



A2M social housing in Ragusa, Sicily, Gabriele Sciveres - Barbara Cappochin international prize 2013

## UIA - ACE - AIA DECLARATION

### TO PROMOTE ARCHITECT'S ABILITY TO MEET TODAY'S LOCAL AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES

The International Union of Architects (UIA), the Architect's Council of Europe (ACE) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) signed a joint declaration in order to highlight the architectural profession's key role and commitment in meeting the local and global challenges of our times, especially those related to climate change, urban regeneration, social inclusion, and heritage preservation.

In keeping with the 2050 Imperatives declaration, the three organisations commit to promoting architects' unparalleled capacity to create spaces and structures that ensure human well-being and the future of our planet. The declaration is a part of preparations for the world architectural community's contribution to the Climate Change Conference - COP21, that will take place in Paris on 30 November to 11 December 2015.

The declaration was signed on 17 April 2015 in Tallinn (Estonia), during the Architect's Council of Europe general assembly, by Elizabeth Chu Richter, AIA President, Esa Mohamed, UIA President, and Luciano Lazzari, ACE President.

Download the UIA-ACE-AIA joint declaration:

[http://www.uia.archi/sites/default/files/Tallinn\\_Special\\_Session\\_-\\_Final\\_Declaration\\_-\\_17\\_April\\_2015.pdf](http://www.uia.archi/sites/default/files/Tallinn_Special_Session_-_Final_Declaration_-_17_April_2015.pdf)

## UIA IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT THE AIA ATLANTA CONVENTION

The annual American Institute of Architects (AIA) convention was held in Atlanta on 14 to 16 May 2015, and was attended by numerous UIA officials and the presidents of several UIA member sections. On this occasion, AIA President Elizabeth Chu Richter presented UIA President Esa Mohamed with the AIA President's Medal and the title of honorary member of the institute.

At the closing elections, UIA Secretary General Thomas Vonier was elected 2016 AIA first vice-president and president elect for 2017. He will take over his duties as vice-president in January 2016, as Russell Davidson takes over as AIA president. Thomas Vonier will serve as president of the AIA in 2017, while continuing his term as UIA Secretary General.

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UIA announces the sixth edition of the Barbara Cappochin international prize for architecture.

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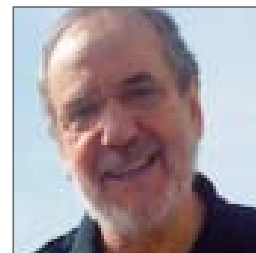
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## THE ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE HONOURS FERNANDO RAMOS WITH ITS SILVER MEDAL

Spanish architect Fernando Ramos, co-director with Kate Schwennsen of the UIA Architectural Education commission, has been awarded the French Academy of Architecture's Silver Medal. This distinction was awarded in recognition of his commitment to architectural education in Europe and throughout the world. Fernando chaired the drafting committee for the UNESCO-UIA Charter for architectural education and serves as reporter for the validation committee, which ensures its permanent update.



The academy also celebrated his remarkable contribution to the restoration of the German pavilion designed by Mies van der Rohe for the 1929 World's Fair in Barcelona.

Visit the Academy of Architecture website:

<http://www.aa.archi.fr/>



## SIXTH EDITION BARBARA CAPPOCHIN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTURE

The Barbara Cappochin Foundation and the Order of Architects, Town Planners, Landscape Architects, and Conservationists of Padua province announce the sixth edition of the Barbara Cappochin prize.

Organised every two years since 2005, this award aims to underline architecture's vital role in the evolution of our landscape. It focuses on the urban periphery and the use of bio-architecture, energy efficiency, and sustainable urban planning.

The prize is open to architects or multi-disciplinary teams led by architects from around the world. It will be awarded to a realisation built between 1st July 2012 and 1st July 2015. The deadline for submitting documents is 30 June 2015.

Learn more about the prize:

e-mail: [info@bcfoundation.info](mailto:info@bcfoundation.info)

[http://en.bcbiennial.info/the-prize\\_2637498.html](http://en.bcbiennial.info/the-prize_2637498.html)



Residential complex in a rural setting on Japan's Hokkaido island. Konishi Hikohito architect. Winner of the 2009 Barbara Cappochin Prize.



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 'ARCHITECTURE AND CHILDREN' IN PALMA

Arquitectives - Spain, organised an international meeting of the UIA work programme Architecture and children in Palma. Experts from twelve countries met for two days in April 2015; professionals from Germany, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Egypt, Spain, Finland, France, Russia, Romania, and Sweden pooled their collective years of experience in teaching children about spaces and the built environment.

Arquitectives published a report on this conference in their blog. This Spanish organisation is working on development of a new website for the Architecture and children work programme.

Visit the Arquitectives website:

<http://arquitectives.blogspot.com.es/2015/04/when-all-energy-is-gathered-around-long>.





