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CULTURE-ARCHITECTURE

WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY 2013

By choosing CULTURE-ARCHITECTURE as the theme for the 2013 World Architecture Day, the UIA hopes to generate a wellspring of interpretations and illustrations of architects' diversity, richness, imagination, and capacity for invention through their designs and realisations. UIA also hopes to affiliate its members with the UNESCO declaration entitled Placing Culture at the Heart of Sustainable Development Policies, that was drafted in Hangzhou, China, last May.

The UIA invites its members to celebrate World Architecture Day on 7 October 2013, by creating events that highlight culture as a vital part of the architectural process and illustrate its potential to help resolve the challenges architects face in the practice of their profession.

Read more:

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/en/s-informer/nouvelles/7565>



UIA DURBAN 2014 CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The UIA Durban 2014 scientific committee has launched the call for contributions for the upcoming UIA congress in Durban, South Africa (3-7 August, 2014). Scientific abstracts should illustrate the congress theme: ARCHITECTURE OTHERWHERE, according to the three subthemes of resilience, ecology, values. Abstracts must be submitted on-line through the Oxford Abstracts system before 31 October 2013, and must be in English.

Complete information:

http://www.uia2014durban.org/inside_the_event.htm

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NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE PRIZE - MEXICO

Francisco Serrano is
the 2013 recipient

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GRAND PRIX DE L'ARCHITECTURE FRANCE

This prestigious
award given to Marc
Barani

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SPAIN

UIA SUPPORTS THE DECLARATION IN FAVOUR OF SPANISH ARCHITECTURE

Albert Dubler went to Madrid on 11 July 2013, to sign the declaration in favour of Spanish architecture and reiterate the UIA's support for Spanish architects. On behalf of the Union he joined local architects, teachers and students in stating their indignation and opposition to the proposed law that would authorize other professions to design and build architectural works, which threatens both architects and the quality of architecture in Spain.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/en/exercer/nouvelles/7572#.UfXQtGRASGM>



CANADA

MAXIME-ALEXIS FRAPPIER 2013 YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD

Architecture Canada - RAIC recently selected Maxime-Alexis Frappier as the winner of its 2013 Young Architect Award. Graduating from the University of Montreal School of Architecture in 2000, he won the prestigious Canadian Architect Student Award of Excellence for his thesis work. From 2000 to 2006, he worked for Saucier + Perrotte architects on a number of significant projects. In 2006, he co-founded ACDF ARCHITECTURE, which is now comprised of 35 passionate professionals. Since its creation, he has worked on projects throughout Canada, in the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, and Indonesia. His design approach is based on the precise understanding of the user's needs. The jury was impressed by the quality and breadth of work achieved by so young an architect. In addition, Maxime-Alexis Frappier shows a remarkable engagement to the profession and contributes tremendous energy to training future architects within his studio and at the University of Montreal.



Read more:

<http://www.acdf.ca/site/en/accueil>

See ACDF's project for the Keelung terminal in Taiwan:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waiMI3XEqkA>



MONGOLIA

THE MONGOLIAN ARCHITECTS UNION TO HOST THE UNION OF WOMEN ARCHITECTS

The 18th congress organised by the International Union of Women Architects will take place in Ulan-Bator, Mongolia, on 1 - 7 September 2013, hosted by the Mongolian Union of Architects. The congress will look at the role of women architects in the struggle to mitigate climate change, and will identify possible solutions in the realms of urban and territory planning and environmental protection.

<http://www.uifa.fr/congress.htm>



PORTUGAL

MEETINGS IN LISBON WITH UIA REGION I

The Order of Architectes of Portugal will host a meeting of presidents from UIA member sections in region I (Western Europe) as well as a region I - Architecture and heritage work programme meeting. The former will take place on 13 & 14 September 2013, and the latter on 14 September.

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MEXICO

FRANCESCO SERRANO 2013 NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARD

In presenting the national architecture prize to Francisco Serrano, on 14 June 2013, the president of the Republic of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, also congratulated the body of building professionals and called on them to construct "a better country". Francisco Serrano follows in a lineage of architects covering two generations, and is a major personality in Mexican architecture. He collaborated for many years with his mentor, Teodoro Gonzalez de Leon, and his work was also influenced by collaboration with other talented Mexican architects including Susana Garcia Fuentes and her son Pablo. Among his major recent works are Terminal 2 at Benito Juárez airport and extensions to the Francisco Xavier Clavigero library at the Universidad Iberoamericana.

<http://www.franciscoserranoarquitecto.com/obras-premiadas.html>



FRANCE

MARC BARANI GRAND PRIX DE L'ARCHITECTURE

Aurélie Filippetti, French Minister of Culture and Communication, presented the national grand prize for architecture to Marc Barani for his career accomplishments. Anthropologist and set designer, his practice of architecture is transversal, bringing together multidisciplinary teams according to the project, working with landscape architects, designers and visual artists. He defines architecture as "the science of subtle associations". Marc Barani designed the Passerelle du Millénaire with sculptor Bernard Pagès, the Renault bridge in Boulogne Billancourt, and Eric Tabarly bridge in Nantes. He also directed rehabilitation of the Les Églises center for contemporary art in Chelles, with Martin Szekely, and of the Fernand Léger museum in Biot.

