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## Message from Scientific Director Joachim Dieter



Dear Colleagues:

As the summer comes to a close and we prepare together for the coming academic year, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome all academic staff back to EiABC, and to thank all the administrative staff for all the work they had been doing during this break. The start of the year is always a special time on our campus, with new students and faculty, new relationships, and exciting conversations beginning a new after the summer months.

We are fortunate to welcome new national and international staff this academic year to support the established and new post graduate programs. Their diverse areas of expertise will build upon the remarkable dedication to excellence in teaching and research that characterizes our campus.

Several new projects are expanding our capacity to achieve our vision of a richer living and learning campus. We have managed to install new power cables throughout the library for easy access by students; we have completely renovated the student cafeteria, and we hope all other projects, including the staff canteen and finalization on the temporary gate will be finalized before the students' return and we are swamped with their welcome.

Scientific Director, Joachim Dieter

## Message from chief editor Sydney Kili

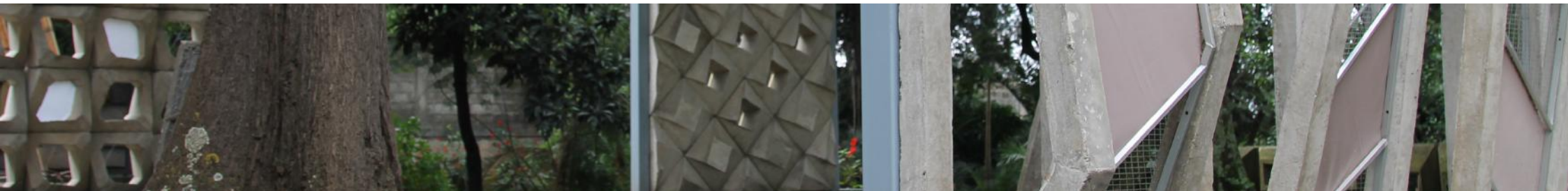


I take this opportunity to welcome our readers to the 5th edition of our newsletter. Under the IRCO there are two sub units which is International Relation and the Communication unit. The Communication Unit is mandated to inform the EiABC stakeholders of all communication within EiABC through vehicles such as this newsletter.

In this edition of our newsletter, we cover features on Student electronic ID, Bamboo design competition and Addis Ababa University graduation ceremony among other stories.

EiABC has been busy in internationalizing its brand. The efforts have brought in discussion of collaborations and partnership with leading universities, awards of European Union funded programmes such as Erasmus +, and staff participation on Intra ACP AFIMEGQ project. EiABC through efforts of Scientific Director and have signed a promising partnership with leading Higher Education Institutions such as, Stellenbosh University. Through the internationalization efforts the Erasmus programme for staff and students exchange has also become a reality. These are among the stories that we have featured in this edition of IRCO newsletter. Enjoy readings and feel free to give us feedback.

Sydney Kili, Editor in Chief



## Addis Ababa University graduate its students at Millennium Hall



Addis Ababa University's graduation ceremony class of 2008/2016 held at Millennium Hall

On July 9/2016 Addis Ababa University graduated more than 8,000 students at Millennium Hall. Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, current Malawi President Piter Mutarika, government officials and other invited guests attended the graduation ceremony.

In his inaugural speech, Dr. Admasu Tsegaye, President of Addis Ababa University congratulated graduates of 2016 and their families. The president said that the gradual increase of the number of graduates year after year shows the continuous success that the university is achieving.

Prime Minister Hailemariam also graduates the graduates for their achievement after long years of effort. On this occasion, his Excellency Halilemariam also asked the graduates to contribute to the knowledge they got to the development of their country. He also requested the university to invest the resource they have in scientific research that will help to accelerate the countries technological transformation and play a key role in overcoming social problems.

On behalf of Addis Ababa University, Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn conferred an honorary doctorate degree to the Current Malawi President Piter Mutarika who served as a law school teacher in Addis Ababa University during 1970's and helped our country to have its own lawyers. His Excellency also conferred honorary doctorate degree to Ambassador Konjit Sinigiyorgis for the diplomatic effort she made for her country and Africa as well.

Among the 8,500 graduates, 400 of them are from Ethiopian Institute of Architecture and Building Construction (EiABC). Out of 17 master's degree graduates from EiABC, six of them are females. From undergraduate regular program, 290 students were able to graduate and among this 62 of them are females. From the extension program a total of 93 students were graduated and 11 of them are females. EiABC was also able to graduate 4 students with PhD degree.

The number of graduates from EiABC is also in gradual increase. By 2014/2015 the total number of graduates was 283 but in this academic year 2008/2016 the number of EiABC graduates reached 400. This number clearly shows EiABC is achieving success in producing the human resource the country needs in the building and construction sector which is currently flourishing as a result of the countries' economic development

## A tree that bends but never break

There was a world refugee day celebration in Beneshangul Gumuz regional state capital Assosa on June 17, 2016. On the occasion, Bamboo design competition was carried out by (EiABC) and the National Bamboo Construction Center (NBBC) in cooperation with and funded by German Development Cooperation (GIZ) having the objective of promoting Bamboo industry in Ethiopia.



