

INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITIONS**JAN KAPLICKY TO BUILD THE PRAGUE NATIONAL LIBRARY**

To conclude the second phase of the international competition for the design of the Prague Library, the jury selected the project by the British team "Future Systems", led by Jan Kaplicky.

This will be Kaplicky's first time building in the town where he was born. The building is somewhat pyramid-shaped, partly underground, and topped with a giant "eye" that will look out over the capital city. The British team of Kevin Carmody and Andy Groake took second place, while the Czech team made up of Petr Burian, Petr Hajek, Tomas Hradecny, and Jan Sepka came in third.

Until 31 May 2007, the 355 projects submitted in the framework of this competition will be exhibited at the Klementinum Gallery in Prague.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Prague2006/2-resultats.html>

http://www.nkp.cz/competition_library/ENinfo.htm

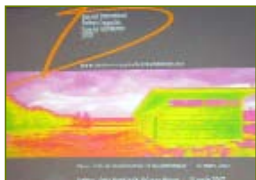
**VALENCIA: TWO PROJECTS FOR JUAN CARLOS Ist MARINA**

The French/Spanish team led by Jean Nouvel and the German team GMP Architekten led by Hubert Nienhoff share the first prize for the international competition to design the docks around Valencia's port, an ambitious programme of maritime urbanisation on a site covering 1 350 000 m².

The third prize was awarded to the Spanish/Japanese team CMD Domingo y Lázaro - Showa Sekkei.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/valencia2007/2-resultats.html>

www.valencia2007.com

INTERNATIONAL
PRIZE**LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE PRIZE BARBARA CAPPOCHIN**

Until 20 July 2007, architects are invited to submit their recent realisations (built between July 2004 and June 2007) to compete for the 60 000 Euro grand prize offered by the Barbara Cappochin Foundation. The international jury, made up exclusively of architects, will select the winner. Realisations may be proposed by architects from around the world, and may be either residential, commercial, administrative, destined to receive the public, or even landscaping projects. A prize of 6 000 Euro will be awarded to a realisation within the province of Padua and a special prize of 6 000 Euro will be awarded to a construction element or an architectural detail of exceptional pertinence.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Cappochin2007/2-annonce.html>

<http://www.barbaracappochinfoundation.net/>

AUSTRALIA



TOWARD AN INTEGRATED PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

From 19 to 22 April 2007, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects will hold its annual convention in Melbourne under the flag of working toward integrated practice.

This edition will be an opportunity to measure the potential offered by the use of building information modelling (BIM) and to evaluate the importance of communication between all the partners working on a project, from the programming stage to the building's upkeep and eventually its recycling.

The RAA invited two experts in this type of practice, **Marko Kivistö** from Finland and **Gunnar Naess** from Norway, who will present their professional approach and their BIM operational model in the framework of project design and management.

Royal Australian Institute of Architects

<http://www.architecture.com.au/departurelounge>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



GROWING BEYOND GREEN

On 3 to 5 May 2007, San Antonio will host the American Institute of Architects' annual convention, which this year focuses on "growing beyond green". Among the prestigious speakers are former US Vice-President Al Gore; director and professor at British Columbia University's School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture **Raymond J. Cole**; South African architect, principal researcher at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and advisor to UNEP **Chrisna du Plessis**; one of America's leading proponents of the regenerative design process **William G. Reed**; and scientist, environmentalist, broadcaster, and professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia **David Suzuki**.



On this occasion, the AIA will also commemorate its 150th anniversary around the theme: **Celebrating the past, designing the future**, through, among other things, an exhibit of the *150 Best Buildings* selected by the public.

American Institute of Architects

<http://www.aiaconvention.com>

CANADA



ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL

From 9 to 12 May 2007, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Ontario Association of Architects are organising the annual festival of architecture and conference around the theme **The next 100 years: healthy buildings for healthy communities**. **Lord Norman Foster** and **Francine Houban**, architect from Delft and commissioner of the first Rotterdam biennial, are among the main speakers invited to participate.

This event will also figure among the celebrations to commemorate the RAIC's 100th anniversary.

Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

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

http://www.raic.org/resources_archives/media_releases/festival2007_e.pdf

SPORTS
AND LEISURE**SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURES IN COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION**

On 20 to 22 April, the UIA Sports and Leisure work programme will assemble for an international seminar in Pula, Croatia, around the theme **Transfer of knowledge of sports infrastructures in countries in transition**. Special attention will be devoted to the problematic of sustainable public swimming pools. The conference is being coordinated by Kreso Ivanis.

Participation in this event will be free for programme members.

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SPIRITUAL
SPACES**TRANSMITTING OUTSPOKEN EMOTIONS**

Until 15 May 2007, architects are invited to submit papers for presentation at the next international conference of the UIA Spiritual Places work programme. The conference will take place on 6 October 2007 in **Warsaw**.

The theme chosen for this conference is: Architecture - the mute transmitter of outspoken emotions: **the integrating role of spiritual places for 21st century city-dwellers**.

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ARCHITECTURE
AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY SOURCES**A NEW IMAGE FOR THE ARES PROGRAMME'S WEBSITE**

The ARES work programme's website has been updated and expanded, and is now on-line. The site's new image is based on the graphic layout developed for UIA publications through the work of Secretary General Jordi Farrando, and adopted by the UIA Council. The Technical Chamber of Greece hosts the programme's site at the following address:

http://portal.tee.gr/portal/page/portal/INTER_RELATIONS/english/UIA-ARES

In other news, on the closing date for registrations in this programme's international competition, 9 February 2007, over 200 registrations had been received. The competition results will be available in November 2007.

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IZMIR

**DESIGN AND DISORDER**

On 11 to 13 April 2007, the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design at Izmir University in Turkey is organising an international conference on the theme **Dancing with disorder: design, discourse, and disaster**. The conference will study how design can influence various forms of disorder or disaster such as natural disasters or physical and mental disorders. How can design respond to the issues that arise in these situations through research, new materials, new creative methods, or innovative solutions?

<http://fadf.ieu.edu.tr/ead07/flash.html>

TUNIS

**ARCHITECTURE AND REGIONAL IDENTITY**

Until 15 April 2007, architects can submit their contribution to the international conference on **regional architecture and identity in the age of globalisation** that will take place in November 2007.

The conference will take place in Tunis and was initiated by the Centre for the Study of Architecture in the Arab Region (CSAAR). It is organised in collaboration with the Department of Architecture of the National School of Architecture and Urbanism, Tunis, and sponsored by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture.

<http://www.csaar-center.org/conference/2007/index.htm>

HAMBURG

**INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE**

From 26 to 28 April 2007, the city of **Hamburg** will host the next conference of the European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP).

Initiated in 1997, the Forum is a collaborative network dedicated to architecture that brings together representatives from various ministries, professional organisations, and cultural institutions from the European Union member states. **The EFAP is a consultative structure dedicated to integrated and sustainable urban development in Europe.**

The forum gave birth to two EU initiatives: the European Council adopted a **resolution on architectural quality** in urban and rural environments, and the **Gaudi project** that laid out a cooperative effort among the European institutions responsible for promoting architecture.

<http://www.architecture-forum.net>

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