

SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN



UIA PROMOTES THE 'RESET' NORMS AROUND THE WORLD

The **Institute of Tropical Architecture** in **Costa Rica** developed a series of standards for sustainable building in tropical climates entitled RESET. The watchword is '**More design - less technology**' in these standards for certification approved by the Costa Rican government and applied across the country since May 2012, thanks to backing by the national institute of architects.

Following an initiative by the **Costa Rican College of Architects** and **Bruno Stagno**, the Institute of Tropical Architecture authorised the UIA to diffuse and promote these norms so that architects working in similar contexts can take advantage of the conclusions and applications, which result from extensive and detailed research into sustainable construction in tropical climates. This action is part of Costa Rica's contribution to the **UIA Responsible by Design** strategy.

The RESET standards can be downloaded from the UIA website

http://www.uia-architectes.org/sites/default/files/RESET_V16.pdf

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



THYSSENKRUPP CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS IN ESSEN RECEIVE THE EUROPEAN PRIME PROPERTY AWARD FOR 2012

The European Prime Property Award, approved by the UIA, gave its highest recognition for 2012 to the ThyssenKrupp headquarters district in Essen, Germany, designed and realised by **ARGE JSWD Architekten, Chaix & Morel et Associés**. Second prize was awarded to the Kauhaus Tyrol Department Store in Innsbruck, Austria, designed by **David Chipperfield**. Third prize went to the Kungsbrohuset building in Stockholm, Sweden, designed by **Strategisk Arkitektur**. One hundred and sixty realisations in 19 European countries were submitted to the international jury for the 2012 session. **László Széker**, architect in Budapest, served as the UIA representative.

<http://www.prime-property-award.de/en/index.html>

YOUNG ARCHITECTS INTERNATIONAL PRIZE



TEMPORARY SHELTERS

The **Turkish Chamber of Architects** and its Antalya branch has launched the 5th edition of an international prize for young architects, born after 1974. This prize recognises the winners of an international ideas competition regarding temporary shelters. The need for temporary shelters seems to be ever growing, whether they are destined for disaster victims or poor people left behind by society. The role and response of architects in this context, to which they are little accustomed, is the object of this competition and a debate that will follow in Antalya, on 25 May 2013. **The deadline for registration and submitting projects is 15 March 2013.** The UIA has supported this initiative since 2010.

<http://www.youngarchitectsmeeting.com/ana.cfm?PgID=146>

ITALY



IN MEMORIAM GAE AULENTI

Italian architect Gae Aulenti passed away in Milan, on 31 October, at the age of 84. A major figure in both architecture and design, she was recently awarded the Gold Medal for Italian architecture. A graduate of the Milan Polytechnic Institute's school of architecture, she first worked as a designer, collaborated in the **Casabella-continuità** journal, and taught in Venice and Milan. Her creativity had no limits, spanning from objects such as her famous **Pipistrello** lamp to the organisation of urban spaces and rehabilitations such as the **Musée d'Orsay** in Paris and the **Catalonia National Art Museum**.

Watch a video interview with Gae Aulenti

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vpkg_rTDko

POLAND

GREGORY STIASNEMU AND JACOB WACLAWKOWI HONOURED BY SARP

Gregory Stiasnemu and Jacob Wacławkowi received the 2012 Honour Award from the Polish Association of Architects (SARP) in recognition of their life work. This prestigious award will be presented to them on 7 December 2012, at the opening of an exhibition of their work at the main SARP offices in Warsaw. On the same day, a general assembly of SARP delegates will also open.

<http://www.sarp.org.pl/>

SPAIN



JAVIER CARVAJAL FERRER 2012 SPANISH ARCHITECTURE GOLDMEDAL

Catalan architect Javier Carvajal Ferrer was chosen as winner for the 2012 Spanish architecture medal, the highest distinction awarded by the **Superior Council of Colleges of Spanish Architects** (CSCAE). With this prize the jury pays tribute to all aspects of his multi-faceted career, architectural as well as educational, and honours "a complete architect, who developed a philosophy that perpetuates through various disciplines". In 1963, he won the competition to design the **Spanish pavilion at the New York World's Fair**, which propelled him onto the international scene. He works mainly in Spain, while teaching in schools around the country and abroad.

