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INTRODUCTION



The introduction to the September issue of the ACE Info coincides with the start of the 13th International Architecture Exhibition- La Biennale di Venezia, an important manifestation, which throughout its existence, has concerned itself with examining current intellectual points of view in architecture.

This year's *Mostra* promises to reflect on the very essence of the profession under direction of Director David Chipperfield: ***"The role of the architect is at best one of critical compliance. Architects can only operate through the mechanisms that commission them and which regulate their efforts. Our ideas are dependent on and validated by the reaction of society. This relationship is not only practical but concerns the very meaning of our work. In the increasingly complex confrontation between the commercial motivations of development and our persistent desire for a humane environment there seems to be little dialogue. If architecture is to be more than the privileged, exceptional moments of our built world, we must find a more engaged collaboration of talents and resources. Common Ground invites us to consider how these shared perceptions, concerns and expectations may be better directed."***

These words echo many discussions with colleagues from the ACE network and wider. They convey a profound message and invite us to take action. They also demonstrate a momentum gathering prominence not only among architects, but also in other segments of society.

Among many other activities, which this Info highlights, the ACE General Assembly on 30 November is planning to enable an engaged dialogue and explore how our profession can make contribution in the context of the 'Construction 2020' document recently launched by the European Commission. Under the working title 'Architect 2020', I invite you to participate in the program contributing to topics like *Forecasting and Responding to Change, Regulation versus Trust, Value versus Volume and New Realities and New Opportunities*.

Selma Harrington
ACE President
August 2012

This edition is also available in French.

Construction 2020: ACE welcomes new EU Strategy to promote Construction Sector



ACE warmly welcomes the new Commission's Action Plan to promote the construction sector as a driving force for the creation of jobs and sustainable growth in Europe. On 31 July 2012, the Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship, Antonio Tajani, presented the five key objectives of this plan, which are: (1) stimulating favourable investment conditions, (2) improving the human-capital basis of the construction sector, (3) improving resource efficiency, environmental performance and business opportunities, (4) strengthening the internal market for construction and (5) fostering the global competitive position of European construction enterprises.

ACE is prepared to join the High Level Group or Forum that will oversee the implementation of the strategy and make recommendations on any necessary adjustments. To offer its support, exchange views and attend a reflexion on this new initiative, ACE will invite Mr. Tajani during its second General Assembly at the end of November 2012. To download the European Commission Action Plan, go to:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/construction/competitiveness/index_en.htm

Professional Qualifications Directive: ACE Feedback on Rapporteur's Report



On 16 July 2012, MEP Bernadette Vergnaud published her draft report on the Professional Qualifications Directive. In the main ACE is satisfied with much of the proposed draft as it reflects, in a number of areas, the position ACE submitted to the rapporteur on 22 June. Concerning the minimum training duration for architects, the Rapporteur is currently retaining the proposal to have at least six years of training but she supported ACE amendment to include a minimum of four or five years full-time studies "or equivalent ECTS credits". For practical training, Ms. Vergnaud accepted ACE's proposal that it should be supervised by an architect or a person or a body approved by the competent authority, which carried out an appropriate verification of his/her ability to provide practical training. However, regarding the principle of partial access, Ms. Vergnaud did not accept ACE's proposed deletion of this. Rather, she proposed that "for reasons of overriding general interest, as in the case of any professions having responsibilities with regard to public health, safety or health monitoring, Member States must be able to exclude the professions concerned from the partial access provisions". The amendment is potentially more inclusive than the former one from the health professions and could therefore be constructed to include architects. On 18 September 2012, the draft report will be discussed in the Committee for Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). Deadline for tabling amendments is 15 October 2012.

To download ACE last position, sent to Ms. Vergnaud on 22 June, go to:

http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/getdocument/content_id/1419

To read Ms. Vergnaud's proposal, go to: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/imco/draft-reports.html?linkedDocument=true&ufolderComCode=IMCO&ufolderLegId=7&ufolderId=08295&urefProcYear=&urefProcNum=&urefProcCode=#menuzone>

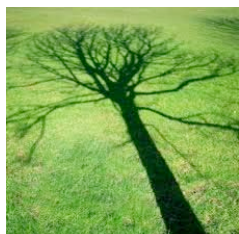
Public Procurement Directive: ACE calls on the EU to amend its legislative proposal



