



#### THE UIA AND FPAA REINFORCE THEIR COOPERATION

On 2 May 2007 in San Antonio, during the Executive Committee meeting of the Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations (FPAA), UIA President **Gaetan Siew** and FPAA President **Gabriel Durand-Hollis** co-signed a memorandum of understanding.

This agreement, intended to give **new impetus to the collaborative efforts** between the UIA and the FPAA to promote architects and the architectural profession, is centred around six ambitions:

- . to **rationalise the resources** of the two organisations in order to carry out pertinent and coherent activities at all levels
- . to **reinforce the capacity for intervention** of both organisations
- . to explore opportunities for **joint positions and/or actions**
- . to **collaborate** in relevant **lobbying** activities
- . to ensure **reciprocal representation** in each other's working bodies
- . to share information of mutual interest.

Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations - FPAA

<http://fpaa.arquired.com.mx>



#### SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC - A UIA CORPORATE PARTNER

Building industry professionals are among the architectural profession's most valued partners around the world. By creating the UIA Corporate Partners programme, the Union aims to set up a **network of high-performance collaborators**, capable of responding to architects' aspirations and expectations. These **multi-cultural, creative, and innovative** partners must be engaged in the **major challenges** facing today's world, notably in regard to **sustainable development, global comfort, and accessibility for all**, and will be associated with the UIA's activities.

Schneider Electric, **the world leader in electrical distribution** and second in automation and control systems, was selected as the first UIA Corporate Partner. You can learn more about the company and its objectives on the UIA website.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org>

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-1/4-club.html>



#### BARBARA CAPPOCHIN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Until **20 July 2007**, architects from around the world are invited to submit realisations for this international architectural prize, that will select a **60 000 Euro grand prize** winner.

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Capochin2007/2-annonce.html>

## FRANCE-LATVIA

### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Following the partnership agreement signed in April 2006 with the **African Union of Architects**, the National Council of the Order of French Architects continues its strategy of **developing international relations** with the signature, on 16 April 2007, of an accord of cooperation with the **Latvian Association of Architects**. The agreement addresses issues such as education, the exchange of experiences and information between architects, and the **promotion of architecture**.

<http://www.architectes.org>

## UNITED KINGDOM



### HOW GREEN IS OUR SPACE ?

From **15 to 24 June 2007**, the **Royal Institute of British Architects**, in association with the Arts Council England, will once again celebrate modern architecture during **Architecture Week 2007**.

This year's theme *How Green is our Space?* focuses on critical issues of **climate change and sustainability** and aims to inspire people to think creatively about the spaces around them. Events include film screenings, walks, tours, building-visits, children's activities, and the ever-popular RIBA "**Architect in the House**", where open and free consultations with an architect are available to the public.

<http://www.architectureweek.co.uk/about.asp>

## GERMANY



### MODERNITY MEETS HERITAGE

On **24 June 2007**, Germany will celebrate its national architecture day on the theme: *Modernity meets Heritage*. The doors of **1 594 contemporary architectural realisations** in **731 cities** will be open to the public during this event that attracted 113 000 visitors in 2006. This year's German architecture day will be officially launched on 23 June at the **Oceanic Museum in Stralsund**, an edifice designed by **Behnisch and Partners** alongside a Baltic Sea port included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The building itself is a spectacular illustration of the meeting of modernity and heritage.

Bundesarchitektenkammer

<http://www.bak.de/>

## SINGAPORE



### FUTURE OF LEARNING, IMPACT ON DESIGN

On **23 & 24 July 2007**, Singapore will host the CEFPI - Council of Educational Facility Planners International's conference for the Australasia Region. Organised in cooperation with the **Singapore Institute of Architects**, the conference aims to bring together architects, educators, academics, facility planners, builders, as well as information & communication technologists. Under the theme *Future of Learning - impact on design* participants will examine the **new challenges of education** and the responses planners can provide.

<http://www.cefpi2007singapore.com.sg/cefpi2007/>

## PUBLIC HEALTH



## BEIJING SEMINAR

On 1 through 7 July 2007, in Beijing, People's Republic of China, the 27th international seminar of this UIA work programme will explore the theme: *The architecture of healthcare facilities in the coming 25 years*. It is organised by the **Architectural Society of China** and the Chinese Institute of Project Planning and Research (IPPR).

