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A QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM RICS EUROPE AND THE NATIONAL GROUPS

From the Chairman



Dear colleagues,

I hope you will have enjoyed a good Easter break when you receive this.

Since January RICS has again been very active in continental Europe:

- In February the newly constituted CESB met to look at course accreditation and the further harmonisation of the APC process in continental Europe. Following up on this, we are planning a meeting of the European Licensed Assessor Trainers in the coming months to further improve our APC processes.
- In March the Europe Board got together to look at progress to-date as compared to planning, and to discuss the future strategy for RICS in Europe.
- As far as new governance is concerned, we have made good progress, with almost all the old legal entities having been wound down and the last new Boards being set up.

As you can read in this e-news, there is a lot going on in all the different countries where RICS is represented, many CPD and networking events being organised, presentations being held at RICS accredited courses, RICS's profile in the press increasing steadily, etc.

The next few months will again be busy both locally and at European level: at the end of April we will meet with the valuation and regulation departments to further prepare the launch of valuation regulation in Europe, our next Europe Board meeting will take place in June at the RICS Deutschland offices in Frankfurt and the next European Annual Meeting is planned for October.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with me via ricseurope@rics.org for any questions or suggestions that you may have.

Kind regards,

Luciano Capaldo FRICS
Chairman RICS Europe



Trans-Europe Express



Belgium - Networking at Realty 2010, Brussels

RICS Belux will have a stand (#3604) at the second edition of the Brussels Property Fair from 18-20 May at Tour & Taxis. On the first day, before Realty opens its doors, the RICS Belux Board will organise a networking lunch at 12:30 for its members and their clients and business partners at the Tasso restaurant. For more information about RICS Belux activities at Realty, please check on www.joinricsineurope.eu/be



Cyprus - Property taxation: a double-edged sword to handle with care

RICS Cyprus, CIIM (Cyprus International Institute of Management) and Politis Daily are partnering for a discussion forum on how tax on property can be an effective policy tool for sustainable development, an income generator for the government and/or an incentive for investment by the private sector. This event will take place at the premises of CIIM on 12 April at 18:00. It is free and open to the public, courtesy of the event's sponsor, the Bank of Cyprus. For more information, contact ricscyprus@rics.org



Europe - RICS and Macdonald & Company Property Remuneration Survey

The property profession has been severely hit by the crisis. However, many professionals are still confident in the market and anticipate an increase in economic activity in the next months, according to this year's European survey. This survey highlights that those professionals with an RICS qualification on average still earn over 23% more than those without this professional status. Want to know more? Go to www.joinricsineurope.eu/en/pressroom



France - Annual COBRA conference in Paris

The 2010 COBRA conference will be held on 2-3 September at Université Paris-Dauphine in Paris, France. It will present the best of construction, building and real estate research worldwide and will be a forum for stimulating debate and discussion between researchers. COBRA 2010 will also feature special sessions on law and dispute resolution, disaster management, biodiversity and the built environment. Abstracts are now being requested. For more information, please go to www.rics.org



Germany - "Shape Your Future"

On 12 June 2010 the 1st German University Symposium for RICS students and trainees is held in Frankfurt. The event will take place in cooperation with IZ Careers Forum at Campus Westend of Goethe University and will provide useful lectures and workshops for young professionals. In addition, the results of an ongoing survey by RICS Deutschland among 1,500 students and trainees will be introduced. The event offers excellent networking and career opportunities. All interested RICS students and trainees are welcome to register. Admission is free of charge. Contact: Ute Schweikart, uschweikart@rics.org



Greece – First CPD event in Athens

The new RICS Hellas Board is hosting its first CPD event in Athens on 14 April 2010. Mr. Vassilios Vizas, partner Tax & Legal Services of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, will deliver a talk on "How taxation and the new Greek regulation affect property transactions and property investment." For more information, please contact ricshellas@rics.org



Hungary - Visit of Pécs city developments by RICS Magyarország

RICS Magyarország invites its members to visit the city of Pécs in September 2010 and learn more about local developments. Mihály Pentz MRICS, a recently qualified member in Planning & Development involved in the city of Pécs project kindly organises this unique visit for members. The programme includes site visits to industrial parks and meetings with local authority representatives. The number of places being limited, please quickly contact Anna Orcsik on aorcsik@rics.org to register.



