

# EWA KOKOTT

Master of Science (Eng.), Arch.

# CV

## PROFILE

Over many years of professional experience, both in Poland and United Kingdom, I have been involved in vast cross-section of projects – from interior design and residential to hospitality, healthcare, retail, and education, not only new-built, but also converted or extended. Open-minded, creative yet pragmatic, I am always happy to learn and share my knowledge.

Having worked for the Polish practice Czora & Czora I have got the experience in numerous projects, including hotels, universities, hospitals and retail. Recently, while completing full qualifications, I had temporary rejoined the company to work on the biggest retail park in Poland (Europa Centralna, Gliwice – over 70K m<sup>2</sup>) – my responsibility was mainly to deliver floor plans and sections of the main shopping gallery (23K m<sup>2</sup>), both planning applications and working drawings, but also details, interior design, interdisciplinary coordination, translations for the British client and in general being main support for the team leader.

For 3 years of working for RPS Group in Bristol I was involved mostly in housing sector (including sustainable schemes like Beechfield Rd., Torquay). I had been strongly encouraging team to get fresh approach, avoiding routine in designing, and to compromise both innovation and sustainability. Frequently I was cooperating closely with the urban design team being responsible for defining architectural themes for their masterplans.

For many years I have been cooperating closely with Arteko practice where I have learnt how to make successful projects with tight budget. I also have had the opportunity to work on some landscape projects, including award winning revitalisation of post-industrial ponds in Silesia and listed Bednarski's Park in Krakow.

My academic background comprises Architecture and Town Planning (degree of Master of Science Eng Architect in 2003) and post-graduate diploma in Conservation of Architectural and Urban Monuments (2007).

In December 2011 I have passed Part III Professional Practice Exam at Polish Chamber of Architects, therefore I am entitled to register with the British Architect Registration Board (EU Directive 2005/36/EC, confirmed by ARB).

Strong graphic and technical skills, but also AutoCAD proficiency, has allowed me to quickly produce both initial sketch design and detailed technical drawings. Disciplined organisation of work and good communication skills has given me ability to work efficiently, even under pressure. Nevertheless the scale and budget, I am always keeping in mind individual needs of all groups of users, as well as optimised technical details.

Through travelling I have better understanding of cultural and environmental complexity and climatic challenges various societies are facing, while photography keeps me wondering about colours, shapes and shades in very detail of our surrounding.

## EXPERTISE

Designing from conceptual phase to detailed working drawings. Experience in small adaptations (garage or loft adaptation), large scale objects (retail park) and complex buildings (hospitals). Interdisciplinary coordination. Strong graphic skills (including hand-drawn sketches).

- AutoCAD (since 2000)
- Architectural Desktop / AutoCAD Architectural (2004-2007, 2011)
- Photoshop (since 2001)
- Sketchup (since 2006)
- Open Office / MS Office suite
- basics of Illustrator, InDesign, Corel Draw and 3D Studio Max

## WORK EXPERIENCE

01.2011 – 08.2011

10.2003 – 07.2007

**Architectural Assistant** at architectural practice Czora&Czora, Katowice, Poland

Involved in numerous projects of hospitals, hotels, retail parks, university buildings, museum and residential, from conceptual design, tenders, bids and competitions, to highly detailed working and construction drawings. Responsible for multidisciplinary coordination. Being part of highly efficient and reliable team.

08.2010 – 08.2011

**Site Engineer** at Kamar, Zabrze, Poland

Apprenticeship on supervising construction sites.

08.2007 – 07.2010

**Architectural Technologist** and Designer at RPS Group, Bristol, UK

Responsible for architectural design on residential and commercial projects, close cooperation with urban design and landscape teams. Preparing presentation boards, planning and working drawings. Supporting creativity and innovation, promoting sustainability and quality standards.

1995 – present

Cooperation with Arteko, Katowice, Poland;

Architecture and landscape design, CGIs and animations, drafting, surveying. Apprenticeship on conservation of medieval church in Opole, Poland (2006 -2007).

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

qualifications:

**Full Qualification in Architecture**, Poland (recognised by ARB), Silesian District Chamber of Architects, 2012

post-graduate studies:

Conservation of Architectural and Urban Monuments at Silesian University of Technology - diploma in 2007

graduate studies:

Architecture and Town Planning at Silesian University of Technology - diploma in 2003  
title of **Master of Science (Engineer) Architect**

## PERSONAL

nationality: Polish (EU citizen)

languages: Polish (native language), English (fluently), Spanish (basics)

interests: exploring colour, texture and light with photography;  
travelling for better understanding of different cultures and environment;  
hiking, mountaineering, skiing.