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WORLD DAY OF ARCHITECTURE 2012



CELEBRATION IN TBILISI WITH THE UIA BUREAU MEMBERS

The **Union of Architects of Georgia** will celebrate the World Day of Architecture on 1st October 2012, in Tbilisi. An international forum will be held on the theme of **sustainable architecture in a regional context**, followed by a master class given by **Daniel Libeskind**.

The theme for this year's WDA celebration is **Architects are city changers**. The UIA Bureau members will be present for the celebration, following their meeting in Tbilisi on 29 and 30 September 2012. The UIA member sections are encouraged to organise the WDA celebration in their countries.

More information

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/en/participer#.UBqoMGmXQRI>

UN HABITAT



6th WORLD URBAN FORUM

UN Habitat will organise the 6th World Urban Forum in **Naples on 1st - 7th September 2012**. The event will bring together governmental and municipal authorities, representatives of civil society, professionals, academics, and representatives of the private sector around the theme **The Urban Future**.

Four major topics were chosen for the discussions - **Urban Planning**: institutions and regulations; **Improving the quality of life**; **Equity and Prosperity**: distribution of wealth and opportunities; **Productive Cities**: competitive and innovative cities and urban mobility, energy & environment. Discussions should lead to an adaptation of the **Manifesto for Cities** that lays out **the foundations for a world urban agenda**.

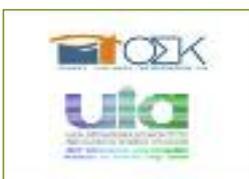


As a partner in the Forum, UIA will be represented by Immediate Past President **Louise Cox**, who will also chair the **Habitat Professional's Forum** round table on 5th September.

More information

<http://www.unhabitat.org/categories.asp?catid=672>

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



373 CANDIDATES TO DESIGN A BIOCLIMATIC SCHOOL IN CRETE

This innovative, **bioclimatic architecture competition**, organised with the support of UIA and its **ARES (Architecture and renewable energy sources) work programme**, generated a wave of enthusiasm, with 373 participants from 57 countries. A strong majority of registrants are European, with a significant presence from Asian countries. Japanese architect **Ben Nakamura** will represent the UIA on the competition jury when it meets next October.

<http://www.seeh-competition.gr/>

AUSTRALIA



SHELLEY PENN - PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Melbourne based architect Shelley Penn is the 73rd president of the Australian Institute of Architects, succeeding Brian Zulaikha.

Shelley Penn has been actively engaged in the Institute for several years, she is in **sole-practicing** architect and contributes to improving architectural quality and protecting the environment as a **consultant** to both public and private clients. She was a Victoria government architect within the Prime Minister's cabinet, and serves as Vice-President of the Heritage Council of Victoria.

www.architecture.com.au

NEW ZEALAND



NEW ZEALAND ARCHITECTURE MEDAL 2012

Auckland **Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki** was awarded the 2012 New Zealand Architecture Medal, which is part of a series of awards attributed by the New Zealand Institute of Architects every year. **FJMT and Archimedia architects** designed this structure in accord with a complex programme requiring urban integration within a sensitive area and adding on to a historic building. According to the jury members, the authors responded brilliantly, and an overwhelming majority of the population of Auckland agrees.

<http://www.nzia.co.nz/awards/new-zealand-architecture-awards/nz-architecture-medal.aspx#>

WOMEN ARCHITECTS FEATURED ON NZIA WEBSITE



The NZIA website is turning the spotlight on New Zealand's women architects by creating a series of pages entitled Architecture+Women. The goal is to constitute a database and set up an open **network of all the women architects with ties to New Zealand**, whatever their mode of practice or their activities.

It includes a ten-point questionnaire that will help gather statistics, and the project will be utilised to create an exhibition for 2013 that shows the constants and mutations in the professional careers of women architects over the last 20 years. A similar initiative was launched by the institute in 1993, entitled Constructive Agenda - 60 Years of Women in Architecture in New Zealand

<http://www.architecturewomen.org.nz/gallery>

ARGENTINA



SOUTH AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL

From **26 to 28 September, Mendoza, Argentina**, will host the first edition of the South American architecture biennial. A series of exhibitions and conferences by architects from all over the continent are on the program, as well as the attribution of a number of prizes including Edificar 2012 that will recognise the 10 most pertinent architectural contributions to Mendoza. The biennial is placed under the presidency of **Gerardo Montaruli**, President of the Argentine Federation of Associations of Architects.

