WORKING TOWARD DURBAN 2014

More than 80 architects who serve in the UIA executive and working bodies were in Durban for a series of meetings from 14 to 20 March 2013, hosted by the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA). The meetings of the UIA Council, the Professional Practice Commission, work programme directors and the congress coordinating council focused on plans for the Durban congress; and, we are proud to announce that Desmond Tutu, archbishop emeritus of Cape Town, Nobel Peace Prize winner and a living icon of the fight for social justice and human rights, has agreed to be patron of the UIA Durban 2014 congress.

During its meeting, the UIA Council reaffirmed its support for the Professional Practice Commission’s work, especially in the efforts to encourage diffusion and implementation of the UIA Accord on recommended international standards of architectural professional practice among architects, the UIA member sections and local and national authorities. Council called on all the member sections to respond to the questionnaire and help to complete and update the international professional practice database. Council stated its support for the Bangladesh Institute of Architects in its action to preserve the integrity of the national parliament site in Dhaka, realised by American architect Louis Kahn. Council also expressed its support for the evolution of the UIA’s graphic image, meant to enliven UIA communications and accompany their development on the digital media.

The UIA work programme directors did identified the orientations for their combined exhibition and presentations at the Durban congress that will focus on the subthemes of ecology, resilience, and values.

This series of discussions and exchanges brought together the various UIA actors and the Durban congress organisers around a single goal: offering the global community of architects a forum that focuses on the diverse modes of architectural practice and the evolutions shaping the profession for tomorrow, on architectural and urban realisations in gestation or unexplored, on an eclecticism based on cultural and social diversity, on Architecture Otherwhere.

See you in Durban on 2 thru 7 August 2014
http://www.uia2014durban.org/

2012 BARBARA CAPPOCHIN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

This edition of the prize will spotlight and promote quality architectural realisations completed between 1st July 2010 and 30 June 2013. The selection criteria are respect for the environment and the human dimension; a judicious use of materials and structures; and the functional, sustainable, and aesthetic quality of building details. Architects from around the world are invited to participate. The deadline for registrations and submission of documents is 30 June 2013.


more information www.uia-architectes.org
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENT ARCHITECTURE CONGRESS
On 3 to 6 July 2013, Newcastle, Australia will host the joint congress of architecture students from Australia and New Zealand. Under the theme NEXUS, the congress will break out of 20th century urban models and stereotypes to think about our new relationships with cities through an analytic reflection on history, our experiences, and feasible alternatives for the cities of the future.

Contributing speakers include Dutch architects Hedwig Heinsman & Hans Vermeulen, Rory Hyde, and Australian architect Richard Francis-Jones.

To learn more and register at discount rates visit:

CAPIThetICAL: VISIONS OF A NEW AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL
To mark the 100th anniversary of Canberra’s founding, an international consultation was launched to imagine a hypothetical and ideal capital city for Australia. An exhibition entitled CAPIThetICAL presents the twenty shortlisted projects, creations by a new generation of town planners, architects and students that respond to the new challenges of sustainability, conviviality, transportation and climate change. The exhibit is on display in the Gallery of Australian Design in Canberra until 11 May 2013.

To learn more and see the shortlisted projects:

DESIGNING FOR CHAMPIONS
Are the architects and engineers who created the Olympic facilities for the 2012 London games its forgotten heros? Eclipsed by the omnipresent commercial partners both before and during the games, and more rightly by the athletes, these brilliant designers who invented extraordinary structures are celebrated in an 8-minute film presented in London during Ecobuild, on March 12. The Royal Institute of British Architects participated in this initiative, and its president, Angela Brady, spoke of it in these terms: “I am delighted that we were able to access the Olympic Park site to make this film and to shout about the amazing contribution made by so many architects, structural engineers and design teams which created the most memorable, innovative and sustainable Olympics to date.” A one-hour version of the film was also produced and will be shown during the prize ceremony dedicated to these buildings that will take place in July 2013.

Watch the video ‘Designing for champions’
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMNfQ0BeM&feature=youtu.be
ALBERT DUBLER RECEIVES THE RAIC PRESIDENT’S MEDAL
UIA President Albert Dubler is recipient of this year’s Architecture Canada - RAIC President’s Medal. President Dubler is honoured for his contribution to increasing the influence of architecture and architects around the world. Medal will be presented at the Canadian architecture festival that will be held in Halifax on 5 - 8 June 2013, on the theme Value of Beauty – Integrity in Architecture. Among the exciting events that will make up this festival is a keynote conference by Portugal’s architect Eduardo Souto de Moura.

