

**Present:**

Johnny Devas (President)	JD	Charles Dorin	CD
Ralph Carpenter	RC	Derek Montefiore	DM
Cedric Mitchell (Treasurer)	CM	Howard Nash	HN
Charles Dorin	CD	Mark Potter	MP
Alan Baird	AB	Tom Ryland	TR
Ralph Carpenter	RC	Michael Morrison (Secretary)	MM
David Le Lay	DLL		

**1 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Andrew Arrol, David Le Lay, Roger Keene, Charles MacCallum and John Roake.

**2 The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 01 December 2010 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**3 Matters Arising**

It was agreed that any matters arising would be taken with the relevant part of the agenda.

**4 Education**

**4.1** It was noted that Nick Webb (NW) has now completed his study following comments from CMC. NW has produced an abstract of his work. JD will email this to HN for onwards circulation to Philippe Rivoirard and to allow him to confirm that a suitable slot has been left in the Le Havre programme for NW to deliver a paper on his work. **Action JD and HN**

**4.2** HN will confirm whether the next payment to NW should be from the French or British section. It was thought that it was probably due from the British section. **Action HN**

**4.3** MM was requested to send a copy of the abstract to committee members with the minutes of the meeting. **Action MM**

**4.4** JD enquired how William Layzell was getting on with his work. HN said that he will encourage WL to get his report finished. There was probably no room in the programme for him to present this at Le Havre. Perhaps it could be presented at the November Joint Committee meeting. **Action HN**

## 5 Finance

- 5.1 The Treasurer presented a statement of the current status of the account. Copies attached to the minutes.
- 5.2 HN enquired what our current liabilities were. CM said that there were no outstanding liabilities except the £500 owing on the student bursary.
- 5.3 The possibility of an art auction was discussed. DM said that he still held the details from the previous auction. In his view it was unlikely that there would be sufficient contributors to make a British auction viable. DM agreed to write to members of the British Section to ask if anyone would donate a painting or drawing for auction. After some discussion it was agreed that any paintings or drawings contributed by British members should be added to the French auction rather than holding a separate one in the UK. **Action DM**
- 5.4 The question of raising the subscription was discussed. It was queried whether all the current members actually pay the subscription. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to reconcile the subscription with the membership list. However, CM advised that it would be a painful business trying to get people to change standing orders and that there was a fair chance that a good number of inactive members would simply leave the organisation. It was agreed that nothing would be done until after the 2011 subscriptions have been paid (generally in August) when there would be a full year to try and get people onto a new subscription basis. It was also agreed that if the subscription was to be raised it would be sensible to make it a substantial rise that would then not need to be changed again for some years. CM and MM to discuss and come up with a sensible proposal. **Action CM and MM**

## 6 Membership

- 6.1 MP said that he has now transferred the membership files to DLL. DLL needs to obtain Microsoft Access software to enable the database to be used. This will allow DLL to update the Trombinoscope and to update the general membership database. MP will contact DLL to make sure that he is getting on OK with the new software. **Action MP**
- 6.2 It was noted that the French section Trombinoscope was now very out of date. JD to contact Romain Gilbert to see if it could now be updated. **Action JD**
- 6.3 There was some general discussion around potential new members and how best to find/encourage them. The possibility of an advert in an architectural magazine was discussed – however, it was generally agreed that personal recommendation remained the best way of recruiting members. It remained a problem for younger members that the Reunions are relatively expensive.

## 7 Website

7.1 JD reported that he has seen 'Elaine' (MP's recommendation for the best person to consult over the updating of the website). She was preparing various ideas as to how this might best be achieved. It was generally agreed that it would probably be better if the website remained under the control of the President or Secretary. Having it done by a third party would always make it slightly remote. *Action JD*

7.2 The question of how David Campion (DC) felt about the situation was discussed. JD had spoken to him and he seemed to understand the position. It was agreed that he (DC) should not be on the list of people receiving the minutes of meetings. *Action MM*

## 8 Joint Committee 11/12 March 2011

8.1 The programme was now pretty much fixed. Friday would begin with lunch in the Garden Café followed by visits to Lambeth Palace and then St Thomas' Hospital and then drinks and dinner on a boat on the Thames. The Saturday would begin with the committee meeting at the Museum of the Order of St John followed by a tour of the Museum and then a visit to Jean Nouvel's One New Change. In the evening Committee members and their partners are invited to supper at the Devas Club.

8.2 The potential cost to members was discussed at some length. The boat hire does make the whole thing quite expensive. It was generally thought that it would be a bad thing to have 'Second class citizens' who had a cocktail only and disembarked before dinner. After some discussion it was agreed to subsidise the event charging £37.50 for the cost of the boat trip, drinks and dinner. It was hoped that this would encourage a good uptake.

