



Liyuan Library in the village of Jiaojiehe, China. Winner of the first Moriyama RAIC International Prize. architect Li Xiaodong

CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF ARCHITECTURE WITH THE UIA MEMBER SECTIONS

The month of October marked a season of celebrations for architects and architecture around the World Architecture Day theme of 'Healthy cities, happy cities.' The UIA Member Sections organised many and various events for architects and the general public: architecture weeks in Spain, Costa Rica, Brazil, Philippines and Italy; festivals in Australia, Malaysia and Turkey; architecture days in Bulgaria, Portugal, Hungary, Kosovo, India, Ireland and a number of other countries.

To mark this occasion, UIA President Esa Mohamed delivered a message through the UIA website on 6 October, the World Day of Architecture. He reiterated the principles of green architecture design, which seeks to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings and the negative impact the building industry leaves on the environment. He insisted on the 2050 imperatives set out in the Durban declaration, in particular the objective of zero carbon emissions in 2050. Esa Mohamed underlined the important role architects play in showcasing the natural, cultural and human advantages of cities. Architects are vital to an urban planning that encourages the harmony and well being of communities and their natural and built environments.

For Esa Mohamed's video message on the UIA website:
<http://www.uia.archi/en/participer/nouvelles/9169#.VEbJlWSwIVw>

BIEL SUSANNA VILADOT & STEFANOS THEODOROU 2014 UIA-HYP CUP WINNERS

Biel Susanna Viladot, student at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (Spain), and Stefanos Theodorou, student at the Alvar Aalto University in Helsinki (Finland) won first prize in the 2014 UIA-HYP Cup for their project entitled 'Unexpected STORM in Nicosia'. The Architecture School of the University of Tianjin and the Chinese press group, Urban Environmental Design (UED), have organized this international student architecture competition for three consecutive years with the support of the UIA. The international jury chaired by Daniel Libeskind reviewed 867 projects. For the 2014 edition, Mr. Libeskind chose to focus on the 'Unexpected City.'

See all the results:
<http://www.uia.archi/en/s-informer/concours/8458#.VEd-Sr5OWUk>

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2015 RIBA GOLD MEDAL

Irish architects Sheila O'Donnell and John Tuomey win the prestigious RIBA Gold Medal for 2015.

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JOSEPH LAI TALKS TO THE AIA JOURNAL

Following the letter about the Durban Congress penned by UIA Young Architect's Committee reporter Marine de la Guerande, which appeared in the French magazine, *Le Moniteur*, Committee coordinator Joseph Lai talked to Kim O'Connell in the American Institute of Architects Journal.

Regarding the objectives for this new UIA project, Joseph Lai explained that the first committee meeting presented the opportunity to identify the main concerns for students and emerging architects. The Committee outlined the following plan for future action: promoting the use of mentoring as an efficient means of integrating young architects into the community of established professionals, leveraging the possibilities offered by social media, and professional licensing and training.

Joseph Lai demonstrated very early his interest in international professional development and his concern for the social aspect of architecture's mission, including the amelioration of living conditions through community-based architecture. He believes in the effectiveness of mentoring, which he has been able to test and develop as part of his responsibilities within the AIA. We thus bear in mind Joseph's professional mantra: Be ambitious and work hard.

Read the full article:

<http://www.aia.org/practicing/AIAB104579>



UIA PARTICIPATES IN THE 'URBAN THINKERS' CAMPUS

Architect Ishtiaque Zahir from Bangladesh represented the UIA, a partner in the United Nations world urban campaign (WUC), at the Urban Thinkers Campus held in Caserta (Italy) on 15 - 18 October 2014. Mr. Zahir also participated in the WUC's steering committee meeting on the preparation of HABITAT III world conference that will take place in 2016.

Using the results of deliberations at the sixth and seventh editions of the World Urban Forums (WUF), organised by UN-Habitat in Naples, Italy, in 2012, and in Medellin, Colombia, in April 2014, the campus sought to bring together urban thinkers and stakeholders to discuss 'The cities we need', a theme initiated by the World Urban Campaign. The campus included philosophers, writers, journalists, bloggers, urban planners, designers and all those interested in urban development, technology, trends and the urban dynamic.

<http://unhabitat.org/urbanthinkers/>



RITA SOH SIOW LAN MEMBER OF THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT

Architect Rita Soh was named a member of the Singapore Parliament and assumed her functions last 26 September. President of the Singapore Board of Architects, she has also served as president of the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), and worked with urban redevelopment authorities to adjust urban and developmental conservation policies and monitoring procedures. She is very active in the Architects Regional Council, Asia (ARCASIA), notably serving as chair of its professional practice committee.

