The UIA Work programme “Architecture and children”, organises the second edition of its prizes, the UIA Golden Cubes, which recompense initiatives to raise awareness and understanding of architecture, the city and the built environment among children and young people. Candidatures are accepted in four categories. The actions had to take place between September 2011 and March 2014, organised by schools or institutions, in either written or audio-visual media. Prizes will be awarded during the UIA Durban world congress (3-7 August 2014).

http://uia-architecture-children.bak.de/index-en.html
HELENE COMBS DREILING AIA PRESIDENT

Helene Combs Dreiling has taken office as president of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), succeeding Mickey Jacob. From 2000 to 2013, Helene Combs Dreiling served in a series of key posts within the AIA. In her inaugural address on 13 December, she stated her ambitions for this term of office: “I want to look towards the future of our profession and society in general. We need to stimulate research to benefit the design and construction industry, emphasize a culture in firms that nurtures emerging professionals and promotes diversity and inclusiveness for under-represented groups, and advance the profession in the eyes of the public.”

See the video on Helene Combs Dreiling inauguration

LOUISE COX RECEIVES HONOURS IN AUSTRALIA

UIA Immediate Past President Louise Cox was elevated to Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia on 26 January 2014. This honour recognises her significant contributions to the field of architecture as a practising architect. It also honours her commitment to education and to conservation of architectural heritage as an active member of professional and international organisations.

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JAHANGIR KHAN SHERPAO RE-ELECTED IAP PRESIDENT

Jahangir Khan Sherpao was elected president of the Institute of Architects of Pakistan (IAP) in 2012, and has been re-elected to a second term for 2013-2014. Architect and urban planner, he directs one of the largest architectural studios in Pakistan. In addition to his commitment to IAP, he is also very active in the Pakistan Council of Architects and Urban Planners (PAATP) and the national committee charged with accrediting schools of architecture. He has represented the architects of Pakistan within ARCASIA, CAA and UIA.

Learn more about IAP
http://www.iap.com.pk/

AIA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

The American Institute of Architects' next annual convention will take place in Chicago, Illinois, on 26 - 28 June 2014. The theme for this year’s annual gathering of American architects is: “Change, Culture, Community, Commitment”.

Learn more and watch the video about this year’s conference
http://www.aiachicago.org/aia2014/
ABDELOUAHED MOUNTASSIR, CNOA PRESIDENT

The National Council of the Order of Moroccan Architects held elections for its new board on 4 January 2014. Abdelouahed Mountassir was chosen as the new president. He has directed one of Morocco’s most important architectural studios for the last 20 years, heading a multidisciplinary team capable of responding to the demands of a society in constant evolution. Abdelouahed Mountassir has realised commercial, institutional, cultural, sports and industrial projects as well as constructions related to tourism and hotels, housing, and territorial development.

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NORMAN FOSTER TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP RIBA 2014

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) announces the 2014 edition of the Norman Foster Travelling Scholarship, which provides the winning student of architecture with a travelling research scholarship of £6 000. The topic of research should concern ‘the survival of our cities and towns.’ Eligible students must be enrolled in a RIBA or CAA-validated degree program, and must have already completed the first year of their program. The deadline for submitting completed applications is 5 pm on Friday, 25 April 2014. Lord Norman Foster and RIBA President Stephen Hodder will serve as members of the jury.

Download the application form
www.architecture.com/fosterscholarship

11th INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE CONGRESS BUDAPEST

The Hungarian Association of Architects, in partnership with the METSZET architectural review, announces its 11th international congress that will take place on March 2 and 3 as part of the annual Budapest Spring Festival, which offers visitors an array of over 200 cultural events. The list of architectural personalities invited this year includes architects Mario Botta from Switzerland, Erik Nobel from Denmark, and Martin Videgard from Sweden, along with the director of Hyperbody in Delft, Kas Oosterhuis. The President of the Hungarian Association of Architects, Laszlo Saros, and Albert Dubler, UIA President will open the congress.

http://tervlap.hu/convention

VOLUME FOUR IRISH ARCHITECTURE REVIEW

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI), recently released the fourth volume in a series of annual publications dedicated to contemporary Irish architecture between 2009 and 2015. These annual reviews are edited by the RAIA with support from the Irish government. This edition presents twenty exemplary projects in various sectors. The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan, applauded this publication, which illustrates Irish architects’ talent and commitment to high quality Irish architecture. http://www.riai.ie/
UIA PRIZE FRIENDLY SPACES ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

This award celebrates excellence in architecture that is accessible to all and respects the principles of universal design. The award will be presented to completed projects that have created attractive, inclusive and sustainable environments where the recognition of human diversity through friendly architectural expression has been central to the design process.

