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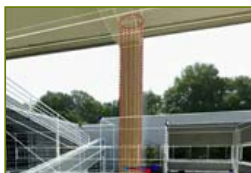
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INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITIONS**IMAGE MODELING OF 20TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE**

An international competition for **students of architecture** will be launched during the European celebration of Architectural Heritage Days on **19 & 20 September 2009**.

Organised by the **French ministry of culture and communication** and the **UIA**, the competitors will create **digital representations of landmark 20th century buildings** to enhance the web index www.archi.fr/UIA: www.archi.fr/UIA

http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Patrimoine20/2_Announcement.html

ACROSS THE BERING STRAIT

One hundred and thirty-five projects (71 professionals and 64 students) were submitted to the international jury for this ideas competition to design a **peace park linking the two Diomedede islands**, situated in the middle of the Bering Strait.



The team led by Colombian architect **Julian Restrepo** was unanimously voted first prize by the jury for the project entitled "Diomedede Archipelago". It proposes a **series of islands made of recycled material dredged from the sea** that form two archipelagos extending the two continents. At their intersection, a tunnel links the two Diomedede islands.

Despite their diversity, the projects reveal **the architectural profession's growing consciousness of environmental issues**. Two alternative types of proposals: **visionary infrastructures and ephemeral structures**, were identified by the international jury, which was chaired by Korean architect **Sungjung Chough**, in response to the ecological and technological dilemma posed by the programme.

for more information

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

BRAZIL

UTOPIA AND REALITY

On 27 – 30 July 2009, Belo Horizonte will host a forum for exchange between students of architecture and urban planning on the theme: Utopia and Reality. A wide variety of events are planned, including: a **forum on social habitat** organised conjointly by the Brazilian authorities and the **Institute of Architects of Brazil**; debates, conferences and round tables led by academics and prestigious Brazilian architects; publication of the results for an international ideas competition on **urban reform**; an exhibition of academic works and **tours of major architectural realisations**, like the new Minas Gerais administrative centre, one of Oscar Niemeyer's recent works.



www.eneabh2009.com.br

NORDIC COUNTRIES

11TH ALVAR AALTO SEMINAR

On 7 – 9 August 2009, the 11th edition of this annual event dedicated to architectural culture and research, that bears the name of Alvar Aalto, will take place in the university city of **Jyväskylä, Finland**, where several of his major works and the museum dedicated to him are located. Around the theme **EDGE: Paracentric Architecture**, architects from Africa, Asia, Finland, and Latin America will present their research, which, though carried out independently in different parts of the world, **pursues the same ecological, communitarian, social and cultural objectives that defy market dictates**. A discussion forum on architects' responsibilities in the evolution of nature and society will also be held. **Louise Cox** will represent the UIA at this seminar.



<http://www.alvaraalto.fi/symposium/2009/index.htm>

SAFA WILL ASSURE THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE UIA NORDIC SECTION

The **Association of Finnish Architects (SAFA)** will ensure the secretariat for the UIA Nordic Section until the UIA Tokyo congress in 2011. Professor **Rainer Mahlamäki** is the current president of SAFA.

The UIA Nordic Section is made up of the professional organisations in **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden**. These countries take turns serving as the Section's secretariat.

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MONGOLIA

ARCASIA FORUM 15

From 17 to 23 August 2009, the **Union of Architects of Mongolia** will host the 15th Forum of the Architect's Regional Council – Asia (ARCASIA) in Ulan-Bator. The theme of this year's forum is: **City and Politics**. A meeting of presidents of sections in **UIA region IV** will take place on 17 August.

<http://www.arcasiaforum15.com/arcasia-forum-15>

GERMANY

ARCHITECTURE + POLICY

The **Federal Chamber of German Architects (BAK)** will celebrate the **40th anniversary** of its founding on 11 September 2009. BAK president **Arno Sighart Schmid** will give the opening address to the festivities with the Minister of Transportation, Construction and Urban Works, **Wolfgang Tiefensee**. **Architekturquartett** will bring together three architecture critics and an expert for an open, public discussion on a selection of projects and realisations in Germany. It will be followed by an architecture festival on the theme **Architecture + Policy**.



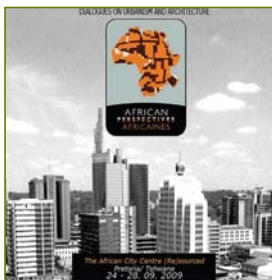
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SOUTH AFRICA

AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES 2009

On **24 to 28 September 2009**, the University of Pretoria will host the 4th edition of these forums organised by **universities around Africa** (Togo, Ghana, Tanzania, Morocco, South Africa) and the **Technical University of Delft**. These dialogues on urban planning and architecture are set up as a **practical platform fed by different university disciplines**, with the goal of constructing pragmatic solutions. The theme: **the African City Centre (re)sourced**, will look at the city in the global context, **through the eyes of history and cultural identities**, and the perspectives of modern lifestyles. The annual African architectural students congress and exhibition of works of art entitled **The Heart of the African City**, will take place in conjunction with the forum. **Gaetan Siew**, UIA Immediate Past President, will speak at this conference.