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/9-new-nominated-members/1307012.html>





THE UIA FRENCH SECTION ON THE WEB

The International Council of French Architects (CIAF) is an association that unites the French Order of Architects and the professional syndicates representing French architecture at the international level. It is also the French Member Section of the UIA. The council has just published a new website presenting all the essential information about CIAF, notably including the French section's contributions to the UIA working bodies and the magnificent presentation they organised for the UIA Durban Congress in South Africa.

Visit the CIAF website:
<http://www.ciaf.fr>



A NEW LOOK FOR THE UIA-ARES WEBSITE

The UIA-ARES International Work Programme (Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources) has a new image on the Internet, with a new graphic interface in accordance with the changes implemented by the UIA. The site shares news about the work programme and its activities, as well as happenings throughout the UIA.

Moreover, the UIA-ARES programme supported and contributed to the international conference on volcanic landscapes in Santorini, Greece last October. A UIA Bureau meeting was organised in parallel to this conference. The UIA-ARES Work Programme is directed by Greek architect Nikos Fintikakis, UIA Council Member for Region II.

Visit the UIA-ARES Programme website
www.uia-ares.org



SHEILA O'DONNELL & JOHN TUOMEY 2015 ROYAL GOLD MEDAL

Irish architects Sheila O'Donnell and John Tuomey were awarded the prestigious Royal Gold Medal, attributed annually by the Royal Institute of British Architects. RIBA President Stephen Hodder was delighted by the choice of this team at the vanguard of contemporary Irish architecture.

O'Donnell + Tuomey created their studio in Dublin in 1988, after working together in London for the prestigious firms of Stirling & Wilford and Colquhoun & Miller. In 1990, they participated in the 'Group 91 Architects' project to revitalise Temple Bar district in Dublin, where they realised the Irish Film Institute, which received immediate acclaim across the profession. They continued their research and practice building public housing and community buildings. Among their recent projects are the Soho Photographers' Gallery in London and the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre at the London School of Economics.



RIBA INVITES 11 NEW INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

Each year the Royal Institute of British Architects honours foreign architects from around the world by naming them as RIBA International Fellows. The 2015 inductees include Emilio Ambasz (USA), Julia Bolles and Peter Wilson (Germany), Santiago Cirugeda (Spain), Jao Luis Carrilho Da Garcia (Portugal), Richard Leplastrier (Australia), Thom Mayne (USA), Antoine Predock (USA), Peter Rich (South Africa), Wang Shu and Lu Yenyu (PR of China).

<http://www.architecture.com/StirlingPrize/IntHonFells2015/InternationalFellows2015.aspx>



'EYES WIDE OPEN: THE REALITY OF ARCHITECTURAL REPRESENTATION'

The Architecture Bulletin, an online magazine published by the New South Wales chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, has published a dossier entitled 'Eyes wide open : The reality of architectural representation' in its new winter 2014 edition. It takes a detailed look at the complex elements of architectural representation in relation to the project, the author's intentions, and the realisation. A serious study to lift the veil on this mysterious aspect of architectural design, especially the role representation plays in competitions, models and audio-visual documents.

Read online:

<http://architecture.com.au/docs/default-source/nsw-journal/winter.pdf?sfvrsn=0>



WHAT ARCHITECTS DO

Whether it annoys, exasperates or makes us smile "What do architects do?" is a question all professionals have to answer, and thus deserves careful consideration. This is what the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has done through an informative video that answers the question in detail in an elegant info-graphic style. It covers step by step every aspect of the architect's work, describing our responsibilities and missions. The AIA has also edited a complimentary manual to help every architect personalise his/her response according to personal methods, strategy, and, of course, to the client.

Watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTudH-4BysA>

Download the manual:

<http://www.aia.org/advocacy/state/index.htm>



LI XIAODONG FIRST MORIYAMA RAIC INTERNATIONAL PRIZE WINNER

A modest structure in the outskirts of Beijing, built by Chinese architect Li Xiaodong, has been chosen as the first winner of the Moriyama RAIC International Prize. The winning structure is the Liyuan Library, opened in 2012 in the village of Jiaojiehe, which the jury describes thus: 'It is a lovely object in a dramatic landscape, a wondrous thing to use and be in.'

Mr. Li describes his practice in the following way: "What I am trying to do in my own practice might be described as reflexive regionalism," he said. "It's more about identifying original conditions than inventing original forms. It's about combining technology, community, local materials, modern thinking and a traditional sense of identity."

