

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



DESIGNING WARSAW'S POLISH HISTORY MUSEUM

The Polish Minister of Culture and Heritage is launching an international competition open to architects from around the world for the design of the Polish History Museum to be built in the capital city of Warsaw.

This two-phase project competition adheres to the UNESCO-UIA regulations and has been approved by the International Union of Architects (UIA) and the Association of Polish Architects (SARP).

Covering a surface of 20 000m², the museum will be located in the Jazdow district near the banks of the Vistule river and vast, prestigious parks that are significant in Warsaw's identity.

The deadline for registrations is 15 June 2009; the deadline for submitting projects in the 1st phase is 30 June 2009.

Register online at the competition website

<http://www.muzhp.pl/competition>

BEIRUT ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE

The Italian team led by Alberto Catalano was awarded first prize.



To be built in the Ghalghoul district of Beirut, heavily tried by the conflicts, this new centre will be dynamic and interactive, offering a wide variety of spaces dedicated to creativity, exchange, debates, education and the diffusion of culture for all audiences and generations.

for more information

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Beyrouth2008/2-results.html>

See the projects on-line

<http://www.darbayrut.org/intro-results.html>

FERNANDO DONIS WINS THE THYSSENKRUPP PRIZE



The municipality of Dubai in cooperation with the ThyssenKrupp elevator group, launched an international competition for an emblematic tower in Dubai in April 2008. The project was a huge success, with 926 propositions submitted to the international jury by architects from around the world.

Mexican architect Fernando Donis was awarded the 100 000 US\$ first prize for his project entitled 'Dubai Frame' that in the words of the author "captures the ever-changing portrait of this city".

for more information

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/2009Dubai/2-results.html>

See the projects on-line

<http://www.thyssenkrupp-elevator-architecture.com>

CANADA

**FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE AND FORUM**

From 17 to 20 June, Montreal will host the RAIC festival of architecture and forum on the theme Vision and Commitment, which sums up in two words the unique and significant contribution that our profession makes to solving the environmental and economic problems that face us at the beginning of the 21st century. Speakers include Jan Gehl, Bernardo Gomez-Pimienta, Clement Demers and Eva L. Maddox, along with a special presentation by John and Patricia Patkau, winners of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's 2009 Gold Medal.

Louise Cox, UIA President will represent the UIA at the festival and will receive one of the RAIC President's Medal.

<http://festival2009.raic.org/>

Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

<http://www.raic.org>

SPAIN

**SPANISH ARCHITECT'S CONGRESS**

On 1-3 July 2009, Valencia will host the Spanish architect's congress. This event is organised by the Superior Council of Associations of Spanish Architects (CSAE), and H.M. King Juan Carlos 1 is its Honorary President. Both architects and students of architecture are invited to discuss the architect's role in society in relation to the challenges of our times, as well as the redefinition of the role of architectural institutions based on this evolution. The three sub themes for the event are: professional practice today and tomorrow; new social, economic and environmental aspects of architectural practice; and architectural colleges and professional institutions in the 21st century.

Carlos Hernández-Pezzi, CSAE President will introduce the Congress. Paul Hyett, former President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Iñaki Ábalos, Francisco Jarauta and Miguel Roca are among the keynote speakers.

Register online at the congress website

www.congresodearquitectos2009.es

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LITHUANIA

**ARCHITECTURE, A PART OF CULTURE**

On 2 to 5 July 2009, the Association of Architects of Lithuania is organising an international conference in Vilnius on the theme: Architecture, a part of culture? within the framework of the celebration of Vilnius as European cultural capital for 2009. Discussions will focus on implementing the European Union's new strategy on sustainable development and the cultural dimension of architectural and urban policies. Albert Dubler, UIA Vice-President, will represent the UIA at this conference of the European Forum on Architectural Policies.

<http://www.efap-fepa.eu>

BRAZIL

BORDER TOWNS: AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WITH THE UIA AND FPAA

On 3 to 5 August 2009, the city of Foz de Iguaçu, situated in the Brazilian province of Parana, on the border with Paraguay and Argentina, will host the third international conference on development in border towns to discuss the theme Integration and Sustainability. A regional conference was held in May 2009 to prepare the content of this event. The conference is organised by the Institute of Architects of Brazil, that will host a meeting of the UIA Council on 30 and 31 July 2009, giving the Council members an opportunity to contribute to the conference.

Janna Mitsou, director of the UIA work programme on architecture and tourism will speak during the conference, alongside work programme members Hande Hegel (Turkey), Pedro Pesci (Argentina) and Amir Turki (Tunisia). The Pan-American Federation of Associations of Architects (FPAA) is also associated in organising this manifestation.

<http://www.iabpr.org.br/3conferencia/>

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

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JAPAN

IN MEMORIAM: REN SUZUKI

Ren Suzuki passed away on 4 May 2009. A graduate of the University of Tokyo, Ren Suzuki began practice in the French agency of Georges Candilis, Charlotte Perriand, Jean Prouvé and Le Corbusier. He founded his own office in Tokyo, which won many competitions including the design of the Japan Institute of Architects headquarters. Deeply involved in the Institute's international relations sector, Ren Suzuki served as a UIA Council Member from 1981 to 1993, and as Vice-President from 1996 to 1999.