Italy - RICS Italia at EIRE, Fiera Milano

On 8-10 June and for the 5th time, RICS Italia will have a stand at EIRE in Milan and present the new edition of the Italian member directory. More information about RICS activities at the fair will be available early May on www.joinricsineurope.eu/it



Netherlands – 10th Annual Gala Dinner

RICS Nederland organised its much attended gala dinner on 8 April 2010 at the Hotel Okura in Amsterdam. RICS President Max Crofts FRICS and RICS Europe MD Liliane Van Cauwenbergh attended this 10th edition. For more details about RICS Nederland activities, go to www.joinricsineurope.eu/nl



Netherlands - RICS Nederland at Provada, Amsterdam

RICS Nederland will again have a stand at the Provada Property Fair in June. RICS Nederland Board members will be available on the stand, making this a valuable meeting point. Also RICS Nederland and TiasNimbas Business School will co-organise a diploma ceremony and an alumni cocktail. For more details as from end April go to www.ricseurope.eu/nl



Romania - First member reception and diploma award ceremony

RICS Romania will hold its first ever member reception and diploma award ceremony on 20 April at 18:00 at the Hotel Pullman in Bucharest. Guest speakers will include Liliane Van Cauwenbergh, Managing Director RICS Europe. Jonathan Youens FRICS, Chairman RICS Romania will talk about the next years' plans in Romania. For more information and to reserve your seat, please contact ricsromania@rics.org



Sweden - RICS Nordic Launch Event on 14 April in Stockholm

On 14 April 2010 RICS will hold its official RICS Nordic Launch Event at the Grand Hotel in Stockholm. Speakers will include RICS Europe Chairman Luciano Capaldo FRICS, Past President Peter Goodacre FRICS, and Chief Economist Simon Rubinsohn. For more information about this event please contact Mikael Wadsten on mwadsten@rics.org



Switzerland - London Trip for Swiss APC candidates and RICS members

RICS Switzerland invites its members and APC candidates for a full-day trip to London on 16 April 2010. The programme will involve a trip to RICS global HQ for a presentation on valuation standards and an update on the valuation accreditation scheme. Members will also be interested in the major refurbishment and remodelling of the building. The highlight will be lunch with RICS President Max Crofts FRICS. The afternoon will focus on the London property market with presentations at the City of London Marketing Suite and with DTZ in the heart of the City showing members the investment opportunities in this historic location. To find out about travel cost and the schedule, please go to www.joinricsineurope.eu/ch



Switzerland - RICS Switzerland at IMMOespo in Lugano

On 22-25 April, RICS Switzerland will be present with a stand for the first time at the IMMOespo Ticino, the property fair for the Italian part of Switzerland. Entrance is free of charge. Please visit the RICS stand and find out about property opportunities in the sunny south of Switzerland. For more information, contact Pascal Brulhart MRICS info@bruelhart-partners.ch or Mary Ann Reynolds FRICS mareynolds@rics.org

Made in Europe



Build Back Better: RICS and Disaster Risk Reduction

On Tuesday 16 March RICS and the World Bank organised a launch of a World Bank's publication. The handbook titled 'Safer Homes, Stronger Communities: Handbook for Reconstruction after Natural Disasters', deals with how to reconstruct housing and communities in large-scale post-disaster situations like Haiti, where there are often conflicting demands, especially between short-term relief and long-term reconstruction and recovery. Read more on www.rics.org



Tightening the Green Belt - Crowded Cities as Environmental Role Models

During the EU Sustainable Energy Week in March, RICS organised a half day seminar to discuss the environmental and energy challenges and the role of the built environment. Conference moderator Ursula Hartenberger, RICS Global Head of Sustainability Policy, summed up the key findings:

- Density is a key element in creating vibrant neighbourhoods and cities, but density does not necessarily mean high rise. A good example is the city of Paris;
- (Local) governments play a key role in the much needed behavioural change;
- Urban transport and the mobility choices we make are a significant part of our carbon footprint, therefore making it an important aspect of urban planning.

