



Jørn Utzon International Prize 2014 awarded by the Australian Institute of Architects – Stonehenge exhibition + visitor's centre
Denton Corker Marshall, architects (United Kingdom). Image: James Davies



ARCHITECTS AND INFLUENCE

Architects tend to underestimate—or at least to underuse—their power to influence.

We formulate alternative solutions to complex problems, of course. But more importantly—and almost uniquely among professionals—we give physical form to concepts and ideas.

Our ability to create such forms can wield enormous influence—it has the power to cause change.

Most people have great difficulty imagining—creating a mental picture—of how tomorrow can be different from today.

That is our basic business!

So, as politicians, public officials, corporate managers, and citizens urgently seek new approaches—to energy systems, urban environments, housing, public transit, and many other challenges—let's not underestimate our power... or neglect to use it!

Thomas Vonier FAIA RIBA
UIA Secretary General

UIA SPORTS & LEISURE AND IAKS STRENGTHEN THEIR COOPERATION

The president of the International Union of Architects (UIA), Esa Mohamed, and Dr Stephan J. Holthoff-Förtner, president of the International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS), announced plans to strengthen ties between the two organisations

IAKS and the UIA *Sports and Leisure* work programme, led by Gar Holohan, will develop a high-level, global network of architects dedicated to the design, construction, modernisation, and management of sports and leisure facilities. UIA members will participate in the 24th IAKS international congress in Cologne, Germany, from 27 to 30 October 2015.

Learn more about the UIA Sports and Leisure work programme:
<http://www.uia-sport.com>

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Since the earthquake on 12 January 2010 in Haiti, the Emergency Architects Foundation has built and rehabilitated 18 health infrastructures, 15 community buildings and more than 2000 habitations, 3 schools and 1 orphanage.

Today, this initiative is being continued in the country. Many dwellings are in the process of construction near the health centers already constructed by the Foundation with the intention of stabilizing on site medical personnel. A maternity unit and a school are also in the process of construction.

Please recall that the Foundation was the 2014 winner of the UIA Vassilis Sgoutas Prize.

Learn more about Emergency architects Foundation

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



ANTALYA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ARCHITECTS

The Antalya Branch of the Turkish Chamber of Architects has launched the tenth edition of its international ideas competition open to young architects around the world (born after 1976). This initiative is organised each year in conjunction with the Forum of Young Architects. UIA has supported the competition since 2010.

This year's theme is Architecture without Borders: educational spaces for children. Participants are invited to consider the spatial notion of borders and to give innovative architectural dimensions, adapted to current ideas of pedagogy and society, to educational spaces for children.

The jury is made up of Fabian Llisterra (Spain), UIA treasurer; Dominic Gauzin-Müller, (France), editor of *écologiK* magazine; Regina Gonthier (Switzerland), UIA Council member for region I; Deniz Dokgöz (Turkey), Asst. Prof., Dokuz Eylül University; and Kemal Reha Kavas (Turkey), Assoc. Prof. Dr., Akdeniz University.

The submission deadline for projects is 2 March 2015.

The working language of the competition is English. There is no registration fee.

Learn more:

<http://www.uia.archi/en/participer/concours/9445#.VMdu3Fr0po8>



NORMAN FOSTER TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP - RIBA

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) launches a call for applications to the Norman Foster travelling scholarship, that will offer 6 000 £, to a student of architecture from any country around the world. The winner will choose his or her own theme, but the scholarship must be used to finance a research/study trip related to means of ensuring the survival of our cities and towns. Applications will be anonymously presented to the jury that includes Lord Foster and RIBA president Stephen Hodder.

The deadline for applications is 24 April 2015.

Learn more:

<http://www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship>





VASSILIS SGOUTAS RAIC HONORARY FELLOW

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (Architecture Canada - RAIC) is paying tribute to former UIA President Vassilis Sgoutas by naming him RAIC Honorary Fellow. This title commends his actions in favour of the world's poorest populations and disabled people. Vassilis Sgoutas founded the UIA work programmes on *Architecture for All*, and initiated an international ideas competition on poverty mitigation. In 2008, he created the UIA prize that bears his name, and, every three years, honours an architect for his/her engagement to bettering living conditions for populations living under the poverty line.



Vassilis Sgoutas receives this honour along with Zita Coob, social entrepreneur and founder of Shorefast Foundation, which aims to revitalise the culture and economy of Fogo Island in Terre-Neuve, Canada. They will be inducted into the College of Fellows during the Canadian Architecture Festival in Calgary, on 3 - 6 June 2015.

“Each recipient fulfils the spirit of the 2015 festival theme of *Re-generation and Integration*,” says Barry Johns, Chancellor of the RAIC College of Fellows. “They demonstrate exceptional commitment to a truly humanized and sustainable architecture”.

Learn more:

<https://www.raic.org/news/raic-names-2015-honourary-fellows-zita-cobb-and-vassilis-sgoutas>



PHILIPPE KLEIN PRESIDENT OF THE UIA FRENCH SECTION

Philippe Klein became president of the International Council of French Architects (CIAF), the UIA member section for France. A graduate of the Strasbourg School of Architecture, he has operated his own studio since 1990, and dedicates his work to public and private industrial, agricultural, and service sector facilities. He is an expert in architecture for the French courts and teaches at the Strasbourg School of Architecture and Engineering and the University of Strasbourg faculty of Law. He served as president of the National Union of French Architectural Syndicates (UNSA). Philippe Klein is currently an alternate member of the UIA Council.



