

# Call for EAAE Council Candidates 2019

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### Background and intentions (500 words max)

I guess it was sometime in the beginning of this century, in the North-West part of Crete. I walked alongside Oya. I think we didn't say much. EAAE was new to me then.

I also remember myself, some years later in the same area, enthusiastically telling about 'Fragile', a theme we launched and used for years in our Faculty in Ghent and Brussels. A concept that guided our studio's and courses for a long time.

The fragility of EAAE has always inspired me. Through the endless discussions on the Research Charter, in the beautiful series of the gatherings and workshops of the Education Academy and along many occasions meeting nice EAAE-members in centrally located Flanders or elsewhere.

This year, I could celebrate 10 years of being in charge of a Faculty of Architecture. No worries, I won't. But the new vibes within EAAE keep on intriguing me. Within our faculty, we have just now decided to host the EAAE-secretariat. Coming back to the KU Leuven where it all started.

Numerous colleagues of our Faculty, including myself, have always been involved in actions directly or indirectly related to the EAAE or EAAE-topics. PhD-by design, CA<sup>2</sup>Re-conferences, ADAPT-r, ARENA, non-written research output, eCAADe, experimental curricula, multi-campus education, nomadic schools, European exchange, over-seas collaborations, international workshops, none of these are unfamiliar to me and my partners.

The Nordic Architecture Academy inspired me to construct a Flemish version (FAA) three years ago. In 2020, we're organising an international symposium on 'Professional bodies and HE in the world of architecture'.

For some people, 'Bologna' seems to be from a period when animals still talked.

For me the process is certainly not finished. And maybe never. The search for the right spot of the discipline of architecture between other university disciplines is what keeps me going.

I'm talking here of the societal position, the research setting as well as the educational point.

As a dean of a Faculty of Architecture belonging to one of the oldest, most research-based and internationally very high ranked universities in Europe and beyond, I consider the construction of this suited spot as a main duty.

Here lies, according to me, also one of the existential reasons of the necessity of an EAAE-network.

I would be honoured to become a member of the present Council, with or without capital letter. Kind of the right time, that's how it feels, also for other council members. And because of the newly based EAAE-secretariat, probably also the right place.

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### **Personal statement regarding the Council duties**

The following council duties seem appropriate to and for me:

- proactive and constructive input in meetings;
- unfolding of initiatives in line with the EAAE-policy;
- assisting both the further development of the Education Academy as well as the Research Academy;
- hosting the EAAE-secretariat and as such bridging Council business and administrative follow-up;
- collaborating with Johan De Walsche, Belgian EAAE-partner;
- organizing the Association's activities, in particular the conferences, seminars and fora;
- keeping in mind the following agenda points:
  - non-written research outcome
  - Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
  - Reforms traineeship (appropriate standards of education and training)
  - Partnership with successful practices in educational environment
  - PhD-research within practice
  - Internationalization/mobility in educational and professional environments
  - Gender issues
  - 'After-life'
  - Specializations (interior, landscape, product development, ...)
  - Title of architect
  - ...

### **Supporting declaration of the school**

I confirm, as the dean of the Faculty of Architecture KU Leuven, the necessary financial support for the costs linked to the EAAE-council-membership.

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