ACE recently submitted draft amendments in response to the proposed modernisation of the Public Procurement Directive. While welcoming the Commission's decision to modernise the Directive, ensure efficient use of public funds, improve the business environment and generally increase SME access to the market, ACE reiterated the fact that current access to public contracts for architects is virtually non-existent. An ACE study of professional practice reveals that the application of turnover requirements would exclude 90% of architectural firms from public procurement contracts. As a consequence, the ACE submission seeks to facilitate participation of architectural firms (mostly SMEs) in public procurement, promote selection procedures and award criteria based on quality and ensure that the specific nature of intellectual services is taken into account. If adopted on 10 October 2012, the

Directive will have to be implemented by Member States by 30 June 2014 latest. To download the ACE submission to Marc Tarabella, the European Parliament Rapporteur, go to: http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/getdocument/content_id/1393

Energy Efficiency Directive: Deal omits expected national targets



Late on 13 June 2012, all three European legislative bodies reached a last-minute agreement on the Energy Efficiency Directive. Shepherded by the Danish Presidency of the Council of Ministers, negotiations between MEPs and Member States were tense and new additional exemptions and measures had to be added late in order to save the deal. Unfortunately, given the manner in which it was agreed, many observers fear that Europe will not meet its pledge to reduce energy consumption by 20% by 2020. In fact, most of the European Commission's ambitious proposals for immediate binding national targets have been erased. In particular, the Directive has abandoned the proposal on public building renovation requirements (article 4), which called for 3% renovation of the total floor area (over 250m²) of buildings owned by public bodies each year. Instead the new Directive would require Member States to renovate 3% of the total floor area of heated and/or cooled buildings owned and occupied by their central government and would only apply to buildings with a total useable floor area of more than 500m². As a result the provision will only affect a small percentage of all public buildings (10%), which is considerably below initial expectations. Nevertheless, to offset the watering down of the renovation of public buildings proposal, the European Parliament introduced a promising measure in article 3a of the Directive, requesting EU Member States to draw up a roadmap to make the entire building sector more energy efficient by 2050. This long-term strategy for the renovation of the entire building stock should be finalised by April 2014 and give new hope to the construction sector.

On 12 July 2012, Parliament's ITRE Committee adopted unanimously the EED deal. The first reading in Parliament is scheduled for adoption during the September plenary session. To download the ACE Position on EED, go to : http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/getdocument/content_id/1415

EU NEWS

Further Steps on Energy Roadmap 2050



On 12 July 2012, the rapporteur Niki Tzavela presented his draft report on the Energy Roadmap 2050 to the MEPs of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE). Among MEPs participating to the debate, shadow rapporteur Van Brempt called for energy efficiency targets and MEP Fiona Hall proposed an objective of 45% of renewable energy sources by 2030. Before the final report, which is due to be adopted in committee at the end of 2012 (18 December) and in plenary in early 2013, the European Parliament will organise a public hearing on 17 September 2012. As a reminder the European Commission adopted, at the end of last year, the Energy Roadmap 2050 to explore challenges posed by delivering the EU's decarbonisation objectives while at the same time ensuring security of energy supply and competitiveness. To read the Tzavela's draft report, go to:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+COMPARL+PE-491.249+01+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

Source: The European Commission & The Coalition for Energy Savings

Programme of the Cyprus Presidency



At the beginning of July, Cyprus presented its priorities for its six months Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It has set four main priorities aiming to work towards a more efficient and sustainable Europe, with a better performing and growth-based economy; a Union more relevant to its citizens, with solidarity and social cohesion and a Europe closer to its neighbours in the world. Cyprus will concentrate on developing a fair and efficient budget delivering growth, enhancing competitiveness and employment, and fulfilling the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy. To read the complete programme of the Cyprus Presidency, go to: <http://www.cy2012.eu/index.php/en/news-categories/areas/the-presidency/press-release---the-six-month-programme-of-the-cyprus-presidency-is-now-online>

Source: Cyprus Presidency Official Website

Rio+20's Declaration failed to produce ambitious commitments



Although the Rio conference (20-22 June) was a great success in terms of participation, with more than 40.000 people including 100 government leaders, it was a missed opportunity to commit to sustainable development, as shown by its weak and non-binding declaration. Consequently, as stated by Jo Leinen, a member of the Parliament's environment committee who attended the Rio conference, "Rio should not be an excuse in Europe to do less, but should be a motivation to do more because we have a special role to play". Hopefully he will be heard! The full declaration text can be downloaded

here (see point 128 as for energy efficiency with a mention to buildings):

http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/rio20_outcome_document_complete.pdf

