

## Happy New Year 2012

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## UIA

**FRANCE HONOURS LOUISE COX**

**Frédéric Mitterrand**, French Minister of Culture and Communication, presented UIA Immediate Past President Louise Cox with the insignia of Knight in the **French Order of Arts and Letters**, during a reception in the Paris salons of the ministry on 21 November 2011. Guests included UIA President **Albert Dubler**, UIA Secretary General **Michel Barmaki**, President of the International Union of Women Architects **Solange d'Herbez de la Tour**, and President of the Emergency Architects Foundation **Patrick Coulombel**.

## UIA

**DEATH OF RICARDO LEGORRETA VILCHIS, UIA GOLD MEDALLIST.**

The Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta passed away in Mexico, on 30 December 2011, aged 80. Emblematic figure of Mexican architecture and author of over a hundred works, he was laureate of the UIA Gold Medal in 1999 and the first Mexican architect to be honoured, last November, with the Praemium Imperiale for architecture, awarded by the Japan Art Association.

Ricardo Legorreta web site  
<http://legorretalegorreta.com/>

INTERNATIONAL  
COMPETITIONS**GORAN RAKO WINS THE 12th THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR ARCHITECTURE AWARD**

The Croatian team led by architect Goran Rako won the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Architecture Award as the result of an international competition to design a **centre for earthquake awareness and preparedness in Istanbul**. This competition was placed under the auspices of the International Union of Architects. Second prize was awarded to the Vietnamese team led by **Manuel Der Hagopian**, and third prize to the Lebanese team led by **Yousef Mallat**. Ten honourable mentions were also awarded.

[http://www.thyssenkrupp-elevator-architecture.com/proyectos\\_11.aspx](http://www.thyssenkrupp-elevator-architecture.com/proyectos_11.aspx)

INTERNATIONAL  
COMPETITIONS**GENCAY ÇUBUK WINS THE ANTALYA YOUNG ARCHITECTS COMPETITION**

Turkish architect Gencay Çubuk took first prize in the competition organised by the Turkish Chamber of Architects and its Antalya branch as part of its young architects' biennial. His prize-winning project is a **3D invention depicting a possible future for New York City** entitled 'Stop - urban intersections'. Second prize was awarded to **Tugba Öztürk** (Turkey), and two ex-aequo third prizes went to **Pablo Gil and Jaime Bartolomé** (Spain) and **Ersin Ince** (Turkey).

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## HONG KONG



### BI-CITY BIENNIAL OF URBANISM \ ARCHITECTURE

From **15 February to 23 April 2012**, the cities of **Hong Kong** and **Shenzhen** will simultaneously host a biennial of architecture and urban planning entitled **Tri-ciprocal Cities** - time, place and humanity. Close to 50 presenters will illustrate this theme dedicated to different **scenarios for the cities of our world and our dream cities**. The biennial hopes to appeal to **all audiences and age groups** through interactive and educational activities and games. This event is organised by the **Hong Kong Institute of Architects** (HKIA), the Institute of Urban Planners and the Hong Kong Association of Designers.

<http://hkszbiennale.org/2011/en/index.html>

## NEW ZEALAND



### SOUTH AND EAST - OUR PLACE IN THE NEW WORLD

From **16 to 18 February 2012**, Auckland will host a conference organised by the New Zealand Institute of Architects, with contributions from **Yung Ho Chang** (China), **Richard Hassel** (Singapore), **Junya Ishigami** (Japan), **Michael Lavery** (Australia), **Gurjit Singh Matharoo** (India), **Peter Rich** (South Africa) and **Paloma Vera** (Mexico). The theme - South and East, our place in the new world, is an invitation for the architects of **New Zealand**, along with their colleagues in **southern Asia, Africa and South America** to demonstrate their place in the new global world, the innovative results of new challenges and the **energy of their regions**.

