

UIA
 UMAR
**STRENGTHENING TIES BETWEEN UIA AND UMAR**

The UIA and the Union of Mediterranean Architects (UMAR) signed an agreement of cooperation with a view to setting up a **joint action programme**.

This programme will focus particularly on **architectural culture**: heritage, urban renewal, renovation and also on **sustainable development**: environment, energy saving.

More information:

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/france/Menu-2/UIAUMAR.html>

 UIA CORPORATE
 PARTNERS
**HOLCIM PRIZE FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION**

In the framework of its **partnership with the Holcim Foundation for sustainable development**, the UIA is associated with several of its initiatives such as its Awards. These regional and global cycles of architectural competitions are future orientated and tangible visions of sustainable construction.

The Foundation promotes innovative approaches as a way of **encouraging technological, environmental, socio-economic and cultural solutions** for buildings and sustainable construction.

More information on the 2008 session of the Holcim Awards for sustainable construction

http://www.holcimfoundation.org/T154/holcim_awards.htm

 INTERNATIONAL
 PRIZES
**BARBARA CAPPOCHIN 2009 PRIZE AND BIENNIAL**

The aim of the Barbara Cappochin Prize is to heighten awareness and associate the various actors in the architectural world –town planners, constructors and clients- with the promotion of quality planning and construction in natural and urban environments. It is closely associated with **the biennial of architecture in Padua, Italy**. The special guest to the 2009 session will be **Zaha Hadid**, an exhibition of whose works will be presented.

The prize-money, in total **72 000 euros**, will reward architectural realisations completed between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2009. Candidatures must reach the organisers by **30 June 2009** at the latest.

More information:

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/france/Cappochin2009/1-annonce.html>

BALTIC COUNTRIES
ESTONIA**INAUGURATION OF THE ESTONIAN CENTRE OF ARCHITECTURE IN TALLINN**

On 7 October 2008, the President of the Union of Estonian Architects (UEA), **Ike Volkov** inaugurated the new centre created jointly by the UEA and the Estonian Academy of Arts. In the perspective of **creativity, innovation, economy and sustainability**, the mission of the Centre is to promote the country's architecture and the development of relations with all sectors concerned by architecture and urban planning.

Info @arhliit.ee
<http://www.arhliit.ee/>

IRELAND

URBAN FORUM

From 10 to 11 November 2008, in Dublin, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland will organise a new edition of its urban forum, a **multidisciplinary training course** offered to architects, landscape architects, engineers, planners and surveyors. The central theme will focus on urban design in a changing environment.

Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
<http://www.riai.ie/index.html?id=7351>

HONDURAS

**PANAMERICAN ARCHITECTS CONGRESS**

From 16 to 23 November 2008, the 23rd Congress of the Panamerican Architects will be held in Tegucigalpa, on the theme: **"Architecture and human rights: the futures of sustainability"**. 1500 participants are expected to highlight the architect's responsibility in the creation of spaces and cities respectful of human beings and the environment. Participants will include **Mauricio Rivero Borrell**, 1st UIA Vice-President, **German Suarez Betancourt**, **Denise Albuquerque**, **Antonio Moraes de Castro**, and **Gabriel Durand Hollis**. The Panamerican Federation of Associations of Architects (FPAA) will hold its general assembly during the Congress on the 18 and 19 November. **Louise Cox**, UIA President, and **Jordi Farrando**, UIA Secretary General, will participate in the congress.

College of Architects of Honduras
http://www.arquitectoshonduras.org/XXIIIcongreso/XXIII_congreso.htm

ECUADOR

**PANAMERICAN BIENNIAL OF ARCHITECTURE OF QUITO**

From 17 to 21 November 2008 the 16th edition of this biennial will be held, on the theme: **"Feeling the architecture of the American continent"**. This edition will propose a retrospective of the **last 30 years during which 15 biennials** were held without a break in the cycle. Presented also will be **realisations completed between 2004 and 2008 in American countries** in the fields of architectural design, planning, and landscape. Social habitat and development will be presented through global realisations.

<http://www.baq-cae.ec/baq-cae/index.php>

SOUTH AFRICA



AL STRATFORD SAIA PRESIDENT

Al Stratford succeeds Hassan Asmal as the head of the South African Institute of Architects. Architect, inventor, entrepreneur, he is creator of innovative construction products several times honoured by the South African Bureau of Standards Design Awards.

The South African Institute of Architects - SAIA

<http://www.saia.org.za/>

CANADA



RAIC ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF PAULE BOUTIN TO THE PRESIDENCY

Paule Boutin succeeds to Kiyoshi Matsuzaki, as President of the RAIC. She is in private practice and actively involved in the activities of the Order of Architects of Quebec as well as those of the RAIC. "The public at large has become more interested in the architect over the past few years, which is a very good thing", said Ms Boutin. "We can benefit from this interest to explain why architecture is so important".

