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DISTINCTION



FRANCE HONOURS LOUISE COX

Frédéric Mitterrand, French Minister of Culture and Communication, invested UIA President **Louise Cox** with the rank of **Knight in the Order of Arts and Letters**, one of the highest honorary distinctions granted by the French Republic. The Ministry of Culture and Communication awards this distinction to individuals who have set themselves apart by their creativity in the arts and literature, or by their **contribution to transmitting culture in France and around the world.**

 UIA TOKYO 2011
 25-28 September


STUDENT'S AND YOUNG ARCHITECT'S JAMBOREE

An international workshop open to students of architecture and young architects under 30 years of age will take place in Tokyo on 22 - 29 September 2011, in conjunction with the UIA world congress. Following the terrible earthquakes that shook Japan on 11 March 2011, the workshop participants will examine the topic **'After March 11th'** and study **how architecture can stand up to natural disasters and their consequences** through designs that incorporate the most effective prevention and mitigation measures.

Registration is open until **31 July 2011**

<http://www.uia2011tokyo.com/en/topics/news/individual10.html>

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



PLANNING OLYMPIC PARK FOR THE 2016 GAMES IN RIO DE JANEIRO

The municipality of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in collaboration with the Brazil Institute of Architects (IAB), is launching an open and anonymous international competition in a single phase for the **masterplan of the Olympic park for the Rio 2016 Games**. The competition is open to multi-disciplinary teams led by an architect-urban planner, who can justify similar experience in this domain. **Deadline for registration: 20 June 2011. Deadline for reception of projects: 30 June 2011.**

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Rio2011/2-annonce.html>

BLUE AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE



The department of planning, design and sustainable development at the Technical University of Vienna, Austria, announces the second edition of its Blue Award, organised with the support of UIA.

This biennial international competition for **students of architecture** and regional planning recognises projects that demonstrate architectural sustainability in the areas of urban and landscape planning, ecological construction and building within existing structures. Registration is open. The project submission period is from **1st October 2011 to 1st February 2012.**

www.blueaward.at

KOREA
SINGAPORE**ASIAN ARCHITECTURAL OLYMPIAD**

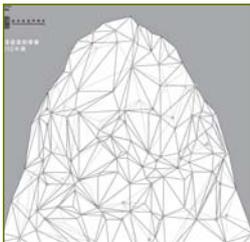
The grand prize for this seventh edition of the Olympiad was awarded to **Kang Seul-Mi**.

These Olympiads are a confrontation of projects by high-school students in Korea and Singapore organised annually by the **Federation of Institutes of Korean Architects (FIKA)**, with the University of Hanyang's school of architecture and engineering (Korea) and the National University of Singapore (NUS). In this year's Olympiad participants were asked to create an architectural project on the theme of **speed and slowness**. An excerpt from **Milan Kundera's** book "Slowness" was provided as a source of inspiration and reflection. The participants had to express their ideas in the form of architectural models.

See all the results

http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/2011_Olympiad/2-results.html

HONG KONG

**HKIA ANNUAL PRIZES**

Each year the Hong Kong Institute of Architects honours the authors of architectural realisations according to three categories: residential, community buildings, urban planning or rehabilitation. The winners in the 2011 session are **Handi Architects Limited and Ronald Lu & Partners, Architectural Services Department, HKSAR Government, Architectural Services Department, HKSAR Government in association with Ronald Lu & Partners, and RAD Ltd.**

<http://www.hkia.net/>

CANADA

**ECOLOGICAL BUILDING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

The **Durham Courthouse**, in **Oshawa**, designed by the Toronto architectural studio **WZMH Architects** was awarded this year's ecological building Award for Excellence by Architecture Canada - RAIC, in collaboration with the Canadian Green Building Council. The structure is an energetic and urban success. Architecture Canada - RAIC also awarded prizes for innovation and recognised **Gerald Shell** as an **Advocate for Architecture**.