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Implementation of EPBD across Europe

RICS also contributed to the EU Sustainable Energy Week by taking part in a large conference organised by the International Union of Property Owners (UIPI), entitled 'Implementation of EPBD in each European country: practices, incentives & results'. EU Policy & Public Affairs Officer Zsolt Toth, author of the RICS third implementation report focusing on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), presented an overview of how EU legislation in the area of energy efficiency is being translated into reality. He addressed the market of energy-efficient building and the change of attitudes to energy use in buildings. For more information, contact Zsolt Toth on ztoth@rics.org

World Brief



Americas - RICS Northern California Brown Bag Lunch

Guest speaker of the last March RICS lunch conference was Gabriel Metcalf, SPUR's Executive Director, who focused on California's High Speed Rail System. The extension of High Speed Rail to downtown San Francisco is the Bay Area's single most important transit project. High-speed rail will enable commuters to walk from their downtown offices and get to San Jose by train in 30 minutes - or to Los Angeles in just two and a half hours. Read more on

www.ricsamericas.org/events



Asia Pacific - RICS Asia Pacific at Cityscape Asia

Cityscape Asia will be held on 18-20 May at Suntec in Singapore. RICS Asia will have a booth (N35) and organise a member reception on 20 May at 5:00-6:00pm. RICS Asia Director Darren Jensen: "Cityscape Asia has been an effective platform for us to communicate our commitment to professionalism to a wider audience. With a less favourable economy, we believe our members will play a crucial role in the course of recovery and when opportunities arise". The objective of this year's event is to encourage building networks within the industry. Entry is free to Cityscape Exhibition. More is available on

www.ricsasia.org/news



India - RICS India concludes 'Advanced Valuation Workshop Series'

RICS in conjunction with Cambridge International Land Institute, UK recently concluded its 'Advanced Valuation Workshop Series' across three cities - Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru. The workshop was attended by over 250 participants across the three cities and had representations from valuation professional firms, international property consultants, real estate funds, banks and housing finance institutions, other financial institutions, architects, civil engineers, real estate developers, and industry representatives. For more information on RICS India activities please visit www.rics.org/india



Oceania - RICS Oceania Land Research Award 2010

This year RICS Oceania Land Research Award is focusing on innovation. The award is open to anyone involved in Geomatics, Spatial Sciences, Rural, Environment, Planning & Development and Minerals and Waste Management. Submissions can be drawn from recent or current innovative research in the fields of Land, Environment & Planning. The winner/best paper take is at \$2000, the 3 category winners at \$1000. Deadline for completed submissions is 22 July 2010. Queries should be directed to Jillian Carney on

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RICS in the Press



RICS at MIPIM

This year, RICS Europe seized MIPIM as an opportunity to further increase its visibility and meet the press represented at this unique real estate event. RICS participated in six media interviews on valuation standards, the RICS vision of the cities of tomorrow, the global commercial property sector and the release of the results of the latest European RICS & Macdonalds' European Remuneration survey. A press conference on RICS Build Action activities in Haiti also took place at the fair. RICS activities and events at MIPIM were extremely well covered by key European newspapers such as Il Mondo, Les Echos, Le Monde, le Nouvel Observateur, Immobilien Manager and Financial Mirror, as well as trade magazines such as Property EU, Vast Goed Markt, Property Magazine International, Monitor Immobiliare and Business Immo.



Media interest in the European Housing Review gaining momentum

With one hundred articles in the European press dedicated to the RICS European Housing Review launched for the first time in Brussels (2 March 2010), there is no doubt that this was the campaign of the year. With excellent coverage in newspapers such as Le Monde, Le Nouvel Observateur, Simerini, Svenska Dagbladet, Aften Posten, El Pais, El Mundo and L'Echo, RICS Europe has promoted the review across most European countries, and especially in Spain, France, Germany and Cyprus. A press clipping book with the results of this campaign will be available shortly for consultation in all RICS Europe premises.

