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To support members of the profession in achieving excellence in their practice of architecture and engineering in the interest of the community

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Last Thursday 11th of January, the *Kamra tal-Periti* held its Annual drinks at the Chamber of Commerce in Valletta. A wonderful crowd of 200 guests, including periti, members of the press and contributors of the KTP had an opportunity to meet and discuss the year ahead. Amongst these were the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands H.E. Mr Jan Heidsma & Mrs Mrjolijn Heidsma as well as the Minister for Competitiveness and Communications, Perit Censu Galea. Throughout the evening, the documentary 'Panorama 2004 – Maison Cinema' was screened as a backdrop. The author of this documentary, Antonio Borghi, was in Malta last October for Time for Architecture 2006, a series of events celebrating architecture. "Panorama 2004 – Maison Cinema" is a collage of extracts from various films on the theme of residential architecture and interiors.

This event marked a fresh start for the KTP – a new year with a new set of challenges, entrusted to a new KTP Council, with no fewer than five new members. This council will see a healthy mix between young and not so young members, a balance between those with an architectural and an engineering background, and also members coming from both private and public practice.

Council will therefore be made up of the following periti:

David Felice	President
Anthony Fenech Vella	Vice-President
Alberto Miceli Farrugia	Chairperson, Built Environment Standing Committee
Antoine Zammit	Chairperson, Events Standing Committee
Damian Vella Lenicker	Chairperson, Professional Practice Standing Committee
Danica Mifsud	Chairperson, Communications Standing Committee
Keith Cole	Chairperson, Education Standing Committee
Malcolm Sullivan	Chairperson, Finance Standing Committee
Philip Grech	Vice - Chairperson, Built Environment Standing Committee
Ruben Sciortino	Chairperson, International Standing Committee
Vincent Cassar	Chairperson, Architecture Centre Workgroup
David Pace	Past-President

Perit Simone Vella Lenicker is General Secretary.

Over the past twelve months new President, David Felice, was a member of the Executive Board of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), under the leadership of its president, Jean-Francois Susini of France. He held the role of vice-coordinator for Culture and Communication, with a direct responsibility as delegate of the ACE on the European Forum of Architectural Policies and will continue to be involved in a workgroup entrusted with the organisation of a summit on Architecture in Brussels in November 2007. The KTP strongly believes in participation in the activities of ACE, through which experience will help in contributing to the growth of the profession on a pan-European level.

This coming year will see the council embark on a new programme, with particular focus on issues of Professional Practice. In parallel, the KTP will continue to develop the concept of an Architecture Centre which will serve as a home for architecture, a centre to operate from, a place to provide the public with information and a facility which provides a solid resource base to address the development of our built environment in an adequate manner. In addition, the Kamra aims to finalise the National Policy on Architecture, a project which was initiated early in 2006.