8.3 The timing of the boat trip and dinner was discussed and it was agreed that we should aim to be back by 10.00 p.m. to allow people good time to get back to their hotels/homes.

8.4 MM agreed to ask Giles Downes (of Siddell Gibson) whether there was a chance of anyone explaining the New Change building. *Action MM*

## 9 The 2011 Reunion

9.1 The dates of the Reunion are fixed but more detail of the programme and costs are awaited from the French Section. Both JD and MM had been in touch with Romain Gilbert and it was hoped that details would be forthcoming in the near future.

## 10.0 Any Other Business

10.1 DM reported that the oaks proposed to be planted in memory of Christine Ferrier were proving rather expensive. It was agreed that one tree (at £169) should be funded by the British section.

**Action DM**

10.2 It was noted that Graham Mitchell had had a stroke and was rather depressed and is now resident in a nursing home. JD agreed to write to him on behalf of the FBUA.

**Action JD**

10.3 HN said that the French Ambassador who hosted the FBUA in 2010 has now been posted to Berlin.

10.4 The Bourges newsletter was discussed and it was agreed that it would probably make sense for MM to scan it and distribute electronically to members.

**Action MM**

10.5 It was questioned whether Anthony St Leger was still a member of the FBUA and on the email distribution list. It was agreed to send copies of the list to DM and HN who would check through and see if it tallied with subscriptions.

**Action DM and HN**

## 11.0 Date of next meeting

11.1 The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 20 April 2011.

Michael Morrison  
Hon Secretary  
21 February 2011

### Distribution – Committee Members

Allan Baird  
Andrew Arrol  
Anthony Hickman  
Anthony St Leger  
Cedric Mitchell  
Charles MacCallum

David Le Lay  
Derek Montefiore  
Howard Nash  
Jean Symons  
John Roake  
Johnny Devas

Mark Potter  
Michael Morrison  
Patrick Campbell-Jones  
Ralph Carpenter  
Roger Keene  
Tom Ryland

Auguste Perret (1874-1954) is well known for his rationalist structures and pioneering use of reinforced concrete (Watkin 2000). He gained international recognition for buildings such as the apartment block at 25 Rue Benjamin Franklin, the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, the Church of Notre Dame du Raincy as well as his urban planning for post-war Le Havre which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2005. In recognition of his work, he was awarded the Royal Gold Medal in 1948.

The intention of the research is to investigate how digitally mediated techniques can be used to augment our understanding of two of Perret's museum designs which were not built. These were chosen to study for two particular reasons; firstly they share a common typology and secondly in 1929 Perret had written in detail about his proposals for an ideal museum, the Musée Moderne (Perret 1929). His article sets out specific requirements for the design, for example it should be planned on a single floor to allow natural lighting from above with a simple system of longitudinal galleries accessed via a central courtyard. Perret's narrative and accompanying sketches are sufficiently rich to produce a unique model of a design primarily based on text, enabling a visualisation of a scheme that has not been seen before.

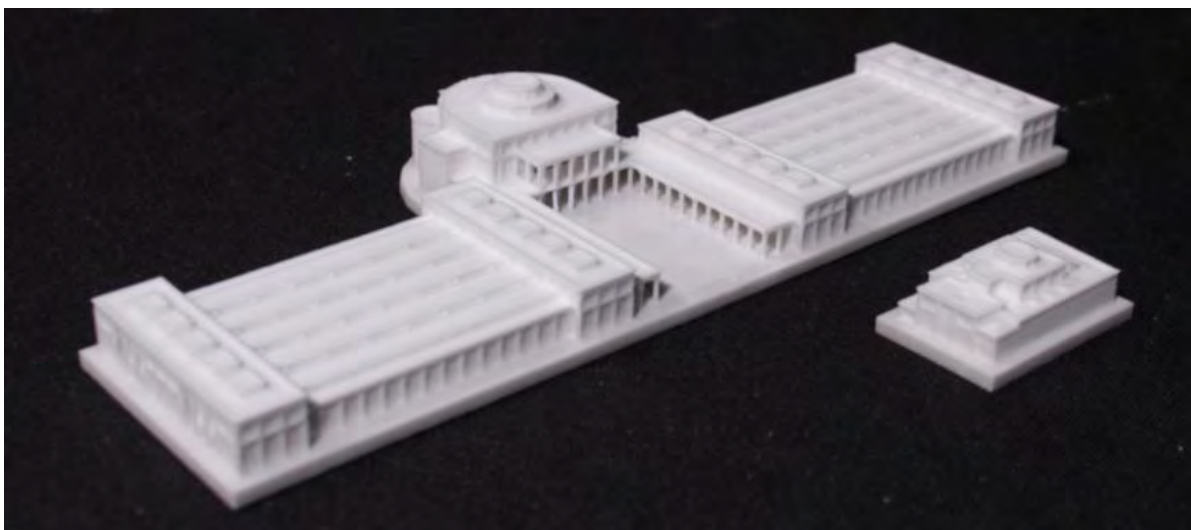
Perret's first opportunity to put these theories into practice was his design to exhibit the works of the late Antoine Bourdelle in 1931. The Musée Bourdelle was not built; however, we can identify in it elements of Perret's Musée Moderne such as being planned on one floor as far as possible. The construction of the Musée Bourdelle