See all the winners

http://www.raic.org/honours_and_awards/awards_raic_awards/2011recipients/index_e.htm

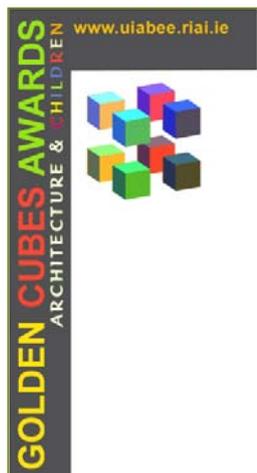
MALTA

**FRUGALITY, THE NEW ATTITUDE**

On **2 & 3 June 2011**, the city of Valletta on the island of Malta will hold an international symposium entitled: **Frugality, simply look around you**. The event will bring together architects, artists and designers who work with the natural and built environment in order to develop innovative solutions to our problems of dwindling resources. Frugality as a new cultural and conceptual attitude could **guide communities toward a harmonious balance between their resources and environment**.

<http://www.ktpmalta.com/events/events2011Docs/Frugality.pdf>

ARCHITECTURE AND CHILDREN



ARCHITECTURE & CHILDREN GOLDEN CUBE AWARDS

Last April the international jury met in Paris to select the winners of the UIA Architecture and children Golden Cube awards in four categories: schools, institutions, printed media and audiovisual media.

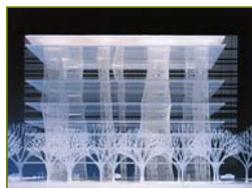
The UIA Architecture and children Golden Cube awards recognise **individuals and organisations** that **develop architectural awareness among our youngest generation**, from grade school to 18 year-olds.

Three hundred projects were submitted to national preselections by the UIA Member Sections in **19 countries**. All the projects selected at the national level will be on display at the UIA Tokyo congress, and the international winners will be presented with their awards.

See the results

<http://www.uiabee.riai.ie/downloads/UIA-A-CH-Golden-Cubes-Award-Results.pdf>

SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE REGION IV



ARCHITECTS CONFRONT EARTHQUAKES

This work programme has redefined the theme for its presentation at the UIA Tokyo congress, on 26 September 2011, in accord with the new direction given to the general congress theme: **Design 2050 – Beyond Disasters, through solidarity, toward sustainability**.

Because the countries in UIA region IV are particularly susceptible to earthquakes a presentation of recent situations will be made, followed by the solutions architects proposed in India, Indonesia, China and Japan under the general theme **Architecture securing human life**.

The work programme is also preparing a CD-Rom of exemplary sustainable realisations in UIA region IV countries since 2000.

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ACTION WITHOUT BORDERS



SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY

This UIA work programme announces its participation in the **subsistence technologies workshops on 23 May - 18 June 2011** in Seville, Spain. Three workshops will be dedicated, respectively, to **social, building and participatory techniques**.

Organised by Architects without Borders - Andalusia, the workshops are designed to train technicians and cooperation volunteers so that they can effectively contribute to environmental protection and sustainability.

<http://asfesandalucia.wordpress.com/>

UNITED NATIONS
UNEP**FORESTS - NATURE AT YOUR SERVICE**

June 5, 2011, will be World Environment Day, and the United Nations is hoping to raise awareness among the general public around the world of the natural environment and its protection. The 2011 theme **Forests - nature at your service**, is an opportunity to underline the impressive variety of biodiversity and the functions the forest serves. The official host country for this year is India, with over 20% of its total territory covered by forests.

<http://www.unep.org/wed/>

IFLA

**SCALES OF NATURE**

On 27 - 29 June 2011, Zurich, Switzerland will host the International Federation of Landscape Architects congress on the theme: **From Urban Landscape to Alpine Gardens**. Expected attendance includes 600 landscape professionals and 100 students. Each day will look at a **specific spatial area: urban, peri-urban, and rural**. **Guido Hager and Winy Maas** will give the opening conferences.

<http://www.ifla2011.com>

EMERGENCY
ARCHITECTS**MASTERS IN EMERGENCY BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURES**

Based on an initiative by the Emergency Architects Foundation, a post-graduate programme was created at the Special School for Public Works (ESTPB) in Paris-Cachan. The two-semester course will give graduates the skills and knowledge needed to **propose technically and financially acceptable solutions for emergency rebuilding**. The UIA supports this initiative.

More information

<http://www.archi-urgent.com/>

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