<http://www.nziaconference.co.nz/about.html>

## UNITED KINGDOM



### HERMAN HERTZBERGER - RIBA GOLD MEDAL

The Royal Institute of British Architects' 2012 Gold Medal crowns the **fifty-year career of Dutch architect Herman Hertzberger**. RIBA President Angela Brady, who chaired the selection committee, said, "Herman Hertzberger has transformed the way we think about architecture, both as architects and people who use buildings.... Throughout his career his humanity has shone through in his schools, homes, theatres and workplaces." Editor for the journal *Forum* along with Aldo Van Eyck, he was one of the **crusaders for architectural structuralism** and **co-founder of the Berlage Institute in Amsterdam**, a seminal laboratory for architecture and urban planning. Peter Cook writes of him "Hertzberger was never satisfied with conventional thinking; despite the consistency of his architecture, he constantly reinvented his own solutions."

#### More information

<http://www.architecture.com/Awards/RoyalGoldMedal/>

Watch the video on the Central Beheer office complex designed by H. Hertzberger in **Apeldoorn, Netherlands**

<http://vimeo.com/18895134>

## SPAIN



### IBERIAN-AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING BIENNIAL

Registration to take part in the Iberian-American architecture biennial is open until 1st March. The biennial will take place **next September in Cadiz, Spain**, under the auspices, notably, of the **Superior Council of Spanish Colleges of Architects (CSCAE)**, and will look at the theme of **maritime development in cities**.

<http://www.biau.es/index.php/introduccion>

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



### STEVEN HOLL RECEIVES AIA GOLD MEDAL

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) will present its 2012 Gold Medal to Steven Holl on the occasion of its **annual convention in Washington D.C. on 17 - 19 May**. Realisations by Steven Holl and his studio can be found in Kauai, Hawaii; Helsinki; Seoul; Beijing; Shenzhen; and recently in Biarritz, France. They are **marked by considerations of space, light and time**. He imagines structures and volumes that are an aesthetic and ecological response to their environment. Described as an intellectual and a poet, each new project is a **brilliant exploration of formal possibilities** that integrate economy, ecology, urban planning and also the science of construction, art, philosophy and literature.

#### More information

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

#### Watch the interview with Steven Holl

<http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/8612>

#### Visit the 2012 AIA convention website

<http://convention.aia.org/>

## FRANCE



### MANIFESTO ON THE RIGHT TO ARCHITECTURE

Thirty-five years after French law declared **architectural design to be a right in the public interest**, the National Council of the Order of French Architects is issuing a manifesto to reiterate this principle that often seems threatened in our modern society: "The basic right of every human being to architecture must be proclaimed by all in the 21st century" asserted Lionel Carli, CNOA President.

With this idea in mind, the CNOA drafted its new manifesto and invites all to support its claims through Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/Conseil.national.Ordre.architectes>

#### Read the manifesto

<http://www.architectes.org/connaitre-l-ordre/>

## FRANCE

### ARCHIPEDAGOGIE

The National Council of the Order of French Architects, in partnership with various actors related to architecture and teaching, announces the opening of a portal entitled [archipedagogie.org](http://www.archipedagogie.org) that will **regroup all the initiatives and actions that favour a better understanding and promotion of architecture**. The portal will offer architects and teachers information sheets on projects already realised, specialised training offers, resources and links.

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

## IRELAND

### MICHELLE FAGAN ELECTED RIAI PRESIDENT



Michelle Fagan was elected President of the **Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland** for 2012 - 2013. She is in private practice as part of FKLarchitects in Dublin with Paul Kelly and Gary Lysaght. She was the **curator of the RIAI exhibition at the 2006 Venice biennial**. Vice-President of RIAI from 2008 - 2010, she hopes to support and promote a professional practice model and encourage Irish architects to get involved in the cultural and political life of their communities.

#### More information

[http://www.riai.ie/news/article/michelle\\_fagan\\_is\\_riai\\_president\\_2012\\_13/](http://www.riai.ie/news/article/michelle_fagan_is_riai_president_2012_13/)

## UKRAINE

### VLADIMIR GUSAKOV ELECTED UAU PRESIDENT

The **Union of Architects of Ukraine** announces the election of its new president Vladimir Gusakov. Olena Oliynyk was elected vice-president and charged with international relations.