For more information on the 2009 conference

<http://architectafrica.com/AFRICAN-PERSPECTIVES-2009>

For more information on Africanperspectives

<http://www.africanperspectives.info/>

BELARUS

MINSK ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL

On **17 – 19 September 2009**, the **Union of Belarusian Architects** is organising the Minsk architecture biennial. The **Leonardo prizes** will be awarded during this event, along with a presentation of projects by young architects in UIA region II (Eastern Europe), who are less than 40 years old. Registrations are currently open and **participants can sign up until 1st August 2009**.

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PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE
COMMISSION**MEETING IN NEW DELHI**

The **Indian Institute of Architects (IIA)** will host the **UIA Professional Practice commission** on **23 – 25 September 2009**. **UIA President Louise Cox** will participate and will present the work of the **Architectural Education commission**. Issues on the agenda for this meeting include orientations for the committee charged with **promoting the implementation of international professional standards**; relations between the commission and the **World Trade Organisation (WTO)**; updating the **directives in the UIA code of ethics**; the architect's role in **public-private partnerships**; **integrated practice and automated information management** in building.

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Commission documents and activity reports

www.aia.org/about_uia

ARCHITECTURAL
EDUCATION
COMMISSION**UNESCO WORLD CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION****Fernando Ramos,**

Fernando Ramos, co-directer of the **UIA Architectural Education commission**, represented the **UIA** at **UNESCO's world conference on higher education**, on **5 – 6 July 2009**, at the **UNESCO headquarters in Paris**. **Josep Llop Torné**, director of the **UIA work programme on Intermediate Cities: urbanisation and development**, also participated in this event. The conference brought together nearly 1 000 participants from 148 countries, and opened with a call on **higher education to respond to the challenges of world development**. The personalities that spoke at the opening ceremony underlined three essential issues that governments should address: **equality, quality, and international solidarity**.

For more information on **UNESCO and higher education**

<http://www.unesco.org/en/higher-education/>

ARCHITECTURE AND
RENEWABLE
ENERGY SOURCES**WORKSHOP ON PHOTOVOLTAIC INTEGRATION IN BUILDINGS**

Within the framework of the **European Union's SUNRISE programme**, a workshop dedicated to the growing use of photovoltaic solutions in building will take place in **Hamburg (Germany)** on **20 September 2009**. Experts will share their experiences in this area and present examples that illustrate the **multifunctional aspects of integrated photovoltaic elements**, the fruit of a **growing collaboration between architects, industry, researchers and universities**. **Nikos Fintikakis**, Director of the **UIA work programme ARES**, will participate in this meeting. Advanced registrations are open to all.

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www.photovoltaic-conference.com



UNESCO

WORLD HERITAGE LIST



Thirteen new sites were added to the World Heritage List during the UNESCO World Heritage committee's 33rd session in Seville, Spain. Louise Cox represented the UIA at this session. **Stoclet Palace in Brussels**, classed in its integrality as a historic monument by the Belgian authorities, was added to the list of properties. Built in 1911 by Austrian architect **Joseph Hoffman**, it houses major works from the Vienna Secession: **Gustav Klimt**, **Koloman Moser** and **Fernand Khnopff**.

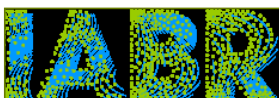
For the second time since the adoption of the World Heritage convention in 1972, a property was taken off the list by the committee, which felt that the **Elbe Valley in Dresden** has not preserved the universal value that was the basis of its inscription in the list because of the construction of a bridge in the heart of this cultural landscape.

Consult the complete list

<http://whc.unesco.org/fr>

ROTTERDAM

4TH INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL



From **24 September 2009 to 10 January 2010**, the Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAI) opens its doors to welcome visitors to its 4th biennial of architecture entitled **Open City: designing coexistence**. A large scale model will illustrate the theme, and allow visitors to discover the exhibitions and participate in forums. The Parallel Cases exhibition will present **44 exemplary projects in 28 countries**. A series of special programmes by the Netherlands public station, VPRO, will be broadcast on radio, television and the Internet from the NAI.

<http://www.iabr.nl/>

FLORENCE

TOWARD ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL

From **31 August to 2 September 2009**, the **Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe (AAATE)** is organising a conference on the theme, **Inclusion between past and future: AT from adapted equipment to inclusive environments**. **Fionnuala Rogerson**, director of the UIA work programme *Architecture for All* in region I will present a conference on the theme, *Integrated environments, toward an architecture for all*.

www.aaate2009.eu

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