

EAAE Council Election 2017

Application for the role of Member of the Council

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Rationale – Background and intentions

Over the last few years, the EAAE President Karl Otto Ellefsen and the Council have directed the debate, research, and mutual collaboration between the Schools joining the EAAE in a direction that deserves to be continued and increased. The starting up of the “Academies” devoted to education and research in the field of Architecture has put in place major themes and collect interesting and comparable results. The practice of open discussion, involving professors and students from the European schools of Architecture, the organization of think tanks, charettes, staff training events, workshops, is definitely to be stimulated and widened.

In the context of the EAAE recent activity, also concerning the theme of the Bordeaux Conference "Learning with the World", I would like to contribute to the work of the Council particularly on some topics and objectives:

- increasing the network of the European Architecture Schools involved in EAAE;
- working in coherence with the key themes of the European agenda, with particular reference to Erasmus + and Horizon 2020, and their possible declination in the domain of architecture;
- widening the role of the EAAE in the international context: following the example of the collaboration with AIA, opening a dialogue and partnership with other organizations of the Architecture Schools around the world for broadening the involvement within international networks. In this frame, moreover, the confrontation is suitable about the correspondence of the study title in different Countries;
- tackling the education of the (European) architect about the challenges of the global world. The global environment is constantly evolving; the geopolitical contexts is fastly changing. I consider essential to deepen the topic of the role of European architecture and the European architecture schools setted in the frame of the global context. A better understanding of Europe's architectural tradition and cultural heritage focused on advanced collaboration with worldwide Schools, research, and professional institutions, could foster innovative contents and tools for the education in the domain of architecture.

As Dean of the School of Architecture Urban Planning Construction Engineering of Politecnico di Milano, I look forward to offering my contribution on the mentioned topics and in the organization of EAAE activities. During the last ten years, Politecnico di Milano and the AUIC School increase their presence in the international scenario, enhancing worldwide collaborations, particularly in Asia, China, Latin America and on the side of international cooperation. At the same time, within the CUIA (Conferenza Universitaria Italiana di Architettura) Board, I worked on the new professional profiles and skills.

Starting from this background, and with the aim of pursuing the work of Adalberto Del Bo, I propose my candidacy as a Member of the EAAE Council and, if the Council and the Assembly consider it desirable, my interest and availability to play the role of Vice-President.

(Ilaria Valente)

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