Source: Euractiv

ACE MATTERS

International Presidents' Forum at AIA 2012 National Convention



On Friday 18 May 2012, ACE President, Selma Harrington, participated to the International Presidents' Forum at the AIA 2012 National Convention. On this occasion, the invited Presidents of a dozen national, regional, and international architectural associations, along with the presidents of the U.S. collateral organizations (NCARB, NAAB, ACSA & AIAS), discussed current issues in the profession in a multilateral forum. All presidents were encouraged to submit updates on their national activities and any other documents they wished to share to supplement the discussion of the agenda topics. Documents and presentations

are available on the following website:

<http://network.aia.org/InternationalCommittee/Home/Convention/2012Convention/InternationalPresidentsForum/>

ACE Communication Workshop in Dublin



The focus of the Communication Workshop, held in Dublin on 15 June and attended by ten Members of the ACE Executive Board and Secretariat, was to review and streamline operational communications within ACE and with external partners. To ensure that resources are deployed in the most effective way, participants identified overall communication objectives congruent with ACE strategy. Then, a stakeholder analysis was carried out which led to a prioritisation of audiences. These findings provided a sound

foundation for the communications planning, which will be completed and enforced by the newly formed Communication Work Group in the coming months. The first meeting of the COM WG is scheduled early October.

News of the ACE Work Groups

Professional Practice Experience (PPE+2)

In the context of the modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive, the ACE recently established a new Work Group to examine the question of Professional Practice Experience, which constitutes an essential complement to academic training. In its terms of reference, the WG has been tasked with establishing the current state of play in each European country and developing a policy and guidance for structuring the professional practice experience. The ultimate aim, in terms of mobility, is for a European citizen to be able to obtain a diploma in architecture in one country, traineeship in another country and practical experience in yet another. During the first meeting, which took place on 11 June, participants worked on the definition, the duration, the objectives and the conditions of the professional practice experience. The next meeting of the WG PPE+2 will take place in Brussels on 17 September.

Scope of services (SoS)

This Work Group was established in 2010 to examine the scope of services generally offered by architects in each of the Member States of the European Union and draw conclusions from that information. To determine the current state of play in Europe, the WG launched a survey asking for detailed replies from Member Organisations. The answers have been analysed during summer and the summary will be presented at the ACE second General Assembly at the end of November 2012. In the coming months, the Scopes of Services WG will organise a joint meeting with Liability and Insurance WG in order to explore future steps towards developing a common core liability and insurance policy based on the scope of services survey results.

Announcements from Member Organisations

CAT – Chamber of Architects of Turkey

The Chamber of Architects of Turkey would like to draw your attention to the following events: 8 - 9 November 2012: UIA Region II President's Meeting in Bucharest, Romania. // 9 May 2013: Balkan Architecture Conference, Belgrade, Serbia // 10 May 2013: UIA Region II President's Meeting in Belgrade, Serbia.

CCA – Czech Chamber of Architects

The Czech Chamber of Architects is now involved in the project CEC5 "Demonstration of Energy Efficiency and utilisation of Renewable Energy Sources through Public Buildings" with twelve other European partners. The aim of the project is to examine under what conditions it is possible in central Europe to have a unified certification tool for assessing the sustainability of building construction, particularly, in the public sector. CCA is responsible for Work Package Five. ACE Members and authorities will be informed of the project results.

CNAPPC - National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists in Italy

On 3 August 2012, the Council of Ministers approved the scheme for a Reform of the Liberal Professions in Italy. Important matters are affected by this Decree: compulsory insurance, compulsory internship (18 months), compulsory continual professional development, new regulation for advertising and ethical issues (introduction of a different disciplinary committee by the Council).

CNOA – National Council of the Order of Architects in Belgium



It is with regret that the ACE learned of the death of Mr. Georges Vranckx, a well-known Belgian architect, who was elected three times as the President of the National Council of the Order of Architects in Belgium and who participated in the creation of the Architects' Council of Europe. During his career, he received many awards. He was made Knight of the Order of the Crown and Officer of the Order of Leopold III, and he was also elected "Architect of the year" in 1984. ACE extends its sincere condolences to his friends and relatives.

HKA – Croatian Chamber of Architects

On 20 July 2012, the Croatian Chamber of Architects elected Mr Tomislav Curkovic as President for a three-year mandate.

NAL – National Association of Norwegian Architects

On the 1 of July 2012, the National Association of Norwegian Architects elected Kim Skaara as its new President.

SARP – Association of Polish Architects

SARP is publishing a monthly magazine "ARCH" which promotes and provides documentation for architecture and design in Poland. Its future ambition is to develop architectural theories and criticism.

