

UIA - IFLA

TOWARD CLOSER COLLABORATION

On 9 March 2012, in Paris, **Albert Dubler**, President of the International Union of Architects (UIA) and **Désirée Martínez Uriarte**, President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) renewed and strengthened the memorandum of understanding signed between the two organisations in 2006.



While reaffirming the distinct role of each organisation and the professionals they represent at the global level, the UIA and IFLA committed to continuing their efforts to promote architecture and landscape architecture in order to **emphasise that the environmental context is an important part of the quality of life** in a community.

More information

www.uia-architectes.org

 REPUBLIC OF
 KOREA -
 SINGAPORE
JUNIOR ARCHITECTURE OLYMPIAD

Every year since 2005, the **Federation of Institutes of Korean Architects (FIKA)** has organised the **International Architecture Olympiad** in partnership with Hanyang University's school of architecture and engineering (HYU, Republic of Korea), and the National University of Singapore (NUS).



The Olympiad is a **confrontation of projects by high school students** from both countries, on a single theme revealed to them the day of the competition. It aims to highlight the emerging talent of future architects, their aspirations and creativity. The **8th edition will take place on 14 April 2012**. Since its creation, this programme has been supported by the International Union of Architects.

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 2012
 PRITZKER PRIZE
CONGRATULATIONS WANG SHU !

At 48, Wang Shu has become the **first Chinese architect** to receive the prestigious **Pritzker Prize**. Within their Amateur Architecture Studio, he and his wife Lu Wenyo develop an architectural form that is **sustainable, humanist, and respects the environment**. He advocates a '**slow build**' method while the rest of China is engulfed in frenetic construction; and has been known to recuperate materials from demolition sites to reuse them in modern interpretations, supported by traditional building arts. **Wang Shu enthralled the audience during a round table on sustainable architecture during the UIA congress in Tokyo.**

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PHILIPPINES

**THE UIA COUNCIL IN MANILA**

The 119th session of the UIA Council, elected in Tokyo, will be hosted in Manila, the Philippines, on **19 & 20 April 2012**. In parallel, the 38th edition of the United Architects of the Philippines' convention will take place from 19 to 21 April on the theme: Architectural Pride: Landmarks, Leadership, and Legacy.

More information

<http://www.united-architects.org/>

AUSTRALIA

**EXPERIENCE**

On **10 - 12 May 2012**, the Australian Institute of Architects will hold its annual conference in **Brisbane**, under the slogan *Experience*. It will look in detail at the meaning and pertinence of architecture in relation to user's needs and expectations, and how it is perceived by those who live in and around it, from both national and international points of view. Prestigious international speakers have been chosen for their **particular experience of architecture** and their **responses to the sense of place, culture, and modernity**. Among the speakers is the 2012 Pritzker Prize winner, Wang Shu.

<http://www.architecture.com.au/experience/>

ROMANIA

**ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN CONGRESS**

On **16 - 18 May 2012**, the Bucharest Parliament Palace will host the Romanian Architecture and Design convention, which will commemorate the 120th anniversary of the **Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urban Planning**. Over a thousand professionals are expected to attend the conferences and exhibitions. They will hear presentations by renowned international architects including **Eduardo Souto de Moura, Gottfried Bohm, Peter Zumthor, Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron**. An exhibition will present **Romanian architectural works realised over the last 120 years**.

<http://www.rocad.org.ro/english.html>

IRELAND

**HENEGHAN & PENG TO REPRESENT IRELAND AT THE VENICE BIENNALE**

Elizabeth Francis and John McLaughlin were named commissioners of the Irish exhibition at the 2012 Venice Architecture Biennial (29 August - 25 November). Following a vast consultation, the realisations of **Heneghan Peng** were selected to represent Ireland, because they are "a perfect illustration of a new form of architecture and a new structure for international professional networks". This Irish office has won two high-profile, international architecture competitions approved by the UIA: **the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo**, in 2003, and the **visitor's centre for Giant's Causeway in Ireland** in 2005.

http://www.riai.ie/news/article/commissioner_and_curator_team_for_venice_architecture_biennale_announced/

TURKEY

**DENIZ INCEDAYI - PRESIDENT OF CAT - ISTANBUL**

Deniz Incedayi was recently re-elected president of the **metropolitan Istanbul branch of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey**, a post she has held since 2010. Ms. Incedayi has a professional degree and a doctorate from Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University in Istanbul. She is in private practice and focuses her work to housing programmes and restoring traditional wooden homes in Istanbul. She teaches at Mimar Sinan University and is strongly engaged in issues related to quality architectural education. She was a guest researcher at the Aarhus School of Architecture in Denmark in 2003. Deniz Incedayi is a member of the advisory committee that manages the UNESCO World Heritage List in Istanbul since 2009. She served as a UIA Council member from 2009 - 2011, when she was elected UIA Vice-President for Region II at the Tokyo general assembly.

