ACE-UIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESIGN COMPETITIONS

The ACE-UIA International Conference on Architectural Competitions was held on 25 October 2019 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. Jointly organised by the Architects' Council of Europe and the International Union of Architects, this conference was sponsored by the European Commission (Creative Europe) and received the patronage of UNESCO.

Architects from all over the world discussed how architecture competitions enhance the quality of the built environment while providing opportunities for architects as well as clients. At the end of the conference, Presidents Thomas Vonier of the UIA and Georg Pendl of ACE signed a joint declaration to urge policymakers and government bodies to include architectural design competitions as a recommended procedure in public procurement laws, in order to promote enduring, excellent and responsible solutions for buildings and communities.

Read the declaration
UNESCO-UIA WORLD CAPITAL OF ARCHITECTURE

Following the announcement of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) as the first UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture in 2020, UNESCO and the UIA held their first joint committee meeting on 24 October 2019 under the chairmanship of architect Dominique Perrault, designer of the Bibliothèque nationale de France in Paris. The meeting aimed to coordinate the activities for the year, for which the theme is “All the worlds. Just one world. Architecture 21.”

Find out more
UIA WORLD CONGRESS: SUMMER SCHOOL

Architecture and urban planning students from all over the world are invited to submit their applications to the UIA 202020RIO Summer School. Students must be in their 2nd or 4th year of study. The Summer School will take place in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 11 to 23 July 2020. Applications must be submitted by 2 December 2019.

Find out more
WUF10

The UIA will participate alongside its partner UN-Habitat in the upcoming World Urban Forum taking place in Abu Dhabi from 8-13 February 2020. The theme of the tenth WUF will be Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation. It will focus on "harnessing culture and innovation as drivers of sustainable urban development."

The UIA Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Commission is organising a side event, "Sustainable Architecture at the Crossroads: The Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Innovation". It invites UIA Member Sections to nominate speakers to discuss sustainable architecture and its intersection with cultural heritage and new urban solutions. The deadline for nominating speakers is 26 November 2019.

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ARCASIA

The Arcasia Forum will be held on the 3-4 November 2019 in Dhaka (Bangladesh) with the theme ‘Architecture in a Changing Landscape’. The theme is expected to generate innovation and ideas for the architecture of today and the future, in the context of rapidly changing times. Region IV members will meet in parallel to this Forum on 4 November 2019.

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AFRICA UNION OF ARCHITECTS

The Africa Union of Architects and the Zambia Institute of Architects will hold the International Conference on Architecture and Urbanism on 4-5 December 2019 in Livingstone, Zambia. The theme of the event will be “Formulating a Roadmap for the Future Cities”.

The AUA Council will hold its 61st Council meeting directly following the event on 6 December 2019.

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UNITED KINGDOM: RIBA GOLD MEDAL

Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, co-founders of Grafton Architects, are the first female partnership to be awarded the 2020 RIBA Royal Gold Medal for Architecture. They are the fourth and fifth female architects to have won the prestigious award in a partnership. There has still only been one woman – Zaha Hadid – named sole winner of the RIBA Royal Gold Medal in its 171-year history.

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GREECE: GREEK ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS

The Greek Association of Architects organised a student seminar on Bioclimatic and Ecological Architecture at the Stamou Stournas hostel in a Pilion mountain village. The UIA was represented by Honorary President Vassilis Sgoutas and Region II Vice President Nikos Fintikakis who both made presentations on the role of the UIA and Ecological Architecture.
KOREA: SEOUL HALL OF URBANISM & ARCHITECTURE

The Korean Institute of Architects and the Seoul Hall of Urbanism & Architecture invite submissions for their first joint exhibition, "Hidden Architects". The first edition of this annual event will take place in December 2020. The deadline for submissions is 25 November 2019.

For more information, contact the Korean Institute of Architects

CHAD: THE AFRICAN CITIES OF THE FUTURE

The National Order of Architects of Chad will hold an international round table on 7-8 November 2019. With the theme "The African Cities of the Future", the event will include presentations by William Bates, President of the American Association of Architects, Victor Leonel, President of the Africa Union of Architects and other notable speakers.

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