## UIA PARTICIPATES IN THE EUROCIITY CONFERENCE ON ACCESSIBILITY

The Eurocity network, in partnership with the cities of Lisbon and Berlin, will organise a conference entitled Barrier-free City for All, to look at accessibility and its impact on the economy, employment, social inclusion, urban planning and regeneration. Attendees will also examine the role of local authorities in implementing measures that favor universal accessibility and the upcoming European Act on this issue. The event will take place in Lisbon on 18 & 19 June 2015. Fionnuala Rogerson will represent the UIA and will be among the speakers.

Learn more about the work programme and the conference:

<http://www.eurocities.eu/eurocities/documents/CITIES-FOR-ACCESSIBILITY-JOBS-AND-INCLUSION-agenda-WSPO-9UEUV6>



## UIA SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNING CITY RESILIENCE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

Ten cities will participate in the international summit on designing resilient cities. Chennai, Glasgow, Barcelona, Melbourne, Bristol, Manchester, Austin, New York, Rome and Rio de Janeiro will share their respective paths toward city resilience at the event that will be held in London on 16 & 17 June 2015.

These cities agreed to share the challenges they have faced, their specific objectives and the obstacles they've encountered in workshops that will fill the two days of this summit.

Multidisciplinary groups of participants, with mayors and senior urban administration officials, will discuss the practical realities and critical issues they face. Through this process of sharing knowledge and experiences the workshops aim to create an international network and a dynamic for resilient cities.

The summit will take place in the RIBA offices, as part of celebrations for the fiftieth anniversary of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA), and is supported by the UIA.

Learn more:

[www.designingcityresilience.com](http://www.designingcityresilience.com)



## SEOUL THE WWF GLOBAL EARTH HOUR CAPITAL

Launched by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the 'Earth Hour City Challenge 2015' contest is designed to recognise the cities most strongly committed to fighting climate change. The South Korean capital city, Seoul, was selected for this title from among 163 cities in 16 countries. A true role-model for sustainable development, Seoul has set the goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 10 million tons and attaining 20% electricity self-reliance by 2020. Seoul will host the next World Congress of Architects from 8 to 13 September 2017.

Learn more:

[http://wwf.panda.org/wwf\\_news/?243831/Seoul-succeeds-in-WWFs-Earth-Hour-City-Challenge-2015](http://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?243831/Seoul-succeeds-in-WWFs-Earth-Hour-City-Challenge-2015)





## PHILHARMONIC HALL SZCZECIN RECEIVES DOUBLE HONOURS

The Philharmonic Hall in the Polish town of Szczecin, designed and built by the Italian/Spanish team Barozzi - Veiga has almost simultaneously been awarded the European Union's prize for contemporary architecture, the Mies van der Rohe Award, and the "Life architecture" prize for the best Polish building built between 2013 and 2014, supported by the Polish architecture journal *Architektura Murator* and the Association of Polish Architects (SARP).

According to the architects, the building's construction, on the exact site of the old hall destroyed by bombings during the second world war, was influenced by the surrounding context and buildings, and specifically by the "verticality of the city's residential buildings, by the monumentality of the upright ornaments of its neo-Gothic churches and the heavy volumes of its Classicist buildings, by the towers that dot its entire skyline and the cranes of its port."

An Emerging Architect Prize was also awarded to Catalan-studio Arquitectura-G for their single-family home "Luz House" within the framework of the Mies van der Rohe awards.

Barozzi Veiga, architects:

<http://barozziveiga.com/web/>

Learn more and see the Philharmonic Hall Szczecin in Archdaily online magazine:

<http://www.archdaily.com/628924/barozzi-veiga-s-philharmonic-hall-szczecin-receives-2015-eu-prize-for-contemporary-architecture-nil-mies-van-der-rohe-award/>



## AZA FESTIVAL 2015

The South African Institute of Architects - SAIA - announces the ArchitectureZA 2015 festival to take place in Johannesburg on 24 - 26 September 2015.

It is organised in collaboration with the Gauteng Institute for Architecture (Gifa) and the University of Johannesburg (UJ). The program targets the widest possible audience of architects and other actors in the design community. ArchitectureZA is one of the biggest events devoted to urban culture in Africa. It brings together cutting-edge thinkers and multidisciplinary practitioners working with the natural and built environment from around the world. AZA presentations, workshops, exhibitions, and film festivals have attracted over a thousand participants to earlier editions of the festival.

Learn more:

<http://architectureza.org>



## SUMMER ARCHITECTURE UNIVERSITY 2015 IN LYON

The National Council of the Ordre of French Architects is pursuing the dialogue opened in 2014 with all the various stakeholders in the built environment: elected officials, researchers, students and experts, in the second edition of its summer architecture university in Lyon, from 19 to 26 June 2015. The theme Anticipating Mutations will be developed according to two sub-themes and stages: Architecture serving territory development, and Architecture, an investment in the future.

<http://www.universites-architecture.org>



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