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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN PARIS

ARCHITECTURE THE CLIMATE OF THE FUTURE

The UIA announces an international symposium on the theme 'Architecture the climate of the future', as part of its permanent action in favour of responsible architecture and consideration for factors related to climate and the environment in all aspects of architecture, construction, and planning. The symposium will take place in Paris, at the 'Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine' next 30 November 2015, on the opening day of the UN Climate Change Conference: COP 21.

The symposium is organised in two parts, starting with a panel discussion on the impact of buildings and planning on climate change, and the role architects can play in energy transition. The panellists are renowned architects Kjetil Traedal Thorsen, Manfred Hegger, Patrick Coulombel, Hanna Heringer, Carine Smuts and David Mangin, with Sylvie Joussaume, French climatologist.

A round-table on resilient and sustainable architecture and urban planning will follow the panel presentations and will highlight the specific skills architects bring to these processes. Architects Kenneth Yeang, Edward Mazria, Frederic Bonnet and Kjetil Thorsen will contribute to these debates along with French and European politicians and decision-makers.

All the participating architects have oriented their careers toward finding alternative architectural and building solutions that offer a significant reduction in the consumption of fossil fuels and emission of greenhouse gases.

This event is the fruit of a partnership between the UIA, the Architects' Council of Europe, the National Council of the Order of French Architects, and the International Council of French Architects. These organisations will be represented by their respective presidents: Esa Mohamed, Luciano Lazzari, Ms. Catherine Jacquot, and Philippe Klein.

more information on the conference

http://www.citechaillot.fr/fr/auditorium/ecosophies/25976-architecture_the_climate_of_the_future.html

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THE UIA BUREAU IN KUALA LUMPUR

The UIA Bureau members met in Kuala Lumpur on 10 and 11 August 2015, on an invitation from the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM). This meeting served to prepare the next UIA Council session to take place in Lima, Peru, on 5 and 6 November 2015. As the first year of this Bureau's mandate comes to a close, the order of vice-presidents was changed. Hayder Ali succeeded Yolanda Reyes as UIA First Vice-President, and David Falla succeeded Deniz Incedayi as Second Vice-President.

The Bureau met in parallel to two other events organized by PAM: the Kuala Lumpur architecture festival and the Architex & Datum trade fair.



SUSTAINABLE CITIES: AN EXPRESSION OF THE 21ST CENTURY A TEXT FOR COP21

Brazil's capital city, Rio de Janeiro, has hosted two major events favouring the environment and sustainable planning: the RIO 92 United Nations conference, and the 2012 conference RIO+20. As part of this latter event, the Institute of Architects of Brazil organised a series of discussions to lay out the foundations for the future development of sustainable cities. Their publication "Sustainable Cities: An Expression of the 21st Century" is a collection of the contributions made by specialists in various fields including transportation, urbanising favelas, landscape, the environment, housing and mobility.

Prefaced by IAB President Sérgio Ferraz Magalhães and published for the upcoming UN Conference on Climate Change - COP21, this document will soon be available for download from the UIA website.

Institute of Architects of Brazil - IAB

<http://www.iab.org.br>



WDA 2015 KEYNOTE CONFERENCE AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

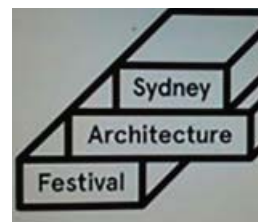
World Architecture Day 2015 will be celebrated on 5th October with a keynote lecture at the Sydney Opera House that will bring to a close to the city's architecture festival (2-5 October).

Danish architect Kim Herforth Nielsen from the 3XN studio will speak in Jorn Utzon's emblematic building, delivering the 2015 SAF global oration on how architecture can make a difference in society and for the environment. Four other architects will also speak on this theme: Dario Spalja (PTW), Philip Graus (Cox), Zoey Chen (Hassell), and Ross Donaldson (Woods Bagot).

Held annually, the Sydney Architecture Festival is a forum for sharing the innermost aspects of design, disseminating emerging ideas, and developing the networks and global influences of today and tomorrow. All the SAF events, conferences, film screenings and activities for children are free of charge and open to the public.