For more information feel free to contact Laura Lindberg, Media Relations Manager RICS Europe on Lindberg@rics.org

European Diary

What's up? Check the RICS activities per month

April		City	Country
08-09/04/2010	Final Assessments	Moscow	Russia
08/04/2010	RICS Nederland Annual Gala Dinner	Amsterdam	Netherlands
12-14/04/2010	Final Assessments	Stockholm	Sweden
13-15/04/2010	Final Assessments	The Hague	Netherlands
14/04/2010	CPD event on portfolio strategy and sustainability	The Hague	Netherlands
14/04/2010	RICS Nordic Launch event	Stockholm	Sweden
14/04/2010	CPD event: How new Greek regulation affects property transactions	Athens	Greece
14/04/2010	Tour of Europaallee development	Zurich	Switzerland
15/04/2010	Student presentation at SDA Bocconi	Milan	Italy
16/04/2010	London trip for APC candidates and qualified RICS members	Zurich	Switzerland
17/04/2010	CPD event on Property Taxation	Nicosia	Cyprus
19-20/04/2010	Final Assessments	Bucharest	Romania
20/04/2010	First Members Reception and Diploma Award ceremony	Bucharest	Romania
20/04/2010	Final Assessments	Geneva	Switzerland
20/04/2010	Student presentation at Hochschule Biberach	Biberach	Germany
20-22/04/2010	Final Assessments	The Hague	Netherlands
22/04/2010	Student presentation at TU Wien	Vienna	Austria
22/04/2010	Property Finance and Investment Group Meeting	Budapest	Hungary
22-25/04/2010	RICS Switzerland at IMMOespo Ticino	Lugano	Switzerland
23/04/2010	Student presentation at ADI München	Munich	Germany
24-26/04/2010	Final Assessments	Budapest	Hungary
27-29/04/2010	Final Assessments	Voorburg	Netherlands
28/04/2010	RICS Polska at the Investment Property Databank CEE conference	Warsaw	Poland
28/04/2010	APC Preparation Seminar	Vienna	Austria
May		City	Country
03/05/2010	CPD event on Green Lease	Paris	France
03-07/05/2010	Final Assessments	Athens	Greece
06/05/2010	Golf Trophy for RICS and CUREM alumni	Zurich	Switzerland
14/05/2010	Preparation Seminar	Moscow	Russia
17-22/05/2010	Final Assessments	Frankfurt	Germany
18/05/2010	RICS Belux at Realty 2010	Brussels	Belgium

19/05/2010	London trip for APC candidates and qualified RICS members	Paris	France
19/05/2010	Valuation CPD event	Amsterdam	Nederland
20/05/2010	Assessors Training	Prague	Czech Republic
24-28/05/2010	Final Assessments	Milan	Italy
24-28/05/2010	Final Assessments	Nicosia	Cyprus
26-28/05/2010	Final Assessments	Warsaw	Poland
27/05/2010	CPD on Construction, Valuation of development costs and Sustainability	Moscow	Russia
June		City	Country
01-30/06/2010	Final Assessments	Paris	France
02-03/06/2010	Final Assessments	Brussels	Belgium
03-04/06/2010	Final Assessments	Moscow	Russia
08-10/06/2010	RICS Nederland at Provada	Amsterdam	Netherlands
08-10/06/2010	RICS Italia at EIRE Fiera Milano	Milan	Italy
08-09/06/2010	Final Assessments	Copenhagen	Denmark
10-11/06/2010	Final Assessments	Stockholm	Sweden
11/06/2010	Final Assessments	Zurich	Switzerland
12/06/2010	German University Symposium	Frankfurt	Germany
15-17/06/2010	RICS Switzerland at Realsite	Zurich	Switzerland
21-23/06/2010	Final Assessments	Madrid	Spain
23-26/06/2010	Milano ERES Conference	Milan	Italy
25/06/2010	Final Assessments	Vienna	Austria
July		City	Country
w/c 05/07/2010	Final Assessments	Budapest	Hungary
w/c 12/07/2010	Final Assessments	Bucharest	Romania
w/c 19/07/2010	Final Assessments	Prague	Czech Republic
19-23/07/2010	Final Assessments	Milan	Italy

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