

## Goodbye tension, Hello pension!

After more than 40 years with the practice, Iain MacLaren is retiring at the end of March 2016. Iain will maintain involvement with the practice as a Consultant, with Stephen Kerr and Wendy Corrigan and their teams providing `traditional service and contemporary design` as usual.

Iain was the author of our centenary retrospective, a chronological history of Wylie Shanks since its formation in 1912. As a partner with the firm since 1982 his own professional career is therefore covered therein in some detail. Landmark projects such as the Daily Record Printworks at Cardonald and the Northern Constabulary Headquarters buildings in Inverness are notable, and a long list of (often returning) prestigious clients over the years includes Levi Strauss, The High School of Glasgow, The Boys' Brigade, the Scottish Development Agency, Northern Constabulary and various NHS Health Trusts, local authorities and churches.

With accreditation in Conservation Architecture he developed the practice's in-house expertise in restoration of historic and Listed buildings, including the conversion of the former Govan Police Station. His work in specialist areas of healthcare included well received designs for Largs and Crosshouse Resource centres, and he was awarded a personal NHS Industry Award for the first phase of the relocation of the West of Scotland Cancer Centre to Gartnavel General Hospital. Other highlights include a team working award from Govan Initiative, Civic Trust Awards, as well as competition success for the Space Shuttle Centre in Florida and a food manufacturing prototype unit in Bellshill. Iain oversaw the introduction and development of computer aided design and quality management systems into the office. He also served as Treasurer of the Glasgow Institute of Architects for many years.

Iain will be spending his time pursuing his various other interests in painting, tennis, travel and gardening.

At his final Partners' meeting he remarked:

*"It is unusual nowadays to remain in one job for your working life, and I have been privileged to work alongside many talented professional colleagues during my years with Wylie Shanks Architects. Having seen the profession evolve from traditional client patronage through two recessions into competitive and diverse procurement routes, it has been both a rewarding and challenging career. It is with some pride that I move aside leaving a vibrant and respected ongoing business for our loyal staff and valued clients."*



Gartnavel Oncology entrance



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