Healthcare architecture is evolving rapidly based on advances in medical technologies, healthcare organisation, social attitudes, building technology, and procurement processes. The Beijing seminar will examine the following sub-themes in relation to these changes:

- . **Sustainable healthcare facilities** in the future
- . The impact of **traditional medicine** in the future of healthcare facilities
- . Healthcare facilities designed to **face future disasters**
- . Public-private **financing** in a future setting and life-cycle costing
- . **New technologies** in healthcare design.

An exhibition of exemplary projects is also planned within the framework of this seminar.

<http://www.uia-public-health-group.org>

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EDUCATIONAL  
AND CULTURAL  
SPACES

## TORONTO SEMINAR

On 4 and 5 October 2007, the 18th international seminar of this work programme will be held in Toronto, Canada. Starting from Mies van der Rohe's statement "the decisive battles of the spirit are waged on invisible battlefields", the sessions in this seminar will explore *Visualising the Invisible*. They will examine the **concepts that influence learning**, such as liberty, creativity, and their nemesis authority, and how they are **made "visible" in the design of learning environments**.

<http://www.cefpi.org/toronto2007/UIA-Programme.html>

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ARCHITECTURE  
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ENERGY SOURCES

## NIKOS FINTIKAKIS HONOURED

The Olympic Canoe Slalom Course in Athens, designed by Nikos Fintikakis and his office, was awarded a **Bronze Medal** in the series of awards discerned by the **International Olympic Committee** and IAKS (International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities). Four Gold Medals were awarded to the following facilities: the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, the *Oval Lingotto* speed skating hall in Torino, the school sports hall in Esch, Luxembourg, and the Nanjing Sports Park in the People's Republic of China.

[http://www.iaks.org/pdf/award\\_2007/Pressemitteilung\\_Award\\_2007\\_E.pdf](http://www.iaks.org/pdf/award_2007/Pressemitteilung_Award_2007_E.pdf)

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## TROMSØ

**MELTING ICE - A HOT TOPIC ?**

World Environment Day 2007 will be celebrated around the world on **5 June 2007** with the goal of stimulating worldwide awareness of the environment and enhancing political attention and action on environmental issues.

The World Environment Day slogan for 2007 is *Melting Ice – a Hot Topic?* To support **International Polar Year**, this theme focuses on the **transformations in polar ecosystems** and communities resulting from climate change, and the ensuing **consequences around the world**. The main international celebrations of 2007 World Environment Day were in **Tromsø** Norway.

<http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/>

## FREIBURG

**RENEWABLE ENERGIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

On **13 - 15 June 2007**, local government authorities will meet with renewable energy specialists in Freiburg, Germany. This European conference will be centred around the connections between renewable sources of energy and three fundamental issues for communities: **climate protection, security of the energy supply, local development and local resources**. The conference is held under the auspices of the German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety. Representatives of the **UIA** work programme **Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources** will participate.

<http://www.local-renewables2007.org/>

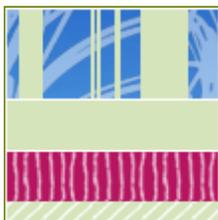
## CALGARY

**CANADIAN SOLAR-OPTIMISED BUILDINGS CONFERENCE**

On **10 - 14 June 2007**, Calgary, Canada will host this 37th conference of the Solar Energy Society of Canada in conjunction with the second conference of the newly formed Solar Buildings Research Network (SBRN), which brings together top researchers from **10 Canadian universities** to develop the solar-optimised buildings of the 21st century. This conference will be at the heart of Canada's efforts to **promote research and development of solar energy utilisation systems**.

[http://www.solarbuildings.ca/en/conference\\_focus](http://www.solarbuildings.ca/en/conference_focus)

## KUALA LUMPUR

**IFLA WORLD CONGRESS**

On **August 27 to 30, 2007**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, will host the International Federation of Landscape Architects' 44th world congress on the theme: *Eden-ing the Earth*. The Congress seeks to find innovative solutions for the various **issues and challenges facing future generations** in making the world a better place to live in. **Gaetan Siew** will participate in this meeting within the framework of the memorandum of understanding signed between the **UIA** and **IFLA** in October 2006.

**Students** of design are invited to participate in a **charette**, where they will be asked to create an environmental piece of art. They may also participate in a competition on the congress theme. Projects must be sent to the organisers no later than **31 July 2007**.

[www.ifla2007.com](http://www.ifla2007.com)

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