



## THE UIA COUNCIL IN BEIJING

### FOCUS ON YOUNG ARCHITECTS AND SENSITIVE URBAN AREAS

The UIA Council meeting in Beijing (20-23 October 2013) was hosted by the Architectural Society of China in celebrations of its 60th anniversary. The Council members examined the framework proposed by the secretary general, Michel Barmaki, to create structures within the UIA dedicated to young architects and students. The UIA member sections are encouraged to submit candidatures, from which the Bureau will select one representative per region, including one coordinator and one reporters, to serve on the ad-hoc committee. This committee will in turn design and develop the young architects network. The project will be presented to the general assembly in Durban, where member sections are encouraged to include young architects in their delegations and thus contribute to an efficient and effective launch to this project.

The Council members also decided to mark the UIA's determination to defend the quality and integrity of major urban public spaces as a determining factor for city life. They recommended that any intervention in such spaces be subject to public debate and consultation, and that any major changes be undertaken through international architecture and urban planning competitions in accord with the UNESCO-UIA regulations.

Following the regular session, the Council members met for a workshop on the positive actions the UIA should pursue in the future to develop its role and influence. Discussions focused on the following priority issues: human rights and ethics; professional practice and responsible architecture; education; defending the profession; and networks.

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## PHILIPPINES TYPHOON ARCHITECTS' SOLIDARITY AND FIRST ACTIONS

The typhoon that hit the Philippines on 9 November left hundreds of thousands of victims and considerable damage. The UIA immediately contacted the United Architects Philippines (UAP) to express the sorrow and solidarity felt by the worlds' architects and its support for the UAP's actions. The UIA also demonstrated its continuing support and partnership with the Emergency Architects Foundation (EAF) by relaying its calls. The Philippine authorities, the United Nations commission for Humanitarian Affairs, the UAP and EAF have coordinated the relief efforts related to lodging, facilities and reconstruction. The temporary shelter model proposed by EAF was adopted by the Philippine authorities; kits with building tools have been distributed; mobile sanitary facilities are in place. Following evaluations of damaged public buildings, EAF has concentrated its efforts on rehabilitating schools and offshore fishing boats, to resuscitate vital economic activity for the affected islands.



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## THE FIRST BAKU INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARD AZERBAIJAN

The first international architecture award in Azerbaijan, launched with UIA support by the Azerbaijani Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan (UAA) was a huge success with 194 submissions from more than 30 countries. Attendees at the awards ceremony included Azerbaijani government officials, representatives from the professional architectural associations in Russia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Serbia, and the members of the international jury chaired by UIA secretary general Michel Barmaki, and composed of Elbay Qasim-Zadeh, president of the Azerbaijan Union of Architects, Vassilis Sgoutas, former UIA president, and UIA vice-presidents Thomas Vonier and Hayder Ali.



In his opening remarks the Azerbaijani Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Aboulfaz Qarayev, underlined the quality of contemporary Azerbaijani architecture that combines tradition, history and modernism to give the city of Baku a contemporary urban image recognised throughout the world. The creation of this international prize further confirms the commitment of the Azerbaijani government authorities and professional institutions to quality architecture and urban planning.

Three awards were distributed in each of the following categories: public buildings, housing, interior design, non-realised projects, landscape design, and rehabilitation projects. Several architectural magazines were also recognised.



See all the results:  
<http://www.uaa.az/en/events-en/competitions>



NEXT UIA WORLD CONGRESS

## UIA DURBAN 2014 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS OPEN UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2013

Registrations for the next UIA congress in Durban (3-7 August 2014) are open online and significant discounts are offered for early birds. Until 31 December 2013 the price for a professional is 3 500 ZAR (253 euro) ; from January 1st to 30 April 2014 the price is 4 500 ZAR (325 euro) ; from 1st May to 30 June 2014 registration is 5 500 ZAR (398 euro) ; and a last minute price of 6 500 ZAR (470 euro) will be applied after 1st July 2014. Group rates are also being offered, with one free registration for every 10 paid registrations. The price for students is fixed at 750 ZAR (54 euro) and for accompanying persons at 2 500 ZAR (179 euro), regardless of the date of registration.

