remains strong, despite the loss in 2014, with the retention of a more than adequate level of reserves and unencumbered assets. Strict monitoring of the financial aspects of all activities will continue to be pursued by the Executive, together with strategic guidance from the RIAI Council.
## REVENUE ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2014

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- Western Region

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