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Born in Trieste on 12.12.50, and moved to South Africa in 1957. He started his studies in architecture at the University of Cape Town in 1969 and then moved to London in 1972 where he studied at the Polytechnic of Central London where he followed Frank Harmon's Housing Typology course with David Greene of Archigram as tutor. He obtained his Part II in 1977 and after his second practical year, passed the RIBA Part III exam and enrolled with the Royal Institute of British Architects, of which he is still a member.

He moved to Trieste, Italy in 1979 and worked for a time with the office of Celli Tognon before setting up a joint architectural office in partnership with Paolo Zelco in 1981. The office, known as Studio Architetti Zelco Lazzari (zelcolazzari.com) has carried out most of its work within Trieste and Province, doing a lot of private and public housing projects, including a number of private villas on the outskirts, some of which have been published.

The studio has also undertaken many refurbishment and restoration projects in the city center, involving whole city blocks. Two projects of note for their size and scope are the 4 blocks in the via Imbriani – piazza Goldoni area and the conversion of the palazzo Balkan, a building designed by Max Fabiani, into the new language school for the University of Trieste. This building of historic importance was once the Slav Cultural Centre, set on fire in 1921 and subsequently converted into the Hotel Regina. The project involved lengthy historical research for the restoration and reinterpretation of many of its original features.

The office has carried out a substantial number of projects involving health care: homes for the elderly and the disabled, hospitals and nursing homes. The largest of these was the new wing for the private hospital Sanatorio Triestino in 1989, the restructuring of the intermediate wing in 2000 and the current renovation and restoration of the historic wing of the hospital, dating back to the end of the last century. It is currently awaiting the opening on site of a conversion of the ex-Fermi school, consisting of 12,000 sq.m. into an assisted housing and medical centre in via Lazzaretto Vecchio and Lazzari is currently site supervisor on one of the studio's projects for assisted housing – a conversion of an agricultural building in Capriva (GO).

More recently the office has become involved in urban redesign, having completed the first phase of the renewal of the town center of Mogliano Veneto, together with associate architect Fabio Zlatich. It is also in the tender stage for a piazza in Muggia for the Muggia City Council and has collaborated with Zlatich in the urban design of an area in Sacca Serenella-Murano, Venice, involving a piazza, a park and pedestrian connections, including a bridge.

The office has won prizes for their competition schemes for the renewal of piazza Goldoni in Trieste, the new public gardens in Servola and two years ago, came second in the major competition for the restructuring of the old fish market on the Rive in Trieste. The project came first on design points, but lost on the costing. Ironically, the realisation of the winning scheme, already begun, has now been put on hold due to technical and costing difficulties.

In the year 2000 Luciano Lazzari was elected President of the Institute of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists for the province of Trieste, and subsequently was nominated Co-ordinator of the same Institutes for the 13 provinces in the Regions of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Trentino Alto Adige, and Veneto, representing 12,000 architects. It was in this capacity that the Ordine organised the 3-day international joint conference on the theme of common plans and projects for the Adriatic, held in Trieste, Rovinj and Piran in October 2001. In September 2003 a second international conference was organised in Trieste on the theme of the Practise of Architecture in Europe, which saw the participation of architects from all over Europe. A follow up is planned in 2005 as a celebration of the entry of 10 new EU members.

Lazzari is actively involved in the professional practice in Europe; he is a member of the national Council of Architects' Foreign Affairs commission and part of the CNAPPC delegation to the Architects' Council of Europe. He has recently been nominated on the newly formed ACE liason group with the European Architectural Association on Education.

Because of his contribution in developing cooperation between Department of Architects and Italian Chamber of Architects, mr. Luciano Lazzari has become the honorable member of the Department of Architects.

Honorable member charter has been presented at the ceremonial meeting of the Chamber Assembly.



Porgiamo le nostre piu' sentite congratulazioni al signore Lazzari!