More information on the Sydney Architecture Festival:

<http://www.sydneyarchitecturefestival.org/events>





EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL POLICIES 2.0

As part of Luxembourg's presidency of the EU Council, the Order of Architects and Consulting Engineers (OAI) is organising an international conference on architectural policies in cooperation with the LUCA Architecture Centre. Entitled: Architectural Policies 2.0 - Rethinking built environment policy in Europe, the conference will bring together decision makers, authorities, professionals and cultural and social actors of the new EU generation at the LUCA centre, in Luxembourg, on 12 and 13 November. Together they will look for solutions to crucial questions posed at the local, national and regional levels by the economic crisis, climate change, social cohesion and migration.

Luxembourg Order of Architects and Consulting Engineers - OAI

www.oai.lu



ARCHIFEST 2015 - WHAT FUTURE?

Archifest is the annual architecture festival organised by the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA). It will run from 26 September until 10 October 2015.

Archifest not only celebrates Singapore's urban environment but also sets the stage for reflection, questioning, collaboration and experimentation. With the theme 'What Future?' Archifest aims to encourage Singaporeans to look ahead and imagine tomorrow's possibilities and opportunities as they prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their country's independence.

The festival will include a conference/dialogue among architects Li Xiaodong, Waro Kishi and Kerry Hill, short-film screenings, interactive installations, design studios in local schools of architecture, architectural walking tours, and ArchXpo 2015, an international exhibition of architecture and the built environment.

Learn more:

<http://archifest.sg/2015/index.html>



YOUNG ARCHITECTS' WORLD FORUM

From 7 to 18 December, the city of Flers, France, will host the 12th Young Architects World Forum. This event will bring together 25 young architects and landscape architects from five continents who have been selected to create a redevelopment project for a section of Flers that was 75% destroyed during the Second World War. Each of the five teams composed of five members will meet at the project site to carry out an assessment, and will then develop a proposal to be submitted to local officials as part of an urban development study planned for 2016.

The forum is organised by the International Council of French Architects, and the World Federation of Young Architects.

International Council of French Architects - CIAF

<http://www.ciaf.fr>





UIA REGION IV MEETING & 18TH ARCASIA FORUM

Yolanda Reyes, UIA vice-president for Region IV (Asia - Australia), announces a regional meeting to take place on 12 November 2015, in Ayutthaya, Thailand. The meeting is hosted by the Association of Siamese Architects, and will take place during the 18th ARCASIA Forum that will run from 10 to 16 November.

The forum programme includes technical workshops, professional meetings, awards, and special activities for students and young architects. A conference specifically dedicated to research and linked to the Forum's theme 'Future of the Past' will bring together members the ARCASIA committee on social responsibility (ACSR) and a group of socially-engaged young architects: Mitul Desai from Studio Mumbai, NGO Ker-Shing & Joshua Comaroff from Singapore, Im Sarasalin Schaefer & David Schaefer from Studioma in Bangkok, Lyndon Neri & Rossana Hu from Shanghai, Zamani Masuda & Katsuhisa Otsubo from Tokyo, and Boonserm Premthada from Bangkok.

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18th Arcasia forum:

<http://www.arcasiaayutthaya2015.com>



REBUILDING AFTER THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

ARCASIA initiated the organisation of an international meeting to discuss rebuilding after the Nepal earthquake last May. The meeting brought together representatives from UIA, CAA and the Nepal Society of Architects as well as local authorities and associations in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 2 and 3 August 2015.

Architects and other experts spoke at this meeting, including: Jayantha Perera on the 2004 tsunami that hit Sri Lanka; Yasmen Laru on studies and analyses that aim to mitigate the effects of seasonal flooding in Pakistan; and Qamar uz Zaman Chaudhry, United Nations special envoy on climate change. A round table was held to discuss topics related to reconstruction, heritage, and prevention and to share pre and post disaster experiences. A resolution was drafted and will be presented at the next Arcasia forum.



