

RIO+20

**UIA AT RIO+20**

From **20 to 22 June 2012**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will host the United Nations sustainable development conference entitled **RIO+20 – Making it happen**. This conference will take place 20 years after the Rio Earth Summit where Agenda 21 was laid out along with agreements on deforestation, climate change, and biodiversity. While evaluating the progress made in these areas and identifying the gaps that need to be filled, the conference will focus on two issues: **the green economy, within the framework of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty; and the institutional framework for sustainable development.**

UIA President Albert Dubler will lead a delegation of architects from around the world to participate in this conference.

Visit the conference website

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/index.html>

Participate in the Rio+20 discussion group for NGOs on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/rioplustwenty/>

UNITED NATIONS

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL**

To underline the importance of clean energy for sustainable development, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2012 the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All. This will be an opportunity to raise awareness on the importance of access to energy sources, energy efficiency and renewable energy at the local, regional, and international levels. This initiative encourages governments, the public sector and civil society to reach the following **goals for 2030: universal access to modern energy services; doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency; and doubling the share of renewable energies in the global energy mix.**

Read the declaration by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

<http://www.sustainableenergyforall.org/resources>

INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITIONS**DESIGN A SIGNATURE TOWER IN KUALA LUMPUR**

'1 Malaysia Development Berhad Real Estate Sdn Bhd' has launched a call for candidatures from architects around the world to participate in an international competition to design a signature tower in Kuala Lumpur's international finance district. The competition is being organised by the **Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM)**.

Competitors may be architects, or teams led by an architect, who has the right to practice in his/her home country. Candidatures must be submitted **before 22 March 2012**.

http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/2012_Kuala/2-annonce.html

HUNGARY



BUDAPEST ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL

The **Association of Hungarian Architects (MESZ)** is celebrating in 2012 both the **110th anniversary of its creation** and **Imre Steindl Year**. Several events are being organised in the Hungarian capital to honour MESZ and the architect who designed the Budapest Parliament House. On 2 March a conference on European houses of parliament on the theme, *Conserving the value of Historic Cities*, with the participation of **László Kövér**, President of the Hungarian National Assembly, **Albert Dubler**, UIA President, **Deniz Incedayi**, UIA Vice-President for Region II, **Ernö Kálmán**, President of MESZ, and **Michel Barmaki**, UIA Secretary General. An international conference on 3 March will invite eminent architects including **Anu Puustinen**, **Herwig Spiegl**, **Dan Philips** and **Stephan Behnisch** to share their vision of the theme *Simply Architecture*.

More information

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

UKRAINE



ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN FESTIVAL

From **29 February to 2 March**, Kiev will host the 12th architecture and design festival, dedicated entirely to sustainable urban development. On this occasion the **National Union of Ukrainian Architects (NUAU)** will present its national prizes: the 'Grand Volute' for realisations and the 'Volute' for realisations or projects. The winning projects from the 'Zodchestvo' festival of Russian architecture and the Green Architecture festival that took place in Moscow in November 2011 will be shown in a vast exhibition. The Kiev urban development strategy for 2025 will also be presented and discussed with NUAU President **Vladimir Gusakov**, and chief architect for the city of Kiev **Serhiy Tselovalnyk**.

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PORTUGAL



PORTUGUESE ARCHITECT PAULO DAVID WINS THE 2012 ALVAR AALTO MEDAL

This prestigious medal is administered by a joint committee representing several Finnish architectural and cultural organisations including the **Association of Finnish Architects** and the Alvar Aalto Foundation. The medal recognises an architect for his/her innovative contribution to the Art of architecture. By selecting Paulo David's work, the jury commends **an architectural style in total fusion with nature, projects that integrate and respect history, time, place, culture and technology**. Previous winners of the Alvar Aalto medal include Tadao Ando, Alvaro Siza and Steven Holl.

More information

<http://mfa.fi/exhibition?nid=271349>

MOROCCO

**AGORA - ARCHITECTURE DAYS IN TANGIERS**

From **13 to 17 March 2012**, the regional council of the **Tangiers Order of Architects** will organise a series of events focusing on young architects from around the world, entitled **Agora – Architecture Days**. The theme will look at two approaches to the city, the architect's viewpoint, and urban mobility for an uncertain sustainability. These events will echo the annual meeting of the **UIA Professional Practice commission**, that will take place in Tangiers on 14, 15, and 16 March 2012.

On 15 March, an open platform will allow architects from around the world to share their ideas through exhibitions and roundtable discussions. On 16 March, former UIA president **Gaëtan Siew** will open **young architects' day**, that will look at tomorrow's trends and methods of practice. On 17 March, the Tangiers region will present its plans for the port city through the voice of eminent personalities charged with **the development and renovation strategy for Tangiers**. The **African Union of Architects (AUA)** will participate in these events, and its members will meet to discuss continuing professional education in Africa. UIA President **Albert Dubler** and UIA Secretary General **Michel Barmaki** will attend the entire series of events.

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REPUBLIC OF
KOREA**EON KU RHEE - FIKA PRESIDENT**

Eon Ku Rhee succeeds **Sang-Leem Lee** as president of the Federation of Institutes of Korean Architects (FIKA), the UIA Member Section in Korea. A graduate of Seoul National University (BA) and the Illinois Institute of Technology (M.Arch), he worked for the Holabird & Root and Skidmore Owings and Merrill studios in Chicago before attending the University of Michigan, where he obtained a doctorate in 1983. **Pioneer and fervent advocate of sustainable development**, Mr. Rhee teaches at Chung-Ang University in Seoul since 1984. He currently serves as **president of the Architectural Institute of Korea**.

