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New RAIC President Diarmuid Nash, FRAIC, Charts the Course For 2002

Diarmuid Nash, FRAIC, took over as President of the RAIC during the 2001 Festival in Halifax. President Nash took the opportunity to announce new initiatives and opportunities that make for an exciting year ahead!

Among the most important projects are the development of the **continuing education program** in cooperation with the ten provincial associations; the administration of the **Governor General's Awards in Architecture for 2002**; the **RAIC Festival of Architecture** and finally, further discussion on a **renewed national organizational model**.

"I encourage members to contact their regional representatives to become more involved in regional activities of the RAIC", said President Nash.

The Executive Committee for 2002 is composed of:

President, Diarmuid Nash, FRAIC
1st Vice-President, Ronald Keenberg, FRAIC
2nd Vice-President, David Lachapelle, MRAIC
Immediate Past President, David Simpson, FRAIC

The Regional Directors are:

Bonnie Maples, FRAIC, representative for British Columbia/Yukon
Christopher Fillingham, FRAIC, for Ontario West
N. Jean-Pierre Pelletier, MIRAC, for Québec
John Emmett, FRAIC, for Atlantic Canada
Esmail Baniassad, PP/FRAIC, Chancellor of College of Fellows
Non-voting member at large:

Canadian Council of University Schools of Architecture represented by
R. Ian Macdonald, MRAIC

There is currently a vacancy for the position of Director for the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Governor General's Medals in Architecture

A Call for Submissions for the 2001 Governor General's Medals in Architecture will be mailed this summer to all architects registered with a provincial association of architects.

Works of architecture in Canada and outside Canada completed by Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada, who are the lead design architects for the project submitted are eligible. All projects must be completed during the period from January 1,

1996 to November 30, 2001 (the submission deadline). Projects, which have received a Governor General's Award in previous competitions and projects with which a member of the jury is associated are not eligible.

Refer to the RAIC web site at www.raic.org for the latest information.

RAIC Festival Coverage

The ripple effect of Jack Diamond's 30-minute speech certainly has had national impact. On June 14, Mr. Diamond, the recipient of the 2001 RAIC Gold Medal, was invited to participate in the 2020 Smart Growth Summit in Ottawa, a five-day public conference featuring national and international urban experts. The speech, with coverage by the CBC, was followed by numerous questions from within the chamber, as well as via E-mail from those viewing the webcast. The Ottawa mayor and all in attendance were thrilled with his participation.

Meanwhile, preparations for the **2002 RAIC Festival of Architecture**, which will be held in Winnipeg from June 5 to 8 in association with the Manitoba Association of Architects, are well underway. Together, we plan to offer a Festival that moves forward Jack Diamond's words "to expand and strengthen our role in shaping Canadian cities" in both a positive and provocative way. The Festival Committee has already identified venues and speakers and has promised to showcase exciting cultural activities and to offer compelling continuing education programs.

Visit the RAIC web site in the fall at www.raic.org for more information.

Are You Providing Architectural Services to the Federal Government?

All architects who wish to do business with the federal government should register with the Supplier Registration Information (SRI) system to obtain a Procurement Business Number (PBN). The SRI offers suppliers a central registration point for the government. Processing the SRI registration may take up to two working days, therefore if a firm does not have a PBN, it should obtain one through SRI to avoid any possible delays. Registration in SRI can be done directly through the Internet at <http://contractscanada.gc.ca>

Upcoming Continuing Education Sessions

Isabelle Bossé, the newly appointed Continuing Education Coordinator, is off to a running start with the National Continuing Education Program. The goal for the national program is to provide convenient opportunities for architects across the country to stay current and gain continuing education credits in a variety of ways including course and seminar participation and distance education such as web-based offerings. The first major initiative is **Sustainable Design for Canadian Buildings - SDCB 101**, to be offered in the following five cities across Canada this fall:

Calgary – Friday, October 19, 2001

Vancouver – Tuesday, October 23, 2001

Toronto – Friday, November 2, 2001

Moncton – Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Montréal – Friday, December 7, 2001 (in French)

A brochure will be sent to all RAIC members in mid-August. For more information or to submit your comments, you may contact Isabelle Bossé via E-mail at ibosse@raic.org

Course developer, Peter Busby, FRAIC states that "(this is) an important opportunity for professionals in the building industry to develop their knowledge of sustainability... with lessons from the Canadian context".