WORLD CITIES DAY 2015

The United Nations has designated every 31st of October as World Cities Day. Established by the General Assembly in December 2013, the day aims to involve the states, international organizations, civil society and promoters in an awareness campaign about urbanization and the challenges it presents. The general theme for this day is: Better City, Better Life. A different sub-theme is set each year. The first of these days was celebrated in Shanghai, China, under the sub-theme: Leading Urban Transformations. A second will take place in Milan, Italy, in 2015, on the theme: Designed to Live Together.

Learn more:

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





KAISI KALAMBO PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION OF ARCHITECTS

Tanzanian architect Kaisi Kalambo was elected President of the African Union of Architects at the latest AUA general assembly that took place on 8 August, in Kampala, Uganda.

Educated in Kenya and Germany in the fields of architecture, planning and landscape, Kaisi Kalambo is a partner and the general manager of Landplan-icon Architects, one of the most important architecture firms in Tanzania. He benefits from 25 years of experience as an architect and project manager in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda as well as West Germany. He has served as president of the Tanzania Association Architects and the Kenya Association of Architects.

Kaisi Kalambo succeeds Tokunbo Omisore as AUA President. Tunisian architect Amine Turki became General Secretary of the Union.

African Union of Architects

<http://m.auaarchitects.org>

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URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS A UN-HABITAT INITIATIVE

The 'urban thinkers campus' project was created in 2014 on an initiative by UN-Habitat as part of the world urban campaign. The workshops are conceived as an open space for critical exchange between urban actors who believe that urbanization is an opportunity for positive transformations. The aim is to propose a new paradigm as a contribution to the new urban agenda for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, HABITAT III, to take place in Quito, Ecuador, in 2016. The UIA participates in the campus events as a partner to the world urban campaign. Ishtiaque Zahir is UIA's permanent representative to UN-Habitat and the Habitat Professionals' Forum.

Learn more:

<http://unhabitat.org>



URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS IN KAMPALA

An urban thinkers campus was organised in Kampala last August, in parallel to the African Union of Architects congress. This UTC focused on: Solutions for Slumdweller - Building with the communities, their know-how and their heritage.

Hayder Ali, UIA vice-president, and Mohammed Munyanya, UIA Council member, participated in this campus that brought together local stakeholders to examine the situation in Kampala. The goal was for all concerned parties to come together to identify participatory solutions specific to the communities in Kampala's slums and their identity, and to determine why these informal settlements developed in order to harmonise present and future interventions.





URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS BARCELONA

An urban thinkers campus will take place on 16 - 18 November 2015, in Barcelona, Spain, on the theme: Housing & Habitat - A Human Right. Over two days, six workshops will discuss the fundamental issues related to human habitat. The first three workshops will focus on the conditions of access and the right to housing, financial and property ownership aspects, and today's major challenges: recycling, neighbours, and cooperatives. The second day will be used to study the current typology of human settlements and their potential conversion.

This campus is organised by the Habitat Professionals' Forum, the Iberian-American Federation of Town Planners, the Spanish Association of Urban Planning Technicians and the European Council of Urban Planners. Jordi Balari will represent the UIA at this campus.

Another campus is planned in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 6 to 8 November 2015, on the theme: Mega-cities, converging aspirations and realities.

Read about the urban thinkers campus on the UN-Habitat website:

<http://unhabitat.org/urbanthinkers>



A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR UPGRADING SLUMS

UN-Habitat has published "A Practical Guide to Designing, Planning and Executing Citywide Slum Upgrading Programmes".

It advocates a global, citywide process as opposed to piecemeal operations and provides methods and tools that allow local officials and field workers to not only improve the existing slums but also to anticipate and monitor their growth to avoid creating new ones.

This guide is the last in a trilogy published by UN-Habitat. It follows and completes: "Streets as Tools for Urban Transformation in Slums" and "A Training Module for Designing and Implementing Citywide Slum Upgrading".

The guide is in English and available for download from UN-Habitat website:

<http://unhabitat.org/books/a-practical-guide-to-designing-planning-and-executing-citywide-slum-upgrading-programmes>





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