Register:

[http://www.uia2014durban.org/inside\\_the\\_event/register\\_to\\_attend.htm](http://www.uia2014durban.org/inside_the_event/register_to_attend.htm)



UIA WORK PROGRAMMES - NEXT UIA CONGRESS

## DURBAN STREET PROJECT LAUNCH

The UIA work programmes on Heritage and Architecture for a sustainable future, led by Nina Nedelykov and Christiano Lepratti, in collaboration with the Durban eTekwini municipality, announce the launch of an interuniversity contest entitled DurbanStreet Project. The goal is to create urban planning solutions for the Rivertown district of Durban. Understanding the nature of modern life in the city centre and meeting objectives for social integration, sustainability, and climate adaptation are the main axes for this contest, open to students of architecture in universities around the world. Projects must be submitted for 1st July 2014, and will be on display during the congress from 3 – 7 August. The authors of winning projects will be invited to participate in a workshop onsite, led by prestigious architects and representatives of the Durban eTekwini municipality, the UIA and AUA. The UIA work programmes Architecture and children, Intermediate cities, Sports and leisure, and Architecture for All are also contributing to this project.

Details will be published on the UIA Durban 2014 website.

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UIA MEMBER SECTIONS : DENMARK - NEXT UIA CONGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE EVERYDAY A DANISH PRESENTATION IN DURBAN

The Danish architects will present the winning project in their accessibility competition at UIA Durban 2014. Early this year the Danish Association of Architects in collaboration with the innovation platform Innosite.dk organised a competition to promote new ways to integrate accessibility in architecture. Close to 50 propositions were received, but one stood out clearly above the rest. Entitled 'Accessible Everyday', the project by Force4 architects immediately attracted the jury's attention to the plight of the handicapped through an intuitive approach to accessibility for all. As the prize winners, the Force4 architects are invited to present their project at the UIA Durban 2014 congress next August.

Learn more:

[www.arkitektforeningen.dk](http://www.arkitektforeningen.dk)

[www.innosite.dk/contest.php?id=14](http://www.innosite.dk/contest.php?id=14)



## **THE PRINCE OF ASTURIAS CELEBRATED SPANISH ARCHITECTURE AROUND THE WORLD**

The Superior Council of Colleges of Spanish Architects (CSCAE) set up a series of awards to spotlight the work of Spanish architects outside the national borders. HRH Prince Felipe presented these awards during an official ceremony in Madrid on 3 December 2013, in presence of UIA President Albert Dubler. Prizes were awarded in various categories, and two distinctions recognized the talent of former UIA officials: the CSCAE Medal for a major contribution to promoting architecture as an element of culture was awarded to former UIA President Jaime Duro Pifarre, and the prize for promoting internationalisation was awarded to former UIA secretary general Jordi Farrando and his team for their Atlas of Catalan architecture, a compilation and exhibition of 500 realisations by Catalan architects around the world.

Learn more:  
<http://www.cscae.com/>



HRH the Prince of Asturias with the prize winners  
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## **HIS HIGHNESS THE AGA KHAN RECEIVED THE RAIC GOLD MEDAL**

Architecture Canada/RAIC awarded its 2013 Gold Medal, the highest distinction attributed by the organisation, to His Highness the Aga Khan. This is the first time in thirty years that the gold medal recipient is not an architect. The medal recognises exceptional actions and realisations that use architecture as a medium for pacific and sustainable community development throughout the world.

The RAIC Gold Medal was created to honour a “person of science or letters with links to architecture and the arts”, and this description applies perfectly to a man who has dedicated his life to improving society. He is the founder and president of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), whose ethical code includes compassion toward the most vulnerable members of society. The annual development budget for this not-for-profit organisation exceeds 600 million US\$ per year.

Learn more:  
[http://www.raic.org/resources\\_archives/media\\_releases/2013/Gold\\_Medal\\_Release\\_e.pdf](http://www.raic.org/resources_archives/media_releases/2013/Gold_Medal_Release_e.pdf)



## **VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE A GLOBAL STUDY**

The British publisher Thames & Hudson recently released the first encyclopaedia of vernacular technologies based on local climate conditions and adaptable for modern usage. The research collected for this work focused on identifiable, renewable sources of energy used for several centuries, but fallen into disuse in today’s society. The know-how linked to these traditional techniques is also becoming obsolete. An important part of this publication focuses on information sharing, climate adaptation, and potential contemporary uses for these techniques and materials. Sandra Piesik directed this work.