Kazuo Iwamura, UIA Vice-President, paid a final homage to him in these words "He always dreamed of hosting a UIA congress in Tokyo, and we will miss him in 2011. His contribution to the UIA is as considerable as his career. His loss is deeply felt and we will always remember him as a great architect, a humanist, a faithful and entertaining friend

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BELGIUM

IN MEMORIAM: JACQUES DEPELSENAIRE

Belgian architect Jacques Depelsenaire passed away in Charleroi on 17 May 2009, at the age of 86. Winner of the premier Grand Prix de Rome in 1948, Jacques Depelsenaire designed a number of public buildings in Belgium as well as France, along with housing complexes, health facilities and tourism centres in Belgium, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Argentina, Italy and Germany. Former President of the Royal Federation of Belgian Architects, he always supported and promoted the UIA in his home country.

SPIRITUAL PLACES
SPIRITUELS**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HUNGARY**

On 6 June 2009 in Debrecen, Hungary, the Association of Hungarian Architects and the UIA work programme Spiritual Places will organise an international conference on the theme Contemporary Churches – challenges for the future. Janos Krähling will chair the conference.

<http://www.meszorg.hu/index.php?m=T&s=1&k=1&t=38&nyelv=1>

ARCHITECTURE
AND TOURISM**TOURISM AND SENSITIVE AREAS**

On 7 August 2009, Sao Paulo, Brazil will host a UIA work programme meeting on the theme of Tourism Architecture and Natural Heritage.

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PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE
COMMISSION**NEXT MEETING IN INDIA, CALL FOR NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS**

The next meeting of the UIA Professional Practice commission will take place on 23 to 26 September 2009, in New Delhi, India. The Member Sections that have not yet designated anyone to represent them at this meeting are invited to do so by addressing a message to commission co-director Doug Steidl. Further information will be published as the meeting approaches.

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EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL SPACES**LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND GLOBAL CULTURE**

During their meeting in Paris on 14 and 15 May, the work programme members decided to hold their next seminar in Mumbai, India, on 15 – 20 January 2010. The theme will be Local Environment and Global Culture: educational spaces in over populated cities. A study trip to Goa will be organised in parallel to the conference. The seminar will be organised by the Institute of Indian Architects in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Town Planners, Engineers, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers.

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ARCHITECTURE
AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY SOURCES**COOPERATION WITH EUROSOLAR**

Following Nikos Fintikakis' participation in the international NEXTBUILDING conference in Verona dedicated to the most recent technological advances in design and construction, the ARES work programme began negotiations with the EUROSOLAR Energy organisation to establish a strategy for scientific and cultural cooperation.

www.uia-ares.tee.gr

<http://www.eurosolaritalia.org/>

SYDNEY

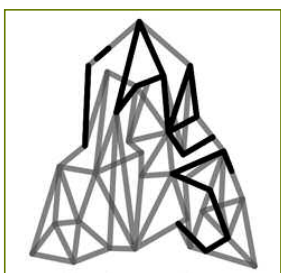
**(UN)LOVED MODERN**

On 7 to 10 July 2009 in Sydney the Australian Institute of Architects, ICOMOS-Australia, Docomomo-Australia and the UIA, have invited specialists on preserving architectural heritage of the 20th century for an international conference entitled (Un)loved Modern. The following six sub themes will be studied: re-engaging with the original designer, war in the Pacific, vulnerable periods & styles, managing 20th century obsolescence, re-thinking colonial heritage, the single house under threat.

The UIA has given its support to this conference, and will be represented by Louise Cox, UIA President. A public debate will be organised on the evening of 8 July at the Sydney Opera House.

<http://www.aicomos.com/>

TOKYO

**INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION SUMMIT**

From 17 to 19 July 2009, Tokyo, Japan, will host an international architectural education summit dedicated to the theme: Negotiating global pressures on professional and educational standards in architecture. This event is supported by the Japan Institute of Architects and organised conjointly by the University of California and Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Tokyo.

Since institutions around the globe feel increasing pressure to conform to standardization, we will bring together an international cross-section of architectural educators to address this situation and also to discover the most effective methods for training architects to face the global challenges of evolving 21st century urban conditions. Among the architects contributing to this event are: Fernando Ramos, co-director of the UIA Architectural Education commission, Kengo Kuma, Odile Decq, Nobuaki Furuya, Toyo Ito and Alejandro Zaera Polo.

<http://www.iaes.aud.ucla.edu/>

SHANGHAI

**CHINA SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SUMMIT**

On 29 June to 1st July 2009, this summit will take place in Shanghai on the theme Sustainability: it's not a trend, it's a necessity!

<http://www.csbsummit.com/>

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