

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



RECORD PARTICIPATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN DUBAI

The pre-project competition to design a tall building for the Za'abeel technical park in Dubai attracted **4 651 architects** to register in **2 967 teams** from **108 countries** around the world. Heading the list of participating countries is **Spain** with 336 teams, **France** with 299, **Italy** with 250, the **USA** with 239, and **China** with 109.

The competition is organised by the **municipality of Dubai** and the **ThyssenKrupp elevator** company, and was approved by the UIA. Former UIA president **Jaime Duro** will represent the Union on the international jury. The results are to be announced in May 2009.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Tyssenlan/2annonce.html>
<http://www.thyssenkrupp-elevator-architecture.com/>

INTERNATIONAL PRIZES



2009 TORSANLORENZO PRIZE

March 6, 2009, is the deadline for submitting candidatures to this edition of the Torsanlorenzo prize, in which registrations are made at the same time as the documents are submitted. This annual prize was designed to recognise exceptional landscaping projects and promote the qualities of urban green spaces and environmental restoration. It is **organised for the fifth time with support from the UIA** and other professional planning organisations, notably the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) and the Italian National Council of Architects, Town Planners, Landscape Architects, and Conservationists (CNAPPC). **Kazuo Iwamura** will represent the UIA on the jury.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Torsanlorenzo2009/2-annonce.html>
<http://www.premiotorsanlorenzo.it/>

ARCHITECTURE
AND RENEWABLE
ENERGY SOURCES**POSTPONEMENT OF THE RENEWABLE CITIES CONGRESS 2009**

Originally scheduled for **8 – 11 March 2009** in **Sydney**, the World Congress of the Renewable City has been postponed until **13 – 16 September 2009**. A **meeting of the UIA work programme** Architecture and renewable energy sources will take place as part of this event, and its director, **Nikos Fintikakis**, will be one of the **conference** speakers.

<http://www.wcrc2009.org/a>

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SUSTAINABLE
ARCHITECTURE**REGION I PROGRAMME MEETING**

On **27 and 28 February 2009**, **Darmstadt**, Germany, will host a meeting of this regional UIA work programme. Encouraged by its director **Sebastian El Khouli**, the programme has ambitious objectives for the UIA Tokyo congress. It hopes to prepare a methodological guide in collaboration with the other regional programmes; a training programme targeted toward the Member Sections in Region I; an exhibition of best practices in Europe; and a student competition on sustainable architecture followed by a travelling exhibition.

Architects in region I (western Europe) who would like to participate in this programme are invited to contact its director.

Sebastian El Khouli, programme director – region I

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ARCHITECTURE
AND CHILDREN**PROGRAMME MEETING IN CROATIA**

On **24 and 25 April 2009**, the UIA work programme on architecture and children will meet in **Zagreb, Croatia**. Following its meeting in **Moscow** last October, the programme is continuing the work of expanding its communication techniques by enriching its website and producing videos, publications and informative documents. It will also set up a new series of prizes called the Golden Cube to recognise initiatives from various horizons that improve children's access to architecture, their understanding and perception. The **Golden Cubes** will be awarded at the 2011 UIA congress in Tokyo and will be accompanied by an exhibition.

Ewa Struzynska, programme co-director

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SRI LANKA

**DOING MORE WITH LESS**

Based on an initiative by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), a conference will be organised on **5 March 2009** in cooperation with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation of Architects (SAARCH). The conference entitled **Doing More with Less** will be introduced by SLIA President **Jayanta Perera**, with the participation of **Patali Champika Ranawake**, Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources. Indian architect **Karan Grover** will give the keynote address.

Sri Lanka Institute of Architecture

<http://www.slia.lk/>

AUSTRIA

**UIA REGION I MEETING**

On **13 and 14 March**, the presidents of the UIA Member Sections in region I (western Europe) will meet in **Innsbruck**. The meeting will be chaired by the UIA Vice-President for the region, **Albert Dubler**, and is hosted by the UIA Austrian Section, the BAIK, and its president, **Georg Pendl**. Also attending this meeting are UIA President **Louise Cox**, UIA Vice-President for region II **Elisabeth Siola**, UIA Secretary General **Jordi Farrando**, and Architect's Council of Europe President **Juhani Katainen**.

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CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC**BASSOUKPALO BINGA, OCA PRESIDENT**

Bassoukpalo Binga was elected president of the **Central African Order of Architects (OCA)**. He works as an architect and urban planner, and has notably realised health facilities and social housing complexes. Mr. Binga has also held public office in the Central African Republic, as **Director of Habitat and Town Planning**, and **Deputy Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Habitat**.

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TURKEY

**IN MEMORIAM: GUNHAM DANISMAN**

Turkish architect Gunhan Danisman passed away on 17 January 2009. Mr. Danisman was a **member of the UIA Council**, Vice-President of the Istanbul branch of the **Chamber of Architects of Turkey**, and head of the Turkish delegation to the Architects Council of Europe. He also served as a professor of architecture at the **Bahceshir and Bogazici universities** and member of the executive board for the **Turkish Museum of Architecture**. Highly appreciated by his peers, his passing leaves a great void within the community of architects.

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WELS

WORLD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS 2009

From **25 to 27 February 2009**, a three-day conference in Wels, Austria, will be dedicated to renewable energies. The different topics to be examined include energy efficiency in the construction industry, sources of renewable energy and technologies and strategies related to sustainable energy.

for more information

<http://www.oec.at/OEC/index.php?id=217&contUId=0>

BRISBANE

CONFERENCE: GREEN CITIES 2009

On **March 1 - 4 2009**, Brisbane will host a conference and exhibition dedicated to green buildings in Australasia. The three criteria for green architecture: **value, affordability and sustainability** will be illustrated. **Kenneth Yeang** will be among the keynote speakers at this conference open to builders and decision-makers.

for more information

<http://www.greencities.org.au/>



FLORENCE

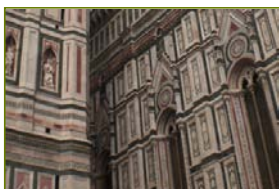
THEORIES AND PHILOSOPHIES OF CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

On **5 – 9 March**, in Florence, the **ICOMOS** scientific committee on theories and philosophies of conservation and restoration of historic buildings will study the **image of heritage, changing perception** -permanent responsibilities. This conference is open to all professionals working with these topics.

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