model was primarily based on surviving architectural drawings. The intention was that a comparison between the two unbuilt schemes could be carried out once the two digital models had been constructed. These then act as core references and sources against which variants and alternatives could be compared.

The research revealed new information about both designs, such as inconsistencies with the dome structure of the Musée Bourdelle; seemingly contradictory to Perret's design principles. It also enabled an enhanced understanding of the Musée Moderne, in particular highlighting the simplicity of the spatial experience of his ideal museum. A further facet of the research has been the use of rapid prototyping to juxtapose the two designs.

Perret A. *Le Musée Moderne*. Mousseion. 1929 (9):225-35. Translated by the author.

Watkin, D., 2000. *A History of Western Architecture*. 3rd edn. London: Laurence King Publishing.



**THE FRANCO-BRITISH UNION OF ARCHITECTS  
BRITISH SECTION**

**ACCOUNTS: 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2010**

**INCOME**

Balance b/f 1/1/11	£10,224.63
Cocktail Party	£0.00
Joint Committee	£0.00
Reunion 2010	£0.00
Subscriptions	£48.00
Entrance Fees	£0.00
Sundries	£0.00
Bank Interest	£0.00

**EXPENDITURE**

Cocktail Party	£0.00
Joint Committee	£260.00
Reunion 2010	£0.00
Expenses	£0.00
Committee Meetings	£0.00
Sundries	£260.00

**Balance in Hand**

**£16,835.09**

£10,272.63

£520.00

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 9th February 2011**

**CURRENT FUNDS**

	January 1, 2011	Change	9-Feb-11
Reserve Account	£7,097.46	£0.00	£7,097.46
Current Account	£10,209.63	-£472.00	£9,737.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>£17,307.09</b>	<b>-£472.00</b>	<b>£16,835.09</b>

Cedric Mitchell  
Hon. Treasurer  
9 February 2011







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**ACCOUNTS: 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2010**

**INCOME**

Balance b/f 1/1/10	£6,598.54
Cocktail Party	£0.00
Joint Committee	£3,768.87
Reunion 2010	£25,656.32
Subscriptions	£1,180.00
Entrance Fees	£0.00
Sundries	£0.00
Bank Interest	£0.00

**£37,203.73**

**EXPENDITURE**

Cocktail Party	£0.00
Joint Committee	£3,685.47
Reunion 2010	£22,768.60
Expenses	£0.00
Committee Meetings	£39.60
Sundries	£408.51

**Balance in Hand**

**£17,307.09**

**£26,902.18**

**CURRENT FUNDS**

	<b>January 1, 2010</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>31-Dec-10</b>
<b>Reserve Account</b>	£7,094.63	£2.83	£7,097.46
<b>Current Account</b>	£6,598.54	£3,611.09	£10,209.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,693.17</b>	<b>£3,613.92</b>	<b>£17,307.09</b>

