

INTERNATIONAL  
 COMPETITIONS

**REDESIGNING CAIRO'S RAMSES SQUARE**

Until 1st January 2009, architects from around the world are invited to sign up to participate in the international project competition to redesign Ramses square and the surrounding area in the heart of Egypt's capital city. This competition has been approved by the UIA and **Alexandru Beldiman** will represent the union on the international jury.

**Information**

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Ramses/2-annonce.html>  
[www.urbanharmony.org](http://www.urbanharmony.org)


**MAXMIX CITIES CELEBRATION OF CITIES 3**

Until 20 January 2009 architects and students of architecture are invited to submit their questions on the web pages devoted to the 3rd edition of the Celebration of Cities. With this year's theme, MAXMIX CITIES, the celebration is looking to resolve some of the multiple contradictions in modern cities: high density and anonymity, mankind's separation from nature and desire to return to it, opposition between urban and rural contexts, between past and present.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/CC3/2-annonce-maxmix.html>  
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 INTERNATIONAL  
 PRIZES

**VELUX ANNOUNCES ITS 2008 PRIZES**

This third edition of the international VELUX Prize for students of architecture from around the world was a huge success. **Six-hundred and eighty-six projects were received from forty-six countries** on the theme **The Light of Tomorrow**. The international jury for the prize was chaired by **Hani Rashid**, and **Eva Jiricna** represented the UIA.

The first prize was awarded to **Reilly O'Neil Hogan** (USA), second place went to **Ruan Hao** and **Xiong Xing** (China) and third prize to **Dean Carlo MacGregor** (Portugal).

All the projects can be seen online on the competition website  
[www.velux.com/A](http://www.velux.com/A)

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**2008 HOLCIM PRIZE FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION**

After the sessions in Europe, North America and Latin America, the Holcim prizes for sustainable construction were awarded to projects in **Africa and the Middle East**. The **Gold Award** recognised the river remediation and urban development scheme for the Fez river, in the Moroccan city of the same name. The project was elaborated by Moroccan architect **Aziza Chaouni** and Japanese urban planner **Takako Tajimi**. The Global Holcim Awards will be chosen next year from among the 2008 regional prize winners.

**See the winning projects**

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

PROFESSIONAL  
PRACTICE**COMMISSION MEETING IN MARRAKECH**

On **10 through 12 December 2008**, the UIA Professional Practice Commission will meet in Marrakech, hosted by the **Order of Architects of Morocco**. Immediately preceding its regular meeting, on 10 December, the Commission will organise an invitational round table to discuss **post-diploma internships** and international recognition of these experiences based on the UIA model mutual recognition agreement.

On 10 December 2008, the members of the **UIA Continuing Professional Development programme's** joint oversight committee will also meet in Marrakech.

**More information on the commission**

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

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**Web site for the International Continuing Professional Development programme**

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

ARCHITECTURE  
AND RENEWABLE  
ENERGY SOURCES**CITIES, TERRITORIES, LANDSCAPES AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

As part of the International Renewable Energies Exhibition that will take place in Montpellier, France on **10 – 12 December 2008**, **Nikos Fintikakis**, Director of the UIA work programme ARES, will deliver a conference entitled "Cities, territories and landscapes in the context of climate change."

**More information on the exhibition**

<http://www.energaia-expo.com/>

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INTERMEDIATE  
CITIES AND  
URBANISATION**A PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC NETWORK**

From **15 to 18 December 2008**, the University of Lerida will host the first international seminar on the theme of Intermediate Cities, urbanisation and development.

The UIA-CIMES programme is a professional network that unites **111 intermediate cities**, allowing them to work together to define appropriate urban best-practices. Since July 2008, the programme also includes a network of **9 universities** attributed with the **UNESCO chair** entitled "Intermediate Cities, urbanisation and development" that addresses the academic and scientific aspects of the question.