Winners of Bamboo Design Competition Award "Assosa Refugee Camp Architecture" Awarded During "World Refugee Day" Event on Friday, June 17/2016.

The UNHCR based in Ethiopia facilitated the competition of three building types or structures that can be made using locally available Bamboo tree. Accordingly, the three building types or structures that have been identified were

- .Refugee shelter
- . Safe house and
- . Child friendly space

EiABC Scientific Director and Chairman of the jury, Mr. Joachim Dieter in the presence of representatives from UNHCR, JRS, ARRA and GIZ handed over the award certificates to the winners of the competition on all three mentioned categories during the world refugee day celebration in Addis Ababa.

The National Bamboo Construction Center is established in EiABC together with other institutions doing intensive research on local Bamboo tree to make use of it on future Ethiopian construction industry.



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## Environmental day celebration at EiABC campus



An environmental day celebration on July 5, 2016 at EiABC campus

An environmental day was celebrated on July 5, 2016 at EiABC campus. The main objective of celebrating environmental day was to enhance the awareness of people about the importance of trees in human life and to mobilize the youth to build awareness of climate change and the impact of hazardous carbon emission which could totally distort the environment and the threats it has on the existence of life on earth.

Former Managing Director Dr. Beatrice Delpouve opened the celebration by planting trees inside EiABC campus. In addition, the current Acting Managing Director, Ataklti Abraha and other officials also took the occasion as an opportunity to plant trees.

The issues of global warming and environmental changes became a critical issue in Ethiopia that government and policy makers are doing a lot at every corner of the country. Even though climate change became the most devastating environmental threats, one of the ways to combat this is to plant more trees in order to take more carbon out of the atmosphere.

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## Top and middle level management meeting held in EiABC

There was a meeting held in EiABC on 19 July 2016 to discuss on the institute's annual report. Participants of this meeting were department heads, team leaders and one-to-five work group team leaders.



EiABC's top and middle level management meeting on 2008/2016 annual report

The meeting's agenda was to look at each department's annual report, the implementation and progress of the new structure(BPR) and the organization, strength and limitations of each department working groups. Accordingly, all department heads presented their annual report, challenges, opportunities and limitations and discussion was held the strength and challenges encountered during the past academic year and lessons were taken for better work performance and achievements by the coming academic year.

Finally the Acting Managing Director recommended that all department heads to work in coordination with one another and should have a great responsibility to mobilize all the resources the institution has so as to achieve the highest of excellence in all rounded service the institution is going to deliver.

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## EiABC on move towards Students Electronic ID

Since 1955 great effort has been made in research and educational deliveries in collaboration with both local and foreign institutions to make Ethiopian Institute of Architecture Building construction and City development (EiABC) competent and outstanding both at national and international levels.

All departments need to customize outcomes of technology so as to enhance activities in every sectors of the institution that might help to achieve its very objective. As one sector of the institution the registrar office of EiABC took the first initiative to implement electronic based student ID in the beginning of 2009/2016 academic year which may have a multi-purpose.



Mrs. Meseret Seifu, Associate Registrar of EiABC

Mrs. Meseret Seifu, EiABC associate registrar said her office said her office has already finalized uploading student photos, discussed with other stakeholders and on a final phase to start electronic ID service at the beginning of the 2016/2017 academic year. She also suggested other departments should also embark on providing the electronic ID as soon as possible.

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## An online publication workshop was given by EiABC's Publication Center

EiABC publication center in collaboration with the EiABC's publication Center and Creative Commons in Ethiopia organized the first online publication workshop at EiABC campus from June 25-29/2016.



An online publication workshop held at EiABC campus

The five days online publication workshop was given by Nebiyu Sultan with the facilitation of Creative Commons in Ethiopia. EiABC academic staff and More than 25 students came from different educational background participated in this workshop. Presentations and open discussions were made on open publication, open licensing of works, internet research and content creation on Wikipedia.

In the five days workshop, the training mainly focused on open scientific journals, writing academic papers and open publications. This workshop is believed to contribute in upgrading the knowledge and skills of the trainees have in an online publication and will give them the chance to go one step forward in the creation of an open content in Ethiopia.

Ayele Bedada, coordinator of EiABC's Publication Center opened the online publication workshop by welcoming the participants and noting the importance of the workshop has in the contribution of an open publication in an open sharing of knowledge for the institution and the country as a whole.

As well known, buildings are flourishing at every corner of the country particularly in the capital city, Addis Ababa. EiABC host three days workshop which is held from June 23-25/ 2016 in EiABC campus. It was part of capacity building initiative within EiABC and students towards planning, designing and implementing safer and sustainable streets for all users for the ongoing streets planning project in Addis Ababa.



Workshop on "Safer Streets for Safer Mobility"  
June 23-25/2016 at EiABC campus

Participants were staff and students of EiABC and other invited designers and architects from different organizations, and the participants shared the concerns they have on the issue.