Cedric Mitchell  
Hon. Treasurer  
9 February 2011

**FBUA - E) XPENDITURE 2010**

Date	Item	Cheque	Amount	Committee Meetings	Cocktail	Jnt.Com.	Reunion	Expenses	Sundries
11.01	David Campion (Domain renewal)	627	£23.51						£23.51
28.01	David LeLay	628	£39.60	£39.60					
15.2	Imperial College - Deposit on room hire	629	£490.76			£490.76			
25.2	Imperial College - Balance on room hire	630	£305.68			£305.68			
26.2	Bristol Architecture Centre deposit	631	£50.00				£50.00		
26.2	Cash for taxis at London J.C	632	£40.00			£40.00			
5.3	Côte Bistro	633	£1,728.00			£1,728.00			
6.3	Green and Fortune - Kings Place lunch	634	£887.40			£887.40			
10.3	Thermae Bath Spa deposit	635	£115.00				£115.00		
22.3	Imperial College-final balance	636	£158.63			£158.63			
22.3	Montefiore - refund	637	£37.00			£37.00			
22.3	J.Roarke - refund	638	£38.00			£38.00			
27.4	Severnshed restaurant - deposit	639	£465.08				£465.08		
30.4	Mary Duckham-Bursary travel costs	640	£30.00						£30.00
30.4	Kate Robinson-Bursary travel costs	641	£40.00						£40.00
30.4	William Layzell-Bursary travel costs	642	£40.00						£40.00
30.4	Nick Webb-Bursary travel costs	643	£40.00						£40.00
30.40	Bristol Packet boat trips- deposit	644	£50.00				£50.00		
30.40	Eagle coaches - deposit	645	£1,530.00				£1,530.00		
30.40	SS Gret Britain- balance on venue hire	646	£1,556.25				£1,556.25		
4.05	Bristol Packet	647	£150.00				£150.00		
4.05	BCCT-Berkley Castle+lunch	648	£2,100.00				£2,100.00		
7.05	BCCT	649	£60.00				£60.00		
7.05	SS Great Britain- food bill	650	£4,625.74				£4,625.74		
7.05	Thermae Bath Spa - balance	651	£413.00				£413.00		
15.05	BCEL-Berkley Castle wine bill	652	£162.00				£162.00		
16.05	Bordeaux Quays- Sunday restaurant	653	£1,595.00				£1,595.00		
18.05	Chesapeake Studio -Reunion guide	654	£777.00				£777.00		
12.05	Transfer of funds to President	BACS	£4,500.00				£4,500.00		
20.50	Donation toSharp Prize	655	£100.00						£100.00
28.50	BCAA Architecture Centre Bristol	656	£243.75				£243.75		
2.60	SS Great Britain-Final balance	657	£959.66				£959.66		
14.07	Kate Robinson-replacement cheque	658	£40.00						£40.00
22.90	Howard Nash - bindings for minutes	659	£95.00						£95.00
29.90	Johnny Devas - Reunion expenses	660	£3,416.12				£3,416.12		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£26,902.18</b>	<b>£39.60</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,685.47</b>	<b>£22,768.60</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£408.51</b>

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**FBUA - INCOME 2010**

Date	Item	Ref.	Amount	Cocktail	Jnt.Com.	Reunion	Subs.	Entry	Interest	Sundries	
26.01	Theo Whalley subs	503	£25.00				£25.00				
12.2	London J-C- cheques recived 11/2	504	£1,683.00		£1,683.00						
17.2	London J-C- cheques recived 11/2	505	£855.00		£855.00						
25.2	London J-C- cheques recived 25/2	506	£436.00		£436.00						
26.2	London J-C- cheques recived 26/2	507	£160.00		£160.00						
26.2	Yasmin Sharp joining sub	508	£45.00				£45.00				
*7.3	€50 contribution from French	510	£382.87		£382.87						
7.3	Abbott - subscription	511	£45.00				£45.00				
12.3	Lunch cheques	512	£72.00		£72.00						
16.3	Lunch cheque - LeLay	513	£18.00		£18.00						
22.3	Reunion bookings	514	£5,070.00			£5,070.00					
22.3	Lunch cheques	515	£36.00		£36.00						
26.3	Reunion bookings	516	£720.00			£720.00					
26.3	Lunch cheques	517	£36.00		£36.00						
16.3	Modece Architects - lunch cheque	Bacs	£18.00		£18.00						
7.4	Lunch cheques- Baird,?	518	£54.00		£54.00						
14.4	Reunion bookings	519	£330.00			£330.00					
14.4	Reunion bookings	520	£3,060.00			£3,060.00					
14.4	Reunion bookings	521	£2,498.00			£2,498.00					
14.4	Lunch cheque - McCalum	522	£18.00		£18.00						
15.4	Reunion booking - Nash	BACS	£720.00			£720.00					
26.4	Reunion booking - French Section	CHAPS	£6,000.00			£6,000.00					
27.4	Reunion bookings	523	£1,635.00			£1,635.00					
5.5	Reunion booking -Postdated cheques	524	£900.00			£900.00					
5.5	Reunion booking - Mitchell	BACS	£500.00			£500.00					
20.5	Transfer from French Section	BACS	£3,820.00			£3,820.00					
2.6	Payments for Thermal baths	525	£120.00			£120.00					
28.6	Payments for Thermal baths	526	£283.32			£283.32					
1.07	Subscriptions	STO	£825.00				£825.00				
5.07	Subscriptions	STO	£150.00				£150.00				
6.07	Subs - H Nash	STO	£15.00				£15.00				
12.07	Subs - Hargreaves	STO	£15.00				£15.00				
2.08	Subs - Harris	STO	£15.00				£15.00				
20.09	Subs - JE Nichols	527	£45.00				£45.00				
	*NOTE: Figure adjusted to include £20 cash refund from Johnny Devas re taxis £43 refund to CM re illess guest at J.C.(Friday)										
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£30,605.19</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,768.87</b>	<b>£25,656.32</b>	<b>£1,180.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	