Learn more:  
<http://www.pencil.com/superproject.php?id=12>





#### UIA MEMBER SECTIONS : UNITED STATES

### ACTIONS IN FAVOR OF BEST PRACTICES : UIA MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE

Through the National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (NCDRC), The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is working with the American Arbitration Association and its international arm, the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, to gather information about industry preferences and needs for international construction projects. The information will be used to help educate the industry on best practices for resolving disputes on these projects as well as tailoring services to the needs of the industry.

The UIA Commission on Professional Practice, and its Director, Rick Lincicome, support this action and ask its Member sections worldwide to kindly assist in its dissemination. The survey should only take a few minutes but will be very helpful in assessing the needs of the Industry. The survey is expected to be open through November. Once completed, we will share the results of our efforts.

Complete the survey online :

<http://www.keysurvey.com/f/554252/5d48/>.



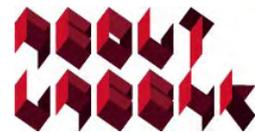
#### UIA MEMBER SECTIONS : HONG KONG

### ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL IN HONG KONG

The Hong Kong architecture and urban planning biennial will take place in Kholoon from 11 December 2013, to 1 February 2014. Using the theme “Beyond the Urban Edge: The Ideal City?”, the event will examine the city’s outskirts and the new paths that sometimes appear right under our eyes. The biennial is organised jointly by the Institute of Architects, the Institute of Urban Planners, and the Institute of Designers in Hong Kong, in partnership with the Hong Kong and Shenzhen province governments. Attendees will include architects, urban planners, designers and artists from the Asia/Pacific region and beyond, in order to establish a dialogue on the local as well as international levels. Professor Colin Fournier is curator of this session.

Learn more:

<http://www.uabbhk.org/index.html>



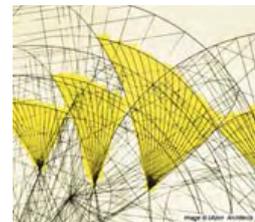
#### UIA MEMBER SECTIONS : AUSTRALIA

### WHAT WOULD UTZON DO TODAY?

What would the famous architect of the even more famous Sydney Opera House do today? This is the question to be discussed at the 4th international Utzon seminar that will take place in the opera house on 7 – 9 March 2014. The event will bring together prestigious academics, professionals and students from around the world in a symposium to discuss political economy, the city and preserving 20th century architecture heritage. The goal of this event is to encourage debate on the role of cultural production in the urban context as well as dialogue that reaches beyond cultural, political and economic barriers. It is hoped that the conclusions will contribute to current academic and professional analyses by exposing tensions and synergies between cultural production, politics, economy and urban planning. Speakers include Juhani Pallasmaa, Vishaan Chakrabarti & Liu Jiakun.

Information and registration:

<http://www.be.unsw.edu.au/utzonsymposium>





## A WOMAN PRESIDENT FOR FRENCH ARCHITECTS

As part of the triennial, partial renewal of the National Council of the Order of French Architects (CNOA), former National Council member Catherine Jacquot was elected CNOA president. She succeeds Lionel Carli. The new council will strive to be effective and hopes to provide a strong and united image of architects to the general public, elected officials, institutions, partners and promoters. They also hope to offer citizens a new image of architecture and underline the professional abilities of architects.

Read the message from the new CNOA president:

<http://www.architectes.org/>



## MOROCCAN PARTICIPATION IN THE VENICE BIENNALE

The Foundation for Design, Art and Architecture (FADA), curators for the Moroccan contribution to the Venice architecture biennial, have invited the country's architects and students of architecture to submit propositions to an ideas competition on the theme "Fundamental(ism): designing viable structures in the desert. The deadline for submitting projects is fixed for 31 January 2013.

