



UIA Prizes : Sora no Mori Clinic. Takaharu Tezuka and Yui Tezuka architect

OBJECTIVE HABITAT III THE UIA PREPARES ITS CONTRIBUTION

The Scientific Committee meeting for the World Urban Campaign, organized by UN-Habitat, will meet in Prague (Czech Republic) from 14-16 March 2016. The project entitled, 'The City We Need 2.0,' will be presented during the session along with the results from the urban thinkers campuses, which will then be submitted to the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) as a contribution from UN-Habitat's NGO partners. In preparation for Habitat III and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the meeting seeks to define "The Future We Want. The City We Need." The UIA is a partner organization of UN-Habitat, of the World Urban Campaign and of GAP.

The meeting sought to define "The Future that We Want, the City We Need" in preparation for Habitat III and for the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda. Thanks to its partnership with UN-Habitat, the UIA has the opportunity to take part in the Scientific Committee for the Campaign as well as in the General Assembly of partnerships in which it will be represented by: UIA Vice-President Ahmed Ali Khalifa Hayder (Sudan), UIA Council Member Munyanya Mohammed Khamis (Tanzania), UIA Representative to the United Nations, Zahir MD Ishtiaque (Bangladesh), and Islam Nayara Nuary (Bangladesh).

HABITAT III will take place in Quito (Ecuador), from 17 to 20 October 2016, and is organized around the theme: 'Sustainable Urban Development: the future of urbanization?' Its principle objective will be to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urban development and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The UIA will participate in the diverse procedures involved developing this Agenda. The President of the UIA will prepare a declaration defining the UIA's position during the conference. Ms. Christine Auclair, Project Manager for UN Habitat's World Urban Campaign, will be a guest at the next UIA Council meeting in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania.

<https://www.habitat3.org>

<http://www.worldurbancampaign.org>

VELUX INTERNATIONAL AWARD 2016

Registration
deadline: 1 April
2016.

<http://ivavelux.com>

COMPETITION REHABILITATION OF THE BUCHAREST MUSEUM

Deadline for
sending projects : 31
May. 2016.....

<http://www.uiaarchi>

COP 22 MARRAKECH

The UIA prepares its participation in the United Nations climate conference, COP 22, with architects from Morocco. >>p.2

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UIA SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATOR DEPARTS

At the end of February 2016, Nicolas Jelansky departed from the UIA Secretariat after serving as director of finance and administration. "We extend our thanks for his contributions and our best wishes to Nicolas in his new endeavours," said UIA president Esa Mohamed, speaking from Kuala Lumpur. Mr. Jelansky helped to organise two triennial UIA World Congresses of Architecture, first in Tokyo (2011) and then in Durban (2014). Secretariat operations are being carried by remaining staff and through elevated engagement of the President, the Treasurer and Secretary General.



COP 22 WITH THE MOROCCAN ARCHITECTS

In preparation for the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, COP 22, to be held in Marrakech, Morocco (7-18 November 2016), the UIA has approached the Moroccan Section, its President Abdelouahed Mountassir and Mohamed Chaoui, UIA Council Member. The UIA is gearing up for an event in the spirit of the conference that took place at the opening of COP 21 in Paris in December 2015. UIA Secretary General Thomas Vonier will meet the Moroccan architects in Paris in March.



The Paris International Conference brought together diverse organizations implicated in the design and construction of buildings and cities, which are deciding factors in the response to climate change.

Organizer of COP 7 in 2001, the Kingdom of Morocco has committed itself to limiting its greenhouse gas emissions, reducing them by 13% by 2030. The country has invested in an audacious sustainable development program, which seeks to produce electricity by using more than half "green" energy by 2030. According to the NGO, 'Climate Action Tracker', Morocco is ranked among the most ecologically sound countries in the world.



ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE DECLARED TO BE OF CULTURAL INTEREST

The 13th international architecture biennial in Costa Rica on the theme: 'Architecture = quality of life' has been declared 'of cultural interest' by the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Luis Guillermo Solís, and by the Ministry of Youth and Culture. Organized by the College of Architects of Costa Rica (CACR), it will take place from 4 to 7 May 2016 and will be dedicated to culture, education, the public space and infrastructure with participation from Cazú Zeger (Chile), Enrique Villacís (Ecuador), Fabian Aguilera (Colombia), Marcelo Carvalho Ferraz (Brazil) and Alfredo Maul (Guatemala).



ARCHITECTURE FROM COSTA RICA IN ROME

The College of Architects of Costa Rica (CACR) will present in Rome (Italy), from 15 to 29 March 2016, an exhibition entitled, 'Costa Rica Constructed In the Tropics.' A synthesis of projects and realizations illustrate the college's commitment to the diverse sectors of natural resources, education and Pan-American environments.

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RUSSIAN AND TURKISH ARCHITECTS FORTIFY THEIR RELATIONSHIP

In spite of the differences currently dividing the governments of their respective countries, the Chamber of Architects of Turkey (CAT) and the Union of Architects of Russia (UAR) have decided to reaffirm their confraternal relationship and their professional and scientific collaboration. By issuing a shared declaration voicing their commitment to the International Union of Architects (UIA) and to its founding principles, the two Member Sections have made a gesture in favor of world peace.