AABH – Association of Architects in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Adnan Harambasic was recently elected as President during the annual Assembly of the Association of Architects of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The new address for AABH is available on the ACE website.

News about the ACE Involvement in EU-Funded Projects

The involvement of the ACE in EU funded projects allows it to engage with a wide range of stakeholders in the European Union and to advocate the role of architects in building sustainability and energy retrofitting. In October 2012 a new project called INSPIRE is kicking off and it will be the fifth project in which the ACE is involved. This project will be funded by the 7th Framework Programme and its' aim will be to conceive, develop and demonstrate systemic packages for deep energy renovation of buildings, both in the residential and tertiary sectors.

OPEN HOUSE- FP7 Project



The objective of the [OPEN HOUSE](#) project is to develop and to implement a common European building assessment methodology for planning and constructing sustainable buildings. A prominent mention that OPEN HOUSE received in the recent Construction 2020 Communication from the European Commission is an important recognition of the work that has been performed in the first 30 months of the project's lifetime. Currently the developed methodology is being evaluated and refined through the assessment of 68 case studies (mainly office buildings from 35 countries). In the months to come, necessary adaptations will ensure that the methodology is suitable for all countries in Europe. A free to access and free to use web-tool is already available at the following address: <http://oh.building-21.net/>. To download a guideline for the sustainability assessments go to: http://www.openhouse-fp7.eu/assets/files/D1.5_APPENDIX_C.pdf. A questionnaire is also available in the project's website and your feedback will be highly appreciated. To access it please press [HERE](#). For further information you can contact eleni.goni@ace-cae.eu

SHELTER- IEE Project



This project is bringing together Social Housing organisations and European professionals for testing and promoting project teams in Energy Renovation. In the context of [SHELTER](#) a very successful conference took place during the European Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels in the 19 June, under the theme "Innovate to Renovate". Focusing on financial and legal instruments for energy renovation (analysed through the prism of integrated design) the conference explored the possibilities of scaling up renovation with innovative thinking, planning and financing. The complete presentations of the conference can be downloaded from the [Power House](#) website at the following link:

[http://www.powerhouseeurope.eu/index.php?id=6439&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=8350&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=6391](http://www.powerhouseeurope.eu/index.php?id=6439&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=8350&tx_ttnews[backPid]=6391)

TRAINREBUILD- IEE Project



The objective of [TrainRebuild](#) project is to encourage retrofitting in a wide range of residential buildings. To successfully reach building owners, training materials presenting technical and financial aspects of residential retrofitting works, have been produced. These training packages are now customised to the local conditions of 10 EU countries (BG, DE, ES, FR, GR, HU, IT, PT, RO, UK). The National Organisations of building owners of the listed countries are now organising training programs addressed to their members. To access and download the developed training packages please follow the link: www.trainrebuild.eu/toolkits

LEEMA- FP7 Project



Among the objectives of the LEEMA project, is the development of a new generation of inorganic insulation materials and building-insulation masonry components. The developed materials will have significantly lower embodied energy (70-90%) and a lower unit cost (25-30% compared to the cost of commonly used insulation materials). Moreover, they will not be presenting any technical, health and/or environmental drawbacks. The LEEMA consortium comprises 14 partners, among whom 6 large industries related to building materials, 2 SMEs, 2 Universities and 2 Building Research Institutes as well as one large engineering company and the Architects' Council of Europe. One of the main roles of the ACE in LEEMA is to evaluate the new developed products in relation to the requirements of the end-users. For more information please visit the project website: www.leema.eu

ACE at External Events

ACE is frequently represented by its President, Members of its Executive Board, Chairmen of Work Groups and/or the Secretariat at external events and conferences. These activities often go unnoticed, but are very important to the pursuit of ACE policies. Readers who wish to know more about these activities can access the reports, prepared after the events, in the calendar of external representations maintained on the ACE website at the following address:

http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/index/category_id/211/language/en

ACE Events and Meetings from September to November 2012 (all in Brussels unless stated otherwise):

Meeting of the Professional Practice Experience WG – 17 September 2012

Finance Committee – 20 September 2012

Second General Coordination Meeting – 20 & 21 September 2011

Joint Meeting of the Scope of Services WG & Insurance and Liability WG – 28 September 2012

Fifth Executive Board Meeting – 5 October 2012

Sixth Executive Board Meeting – 29 November 2012

Second General Assembly – 30 November 2012 & 1 December 2012

OTHER MATTERS

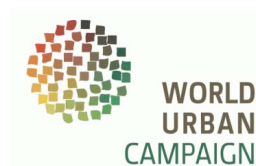
The UK adopts Building Information Modelling (BIM)