Presentations were made by the representatives of Global Designing Cities (GDC). Lack of streets for the most vulnerable, public spaces, road safety and other issues were among the issues raised and deeply discussed. Moreover, 20 case studies were taken globally to see how serious the issue is. Participants also discussed about the current situation on the streets of Addis Ababa and identified lack of good city is including lack of good city design and plan is one of the factors that lead to frequent causes of car accidents in our capital city.

Besides presentations and discussions, there was also site visit in cities of Addis Ababa. The three days workshop were concluded by suggesting designers, planners and architects should always be conscious of public spaces and streets for most vulnerable persons whenever they design in fast growing cities of Addis Ababa and elsewhere in the country.

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## Safer Streets for safer mobility

The idea of safer streets for safer mobility should first be taken as a slogan by city designers, planners and architects. It is great responsibility of those professionals to give due attention whenever they plan making streets safe and convenient for people of all ages and for those who are most vulnerable and want to reach their destination safely.

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## The workshop unit created extra space in EiABC library for personal computer users

EiABC library which function under the umbrella of the main library is one of the departments which gives a 24 hour service. Besides the service being delivered in the library, one the facilities expected to be available within the library is central parameters used to rate the universities standard.

As a result of the growth of institutional capacity in different educational streams, the number of students using the library is increasing year after years. Hence the existing resources also need to increase both qualitatively and quantitatively.



Ethiopian Institute of Architecture and Building Construction Library

The workshop unit, of resource mobilization department of EiABC is responsible to assemble and fix the necessary materials needed in the renewal and expansion of facilities needed in the library which might help students for ease and better use of existing library resources.

Ato Besufekad Mekonnen, Coordinator of workshop Unit said 108 new power extension cables has been built and made ready for use by the new academic year which obviously increase the number of personal computer users in the library. Besides the workshop unit has also opened eight windows of the library so as to keep the reading environment safe and comfortable.

## 9 » EiABC's Staff get together ceremony was held at EiABC campus

Unless a healthy sense of team work and belongingness is built and cultivated among the employees of any organization, there will be no shared performance, no joint work effort and no mutual accountability. Hence, a collaborative work culture in a given institution is highly encouraged.



EiABC's staff get together on August 4, 2016 at EiABC campus

One way of building a collaborative work culture is to facilitate a space for a staff get-together by which the employees can enjoy working together, learn from each other and develop important skills which can help them to develop sense of organizational belongingness.

On August 4, 2016 there was a staff get-together ceremony which was held at EiABC campus. Dr. Ephrem G/ Mariyam, Deputy Scientific Director of EiABC, opened the ceremony by appreciating and giving recognition to all the EiABC staff for the effort and commitment they had made in enabling the institution to achieve its objectives.

Dr. Ephrem underlined that we, the employees of this institution, are the ones who can take our institution to its vision. He further emphasized that all staff have a great responsibility and accountability in playing their own role for the sustainable educational development of our country.

Finally, he closed his speech by inviting all the staff to responsibly enjoy and to have good memorable time.

## 10 » EiABC host the 16th African Real Estate Society Conference

The African Real Estate Society (AFRES) is the umbrella body for all real estate practitioners in Africa. The Society organizes annual conferences on thematic areas in selected cities. This year, the Ethiopia Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development will host the 16th AFRES Conference in the United Nation Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, 5-9 September 2016.

The theme for the conference is "Sustainable Multi-Sectorial Real Estate Development in Emerging Economies". Objectives of the conference are: Discussions of the emerging trends in the development of real estate, especially in upcoming economies; Evolving innovative strategies for harnessing the actual and latent potential of the sector; Establishing mechanisms for the way forward to undergo efficient and effective real estate development without affecting other sectors' development endeavor in respect to the objective reality of the concerned nation; Creating a platform for sharing of international best practices; and Providing opportunity for professionals, academics and major stakeholders in the real estate industry to brainstorm.



This premier international conference, brings together key scholars, business companies, international real estate consultants and policy makers interested in African Real Estate from all over the world. It is believed that the keynote speeches, panel discussions and paper presentations from different countries shared during this Conference will enrich knowledge, competence and attitudes in the fields related to real estate.

## 11 » EiABC is in charge of hosting the 4th ESRI Eastern Africa Education GIS Conference

The ESRI Eastern Africa Education GIS Conference is the leading regional event for those involved in GIS education. Now in its 4th year, the conference continues to draw students, faculty and educators, university administrators, researchers and other GIS users irrespective of the level of their GIS experience.

This year's theme is "creating a world of opportunities." The world continues to be challenged by the same quintessential problems such as poverty, disease brought, flooding etc., new challenges like global terrorism, and even the exacerbation of the old perennial problems by the emergent challenge of climate change. GIS helps tackle these challenges turning them in to opportunities not only for academic research but for engagement in creating vibrant and resilient communities. This conference show cases the work of those in education who imagine and build solutions that apply GIS for a Better world.

This Conference is a good opportunity for academicians in EiABC, University managers, administrators, researchers and students to get time with ESRI education experts to share experience and develop the knowledge they have and will enhance them to make a contribution for their future professional work .