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ITALY

**SUSTAINABLE URBAN REGENERATION**

The Italian National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservationists (CNAPPC) is launching a forum dedicated to promoting sustainable urban regeneration within the framework of the Milan Furniture Fair on **20 & 21 April 2012**. It will bring together building professionals and decision-makers in order to develop tools for **creating an urban policy based on cultural innovation and adaption of existing public and private facilities** regard to security, energy performance and the quality of public spaces. The CNAPPC has made urban regeneration a priority and launched a programme of action entitled **RI.I.SO. 01**, that it will lead in partnership with **builders** and the environmental association **Legambiente**.

More information

<http://www.awn.it/AWN/Engine/RAServePG.php/P/190611AWN0300/M/25001AWN0303>

BULGARIA

TRIENNIAL OF WORLD ARCHITECTURE IN SOFIA

From **13 to 16 May 2012**, Sofia will host the thirteenth edition of its world triennial of architecture. In addition to the traditional exhibition of realisations from around the world, conferences will be given by eminent international architects including **Manfredi Nicoletti, Daniel Libeskind, Fumihiko Maki, Massimiliano Fuksas, Riken Yamamoto, Andrey Bokov, Dominique Perrault and Yuri Platonov**. A forum will be dedicated to sustainable architecture. The triennial is placed under the auspices of the **President of the Republic of Bulgaria** and **Unesco**. UIA President **Albert Dubler** will represent the Union at the triennial.

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CULTURAL AND
EDUCATIONAL
SPACES**AN OPEN MEETING IN PARIS**

On **28 & 29 May 2012**, this work programme's executive committee will meet in **Paris**. The meeting is open to all members who wish to participate in the programme's activities. The executive committee will discuss the objectives and action suggested by **Bill Ainsworth** for the 2011-2014 triennial period.

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SPORTS AND
LEISURE**LONDON BEFORE THE GAMES**

On **17 April 2012**, this work programme is organising a seminar that will be held at the RIBA offices in **London**. Lectures will examine the strategies for sustainable design and heritage conservation used in preparation for the Olympic Games and Paralympics in London this year. On **18 April**, site tours of the Olympic park, **O2 Arena**, and the **Lee Valley White Water Centre**, which will host the canoe slalom events, will complement the seminars.

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HERITAGE
& RESPONSIBLE
ARCHITECTURE**UIA MEETINGS IN SYRACUSE**

A joint meeting of these regional work programmes is planned in Syracuse, Sicily, on **3 June 2012**, following the UIA Bureau meeting that will be held from 31 May to 3 June. More information on these meetings will be published in the next edition of the UIA e-newsletter.

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ARCHITECTURE
AND CHILDREN**LOOKING TO DURBAN**

On **30 & 31 May**, this work programme will meet in Vienna, Austria, to discuss collaboration with other UIA work programmes and its own strategy for the 2014 UIA congress in Durban, along with preparations for the second edition of the UIA - Architecture and Children Golden Cube awards. These dates were chosen to allow members to participate in the Architecture Days, organised every two years in Austria, that will take place on 1st and 2nd June 2012, on the theme: Architecture, another way of life.

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ACE

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN AMSTERDAM AND ECO-INNOVATION FORUM**

The **Architects Council of Europe (ACE)** will hold a general assembly on 27 April 2012, in Amsterdam (Netherlands). It will take place in conjunction with the 12th **Eco-innovation Forum**, on 25 & 26 April 2012, organised by the **European Commission**, on the theme **Scaling-up sustainable construction through value chain innovation**. The forum will look at a number of questions: What added value can eco-innovation offer? How can it transform the industrial chain? How can we best inform public authorities of these issues? UIA President **Albert Dubler** will represent the Union at the General Assembly.

More information on the Architects Council of Europe

<http://www.ace-cae.eu/>

More information about the Forum

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoinnovation2012/1st_forum/

VENICE

**DAVID CHIPPERFIELD COMMISSIONER OF THE VENICE ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE**

The 13th Venice international biennial of architecture will take place from **29 August to 25 November 2012**. Forty-one countries will participate in this year's biennial, for which British architect **David Chipperfield** will serve as commissioner, along with Italian cinema critic **Alberto Barbera**. David Chipperfield chose this year's theme: **Common ground**, because he wants this biennale "to celebrate a vital, **interconnected architectural culture**, and pose questions about the intellectual and physical territories that it shares. ... This theme is a deliberate act of resistance towards the image of architecture propagated in much of today's media of projects springing fully formed from the minds of individual talents. I wish to promote the fact that architecture is internally connected, intellectually and practically, sharing common concerns, influences and intentions."

More information on the Venice Biennale

<http://www.labiennale.org/en/architecture/news/17-01.html>

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