<http://www.bas2012.com.ar>

SPAIN

**RAFAEL MONEO - 2012 PRINCE OF ASTURIAS PRIZE IN ARTS**

Spanish architect Rafael Moneo, following the abundance of honours received from around the world, was awarded the 2012 Prince of Asturias Prize in Arts, in Oviedo, capital of the Principality of Asturias, for his "invaluable contribution to the cultural and architectural heritage of humanity". Considered one of the greatest contemporary Spanish architects, he is also respected and honoured on the international scale for his exemplary realisations including the Atocha train station, the extension of the Prado Museum in Madrid, the Modern Art Museum in Stockholm, and the Our Lady of the Angels cathedral in Los Angeles.

Rafael Moneo won the Pritzker Prize and the **UIA Gold Medal in 1996**.

Rafael Moneo on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExIHqdNN6aA>

CANADA

IIDEX/NEOCON CANADA

Architecture Canada-RAIC announces the IIDEX trade fair and conferences dedicated to Canadian architecture and design, to take place on **20 & 21 September in Toronto**. This professional event brings together 15 000 architects, designers, promoters and actors in the different sectors of the construction industry. For the first time IIDEX is initiated jointly by **Architecture Canada-RAIC and Profesional, Interior Designers of Canada (idc)**.

<http://www.iidexneocon.com/2012/>

RUSSIA

AN ECO-SHORE FOR THE BLACK SEA

The **Union of Architects of Russia** announces the annual festival of architecture Eco-Shore, that will take place in Sochi, Russian Federation, on **27 - 30 September 2012**. This event aims to present innovative planning ideas for coastal areas threatened by climate change. The federating theme of the festival is 'Oh, My Black Sea'. Ideas will be selected and displayed to propose solutions to the problems facing coastal areas along oceans, seas, and lakes, as well as rivers. Among the themes suggested for ideas are preservation projects, the extension of waterside and beach walkways, protecting the environment and natural spaces, and water treatment within the framework of urban and suburban planning and touristic planning programmes.

www.moskvarch.ru

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COLOMBIA



15th IBERIAN-AMERICAN TOWN PLANNING CONGRESS

From **12 to 15 September 2012**, **Medellin**, Colombia, will host the 15th Iberian-American Town Planning congress. This event is organised every two years in an Iberian-American city, alternatively in Europe and the Americas. The theme developed this year will be: **Cities for decent habitat**. The goal is to have a positive influence on the living conditions that prevail in numerous Latin American cities where people are confronted with situations of inequality, exclusion, social segregation and violence. How to combat land speculation? What can be done about the lack of infrastructure and services? These are just a couple of the questions the international specialists will try to resolve in Medellin.

More information

<http://www.xvciu.com>

FRANCE



24 HOURS OF ARCHITECTURE IN STRASBOURG

Architecture night and day, for twenty-four hours straight: this is what the *Maisons de l'architecture* network is hosting in Strasbourg on **19 and 20 October**. A first in France, the 24 hours of architecture is at once a festival of cinema, workshops, learning activities, walks, a symposium, a collection of exhibitions and a big party open to the public and professionals alike. The **National Council of the Order of French Architects** is a partner in this first edition.

More information on the web

<http://www.24harchi.org/>

on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/24-heures-darchitecture/446886331989385>

ITALY



A TRAVELLING EXHIBITION ABOUT GREEN ARCHITECTURE

The Italian journal *Bioarchitettura*, supported by the **National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscape architects, and Conservationists (CNAPPC)**, has created a travelling exhibition to raise awareness about ecological architecture in Italy. The exhibition itself is designed as a voyage through the different phases and events that marked the evolution of green architecture over the last twenty years. It will also serve as a springboard for new initiatives in the sector.

