

EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTS (ECIA)  
AGM held in Valencia  
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## Notes from the ECIA AGM 2011

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Britain was represented at the European Council of Interior Architects (ECIA) by the official representative, The Society of British Interior Design (SBID), among sixteen other member countries at this year's annual meeting. Each member country shares an interest to promote standards through a unilateral agreement on education requirements, competence skills and the EU code of conduct.

This year, the ECIA's Annual General Meeting was held in Valencia on Saturday 24 September. Frazer McDonald Hay, Chair of SBID's Education Panel, attended with SBID President Vanessa Brady, and gave a presentation about his activities and experiences after being appointed as representative for the ECIA Educational Recognition Program. Frazer will serve as the liaison between educational institutions and ECIA.

The French National Association had unfortunately reported bankruptcy and was represented in observer status only. An application was received by a French Federation and will be considered for membership in 2012. Malta has now met the ECIA standard and their application to become an ECIA member was approved; Malta will be represented and

inducted into the European Council at Brussels in 2012 among all other member country organisations.

The annual general meeting was represented by the President of the leading organisations of each of the 16 member countries in Europe and was chaired by the ECIA President Joke van Hengstum. The outgoing Secretary General Gerrit Schilder said goodbye after his official six year term (constitutionally this is the time limit on holding a position). Germany proposed Elke Kaiser, member of the German national organisation BDIA, as the successor Secretary General and the vote was passed.

Next year the European Council will celebrate its twentieth year and the AGM will be held in Brussels where its headquarters are registered.

During the constitutional six year term of her post as Founding President of SBID, Vanessa Brady also put forward Britain as a hosting country for 2014 before her departure as President of SBID in 2015. In 2013 the AGM will be hosted in Amsterdam.

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Note to editors:

SBID is the only British interior design organisation inducted into the European Council of Interior Architects, has made a number of valuable partnerships and agreements over the course of the past year:

- SBID is the Official UK Partner at Maison & Objet (Paris), Macef (Milan), The Tramshed (London), 100% Design (London) and Sia Guest (Romini).
- For the first time, SBID is hosting its own competition: The SBID International Design Awards 2011, hosted at Maison & Objet in Paris, 9-13<sup>th</sup> September.
- Robin Gibb CBE, president of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers, CISAC has now become the ambassador of SBID's Intellectual Property protection campaign.
- SBID provides an accredited Continuing Professional Development programme (CPD).
- SBID has established unique partnership agreements with the NCIDQ, IDC (Canada) and IIDA (USA).
- SBID has an exclusive agreement with WIDN which allows SBID members the opportunity to buy a WIDN online profile for a discounted rate.
- SBID is official partner of BP Product Search, meaning that our members' products will be featured prominently on the BP site and within their newsletter.

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