



### RENDEZVOUS IN VENICE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CITIES 2:

The forty projects that made up the final selection in this international consultation launched by the UIA will be displayed from **9 September to 10 November 2006**, within the framework of the **Venice International Biennial of Architecture**, at the Palazzo Zorzi, UNESCO's European headquarters in Venice. The opening of this exhibition will take place on 8 September with the participation of numerous personalities such as French architect Odile Decq, and UIA officials Gaetan Siew and Giancarlo Ius. The exhibition's scenography was designed by Roberto and Ludovica Palomba.

Last June 15 in Vancouver, the international jury for the *Celebration of Cities 2* consultation designated the winners from among the projects chosen during the national selection process.

Two grand prizes ex-aequo were awarded in the professional category to **Caterina Anastasia**, Venice, Italy, and **Sung Goo Yang**, Seongnam-Si, Republic of Korea. The winning project in the student category was authored by **Valentina Araya**, Santiago, Chile.

A third edition of the Celebration of Cities will be launched on the occasion of the 2008 UIA World Congress in Turin.

#### for more information:

<http://www.celebcities2.org/>

### LIVING STEEL: RESULTS

The results of this international competition addressing the use of steel in social housing were announced on June 20, 2006, in Vancouver, within the framework of the World Urban Forum. This competition was launched during the UIA World Congress in Istanbul by the industrial group Living Steel.

Two sites were proposed for the projects: in Kolkata, India, and Warsaw, Poland.

A prestigious jury composed of **Glenn Murcutt**, **Charles Correa**, **James Barry**, **Andrew Ogorzalek**, **Jaime Lerner**, and **Nicolas de Monchaux** selected the winning projects.

**Piercy Conner** (United Kingdom) received first prize for the Indian site with a project entitled "Sym House"; **Architectenbureau cepezed b.v.**, (Netherlands) was chosen for the Warsaw site with the project "Kick Start". Each grand prize winner will receive the amount of 50 000 Euro.

#### for more information:

<http://www.livingsteel.org/content/view/92/134/>

NORDIC COUNTRIES  
FINLAND**FINNISH ARCHITECTURE 0405**

Until 3 September, the Museum of Finnish Architecture is showing a selection of significant architectural realisations built in Finland in 2004 & 2005. A vast array of projects from around the country will be on display throughout the summer. An exhibition catalogue will be available in English, and a series of conferences is also being organised. This initiative hopes to promote Finnish architectural production within Finland and abroad, and is the fruit of a collaboration between the **Finnish Association of Architects (SAFA)**, the **Alvar Aalto Academy**, and the **Helsinki Museum of Finnish Architecture**. The exhibition, organised as part of a programme of international cultural exchanges on contemporary architecture, will travel to venues around Europe and the United States.

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## RUSSIA

**14th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF RUSSIAN ARCHITECTURE**

On 19 to 22 October 2006, Moscow will host the 14th edition of this annual festival dedicated to the theme "New Russia is 15 Years Old!". The celebration's programme includes a panorama of recent Russian realisations: **urban planning and architecture**, a selection of constructions and projects designed between 2004 and 2006, as well as a selection by young architects, creations produced in children's workshops, and the presentation of films and publications. **Martin Drahovsky** will represent the UIA at this event, for which invitations have been sent to prestigious architects around the world.

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PEOPLE'S REP. OF  
CHINA**ASC TO HOST ARCASIA IN BEIJING**

On 17 - 22 September 2006, the **Architectural Society of China** will host the **12th Asian Congress of Architects** and the 27th meeting of the **ARCASIA Council**, around the theme **Architecture and Asian Cities: changes**. A variety of specific questions linked to the profession will be analysed: international exchange and Asian opportunities, the opening of markets and the responsibilities of architects, sustainable development for a harmonious society. Five internationally renowned architects will present conferences: **Charles Correa**, India, **Wu Liangyong** and **Zhang Jinqiu**, PR of China, **Kenneth Yeang**, Malaysia, **Choon-Soo Ryu**, Rep. of Korea; Gaetan Siew and Louise Cox will represent the UIA.

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## HABITAT - Region I

**STOCKHOLM SEMINAR**

Until **10 September**, the architects of UIA Region I are invited to send their contributions to the **next meeting** planned in Stockholm on **5 - 7 October**. The Work Programme is seeking examples of realisations that demonstrate architects' contribution to improving the quality of life through habitat. This programme would also like to incorporate new European members ready to enrich its contribution to the UIA Congress in Turin 2008 on the theme: **Transmitting Architecture for Sustainable Habitat: the Role of the Architect**.

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INTERMEDIATE CITIES  
AND WORLD  
URBANISATION**UIA-CIMES TO PARTICIPATE IN AFRICITIES 2006**

On 20 September 2006, the CIMES Work Programme will participate in the 2006 Africities Summit in Nairobi, dedicated to **African cities and heritage**. The UIA-CIMES presentation will be elaborated in collaboration with the UIA Work Programmes on tourism, and will focus on **intermediate cities: heritage, architecture, and urban planning as tools for development**. A joint meeting of the African Union of Architects (AUA) and the Presidents of Region V Sections will take place in parallel to the summit, in presence of Seif Alnaga.

The 2006 Africities Summit is the fourth edition of the Pan-African Local Government Days, that will take place in Nairobi on 18 - 24 September 2006 around the theme: **Building joint actions for the effective realisation of the Millenium Development Goals within African local governments**.

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SCIENCE AND HI-TECH  
FACILITIES**THE CAMPUS REINTEGRATES THE CITY**

This Work Programme has launched a **call for contributions** for its next meeting and seminar that will take place in Budapest on **4 to 6 October 2006**, on the theme **The High-Tech Campus within the city - the ecology/technology dilemma**. This seventh edition of the international seminar will examine the conditions of the return of scientific research facilities within cities, and within the context of their evolution and that of the current environment.

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## GENEVA

**PLEA 2006: PASSIVE AND LOW ENERGY ARCHITECTURE**

From 6 to 8 September 2006, Geneva will host the 23rd international conference - PLEA 2006. Organised by the University of Geneva and the University of Applied Sciences, Western Switzerland, PLEA 2006 is an appeal for ecological and environmental responsibility in architecture and planning around the theme: **Clever design, affordable comfort: A challenge for low energy architecture and urban planning.**

for more information:

[http://www.unige.ch/formcont/plea2006/plea2006\\_welcome.html](http://www.unige.ch/formcont/plea2006/plea2006_welcome.html)

## FLORENCE

**WORLD RENEWABLE ENERGY CONGRES**

The world congress and exhibition on renewable energy sources will take place in Florence on 19 - 25 August 2006. Among the issues to be discussed are: **low energy architecture; sustainable transportation; photovoltaic technology; applications of solar and wind power; biomass conversion; energy and poverty reduction.** The events are organised with the technical support of the Universities of Florence and Ulster.

for more information:

<http://www.wrenuk.co.uk/wrecix.html>

## SEOUL

**DIGITAL ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION**

On 19 - 21 September 2006, the University of Seoul's School of Architecture and Architectural Engineering in collaboration with the Wessex Institute of Technology, United Kingdom, is organising the **first international conference on digital architecture and construction.** The conference is directed toward professionals and researchers involved in the creation and use of new tools for design, management, and teaching that engender **new types of practice and new architectural forms.**

for more information:

<http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2006/digital06/index.html#>

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