WEBINAR 2021: CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR A HEALTHY WORLD

The celebrations of the World Day of Architecture have been successfully concluded. Traditionally celebrated on the first Monday in October, the theme chosen this year was "A clean environment for a healthy world". Among the various activities proposed around this theme, the UIA organised a webinar on 4 October 2021, bringing together experts in the fields of architecture and health. It is now available on the UIA YouTube channel and the speakers' presentations are available on the UIA website.
The UIA, in partnership with UN-Habitat, launched the UIA 2030 Award to promote the work of architects contributing to delivery of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The award, synchronised with the biennial World Urban Forum, invites architects around the world to submit entries for built projects which demonstrate design quality and have made significant contributions towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The first cycle of the Award (2021 - 2022) is now open for entries.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXTUAL ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2022

Antalya Kepez Municipality, in cooperation with the Antalya Branch of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey, has organised the “The International Contextual Architecture Awards in memory of Architect Turgut Cansever”. Endorsed by the International Union of Architects (UIA), these Awards seek proposals that exhibit original interpretations of Turkish architect Turgut Cansever’s design principles: adapting design to regional characteristics, thereby promoting cultural continuity, regional values and distinctive local attributes. The award seeks to highlight the importance of local identity in a globalised world.

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In July 2021, the UIA General Assembly declared 2022 the “UIA Year of Design for Health”, a commitment which encourages all UIA Member Sections to use evidence-based design to promote health in buildings and cities. Piloted by the UIA Public Health Group (PHG), the UIA will facilitate a series of initiatives, including webinars, an open-access digital hub, an international research agenda to facilitate designing for health.

The UIA launches the logo competition for "2022: UIA Year of Design for Health." The winning logo will be used for the branding and promotion of the UIA’s year-long activities.

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GABON: NEW PRESIDENT

On 25 September, the Order of Gabonese Architects (OGA) elected Erichk Mauro President for a three-year term. A graduate of the Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture Paris-Val de Seine in France, many of his projects are in the domain of education and higher education. He is currently a principal at Architectures Mauro and Technologies (AM&T Sarl), where he has realised private residences and public developments in Libreville. He is currently rehabilitating residences in New Rochelle, New York, Washington DC in the United States, in Ottawa, Canada and in France. He succeeds Jean Joël Mabeley in the position.

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SPAIN: PRESIDENT REELECTED

Julio Cesar Salgado Lagos, is the new President of the Colegio de Arquitectos de Honduras (CAH). Graduate in Architecture in 2011 from the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Sports and Recreation (MIDEREc) of the Dominican Republic, he has served on the Honduran Electoral Committee of the College of Architects of Honduras since 2015. He succeeds the post Oscar Mencia.

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SOUTH AFRICA: NEW PRESIDENT

Ruben Reddy is the new president of the South Africa Institute of Architects. An internationally recognized professional architect, his practice is based in Durban, South Africa. Specialised in the field of sport architecture, he is the Master Planner for the Commonwealth Games taking place in Durban in 2022 and his firm designed the Sochi Ice Hockey Arena, one of the main venues during 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Russia. He succeeds Kate Otten in the position.

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NEPAL: CONVENTION

The Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) is organising an International Convention in Kathmandu from 30-31 October with the theme: "The Architectural Response to Global Challenges": Sustainable Development Goals Post-COVID 19 Pandemic." The event will promote reflection along the lines of the UIA's “An Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals”.

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UNITED KINGDOM: STERLING PRIZE

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has named Kingston University London – Town House, designed by Grafton Architects, winner of the 25th RIBA Stirling Prize. The prize is the latest honour bestowed upon the founders of Grafton Architects, Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, recently awarded the 2020 RIBA Gold Medal and the Pritzker Prize. The 6th floor building includes an amphitheatre, library, archive, dance studio and theatre and cafes. Norman Foster, jury president, described the building as the “future of education.”

More information
SPORTS & LEISURE WP: IAKS CONGRESS

The topic for the 27th IAKS Congress is “Developing healthy and sustainable communities”. From 26 to 29 October 2021, experts from Australia, Canada and Europe will converge on Cologne, Germany to discuss how to achieve ecological, economic and social sustainability in the face of climate change. With its 27th edition, the world’s leading international forum on the planning, building and operation of sports and leisure facilities will once again be the hub for inspiration and innovation.

More information

SDG COMMISSION: GUIDE IN FRENCH

The UIA Sustainable Goals Commission has collaborated with the French Section of the UIA to edit the French version of the Architecture Guide to the UIA 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which promotes understanding among architects of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This Guide, available free of charge, spotlights 80 inspiring, sustainable and human-centred architecture projects.

More information on the Commission
For the Guide in French

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS ▼

ACE: CONFERENCE

The Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE) is organising a public conference, “Climate Change and Built Heritage”, on 28 October in Brussels to discuss how high-quality architecture can mitigate climate change and help our society to adapt its effects. The event will be designed as an opportunity to discuss ongoing EU policy initiatives, as well as city and landscape planning, mobility, circular economy, re-use of heritage.

Pour plus d’information

ARCASIA: SHANGHAI 2021

The 19th edition of the Asian Congress of Architects will take place from 29 October to 2 November with the theme Sharing and Regeneration. The Congress traditionally coincides with the ARCASIA Council meeting. This year it will be hosted by Architectural Society of China (ASC) and will focus on Chinese architectural design, promote Chinese architects and encourage international communication.

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THE UIA AT COP26 ▼
COP26: UIA-INBAR JOINT EVENT

UIA President José Luis Cortés will issue a welcoming statement at a COP26 joint event of UIA and International Network Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) on 5 November. The event is organised in order to inform built environment professionals about bio-based design implementation, to promote resilient design through bamboo architecture, and to assist governments, businesses and local communities to identify new and innovative ways to use bamboo and rattan as building materials across more than 50 countries in global south Asia, Africa and Latin America. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas, Co-Director of the UIA Sustainable Development Goals Commission, will be a panellist. The event will continue with sessions on 9, 16, 23 and 29 November.

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