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

UNITED KINGDOM



SAINSBURY LABORATORY, 2012 RIBA STIRLING PRIZE

The Sainsbury Laboratory plant research centre built in Cambridge by **Stanton Williams** received the 2012 Stirling Prize awarded by the **Royal Institute of British Architects** (RIBA). The Stirling Prize is awarded each year to the best realisation chosen by the jury from among a selection of six recent, emblematic buildings constructed in Britain. Situated in the botanical garden of a university campus, the centre is a subtle reinterpretation of a cloister, spaces that for many years were conducive to scientific exchange. A timeless structure in a particularly sensitive site, open onto the woods where Darwin and his mentor Henslow used to discourse on the evolution of species.

<http://ribastirlingprize.architecture.com>

UNITED KINGDOM



GUANGZHOU FINANCIAL CENTRE RECEIVES THE RIBA LUBETKIN PRIZE

The Guangzhou international financial centre in China, designed and realised by **Wilkinson Eyre Architects**, won the 2012 Lubetkin Prize. With this honour, the **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)**, recognises the excellence of an international building. With 66 floors of offices and 38 dedicated a hotel, disposed around a tapering atrium, the centre maintains a simple and elegant appearance despite its gigantic size.

<http://www.architecture.com/Awards/LubetkinPrize/LubetkinPrize.aspx>

CHINA



WANG SHU, INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR 2012

The American newspaper **The Wall Street Journal** has recognised the creative and collaborative genius of Chinese architect Wang Shu by naming him Innovator of the year for 2012 in the architecture category. WSJ names innovators of the year in various creative fields including fashion, art, design, architecture, education, and technology. Winner of the 2012 Pritzker Prize for architecture, Wang Shu was commended by the WSJ jury for his "deceptively simple" vision that is "drafting a new architectural blueprint for his country".

http://graphicsweb.wsj.com/documents/image_grid/?slug=WSJMAG112012#filter=*

KOREA



THE WORLD'S ARCHITECTS VISIT KOREA

Within the framework of the annual **Korean Festival of Architecture**, held this year in Daejeon, on 18 to 23 October on the theme: Architecture and Science, the Korean Institute of Architects (KIA) organised its first international architecture exhibition.

Sixty-eight architects from 29 countries submitted projects for this exhibition entitled "100 architects of the year 2012". The initiative received the **support of the UIA**. In addition, a stand was set up within the festival to promote the **upcoming UIA congresses in Durban in 2014, and in Seoul in 2017**.

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GREECE



ARCHITECTS ARE CITY CHANGERS

As part of celebrations for the **World Day of Architecture** in Greece, the Central Macedonia branch of the Technical Chamber of Greece proposed to its members a competition inviting the free expression of their ideas on the theme 'architects are city changers'. The results were announced on 1st October in Thessaloniki. First prize was awarded to **Eudoxia Papalioura** for her 'pocket garden' project. Second prize went to **Stefanos Demetriou and Gregory Vegliris** for a collective urban space, and third prize was awarded to **Evanthia Mostrou** for a proposition to improve energy performance in existing housing units.

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ARCASIA

**PEI ING TAN - ARCASIA PRESIDENT**

Pei Ing Tan will begin her service as president of the Architects' Regional Council - Asia (ARCASIA) in 2013. She became president elect in 2011, and succeeds Japanese architect **George Kunihiro**. Pei Ing is very active in the work of the Malaysian Institute of Architects, of which she served as president, and has represented her country on the international level as an alternate member of the UIA Council (2008-2011). She is also the president of Architecture for Humanity Malaysia. Both architect and designer, she runs her own studio, PI Architect, since 1989, and her realisations have been recognised by a number of prizes.

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

IFLA

**SHARED WISDOM**

The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) will hold its next annual congress in **Aotearoa, New Zealand**, on 10 to 12 April 2013, on the theme: Shared Wisdom in an Age of Change. The 2013 student 'charrette' will take place on April 7 to 9, around the theme *Shared Landscape*, and will work with members of the local Maori tribe.

<http://www.ifla2013.com/>

AFRICITIES 2012

**BUILDING AFRICA FROM ITS TERRITORIES**

The sixth edition of the Africities summit will take place in Dakar, Senegal, on **4 to 8 December 2012**. This year's theme is Building Africa from its Territories: what challenges for local governments? The summit will examine the impacts of urbanisation, globalisation, democratisation, and decentralization, on the reorganisation of settlements and development around the continent today and tomorrow.

<http://www.africities.org/an/node/9>

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