WIKI: A WEB SITE TO RESPOND TO THE "2030 CHALLENGE"

This site is a tool to allow architects share information on achieving the goals set by the 2030 challenge, that is to say, **to make buildings carbon-neutral by 2030**. Wiki is open to all but only RAIC members can contribute and edit.

Royal Architecture Institute of Canada - RAIC

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

Site Wiki

<http://www.raic.org/2030wiki/index.php?title=Welcome&setlang=fr>

FRANCE



JEAN-PAUL SCALABRE NEW CIAF PRESIDENT

Jean-Paul Scalabre, succeeds Albert Dubler as President of the International Council of French Architects. Vice-President of the Syndicat de l'architecture, Jean-Paul Scalabre is a member of the executive board of the Architects Council of Europe (ACE). He is member of the Joint Oversight Committee of the **UIA international continuing professional development programme**.

Conseil international des architectes français - CIAF

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ARCHITECTURAL
EDUCATION**MEETINGS IN LONDON**

From 6 to 8 November in London, on the invitation of the **Royal Institute of British Architects**, will be held, successively, a meeting of the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council for Architectural Education, a meeting of the thematic reflection groups of the UIA Commission for Architectural Education that will be followed by a meeting of the Commission itself.

More information about the Commission

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/france/Menu-4/2-Commissions-b.html>

PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE**THE COMMISSION IN MARRAKECH**

From 10 to 12 December 2008, the UIA Professional Practice Commission will meet in Marrakech on the invitation of the **Ordre of Architects of Morocco**. On the occasion of this meeting, the members of the Commission will report and discuss notably the following issues: the new themes and the amendments brought to the recommended guidelines of the Accord on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice; development of relations with the WTO; Louise Cox and Giancarlo Lus suggestions for the Commission's action during the triennial period, presented by Louise Cox, UIA President; relations of the Professional Practice Commission with the UIA Commission on Architectural Education.

More information about the Commission

http://www.aia.org/about_uia

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ARES

ZERO CO2 ARCHITECTURE IN HUNGARY

On 5 November 2008, the Association of Hungarian Architects together with the UIA Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources programme is organising, in Budapest, a second conference on zero CO2: sustainable architecture, on the theme "**renewable energies in the built environment: towards a sustainable future**". Four key issues will structure the debates: innovation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, protection of the environment. **Nikos Fintikakis**, Director of the ARES programme will address the conference during which the European winning projects of the 2008 Holcim Foundation Prize for sustainable development will be presented.

Association of Hungarian Architects

<http://www.meszorg.hu/>

The Holcim Foundation for sustainable development

http://www.holcimfoundation.org/T777/Holcim_Awards_2008_Europe_.htm





around the world

UNESCO



AWARDS FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION

UNESCO launches a call for candidatures for the 2009 session of its **Awards for cultural heritage conservation in Asia and the Pacific**. It thus recognises individuals or organisations having contributed to highlighting historic structures or buildings restored during the past 10 years. Contributions must reach the organisers before the **31 March 2009**.

<http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=2080>

HISTORIC DISTRICTS FOR ALL

Published with a view to a **training session that will be proposed during the 4th World Urban Forum**, this brochure for local authorities, is designed to help them become aware of the role of political will, of the necessary conservation of tangible and intangible heritage and of **highlighting cultural diversity**. The brochure is available and may be downloaded in English and French.

<http://portal.unesco.org/shs/fr/ev.php->

EMERGENCY ARCHITECTS



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS

On **6 and 7 November 2008**, in Paris, an international conference will be held by the Emergency Architects Foundation on the theme: **"A different way to be an architect"**. It will review actions carried out over the past two years, look at future projects and the place of the architect in crisis situations.

<http://www.archi-urgent.com/>

UNO HABITAT



FOURTH WORLD URBAN FORUM

After Nairobi in 2002, Barcelona in 2004, Vancouver in 2006, the fourth Urban Forum will take place in Nanjing, China, from **4 to 6 November 2008** on the theme: **"Harmonious Urbanisation: the challenge of balanced territorial development"**. It will focus on examining one of the most urgent issues confronting the world today: rapid urbanisation and the consequences on communities, cities, economies and policies. One of the main challenges is **to reduce the expansion of poverty**, by improving access for the urban poor to the **basic facilities essential to achieve a sustainable development respectful of the environment**.

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?cid=4613&catid=535&typeid=24&subMenuId=0>

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