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ELJESI SURDULLI PRESIDENT OF THE KOSOVO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS

Eljesi Surdulli was recently elected president of the Kosovo Association of Architects (AAK) for the 2015-2017 period. He manages the Arberia Com studio in Pristina and has designed residential, commercial, and public edifices in his country. He also contributes to the vast planning projects undertaken by the European Union in Kosovo and Luxembourg.



Eljesi Surdulli served as secretary general of AAK. Since 2014, he has been a member of the Kosovo Real Estate Forum, an expert advisor to Parliament in the area of energy efficiency, and advisor to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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MEMBER SECTIONS - HUNGARY - MESZ

LASZLO FÖLDES RECOGNISED BY THE HUNGARIAN ARCHITECTURAL MEDIA

Laszlo Földes, UIA Council member from 2008 to 2014, was awarded the jury's special mention as part of the 2014 prizes attributed by the architectural media in Hungary. This prize recompenses his design of an individual house in brick, located in Pilisborosjenő.

See Laszlo Földes' realisations in Archdaily

<http://www.archdaily.com/544119/the-long-brick-house-foldes-architects/>



MEMBER SECTIONS - AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2014

For its 2014 edition, the Australian Institute of Architects awarded 43 prizes and honourable mentions in 12 categories, from among the 153 projects submitted by the Institute's various chapters. The jury was chaired by former Institute's president Paul Berkemeier. This year's awards were dominated by projects dedicated to the community: housing as well as cultural, educational, and health facilities. In the international projects category, Marra + Yeh architects were recognised for their Rainforest Shelter in East Malaysia; the Jørn Utzon Prize was awarded to the Stonehenge visitor's and exhibition centre in the United Kingdom, realised by the team of Denton Corker Marshall.

See the winning projects on the Institute's website:

<http://wp.architecture.com.au/news-media/national-architecture-awards-2014-winners/#sthash.7S5ByYin.ZmJPgf7S.dpbs>



MEMBER SECTIONS - SPAIN - CSCAE

PIONEERS OF MODERN SPANISH ARCHITECTURE

The Alejandro de la Sota Foundation and the Spanish Ministry of Development are organising the second national congress of Spanish architecture on the theme: Pioneers of Modern Spanish Architecture: learning from a project. It will take place in Madrid on 8 & 9 May 2015, and will be dedicated to the generation of architects born at the beginning of the 20th century, their works, and the values they have transmitted.

Learn more:

<http://www.alejandrodelasota.org/ii-congreso-nacional-de-arquitectura-2015/>



MEMBER SECTIONS - USA - AIA

FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 2015 AIA CONVENTION

Bill Clinton, 42nd president of the United States, will give the keynote address to open the AIA's 2015 national convention. He will speak to the 20,000 architects expected to attend the conference in Atlanta on 14 to 16 May. Dedicated to the theme *Impact*, the conference will look at ways in which architects can have an impact in communities, both locally and globally.

After leaving the White House, Bill Clinton has dedicated himself to humanitarian action through the Clinton foundation. He has served as United Nations Special Envoy to support reconstruction after the earthquake in Haiti and in the Indian Ocean countries hit by tsunami.

Learn more about the AIA 2015 convention:

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





2015 YEAR OF IRISH DESIGN

On 14 January 2015, in London (NLA), former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects Angela Brady opened 2015 Year of Irish Design that will be celebrated throughout the world. A programme of over 50 events is planned, including an exhibition of Irish architecture that will be presented as part of the London Festival of Architecture in June, at the Chicago architecture biennial in October, and at the Hong Kong and Shenzhen architecture and urban planning biennial in November.

<http://www.irishdesign2015.ie>



PRESTIGIOUS CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN BUDAPEST'S LIGET PARK

The Hungarian government decided to build new buildings to house cultural institutions it considers of exceptional importance to the city of Budapest, as part of a scheme to refurbish and revitalise Budapest's Liget Park. UIA approved, international competitions were launched to design museums dedicated to the visual arts, architecture and photography, ethnography, and music.

ETHNOGRAPHY MUSEUM

Turned toward the future, the museum of ethnography will find its roots in displays of the prestigious collections from Europe's first ethnography museum, founded in Budapest in 1872. French architects Vallet de Martinis DIID, won first prize in the competition. The jury appreciated their design's simple integration of both the urban environment and functionality, which meets the needs of visitors and the requirements of a high-level museum. Second prize was awarded to bFarchitecture (Belgium); and third prize to Graeme Massie Architects (Great Britain - Scotland).

THE HUNGARIAN MUSIC CENTRE

The Hungarian Music Centre will be the newest musical institution in Budapest, offering visitors an interactive experiences as well as a general panorama of the history of music in Hungary. First prize went to the Japanese team Sou Fujimoto Architects, for their transparent building that communicates directly with the surrounding environment. The roof floats above the translucent pavilion, elegantly and poetically evoking a musical wave. Second prize was awarded to ARCVS Projektni biro (Serbia); and third prize to AVA | Andrea Vattovani, architecture (Austria).

MUSEUMS OF ARCHITECTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The two museums will be encompassed in a single complex: a newly created architecture museum, and a photography museum that will house collections from the current gallery as well as elements related to contemporary technology. The Hungarian team Középülettervező won first prize. The buildings are accessible and functional, and their massive volumes clearly express the institution's timeless nature. Second prize was awarded to Giorgio Santagostino (Italy) and Monica Margarido (Portugal) from GSMM architetti; and third prize went to to LEAD - Laboratory for Explorative Architecture & Design Ltd. (Hong Kong - Antwerp, Belgium).

See all the results:

<http://ligetbudapest.org/competition/index.php?page=page&id=106>





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