<http://www.fika.or.kr/>

MALTA

VINCENT CASSAR RE-ELECTED KTP PRESIDENT

The **Malta Chamber of Architects and Civil Engineers** elected its new Council and confirmed Vincent Cassar as its president for another term. The new team will embark on projects for **mandatory continuing professional training**, a **national policy in favour of architecture** and the creation of a **centre for architecture and the built environment**.

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

The Architect, KTP journal on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/TheArchitect.KTPJournal>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



ARCHITECTURE FOR HUMANITY AND THE AIA STRENGTHEN THEIR COOPERATION

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Architecture for Humanity association have announced a strategic partnership to coordinate their actions, strengthen their support and **reinforce training and experimentation** that would **allow architects to be more effective** in helping communities with relief and reconstruction projects following earthquakes. This initiative follows a string of serious natural disasters over the last few years. It will provide ways for the two groups to **share resources** and develop new training programmes for architects, related professions, and the general public.

AIA HONOURS SIX FOREIGN ARCHITECTS



For 2012, the AIA awarded the title of Honorary Fellow to six architects from outside the United States: **Pierre Antoine Gatier** (France), **Richard Francis-Jones** (Australia), **Solano Benítez** (Paraguay), **Li Xiaodong** (PR of China), **Anya van der Merwe** (South Africa) and **Diébédo Francis Kéré** (Burkina Faso).

More information

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

NEW ZEALAND



ROGER WILSON WINS THE NZIA STUDENT COMPETITION

Twenty-three year old Roger Wilson was awarded first prize in the competition organised for students of architecture by the **New Zealand Institute of Architects** (NZIA). His project to **revitalise Denniston township** showed extensive research to create an "utterly engaging and evocative world". Each year the NZIA promotes the work of the country's architecture students through this competition.

More information

<http://www.nzia.co.nz/awards/graphisoft-student-design-awards/2011-winner-judges-finalists.aspx>

IRELAND

SERIES OF CONFERENCES ON PRIMARY SCHOOL DESIGN

The **Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland** (RAIA), with its Education Design Committee in association with the Department of Education and Skills, present the first seminar in a series of conferences on primary school design scheduled monthly from February to June 2012. Programme and online registrations through the institute's website.

More information

http://www.riai.ie/events/detail/riai_primary_school_design_series_2012_-_seminar_2_school_classroom_environ/

UN-HABITAT

**WORLD URBAN CAMPAIGN**

The **steering committee** for the World Urban Campaign will meet in Marseille, France, on **12 & 13 March 2012**, in parallel to the World Water Forum. Introduced by **Joan Clos**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the meeting will examine the tools created to support the campaign: the 'I'm a city changer' website, the 100 Cities Initiative, and the 6th Urban Forum to be held in September 2012 in Naples.

The World Urban Campaign led by UN-Habitat is a global coalition of public and private sector partners, or members of civil society who demonstrate a common will to promote positive aspects of city life and encourage policies, strategies and practices for viable and sustainable urban growth. The **UIA is a campaign partner** and will be **represented at the Marseille meeting** by Immediate Past President Louise Cox.

More information

<http://www.unhabitat.org/categories.asp?catid=634>

Visit the 'I'm a city changer' website and participate in the campaign

<http://www.imacitychanger.org/imacc/>

ISTANBUL

**MEETING OF UIA REGIONS I AND II AND UMAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Union of Mediterranean Architects will hold a general assembly on 22 and 23 March 2012, hosted by the **Chamber of Architects of Turkey (CAT)**. In conjunction, a meeting of UIA Council members and **Vice presidents of Member Sections in UIA Regions I and II** will be held on 24 March. UIA President **Albert Dubler**, UIA Secretary General **Michel Barmaki**, and UIA Vice-Presidents **Deniz Incedayi** and **Antonio Rivero** will participate in these events.

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IFLA

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR LANDSCAPING STUDENTS**

As part of its annual congress in Capetown, South Africa, on 5-7 September of this year, the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) is organising an international competition for students on the theme: *Creative landscapes changing lives*. Competitors must identify a problematic area, in the city or town of their choice, with rich social and cultural heritage, and then design the area's transformation in a way that improves peoples' lives and also maximises the development of cultural identity. **Projects must be submitted before 31 June 2012.**

<http://www.ifla2012.com/index.php/student-competition>

SPORTS & LEISURE

**STADIUM 2012**

From **28 to 30 March**, the University of Liege in Belgium, will host an international seminar on **major sports complexes and their relation to the city** around them. This **scientific symposium** will bring together the creators of major sports facilities from around the world along with administrators and researchers. Under the distinguished patronage of **Jacques Rogge**, President of the International Olympic Committee, the seminar is organised in collaboration with the UIA Sports and leisure work programme.

<http://www.arch.ulg.ac.be/Stadium2012/About.html>

ARCHITECTURE
AND CHILDREN**COMMUNICATING ARCHITECTURE & CONVERSATIONS IN THE CITY**

On **27 & 28 April 2012**, Bauhaus University in Weimar, Germany, will host its fourth symposium on how to communicate awareness about architecture to children and young people. The framework will be **the relation between architecture, urban culture, and landscapes**. Conferences, workshops and promenades will be offered to participants from **Germany, Croatia, France, Japan, Sweden and Switzerland**, who will share their unique educational experiences and experiments.

www.architekten-thueringen.de/schule/symposium2012

PROGRAMME MEMBERS MEETING

The work programme members will meet on **30 and 31 May 2012**, in Vienna, in conjunction with the **Austrian Architecture Days** (1st and 2nd June). The meeting will discuss cooperation with other institutions, work programmes and regional organisations as well as preparations for the second edition of the **UIA Architecture and Children Golden Cube awards**, that will be presented at the UIA congress in Durban in 2014.

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