Learn more:

[http://www.lecourrierdelarchitecte.com/expoconcours\\_1867](http://www.lecourrierdelarchitecte.com/expoconcours_1867)



## ACTIVE HOUSE SUSTAINABLE COMFORT IN BUILDING

The 4th Active House Symposium was organized in Budapest on October 30, 2013 on the topic of sustainable comfort in building. It included presentations on the political development, experience and design of sustainable construction. Over 250 attendees participated in discussions around the development of sustainable buildings. The presentations showed that architects, engineers and industries are ready to build the sustainable structures that are needed in order to meet the global and national political targets for CO2 reductions in the future. One of the major challenges is that many buildings are based on a methodology that does not take into consideration the local criteria for climate and comfort .

The UIA is a partner in the Active House Alliance, which encourages building methods that generate healthier and more comfortable lifestyles, without negative impact on the climate, and contribute to a cleaner and healthier planet.

Learn more about Active House:

<http://www.activehouse.info/>





## INFORMAL HABITAT ARCHITECTS FOR MORE EQUITY

Within the framework of the ‘Nonformal Metropolis – Anticipation’ forum organised by UN-Habitat at the University of Munich, twenty architects, urban planners and landscape architects from four continents presented their manifesto to slum dwellers and other populations in precarious living conditions. Nonformal Metropolis marked the launch of a hub on informal urbanism that will be part of the Habitat Partner University Initiative.

Watch the Laufen Manifesto for a Humane Design Culture video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8T3A4wcDWDY>



## WORLD HABITAT AWARDS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Competitors are invited to submit projects to the World Habitat Awards before 2 May, 2014. Projects must propose sustainable solutions to specific community housing problems that are transferable or adaptable to different contexts. The term ‘habitat’ is understood in its broadest sense, including issues directly linked to the living conditions such as water and waste management, energy performance, social integration, education and health. The awards will be presented each year at the World Urban Forum or the UN-Habitat Governing Council. The 2013 WHA Award winners are the Hebron Old City Rehabilitation Programme – Palestine, and the 100,000 Homes Campaign – USA, which provides accommodation for thousands of the most vulnerable and chronically homeless people across the country.

<http://www.worldhabitatawards.org>



## HABITAT III WEBPAGE

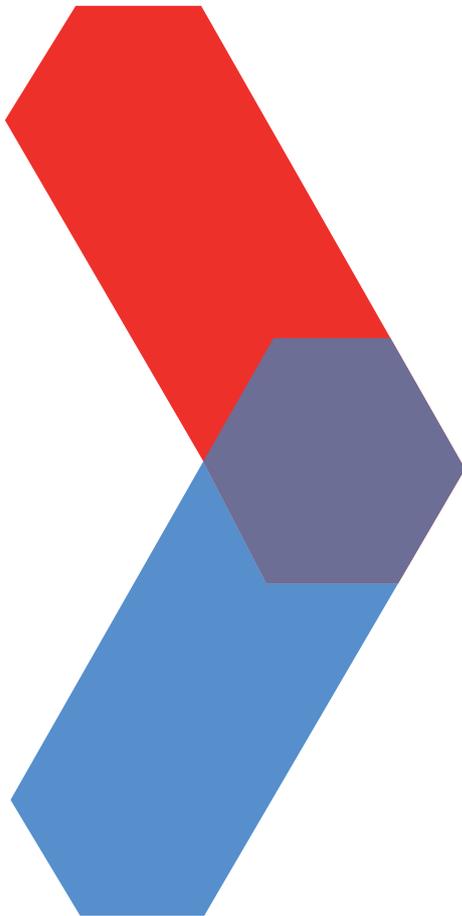
UN-Habitat has officially launched a webpage dedicated to the Habitat III conference, the third United Nations conference on sustainable housing and urban development, that will take place in 2016. The conference will focus mainly on the future of urban planning. The final document produced by the conference will be concise, targeted, progressive and decisive. It will re-energize the international community’s support and action in favour of sustainable housing and urban development and establish “a new programme for cities”. The UIA is a partner in UN-Habitat, and will be represented at the conference. The UIA will contribute mainly through its actions as part of the Habitat Professionals Forum and the World Urban Campaign.

<http://www.unhabitat.org/habitatIII>



*In the caption to UIA newsletter N°10-2013’s cover photo we mentioned Ms. Zola Kgaka (Chief Architect – Public Works department: KZN Southern Region), who was present at the press conference for UIA 2014 Durban, on 17 September. We must however specify that she is not a member of the congress organising committee.*





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