**More information on the programme**

<http://www.paeria.es/cimes/>

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## AUA

### AFRICAN UNION OF ARCHITECTS

On **13 and 14 December 2008**, the African Union of Architects' Council will meet in Marrakech, Morocco. The current president of the AUA is **Seif Al Naga**, former UIA Vice-President.



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## UMAR

### UNION OF MEDITERRANEAN ARCHITECTS

On **12 and 13 January 2009**, the Order of Architects of Morocco will host the Union of Mediterranean Architect's (UMAR) General Assembly in **Fez**. Immediately following this meeting, on **14 January**, the city of Fez will celebrate Moroccan Architects Day.



Union of Mediterranean Architects – UMAR

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

## ARCASIA

### MUBASSHAR HUSSAIN

Bangladeshi architect Mubasshar Hussain was elected **Chairman of the Architects Regional Council, Asia**. He is an independent professional in his home country where he has designed and realised numerous facilities. He was also one of the instigators of the **Bangladesh Building Code** and worked ardently to ensure the **protection of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban building complex designed by Louis Khan**. Mubasshar Hussain is also President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh. He succeeds **Kun Chang Yi** (Republic of Korea).



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

## FPAА

### JORGE RAUL MONTI

Argentinean architect **Jorge Raul Monti** was elected president of the **Pan-American Federation of Architectural Associations**. He takes over this function from **Gabriel Durand Hollis**. Jorge Raul Monti has been practising independently for 32 years. He teaches at the **Cordoba** Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning and served as Construction Director for the municipality of Cordoba.



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## HONG KONG

**BODW 08 WITH THE BNA**

On 8 to 13 December 2008, the Hong Kong Design Center will host the **Business of Design Week (bodw)**. Organised in cooperation with the **Hong Kong Institute of Architects**, the international partner for this year's event will be the Netherlands, with contributions relating to architecture from the **Royal Institute of Dutch Architects (BNA)**. **Rem Koolhaas, Winy Maas and Ben van Berkel** are among the speakers for this event.

[http://www.bodw.com/2008/eng/about\\_bodw.php](http://www.bodw.com/2008/eng/about_bodw.php)

## INDIA

**MAD - MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

From 10 - 12 December 2008, the Indian Institute of Architects will hold its national congress in **Bangalore**. The theme of this professional convention is **Architects and Architecture – Making a Difference (MAD)**. The convention will discuss the role of the architect, the profession's growing interest in sustainable development and environmental protection and the changing demands of society in relation to these questions. Speakers will include **Will Alsop, George Ferguson, Ken Yeang and Wolf Prix**.

**More information**

[www.iiia-bangalore.org](http://www.iiia-bangalore.org)

## COSTA RICA

**MARIO ÁLVAREZ MUÑOZ**

**Mario Álvarez Muñoz** succeeded **Abel Salazar Vargas** as president of the **Colegio de arquitectos de Costa Rica** for the 2008-2010 period. In this role he will represent his country in the Central American Federation of Architects (FCA) and the Pan-American Federation of Architectural Associations (FPAA). **Mario Álvarez Muñoz** is an Alternate UIA Council member along with **Abel Salazar Vargas**, who is the titular member.

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## JAPAN

**YUTAKA IZUE**

**Yutaka Izue** became president of the **Japan Institute of Architects** following the mandate served by **Mitsuru Senda**. Mr. Izue runs his own firm in Osaka and teaches at the university. He is intensely involved in the work of the JIA since 1996.

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## RUSSIA

**ANDREY VLADIMIROVICH BOKOV**

Andrey Vladimirovich Bokov succeeded Yuri Gnedovski as president of the **Union of Architects of Russia**.

Researcher and scientist, Mr. Bokov was chief architect then director of the **Institute for Research, Design, Leisure, and Health** of the Moscow Committee for Architecture and Urban Planning. In his role as professor, Mr. Bokov has published numerous articles and several books. He has also been honoured with prestigious national awards.

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