Learn more about the festival:
http://festival.raic.org/index_f.htm

ANTALYA INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL
This second edition of the biennial will take place from 7 September to 7 October 2013, in Antalya, Turkey. It is organised by the Turkish Chamber of Architects and its Antalya branch on the theme: Template. A series of exhibitions are organised during the biennial including two designed in collaboration with the Union of Mediterranean Architects (UMAR), the first on traditional Mediterranean architecture, and the second on contemporary Mediterranean architecture. Eminent professionals including architect Alvaro Siza and sociologist David Harvey will participate in a forum during the congress. Activities for architecture students are also planned.

Learn more about the biennial (page in English)

SAFA ANNOUNCES ITS ECO-RESPONSIBLE ARCHITECTURE PRIZE WINNER
The pavilion designed by students and experts from Alvar Aalto University’s Wood Studio as part of the Helsinki - World Design Capital festivities won this year’s sustainable architecture prize. This prize is awarded annually by the Finnish Association of Architects. The Pavilion turned a parking lot between the Museum of Finnish Architecture and the Design Museum into an urban and open city space. Its inviting structure naturally integrates various aspects of urban culture and offers a flexible venue for activities.

Learn more about the pavilion (page in English)

CONFERENCE ON BALKAN ARCHITECTURE
The Serbian Union of Architects and the faculty of architecture at Belgrade University are organising a conference dedicated to architecture in the Balkans on 25 April 2013, in Belgrade. Attendees will discuss concept and context in modern Balkan architecture. The conference is part of Belgrade’s international architecture week events (18-30 April 2013), which will also include the next meeting of presidents from UIA Region II member sections (26-27 April 2013).

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UIA WORK PROGRAMME AT ARQUIMEMORIA 4

The UIA work programme Architectural Heritage - Region III will meet in Salvador de Bahia, on 14 to 17 May 2013 within the framework of the fourth edition of the international conference on preserving historical monuments entitled ARQUIMEMORIA. All the directors of the regional WPs on heritage are invited to participate in these events.

The Institute of Architects of Brazil has been organising Arquimemoria conferences since 1981. The central theme for this year’s events is The Urban Dimension of Heritage. UIA’s Secretary General, Michel Barmaki, will participate in these conferences.

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Learn more about Arquimemoria 4:
http://www.iab-ba.org.br/arquimemoria4/

WITH THE COSTA RICAN ARCHITECTS

This work programme will be present from 1st to 5th May in San José to participate in the Costa Rica Architecture Congress. This interdisciplinary event will bring together a variety of professionals to examine the themes of sustainability, heritage, and education and their interaction. Speakers from various horizons will address the conference, including Bruno Stagno, Eduardo Elkouss and Jordi Ludevid on heritage; and Hannes Hubrich on education. Themes of the work programme meeting are among others the start of the 2nd edition of the UIA Architecture and Children Golden Cubes Awards dedicated to the Durban Congress 2014 and the development of strategies in Built Environment Education of children and youth all over the world

UIA Programme web site
http://uia-architecture-children.bak.de

More about the congress

VISIT THE PROGRAMME’S NEW WEB SITE

This regional UIA work programme dedicated to responsible architectural practice in Asia and Oceania just published its new web site. To learn more about its members, activities and objectives or to participate, click on the link below.

http://www.uiaresponsiblearchitecture.co.nr/
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UN HABITAT

UIA IN NAIROBI
The Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF) will meet in Nairobi, Kenya, on 15 April 2013. HPF is chaired by Louise Cox, UIA Immediate Past President. During this meeting, HPF participants will share notes on the activities they have undertaken in working toward the goals of the HPF charter: environmental, social and economic balance; alleviating poverty and encouraging integration; heritage, culture and a sense of place; and the impact of climate change and disasters.

In addition, the UIA will participate in the governing council and executive committee meetings, as well as the UN Habitat dialogue sessions that will take place in Nairobi from 15 - 19 April 2013. Albert Dubler, President; Louise Cox, Immediate Past President; and Michel Barmaki, Secretary General, will represent the UIA. The UIA is also a member of the UN Habitat World Urban Campaign “I’m a city changer”.

Learn more about the Habitat Professionals Forum
http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=594&cid=6886

CAA

rukshan widyalankara, CAA president
At the close of its 20th general assembly in Dhaka, Bangladesh, last February, the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) elected its new president, architect Rukshan Widyalankara, past president of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. In 2015, the CAA will commemorate its 50th anniversary in London on an invitation from the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

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