The UK is looking to introduce Building Information Modelling (BIM) to support the new construction strategy set out by the Government in May 2012. In BIM the building is designed, built and operated with the help of an intelligent, virtual model, not just in 3D, but with all its associated cost, build-sequence and maintenance information. Moreover BIM addresses most of the issues set out in the recent paper from the EU Commission to Parliament and Council on “Strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector and its enterprises”. Currently, the UK government is running several ‘early adopter’ projects to look at the effectiveness of the key innovations, including BIM. The ambition is to use BIM throughout government by 2016 at ‘Level 2’ maturity, the stage of development most users could be expected to reach by then. For architecture, the use of BIM will represent a radical change, enabling better control of design and delivery.

Source: Richard G. Saxon, Consultancy for the Built Environment

World Day of Architecture 2012



For the 2012 World Day of Architecture, to be celebrated on 1 October 2012, the International Union of Architects (UIA) selected the theme “architects are city changers” to demonstrate the role architects can play in changing our cities for the future. With this theme, the UIA hopes to contribute to the movement initiated by the United Nations through their world urban campaign entitled “Better cities, better lives”. To learn more on the subject, go to:

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/en/participer/nouvelles/6738#.UCpGCs0jxV4>

Source: UIA

Jon Ander Azpiazu Juaristi designed the best “office buildings of tomorrow”



The young Spanish architect Jon Ander Azpiazu Juaristi won the international competition launched by the Antalya Regional Branch of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey (CAT) on the subject: “office buildings of tomorrow”. The jury evaluated the strong architectural background shown in his project, which evokes speed, dynamism and changes, and was impressed by the visual masses aligned to form a shore adjacent to the archaeological site recalling the ancient Theodosius Harbour. To read more on the subject: <http://www.uia-architectes.org/en/s-informer/nouvelles/6791#.UBezrM0jxV4>

Source: UIA

Oldenburg received the 2012 European Cities for Children Award of Excellence



In May 2012, the city of Oldenburg (Germany) received the European Cities for Children Award of excellence for its project "Donnerschwee becomes fit for leisure", designed to revitalise the vacant city district of Donnerschwee. Organised every year, the Cities for Children Award aims to encourage cities to apply innovative projects in their neighbourhoods, which provide useful guidelines on how to involve children in the city's economic and social life so that they become a genuine part of the city. To read complete article, go to:

http://www.eukn.org/News/2012/City_of_Oldenburg_wins_2012_award_for_child_friendly_neighbourhood_planning

Source: European Urban Knowledge Network

International Design Competition for Piazza d'Armi in L'Aquila



A little more than three years after the tragic earthquake that severely hit the city, the International Design Competition for a Public Park at Piazza d'Armi in L'Aquila (Italy) published its results. Strongly stimulated by the professional local community represented by the various territorial levels (the Order of Architects of the Province of L'Aquila and the Federation of Orders of Architects of Abruzzo and Molise), by the National Council of Architects and by Association of Citizens, the

competition was made possible thanks to the economic contributions of the National Council of Architects and some other partners. The winning project designed by Modostudio aims to create a thematic interaction between the competition area and the adjacent existing urban tissue. The architects accomplish this by means of creating a park for this city that is decontextualized from the neighbouring urban space and, at the same time, directly related to the skyline of the nearby mountains. The result of this competition is an example of a quality path for the reconstruction. More information can be found at: <http://www.archdaily.com/252307/piazza-darmi-urban-park-modostudio/http://locus-foundation.org/GlobalAward/globalaward.htm>

Source: Mauro Latini & Archdaily

French Secondary School in Dakar wins AFEX 2012



As part of its mission, the French Architects for Export (AFEX) awards every two years the AFEX Grand Prix for a remarkable construction delivered abroad by French architects. This year, the Grand Prix was awarded to the French Secondary School in Dakar designed by Nelly Breton, Olivier Fraise and Adam Yedid. The 17000m² building has won over the jury by its undeniable aesthetic and functional qualities. The project, conceived on "its empty spaces", offers a colorful composition inspired by local color. Moreover

it includes natural cooling systems with double ventilated walls, sun protection and makes good use of available resources. For more information, visit: <http://www8.archi.fr/AFEX/spip.php?rubrique307>

