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**The professional degree and the Bologna Process
The case-study of architecture - 30 May 2011
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Summary

The question of the implementation of the Bologna Protocol in the field of professional degrees is very critical for Israel in general and the architectural programme in particular. For this reason the Bezalel Academy invited representatives of all the schools of architecture in Israel to debate the pros and cons of the application of the Bologna protocol in the professional degrees as a whole and their implication on the programme structure in architecture. This is the first meeting of a series that are proposed within the TEMPUS-CORINTHIAM project.

The first part of the day was devoted to familiarize all the participants with the Bologna Protocol. One of our partners from the Tempus project, Prof. Anne Boddington, dean of Faculty of Arts in University of Brighton was invited to lead the debate and to present an overview of the ECTS system and Bologna Protocol.

Prof. Boddington explained the purpose and use of the ECTS as a learning currency, referring to student mobility, lifelong-learning and the developing of common national frameworks. These have implications throughout the institutions and represent a fundamental pedagogic transformation which is very important to understand before delving into the process. Furthermore, she highlighted the role and definition of research, in the academy and in the profession, for students and for faculty.

Another important issue discussed was the relation, the roles and the responsibilities of the Council of Higher Education, the professional bodies and the Academy and how might Bologna and the CORINTHIAM project support these activities.

Prof. Yehuda Kalay, currently Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Technion and a founding member of the Architecture Graduate School in UC Berkeley presented the pros and cons of the American system (4+2) from his experience.

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During the second part of the day the debate focused on possible steps for the future. An open and lively discussion about these issues was fundamental for the first meeting in order to share the different points of view and policies of the architectural institutions. All the participants agreed that we should continue the debate and that due consideration should be given to the Bologna Protocol.

Three basic issues were raised. The first related to the change of the current professional degrees, especially in engineering (4 years BSc) and architecture (5 years B Arch). This would be a major transformation and any change in the format would require an in-depth study and decision of the Council for Higher Education. It would have to be accepted nationally and applied consistently. Many alternative formats were raised considering realignment based on the existing frameworks as a foundation year + 3. The second issue related to the resulting Masters programme as an academic or as currently post-professional degree, in form of specialization. The final issue raised was the doctoral programme and PhD by practice. Mention was made of the programme in Harvard at the Gund School of Design, but no further debate took place.

Prof Michael Turner, in summing up indicated that this was an initial meeting, to co-opt the stakeholders and inform them of the TEMPUS-CORINTHIAM project and the coming activities during the next academic year. The pilot study of Bezalel evaluates the Department of Architecture while the Hebrew University evaluates the School of Dentistry. At the next meeting it was proposed to open up the discussion together with the representatives of the CHE-NTO after the initial results of the ECTS pilot will have been prepared. This would allow for further reflection and summarize the recommendations as part of the IL TEMPUS-CORINTHIAM project.

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List of Invitees:

Name of Participant	Home Institution	Attendance
Prof. Arch. Anne Boddington	Faculty of Arts - Brighton University	O
Dr. Arch. Eran Neuman	David Azrieli School of Architecture -Tel Aviv University	X
Prof. Arch. Yehuda Kalay	Faculty of Architecture -Technion	O
Arch. Irit Zeref Netanyahu	Department of Architecture -WIZO Haifa	O
Arch. Beni Reuven Levy	School of Architecture - Ariel University Center	X
Prof. Arch. Baruch Baruch	Israel Association of United Architects	O
Prof. Arch. Zeev Druckman	MURbDes graduate programme Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem	O
Prof. Arch. Zvi Efrat	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem	O
Prof. Mike Turner	UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies	O
Arch. Yuval Yasky	Department of Architecture - Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem	O
Arch. Noa Appel	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem	O
Jennifer Avery	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem	O
Moshe Amir	BGU Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	O
Hilla Zehavi	BGU Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	O
Joel Alpert	HUJI The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	X
Prof. Aaron Palmon	HUJI Faculty of Dental Sciences	X
Hilla Aloni	IDC Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya	O
Liat Marciano	IDC Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya	O

Members of the CHE-NTO were not available for this initial meeting due to an institutional seminar, but agreed that the initial meeting should take place. In addition we had invited our Palestinian colleagues, Prof. Samira Barghouthi from Al-Quds University and Dr. Salman Talahmeh of Hebron University, but due to visa difficulties were unable to attend.

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