A special award will be given to an architect(s) for evidence-based design research that makes a significant contribution to improving the quality of life by facilitating a better understanding of user-centered design and its application to the design of the built environment. Deadline 31 March 2014

Learn more
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Download the prize specificiations

INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL COSTA RICA

The twelfth edition of this international biennial will take place in San José, on 14 - 17 May 2014, on the theme of accessibility for all. Architects from around the world are invited to participate and present their works in the following categories: architecture, accessible urban planning, restoring heritage sites, landscape planning, research, and non-built projects. The deadline for registration is 27 February; and propositions must be sent by 2 March 2014. A special session is reserved for students of architecture.

Learn more
http://www.bienalcostarica.com

YOUNG ARCHITECTS FESTIVAL KOCHI

The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) announces the 21st edition of its young architect’s festival that will take place in Kochi, on 21 & 22 February 2014. Under the unifying theme of Change, this festival will be carried out by the new generations of responsible professionals and designers of tomorrow’s green and sustainable cities. Architect C. Najeeb is the commissioner general for the festival. In addition to the keynote conferences, attendees will be invited to participate in interactive sessions, competitions and workshops.


ITINERARY OF AN ARCHITECT IN THE ROUGH

In this work, the co-founder of the humanitarian group, Emergency Architects Foundation, Patrick Coulombel, tells the story of his personal and professional journey from Dien Bien Phu to Afghanistan, which led him to create and develop this humanitarian organisation. Patrick Coulombel is also the author of Emergency Architects, a New Humanitarian Profession.
Editions Harmattan 2013 - 176 pages, illustrations in black and white
FRANCE – MEMBER SECTIONS

24 HOURS OF ARCHITECTURE SECOND EDITION

Following the first edition in Strasbourg in 2012, the second "24 Hours of Architecture" event organised by the French network of Maisons de l'architecture will take place in Marseille, on 17 & 18 October 2014. Two themes will be developed: Prettier cities and Adventure. The president of the Marseille Architecture and City Centre (Maison de l’architecture et de la ville - MAV), André Jollivet, will serve as curator for the event.

The Maisons de l’architecture and the Marseille Municipality will coordinate educational activities, walking tours, artistic interventions and a variety of other programmes yet to be announced. A number of active local associations are privileged partners in these activities and will provide the link between architecture and the city. The centre for these events will be the Friche Belle de Mai, an old tobacco factory converted into a cultural centre.

Learn more
http://www.architectes.org/

FRANCE – WORKING OVERSEAS

GRAND PRIZE FOR FRENCH ARCHITECTURE OVERSEAS

The Grand Prize for French architecture overseas (AFEX), was attributed on 17 December, to the Cidade das Artes in Rio de Janeiro, realised by Christian de Portzamparc. The concrete building that both pays tribute to Brazilian architecture and demonstrates the iconic of Christian de Portzamparc’s work convinced the jury. Paul Andreu, who also competed this year with the Grand Theatre in Jinan, was awarded a special prize for his body of work in China. The APEX prizes recompense internationally recognised designers whose work expresses the vitality of French architecture on the international scene.

Learn more about AFEX
http://www8.archi.fr/AFEX/

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FINNISHARCHITECTURE.FI A NEW INTERNATIONAL, ON-LINE REVIEW

Finnisharchitecture.fi is a new web journal published by the Information Centre on Finnish Architecture, which regroups the five main institutions in this field, including the Association of Architects (SAFA). It is published in English and aims to provide a Finnish vantage point to the international audience, based on three main sections: Brand New aims to capture the very latest; Bubbling Under, which explores limits, breaks down boundaries and unearths emerging movements; The Classics is dedicated to the masters and masterpieces of Finnish architecture. In addition, finnisharchitecture.fi reports the latest in education and research.

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