Source: AFEX & UIA

PUBLICATIONS

Bauhärepräis OAI 2012

Bauhärepräis OAI is awarded every four years to private and public project managers who have, through a successful project, managed to ensure quality architecture and engineering. Following the results of this call, OAI published a book entitled "Bauhärepräis OAI 2012" which brings together the 224 selected works and especially those of the 23 awarded project managers and 18 winners mentioned. It is an essential source of information for future owners who will better ensure their responsibility in shaping our sustainable living environment if they are better informed and more aware of their future role. To order the book, go to: www.oai.lu

Best Practices in Designing and Implementing Energy Efficiency Obligation Schemes

The International Energy Agency (IEA) is publishing a new report on best practises in designing and implementing energy efficiency obligation schemes. This report demonstrates once again that energy efficiency is a necessity to meet world energy needs and shows how energy providers can change their business models to deliver energy efficiency with success. Moreover the study highlights that policy support, in the form of energy efficiency obligation schemes, is a prerequisite for success, and that there is a wide variety of effective approaches in different countries around the world. To download full report, go to:

http://www.ieadsm.org/Files/AdminUpload/%281%29RAP_IEADSM%20Best%20Practices%20in%20Designing%20and%20Implementing%20Energy%20Efficiency%20Obligation%20Schemes%202012%20June%286%29.pdf

Renewables 2012: Global Status Report

The REN21 Renewables Global Status Report gives a comprehensive and timely overview of renewable energy market, industry, and policy developments worldwide, providing a sound basis for measuring global progress in renewable energy deployment. First released in 2005, it has grown to become a truly collaborative effort of over 400 contributors and reviewers, and is today the most frequently referenced report on renewables. Full report and key findings are available at the following address: <http://www.ren21.net/default.aspx?tabid=5434>

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

ECEEE 2013 Summer Study

You are invited to contribute to the eceee 2013 Summer Study. Papers presented at the Summer Study form the scholarly backbone of eceee's work to provide evidence-based information on energy efficiency. Abstracts will be welcomed under the following thematic topics: foundations of future energy policy, energy efficiency policies, local action and national examples, transport and mobility, cutting the energy use of buildings, appliance policy and technology, the ICT supply chain, advanced building technologies, monitoring and evaluation, and dynamics of consumption. The call for papers will open in early September and closes on 4 October. For further information, go to: <http://www.eceee.org/industry/for-authors>

Passive House Conference 2013

You are invited to submit contributions for the 17th International Passive House Conference that will take place in April 2013. Papers must refer to completed passive house buildings combining operational experience and innovative, affordable solutions. Please note that you can send a maximum of two abstracts per person. All relevant information can be found at www.passivehouseconference.org. The deadline for abstract submissions is 15 October 2012.

COMPETITIONS

New National Stadium Japan – International Design Competition

The Japan Sport Council has announced the opening of a design competition for the construction of a new national stadium. The construction of the stadium is being undertaken as a national project on a scale unprecedented in this century. The stadium is scheduled for completion in 2018, and if Japan is selected to host the 2020 Olympic games, it will be used as the primary venue for both, the 2020 Olympic games and Paralympic games. Proposals must be sent by 25 September 2012. To read more on the competition, go to: <http://www.jpnsport.com/en/>

Detroit by Design 2012 – Detroit Riverfront Competition

AIA Detroit Chapter's Urban Priorities Committee is pleased to announce Detroit by Design 2012, an International Ideas Competition, open to students and professionals world-wide. The project site consists of the area between Cobo Hall and the Renaissance Centre and between Jefferson Avenue and the Detroit River, including Hart Plaza, the Ford Auditorium site, the International Border Crossing and the parking structure between Bates St. and Renaissance Drive. Registration opened on 1 August 2012. Proposals are due by 30 November 2012. For more information visit: <http://www.aiadetroitbydesign2012.com/index.php?id=home>

EVENTS

ACE is a partner of the following event:

BIPV3: Separating fact from fiction, an essential guide for designers, London - UK

The Building Research Establishment is organising this year's Building Integration of Photovoltaic (BIPV) Event in collaboration with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and SETA Network. This conference will take place at RIBA London on 17 October 2012. It will bring together architects, suppliers and independent BIPV experts to stimulate a dialogue and better understand the benefits of a holistic and integrated approach to lower carbon footprint of buildings. For more information on this event, go to: <http://www.bre.co.uk/eventdetails.jsp?id=6259>

Other interesting events:

27th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition, Frankfurt – GERMANY

The 27th EU PVSEC will take place in Frankfurt, Germany, from 24 to 28 September 2012. It will host the global PV community on the Messe Frankfurt fairground. The Executive Committee of the EU PVSEC looks forward to welcoming professionals from the entire PV value chain in the financial and business hub Frankfurt in Germany. More information on:

<http://www.photovoltaic-conference.com/welcome/eupvsec-profile.html>

A parallel event in the framework of the 27th EU PVSEC is a conference on "How to use photovoltaic for shaping nearly zero energy communities?" on 25 September in Messe Frankfurt. More information can be found on: <http://www.pv-landscapes.com/cms/>

International Congress "Urban Energies", Berlin – GERMANY

The Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development in conjunction with the Standing Conference of Federal State Ministers and Senators responsible for Urban Development, Building and Housing, the German Association of Cities and the German Association of Towns and Municipalities is organising the international congress "Urban Energies" that will take place on 11 & 12 October 2012 in Berlin. Congress detailed programme and further information regarding registration will be given in next ACE Alert.

XX International Architectural Festival « Zodchestvo 2012 », Moscow - RUSSIA

On 13-15 October 2012, the Union of Architects of Russia is organising the XX International Architectural Festival in Moscow, Russia. The theme for this year's festival is "New Technologies, people in the city". Linked architectural event will be held on 11-12 October - the International Seminar on Architectural Practice – on the topic: "Architects in modern society. Best international practices. Looking into the future". For more information, contact: Archunion-russia@mail.ru

European ETICS Forum, Strasbourg – FRANCE

The European Association for External Thermal Insulation Composite Systems (ETICS) is organising the European ETICS Forum 2012 on 25 October in Strasbourg. The event will deal with a variety of topics. One main focus will be the improvement of the energy efficiency of Europe's building stock and its consequences not only for Europe's energy consumption but also for Europe's economy and labour market. More information about the conference is available on the following website:

www.ea-etics.com.

Green Architecture: Innovative Approaches, Scientific Conference, Vilnius – LITHUANIA

The Faculty of Architecture of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University in cooperation with Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania is organising a conference, which plans to develop a professional dialogue between researchers, architects, engineers, contractors, manufacturers as well as national and local governments and communities. Speakers will present their recent studies in the fields of sustainable urban development, landscape architecture, high-quality architecture, public participation, energy efficiency and housing modernisation. This event will take place in Vilnius from 25 – 26 October 2012. For more information, visit the following website:

<http://old.vgtu.lt/konfer/index.php?link=EN.2.564.3384>

43rd Architects Congress, Nice – FRANCE

The French Union of Architects (UNSA) organises on 25, 26 and 27 October its 43rd Architects Congress in Nice. During three days, many topics will be discussed such as continuing professional

development, honorary problems, architectural laws, etc. To read the entire programme, go to: <http://syndicat-architectes.fr/congres/> (French only)

Architecture as Human Interface, Espoo – FINLAND

This scientific conference, a joint venture between researches in Finland and Sweden, will be held in Espoo on 26 and 27 October 2012. The conference theme is developed in cooperation between the 4th Architectural Research Symposium in Finland and the 4th International conference on architectural competitions. The symposium will address the following themes: competing in architecture, complexity and contradiction in architecture, research and design – bridging the gap, human oriented living environment, the future of the past and sustainability and creativity. More information on: http://www.safa.fi/fin/safa_in_english/forthcoming/?print=1 If you wish to register go to: <https://www.webropolsurveys.com/Answer/SurveyParticipation.aspx?SDID=Fin473404&SID=c872855e-fc08-49c9-9497-974d2eb81741&dy=1118724483>

15th Asian Congress of Architects, Bali – INDONESIA

Once every two years, the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) organises a Congress to show latest developments in architectural trends. During the 2012 event, that will take place between 28 October and 2 November, several sessions will feature the pictures and reports of successful achievements of architects from eighteen member countries of ARCASIA in addition to speeches, discussions and presentations on global as well as regional issues. To read the complete programme, go to: <http://arcasiabali2012.com/index.php?menu=1>

2012 World Town Planning Day – Online Conference

The World Town Planning Day is an annual celebration of town planning. This year's conference is on the theme "Smart Communities Connect" and will be held on 6-7 November 2012. The conference is organised around virtual sessions so no travel is required to attend. More information on http://www.ectp-ceu.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=212:world-town-planning-day&catid=6:news

Conference on Architectural Education, Gliwice – POLAND

Following subsequent changes in the Polish law, the Faculty of Architecture of the Silesian University of Technology is organising a conference on Architectural Education in Poland that will take place on 9-10 November 2012 in Gliwice. This year discussions will focus on the following topics: training of architects, graduate profile, studies, professional practice and scientific research. For more information and registration, please contact: zawod-architekt@polsl.pl