In addition to recognizing architectural quality, this \$100 000 CAD prize demonstrates Raymond Moriyama's passion for humanist architecture that transforms society by focusing on social justice, equality and integration.

The Moriyama Prize also has a student category, and the first three winners are: Loïc Jasmin, University of Montréal, Benny Kwok, Dalhousie University, and Shu Yin Wu, University of Waterloo.

<http://raic.org/moriyamaprize/index.html>





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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF RUSSIAN ARCHITECTURE - ZODCHESTVO

The next session of the International Festival of Russian Architecture and Design "Zodchestvo" will take place in Moscow on 18 – 20 December 2014. The UIA supports this festival and will be represented there by its president, Esa Mohamed. This event offers a unique possibility to discover the vast panorama of architecture and urban planning projects in Russia. Architectural and urban works in many cities and regions will be on display, along with research projects from various institutes and faculties of architecture, and works by schoolchildren.

This year's festival will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Russian avant-garde movement. Note also a retrospective exhibition on the same theme opening at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.

<http://www.zodchestvo.com/eng/>



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REPROGRAMMING THE CITY

Until 4 January 2015, the Danish Architecture Centre in Copenhagen is presenting an exhibition entitled 'Reprogramming The City - Opportunities for Urban Infrastructure.' The exhibition's curator, urban strategist and writer Scott Burnham, explores a new paradigm for creativity and ingenuity based on an unexploited urban potential of surfaces, structures, objects and systems. The material that makes up the city is used as the foundation for new interactive spaces that encourage exchange among inhabitants.

Reprogramming The City - Opportunities for Urban Infrastructure

<http://www.dac.dk/en/dac-life/exhibitions/2014/reprogramming-the-city/>



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COLLABORATION BETWEEN CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN ARCHITECTS

The President of Architecture Canada/RAIC, Wayne De Angelis, and the President of the Australian Institute Architects, David Karotkin, signed a collaboration protocol on 7 August, 2014, in Durban, outside of the UIA World Congress. It delineates cooperation in regards to education, professional practice and licensing, as well as the exchange of resources in the contexts of congresses, exhibitions, scholarships and internships, and media coverage.

http://www.raic.org/resources_archives/newsletters_bulletins/2014/august/index_e.htm



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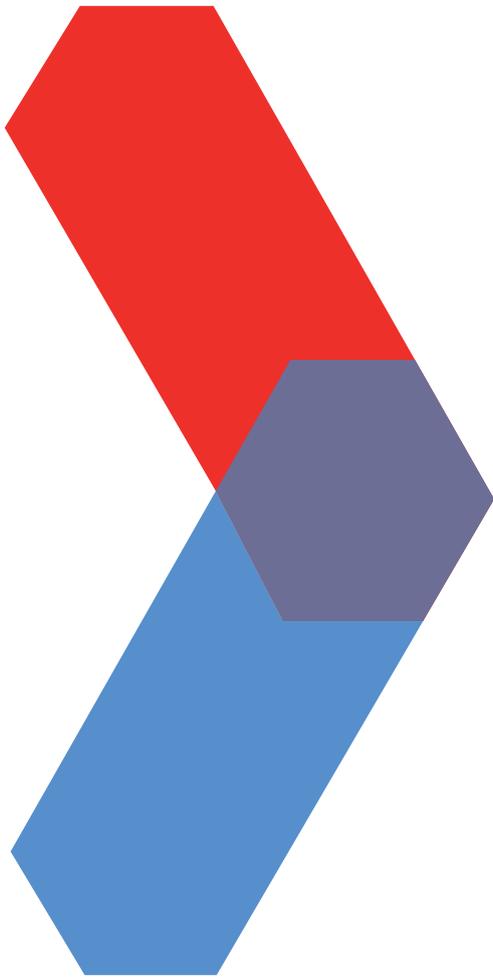
The Docomomo Iberico Foundation celebrated World Architecture Day with informative signs marking the iconic buildings of 20th century architecture registered in its database. Organised each year since 2012, this initiative allows the foundation to spotlight 120 examples of Modern Movement architecture in Spain and Portugal. It is supported by the Superior Council of the Colleges of Spanish Architects (CSCAE).

Learn more (pdf):

http://www.cscae.com/images/stories/Noticias/colocacion_placas_DOCOMOMO_prensa_2014.pdf



Geology Faculty in Oviedo - Spain
Ignacio Alvarez Castelao arch.



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