UIA President Esa Mohamed expressed his desire for peace in this region of the world and welcomed the declaration with these words: "The UIA is an organization which represents architects on a global level. It is the bastion of solidarity among the world's Architects to promote harmony and protect the environment and human habitat. It is for this reason that the UIA commends the initiatives of its Member Sections, the Chamber of Architects of Turkey and the Union of Architects of Russia in signing a joint Declaration aimed at solidifying the friendship and cooperation between the two National sections and all world Architects."

Read the declaration:

<http://www.uia.archi/sites/default/files/UAR-CAT/UAR-CAT-DECLARATION-05022016-EN.pdf>



HAYDER ALI AND YOSHIHIKO SANO AIA HONORARY FELLOWS

Each year, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) honors architects who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States by awarding them the title of Honorary Fellow. Among the 2016 recipients are UIA Vice-President Hayder Ali of Sudan and architect Yoshihiko Sano, Commissioner of the 2011 UIA Congress in Tokyo.

Find out more:

<http://www.aia.org/practicing/awards/2016/honorary-fellows/>



EXCELLENCE OF AUSTRALIAN ARCHITECTURE ON ALL SCALES

Every year since 1981, the Australian Institute of Architects organizes an awards program recognizing architectural realizations of all sizes in 14 categories. In 2015, 753 projects, finalists in a regional pre-selection process, were submitted to the jury led by David Karotkin, past president of the Institute. Three prizes have been awarded in the category of international realizations: the Jørn Utzon Award was attributed to the Pico Branch Library in Santa Monica, California (USA) by Koning Eizenberg Architecture Inc; two Australian International Awards went to the interior design of the Aman Hotel in Tokyo, Japan by Kerry Hill and to the Gloucestershire Garden Room in London, United Kingdom by Robert Grace Architecture.

<http://architecture.com.au/>



ARCHITECTURE TRIENNALE BUCHAREST

Registrations are open until 9 April 2016 for participation in the Bucharest Architecture Triennale. The event will be held from 15 September to 9 October 2016. Focusing on the theme of "Drifting Architecture," the exhibition will spotlight Central and Eastern European architecture and its recent transformations. The triennale is organized with the support of the Chamber of Architects of Romania and the magazine Arhitect.

<http://www.east-centricarch.eu/triennale/home/drifting>



Prix international pour l'architecture intérieure de l'hôtel Aman Tokyo - Kerry Hill Architects. Photo: Lighting Planners Associates Inc & Toshio Kaneko.





IN MEMORY OF PAUL PHOLEROS

The Australian Institute of Architects announced the passing away on 1 February 2016 of architect, humanist and activist Paul Pholeros. Founder and director of 'Healthabitat', a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the sanitary and living conditions of Australia's indigenous populations and the inhabitants of the Torres Strait, Pholeros was a professor at the University of Sydney and Vice President of Emergency Architects (Australia). Member of the Australian Order, he and his team were the 2008 recipients of the UIA Vassilis Sgoutas Prize and of the 2011 World Habitat Award attributed by UN-Habitat.

Homage to Paul Pholeros by his colleagues:

<http://wp.architecture.com.au/news-media/vale-paul-pholeros/#sthash.PJ03Ur4h.dpbs>



2015 JIA PRIZES

Every year, the Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) awards prizes to the creators of exemplary realizations in different areas of expertise. The Grand Prize and the JIA Prizes are intended to promote Japanese architects' creative activity.

This year, the Grand Prize was awarded to Shigeru Ban, Nobutaka Hiraga and Keita Sugai for the Art Museum of the Oita Prefecture. Two JIA prizes will award, respectively, Takaharu Tezuka and Yui Tezuka for the Sora no Mori Clinic and Tomotsune Honda for Jurin no Ie (The House in the Forest). First prizes for sustainable architecture have been awarded to Yoshihiko Iida for the Okinawa Nursing School and to Koichi Yasuda for (((cell))). The prize for excellence awarded to an edifice more than 25 years after its construction has been attributed to three buildings: the Tour of the Arts in Mito (Ibaraki Prefecture) realized in 1990 by Arata Isozaki & Andrea Maffei Associates, the Shinjuku Mitsui Building realized in 1997 by Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. NIHON SEKKEI, Inc, and the Gas Building, realized in 1933 par Takeo Yasui Architects & Engineers, Inc. Prizes for young architects, attributed by the public, were awarded to Jun Yanagisawa CONTEMPORARIES and to Kazuyasu Kochi.



See the awarded projects on the UIA website:

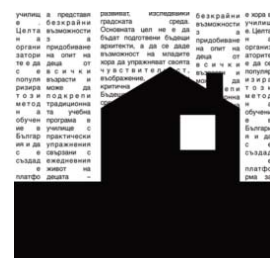
<http://www.uia.archi/en/exercer/nouvelles/10505#.Vs7hE1IU5QU>



THE CITY ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING

The Union of Architects of Bulgaria and the Children's Architectural Workshop of Sofia are organizing an international conference on 14 March 2016. This event will highlight the role of the city in teaching children about space and the built environment and will explore possibilities for interdisciplinary knowledge. The main goal is not to produce future architects, but to give children the opportunity to sharpen their sensitivity, their imagination, and their critical thinking abilities. Architects, teachers and construction professionals will meet to create pedagogic tools adapted to discovering the city environment. UIA Work Program members from Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Bulgaria will take part in the conference. The annual meeting is scheduled for 15 and 16 March.

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