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PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

1968- 1971 Liberal arts studies at Scripps College, Claremont California, Bachelor of Arts, major art
1972 -1977 Architecture studies and diploma at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1978-1980 Assistant and diploma expert at the ETHZ, Chair of Prof. Dolf Schnebli
1980 - 1985 Head of the architectural design department at I+B Architects, Itten + Brechbühl, Berne
Since 1985 Participant, jury member, jury president at numerous architectural design competitions
Conferences in Switzerland and abroad
Since 1986 Founding member and co-owner of R. + A. Gonthier Architects, Berne, together with Alain Gonthier
1987-1989 Visiting Professor of Architecture at the ETHZ
1987- 2004 Expert critic and examinations expert at several national Schools of Architecture

EXPERTISE

1993 - 2002 Member of the Expert Council for architecture and urban planning of the city of Zurich
1994 - 2000 Member of the Expert Council for architecture and urban planning of the city of Biel
2001 - 2003 Member of the Committee BFP for urban planning of the city of Berne
2003 - 2017 President of the architecture and urban planning Expert Commission of the State Fribourg

PRIOR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Engagement at national level

1992 - 2001 Member of the national Architecture Competitions Commission SIA 152
1994 - 2006 Founding Member and Board Member of CSA (Swiss Conference of Architects)
2001 - 2012 Vice-president of the Architecture and Engineering Competitions Commission SIA 142/143
2006 - 2023 President of CSA (Swiss Conference of Architects)

Engagement at international level

1993 - 1999 President of the Swiss Section of UIA, responsible for the organisation of the 50th anniversary of UIA
1994 - 2023 Delegate of CSA at ACE (Architects Council of Europe)
1999 - 2005 Council Member of UIA, Region I, member of ICC (International Competitions Commission)
2003 - 2010 Member of the Swiss Committee of EUROSPAN
2004 – 2015 Member of ACE Work Group Competitions and Public Procurement
2011 - 2017 Council Member of UIA, Region I, member of ICC (International Competitions Commission)
2015 - 2023 Co-Director of ICC (UIA International Competitions Commission)
2021 - 2023 Council Member of UIA, Region I

HONOURS AND AWARDS Laureate of numerous competitions, distinctions, awards, Honorary Member FSAI

PERSONAL INTERESTS Art, philosophy, archaeology, social anthropology, travel, music

LANGUAGE ABILITIES German, French, English, Greek



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STATEMENT

In a rapidly changing world the UIA is challenged to question and position itself.

At UIA's 75th anniversary it is the occasion to

- Review UIA's role and redefine the role of the architect
- Define priorities, focus actions on essentials, strengthen the relation with relevant international organizations
- Get more democratic, transparent, efficient and relevant

The UIA must dialogue with the most important global decision-making bodies. As President I will look that UIA's voice counts and is heard.

My goals for the UIA:

- Transpose and implement the task force governance recommendations
- Define the vision and strategy for its future
- Ensure expertise, professionalise work and communication, increase UIA's impact

My aims for UIA work:

- Identify the most important needs for action and affirm high standards of universal validity
- Contribute with architectural expertise to a sustainable future
- Reach and involve the younger generation of architects

My commitment for professional practice:

- Affirm the cultural dimension of architecture and its specificity in a holistic interdisciplinary approach
- Promote high quality built-environment, quality-based procurement of services, fair conditions of practice
- Achieve worldwide recognition of architecture as a discipline of public interest

I believe in the importance of international organisations, the potential and capacity of the UIA to evolve.