EcoBalance Conference, Yokohama – JAPAN

Every two years, the Institute of Life Cycle Assessment in Japan (ILCAJ) organises an International Conference on EcoBalance, which is an important forum where academics, industries and professionals can discuss the evaluation of environmental performance as well as the development and implementation of new methods. The Conference will be held at Keio University in Yokohama from 20 to 23 November 2012. For more information, go to: <http://ilcaj.snitt.or.jp/EcoBalance2012/index.html>

Cypriot EU Presidency Conference – (place to be defined)

On 22-23 November 2012, the Cypriot EU Presidency, in collaboration with the EFAP, will organize a Conference on public procurements, consultations and competitions as an operational tool for the implementation of the Regional Policies and better conditions for architecture in Europe. The program will be published soon.

Eurocodes Workshop on "Structural Fire Design of Buildings", Brussels – BELGIUM

In the process of achieving an adequate application of the Eurocodes in Member States, the European Commission is organising a workshop in Brussels on 27-28 November 2012. The principal objectives of the workshop are to transfer knowledge and information to representatives of key organisations / institutions, industry and technical associations in Member States, provide state-of-the-art training material, background information and worked examples to Eurocodes trainers and users and, finally, facilitate exchange of views, networking and cooperation. Details of the registration procedure are available on Eurocodes website at: <http://eurocodes.jrc.ec.europa.eu>. Deadline for application is 30 September 2012.

Sofia Architecture Week 2012 – BULGARIA

The Sofia Architecture Week, which is an international festival for architecture celebrating this year its 5th anniversary, will take place from 26 November until 2 December 2012. Every year Sofia Architecture Week focuses on a specific topic. In 2012 it is the interaction between culture and architecture in the context of Sofia's application for European Capital of Culture in 2019. To learn more on the intense program, which features presentations, exhibitions, discussions, workshops, screenings, urban interventions as well as architectural workshops for the youngest, go to: <http://edno.bg/en/sofia-architecture-week-2012/about>

URBACT Annual Conference, Copenhagen - DENMARK

On 3-4 December 2012, URBACT is holding its Annual Conference "Cities of Tomorrow: Action Today" in Copenhagen, Denmark. It will be the occasion for urban practitioners, policy makers and experts from across the EU to investigate solutions to the challenges faced by EU cities. To learn more on this event, go to:

<http://urbact.eu/en/header-main/news-and-events/view-one/news/?entryId=5167>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Selection of Useful and interesting links:

European Commission homepage

http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm

Search page for Commission documents

http://europa.eu/documents/comm/index_en.htm

The Barroso Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/index_en.htm

Commission page containing reference documents for the Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/future_en.htm#docs

The European Parliament Homepage:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu>

Website of the Cyprus Presidency (Jul to Dec 2012):

<http://www.cy2012eu.gov.cy>

Website of the Ireland Presidency (Jan to Jun 2013):

www.eu2013.ie/

European Forum for Architectural Policies:

<http://www.efap-fepa.eu/>

EU Video Website:

<http://www.youtube.com/eutube>

URBACT Hous-Es Network website:

<http://urbact.eu/projects/hous-es.html>

Sustainable building website

www.sustainablebuilding.info

Collegi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC) international relations database:

<http://www.coac.net/international/>

Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori (CNAPPC) database - ArchiEuro:

<http://www.awn.it/AWN/Engine/RAServePG.php/P/26111AWN0905/L/1>

Website of the network of French Architecture Centres:

www.ma-lereseau.org

Website of the European Construction Technology Platform:

<http://www.ectp.org>

Website of the *Build Up* website on energy efficient buildings:

<http://www.buildup.eu>

ArchiEuropa website – comparative information on practice of architecture:

<http://www.arvha.net/selectionlang.php?s=AXMIG1FZFB>

Archi-Student website – a wealth of information on schools and students of architecture in Europe:

www.archi-students.org

Link to the Newsletter of the International Union of Architects (UIA):

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-2/4-lettre.html>

Passive and Draught Cooling in Buildings – The website of an EU-funded project that shows the way towards a pragmatic alternative to conventional air conditioning in buildings:

www.phdc.eu

Database of Digital Architecture – A subscription based website that contains several sections including one that provides images of the works of the great masters of architect and videos of talks by famous architects has been set up. For full information go to:

www.pidgeondigital.com

Interactive Database for Architects – Launched in March 2008, this site provides an opportunity for all architectural practices to become globally recognised. Check it out at:

www.worldarchitecture.org

ACE Website:

www.ace-cae.eu

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