More information

<http://www.bioarchitettura-rivista.it/>

DOCOMOMO

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ESPOO**

From 7 to 10 August 2012, Docomomo Finland is organising an international conference entitled **The Survival of Modern, from Coffee Cup to General Plan**. The different presentations will discuss the environment, urban space, free planning, and interior planning in order to show how the concepts of space and scale in modern architecture have evolved in relation to new economical and ecological challenges. Main speakers include **Anthony Vidler, Mikko Heikkinen, Juha Leiviskä** and **Juhani Pallasmaa**. The event parallels the celebration of the **Helsinki region as World Design Capital 2012**.

<http://www.docomomo-fi.com/conference2012>

DOCOMOMO RIO

On **28 & 29 September 2012**, the second series of Docomomo meetings will take place on the theme: **The archives of modern architecture: inventory and preservation of Rio's heritage**.

<http://www.docomomo.org.br/>

IFLA

**IFLA ANNUAL CONGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA), will hold its annual congress in Capetown, South Africa, on **5 - 7 September 2012**, on the theme: **Landscapes in transition**. **Kathryn Gustafson, Charles Hutchinson** and **Anthony Wain** will look at the theme from the point of view of cultural or natural landscapes. The congress will follow an IFLA Council meeting, in which UIA President **Albert Dubler** has been invited to participate.

<http://www.ifla2012.com>

FCAA

**THE JOY OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE CARIBBEAN**

On **27 - 30 September**, Bridgetown, on the island of Barbados, will host the **Federation of Caribbean Associations of Architects' 8th architecture biennial**. The theme, **The Joy of Architecture**, is an invitation to explore how architects improve the conditions and quality of life, the extra enjoyment architecture brings to our society, but also the profession's responsibilities. The historic Garrison district in Bridgetown, registered on the UNESCO World Heritage list, will serve as a living illustration of the theme.

www.fcaabiennale2012.com

WORLD TOWN
PLANNING DAY**SMART COMMUNITIES CONNECT**

To commemorate world town planning day several national and regional associations of town planning professionals decided to organise an **online conference, on 6 & 7 November**, on the theme **Smart Communities Connect**. A call for contributions was launched and 18 were selected to participate in the conference with the goal of showing how advances in technology shape our environment.

http://www.planningtheworld.net/World_Town_Planning_Day_Online_Conference/Home.html

SUSTAINABLE
ARCHITECTURE
REGION 1

**Albert Dubler and
Corrado Clini, Italian
Minister of the
Environment in Rio**

ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN REGENERATION, VIDEOS NOW ONLINE

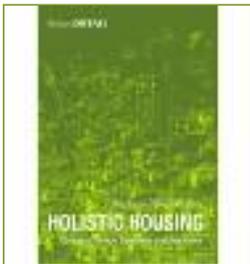
Two video recordings were made of the **UIA conference on the environment and urban regeneration** that took place as part of the United Nations conference on sustainable development **Rio+20**. The conference was organised on the initiative of the **Italian Minister of the Environment, the Rio de Janeiro regional authorities and the UIA work programme Sustainable Architecture (Region I - Western Europe)**.

The first video presents the conference organised by Cristiano Lepratti on the theme **Urban Landscapes: informal cities, urban spread and former industrial cities**. The second records the case studies presented following the conference.

See the videos

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RrxveEebFul>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joT_KAmYlsw&feature=relmfu

**HOLISTIC HOUSING. HOW TO DESIGN IN A SUSTAINABLE FASHION**

Hans Drexler and Sebastian El khouli have co-authored a book entitled *Holistic Housing. Concepts, design strategies and processes*. The work explores sustainable solutions in the context of planification, but also according to usage and the entire life cycle of a structure. A set of criteria allow for a comparison and evaluation of buildings, and can also be used to optimise the design process. Fifteen examples explain the ways in which these criteria and other aspects of sustainable building can be implemented in sophisticated architecture and how these can then be experienced.

The book is available in English and German. It contains 288 pages in 24 x 33 format and is published by **DETAIL**. It sells for 49 euro.

http://shop.detail.de/eu_e/holistic-housing.html

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