Also, the UAU is working to organise the **INTER'YEAR 2012 architecture and design festival**, including an exhibition of architectural works from the Ukraine, Russia, and around Europe. The festival will take place from **29 February to 3 March**.

<http://www.interyear.com.ua/>

## NORDIC COUNTRIES

### ESKO RAUTIOLA ELECTED SAFA PRESIDENT

The **Finnish Association of Architects** selected Esko Rautiola as its new president. He has gained a reputation over a number of years for his **architectural works as well as his skill as an expert and consultant**. He has also served as SAFA vice-president. A new executive council was elected on the same occasion.

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ARCHITECTURE  
AND CHILDREN**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**

The UIA work programme Architecture and children is multiplying its efforts to **help primary and secondary school teachers initiate students in architectural design** and the elaboration of the built environment. New countries are contributing their experiences to its online network, the UIA Golden Cubes - Architecture for children international competition the results of which were highlighted during the UIA Tokyo congress was a huge success, and its latest initiative is a new Facebook page.

**Visit Architecture and Children on Facebook**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Architecture-Children-UIA-Built-Environment-Education-Network/213510985326936>

ARCHITECTURE  
FOR ALL**PRIZE FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN EASTERN EUROPE**

On the occasion of the UIA world congresses, this work programme awards a prize to the most accessible realisations in the UIA Region II countries. The winner of the 2011 edition is the studio **Stelmach i Partnerzy** for the **Frederic Chopin Museum in Zelazowa Wola, Poland**, where the composer was born. All the submissions to this competition were on display at the UIA congress in Tokyo, where the prize was presented to the winner in the presence of Vassilis Sgoutas, UIA Past President and chairman of the jury. The prize ceremony followed a **passionate seminar that brought together speakers from all the UIA regions**. The next edition of the prize will be launched in conjunction with the UIA Durban 2014 congress, and participation will be extended to include projects realised in UIA Region I.

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ARCHITECTURAL  
EDUCATION**OPEN HOUSE – BUILDING FOR MARGINAL POPULATIONS**

**Magda Mostafa**, Egyptian architect and professor and member of the UIA Architectural Education commission's reflection groups is the **guest editor for the special edition of the Open House International** journal dedicated to built environments for the most socially or economically **disadvantaged populations and victims of exclusion**. **Architects who wish to contribute material** on this theme are invited to consult the website.

<http://www.archive100.org/users/magda-mostafa/event/1630>

ARCHITECTURAL  
HERITAGE REGION I**MEETING IN BERLIN**

On **26 January 2012**, this regional work programme chaired by Nina Nedeleva will meet in Berlin for a preliminary meeting at the Federal Chamber of German Architects (BAK), with the participation of Grainne Shaffrey (Ireland), Peter Kompolschek (Austria), Joao Belo Rodeia (Portugal) and Christiano Lepratti (Italy).

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## IFLA

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS**

The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) announces the launch of the international student competition organised as part of its upcoming congress in **Cape Town, South Africa**. The theme invites participants to address a problematic urban space in the city of their choice, where the **social and cultural heritage offers an opportunity for transformation**. Projects must be submitted before 31 June 2012. Three prizes worth 3 500, 2 500 and 1 000 US\$ will be awarded. The IFLA congress will take place from 5 - 7 September 2012, on the theme **Landscapes in Transition**.

<http://www.ifla2012.com/>

## ACE

**SELMA HARRINGTON RE-ELECTED ACE PRESIDENT**

During its last general assembly in November 2011, the Architects Council of Europe re-elected **Selma Harrington to serve a second, two-year mandate as president**. Reiterating the slogan under which she was elected for her first term, *Review, Renew, Re-imagine*, Selma Harrington assured the general assembly of her intention to **continue and consolidate the process of transition** and internal revitalisation in order to improve communication and the visibility of ACE.

**IAN PRITCHARD NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL**

Ian Pritchard was appointed ACE Secretary General and will take over the post in January 2012. Before this nomination to ACE, he served as Director of International Relations at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

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