

### WORLD DAY OF ARCHITECTURE 2006

On 2 October 2006, the UIA and UN-Habitat will celebrate together **Cities, magnets of hope** on the occasion of World Habitat Day and the World Day of Architecture. In choosing this theme, the United Nations hopes to alert policymakers to the power of cities to serve as catalysts for national development and challenge them to offer all inhabitants, both rich and poor, **the right to the city and to a decent and harmonious environment**. This goal increasingly requires the participation of architects, as we advance toward 2050 when it is predicted that half of the world's population will live in cities.

The official, joint celebration of World Habitat Day and the World Day of Architecture will take place in Naples, in the presence of **Anna Tibaijuka**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, and **Gaetan Siew**, UIA President. Several UIA Member Sections have informed us that they are organising national celebrations of architecture and habitat on this occasion. These Sections include **Georgia, Hungary, Portugal, Malta**, and the **Philippines**.

For more information:

[www.uia-architectes.org](http://www.uia-architectes.org)

[www.unhabitat.org](http://www.unhabitat.org)

### DISCOVERING ASMARA IN BERLIN



On 3 October the exhibition entitled **Asmara, Africa's Secret Modernist City** will open in Berlin. Until 3 December 2006, the Berlin Architecture Centre (DAZ) will give visitors the opportunity to discover this little-known pearl of Modern Movement architecture from the 1920's and 1930's. The **UIA** is associated with this initiative to promote and protect an original and precious example of architectural heritage.

For more information:

Deutsches Architektur Museum

[www.daz.de](http://www.daz.de)

### VALENCIA BY THE SEA: JUAN CARLOS Ist ROYAL MARINA



On 1 October 2006, *Consortio Valencia 2007*, a public organisation made up of officials from the national, regional, and municipal governments, is launching an **international ideas competition** for the planning of a part of the facilities that will host the regattas of the **32nd America's Cup**. *Valencia del Mar - Marina Real Juan Carlos I*, will cover a site of approximately 1 350 000 m<sup>2</sup> in and around the docks of Valencia's port, including a water surface of 565 000 m<sup>2</sup>. Registrations will be open until **31 October 2006**.

For more information:

[www.valencia2007.com](http://www.valencia2007.com)

## BRAZIL

**IAB CONGRESS UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF PAULO MENDES ROCHA**

From 11 to 14 October, the Institute of Architects of Brazil will organise its 18th congress in Goiania around the theme of **architecture and urbanism in the context of sustainable development**. Debates will focus on the production and social function of architecture and urbanism in the conflictual situation between models of economic development and the way the Brazilian territory is currently occupied. The congress will also examine the urgent need to protect and restore natural resources as well as the quality of urban and rural environments.

This year's congress is organised under the patronage of 2006 Pritzker Prize winner Paulo Mendes da Rocha.

For more information:

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## GEORGIA

**CELEBRATING ARCHITECTURE IN TBILISSI**

On 4 to 8 October, the Union of Architects of Georgia will host a series of events to celebrate the World Day of Architecture and to commemorate the organisation's 75 years of existence and 10 years as a **UIA Member Section**. UIA Second Vice-President Martin Drahovsky will be among the attendees for the international conference entitled **Architectural Intervention in Historic Cities**, and the competition/exhibition that will take place in the Georgian capital.

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## NAMIBIA

**THE NIA ON-LINE**

The **Namibian Institute of Architects** invites all the world's architects to visit its **new website**, and discover the first edition of its **newsletter** in pdf format, that can be downloaded from the site.

For more information:

[www.nia.org.na](http://www.nia.org.na)

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## UNITED KINGDOM

**RIBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN VENICE**

On 27 & 28 October, the **Royal Institute of British Architects** will hold its 2006 annual conference within the framework of the Venice Architecture Biennial, on the theme **Social City-Architecture and Change**. The conference will seek to determine if it is really true that good urban design can improve living conditions for inhabitants, promote good health, and reduce crime, as it is so often stated. Prestigious speakers including **Lord Foster**, as well as experts on social change, biodiversity, and sustainability, will share their thoughts on this essential question.

For more information:

[http://www.architecture.com/go/Architecture/Also/Awards\\_5475.html](http://www.architecture.com/go/Architecture/Also/Awards_5475.html)

PROFESSIONAL  
PRACTICE**QUALITY CRITERIA**

On **3 through 6 November**, this **UIA commission** will meet in Melbourne, hosted by the **Royal Australian Institute of Architects**. This commission has authored an Accord on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice, as well as a series of directives in order to encourage and support professional excellence. Nine different language versions of the Accord are available for download from the commission website. These documents are **regularly updated**, based on a **continual dialogue and search for professional consensus among the UIA Member Sections**. New issues are also being addressed such as the elaboration of architectural contracts, criteria for mutual recognition agreements, and the portability of architectural diplomas; essential questions at the core of the architectural profession, now and in the future.

The commission recently welcomed new members from Singapore and Morocco, and set up a task force that will help the UIA Member Section to harmonise their national laws with the UIA Accord policies.

To learn more about this commission and its work:

[http://www.aia.org/about\\_uia](http://www.aia.org/about_uia)

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## HABITAT - REGION I

**HABITAT: WHAT IS THE ARCHITECTS' ROLE ?**

On **5 to 7 October 2006**, this **UIA Habitat regional work programme** will meet in **Stockholm** and examine exemplary realisations in order to identify the contributions made by architects to the improvement of urban and rural habitat. Through this effort, the work programme members hope to highlight the **role and responsibilities of the architect at every phase in the creation of habitat**.

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SCIENCE AND  
HIGH-TECH  
FACILITIES**DILEMMA IN THE HEART OF THE CITY**

On **4 to 6 October 2006**, this **UIA programme** will hold its annual seminar in **Budapest** on the theme **The High-Tech Campus in the City - the eco-technological dilemma**. To illustrate the **two faces of the issue**, participants will tour the historic centre of the Hungarian capital city, as well as the ComGenex, nano- and biotechnological research laboratory.

<http://high-tech.bme.hu/IGS/ENG>

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## BRUSSELS



## EURAU'06

On **11 through 13 October**, Belgium will host the 3rd European **symposium on teaching and research in architecture, urban and landscape design**. Under the theme Architecture & Heritage, this event will bring together architects, town planners, historians, professors, and researchers for a colloquium, an exhibition, and a number of conferences. The symposium is part of a larger programme to establish a **European network** of partners from the **scientific community and professional disciplines**.

For more information:

<http://www.eurau06.be/>

## LIJIANG



## EURO-ASIA WORLD HERITAGE CITIES

On **15 through 18 October 2006**, China will host the second conference on Euro-Asia world heritage cities, under the auspices of UNESCO. The event will focus on successfully utilising heritage to ensure a prosperous future for these cities, and aims to elaborate strategies and programmes of preservation and adequate use of the cultural heritage sites in these cities. **Cultural diversity**, the **promotion of tourism**, and **getting young people involved in cultural heritage** are the three sub-themes of the conference.

For more information:

[www.ovpm.org/index.php?module=Ovpm&func=news&pid=20&lang=eng](http://www.ovpm.org/index.php?module=Ovpm&func=news&pid=20&lang=eng)

## NICOSIA

## E-VOLUTION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

From **30 October to 4 November**, a series of events dedicated to the use of new technologies for e-documentation and research in the realm of architectural and archeological heritage will take place in Cyprus. This event is organised, notably, by the International Committee for Architectural Photogrammetry (CIPA), one of the international committees of ICOMOS

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