<http://webtv.citechailot.fr/video/marc-barani>



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USA

THOMAS VONIER AIA VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT

Thomas V. Vonier, AIA Vice-President for region III, was elected to serve as Vice-President of the American Institute of Architects for the 2014-2015 term. Elections were held at the AIA convention in Denver, Colorado, last June. Elisabeth Chu Richter will serve as First Vice-President for 2014, and take over as AIA president for 2015.

Read more:

<http://www.aia.org/practicing/AIAB099440>



FRANCE CANADA ITALY

THE MAISONS DE L'ARCHITECTURE NETWORK GOES INTERNATIONAL

The Quebec Maison de l'architecture and the Turin Order of Architects' Foundation have joined the French maisons de l'architecture network. These new channels open to the exterior will increase the network's realm of possibilities, raising cultural awareness about architecture outside the national borders. This diversification will benefit all of the network's initiatives: travelling exhibitions, conferences, residence halls for architects, educational projects and film festivals.

www.ma-lereseau.org





5TH INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL CHINA

The Bird's Nest, realised by Swiss architects Herzog and de Meuron for the Beijing Olympic Games, will host the 5th Chinese architecture biennial on 20 August - 20 October 2013. The Chinese Ministry of Culture and the Society for Culture and Architecture in China are supporting this event entitled Beautiful China - my city, my home. Prestigious contributors to this biennial include Olafur Eliasson, Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, Krzysztof Wodiczko, Herzog & de Meuron Architekten, Mohsen Mostafavi, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, Zaha Hadid, Zhu Bingren and Yang Fengshen.

In parallel, the Architectural Society of China will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its creation accompanied by the UIA Council members, who will be in session in Beijing on 21 & 22 October 2013.

Read more about the biennial:

<http://www.ciab.com.cn/web/indexen.asp>



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WORLD URBAN CAMPAIGN

The UIA is a partner in the United Nations and UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign and the various actions included in its programme. Former UIA president Louise Cox will represent the Union at the next steering committee meeting to take place in Nantes, France, on 28 & 29 September 2013. This meeting is organised as part of the 10th World Summit on Sustainable Cities: ECOCITY 2013, (25-27 September), which aims to serve as the collective place and moment to build a common culture among sustainable city actors, a platform to accelerate the green transition on a global scale, in partnership with UN-Habitat and the UNEP.

Read more about the world urban campaign:

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

Read more about ECOCITY 2013:

<http://www.ecocity-2013.com/en>



IN MEMORIAM LUUB WESSELS

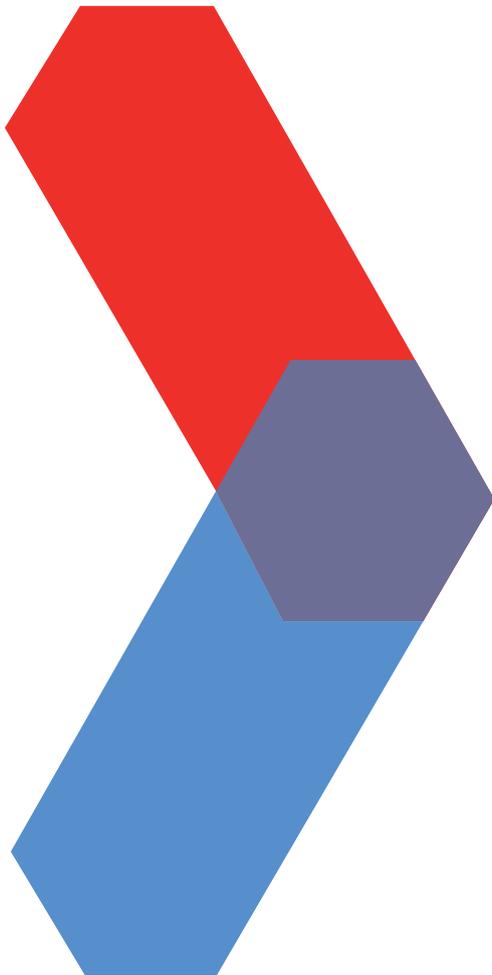
Director of the UIA work programme on public health from 2005 to 2009, Luub Wessels passed away on 27 June 2013, in the Netherlands. A specialist in healthcare facilities, he served as deputy director of the architecture department for the municipality of Rotterdam, and as director of the building department at the National Healthcare Facilities Board in the Netherlands. Luub Wessels was highly respected by his colleagues both in his home country and abroad, in particular among the members of the UIA Public Health work programme. He was made a Knight in the Order van Oranje Nassau by Queen Beatrix. The UIA sends its most sincere condolences to his wife, family, friends and colleagues.



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