

SA Institute of the Interior Design Professions Receives SACAP Recognition

12 June 2009: The South African Institute of the Interior Design Professions (IID) is delighted to announce that they are now officially recognized by the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) as a Voluntary Association.

The implications of this development for Interior Architects and Interior Designers is significant in that it now allows for the work being done by practicing professionals in these fields to be recognized alongside the Architectural Professions. It's also a great example of how the IID, as the professional body, works to lobby and represent member's interests with regard to the formation of policies affecting the Interior Design industry. The IID is now one of five national Voluntary Associations that have been recognized by SACAP including the South African Institute of Architects, South African Institute of Architectural Technologists, South African Institute of Building Designers and South African Institute of Draughting.

"SACAP's recognition of the Institute further enhances the IID's credibility and is in line with its objective of being recognised as the premier role player in the Interior Design industry in South Africa" said Professor Desmond Laubscher, IID President. "The IID now has a voice and can provide input and affect changes that impact on our members and the industry. Members who wish to submit plans to Council must still register with SACAP as it is compulsory for any person offering architectural services to be registered with SACAP. Currently IID qualifying members will be recognised under the professional or candidate draughtspersons category or the appropriate SACAP category that correlates with their qualifications and experience. This does not affect Interior Decorators as their work does not impact on public health and safety" Laubscher concluded.

As a Voluntary Association (VA), the IID plays a vital role in the Interior Design industry in that it is an independent body that offers voluntary membership and is responsible for promoting and protecting the interests of its members. Whereas it's compulsory for any person offering architectural services to be registered with SACAP, membership of Voluntary Associations is not compulsory. SACAP however strongly encourages Architectural and Interior Architecture / Design professionals to belong to at least one of the recognised VA's as they provide you with support, networking and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to enhance your professional practice.

The South African Institute of the Interior Design Professions (IID) is also a member of the International Federation of Interior Architects/Interior Designers (IFI). Enquires for membership of the IID are welcomed. For more info please contact:

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