



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMISSION
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OVERVIEW OF ICC WORK IN THE PERIOD 2017-2021

The work of ICC is many sided and includes:

- A. Regular work**
 - A.1 continuous expert consultancy on competitions, awards, regulations of Member Sections
 - A.2 Regulatory work, elaboration of ICC help documents
- B. Promotion** of UIA competitions and Competition culture
- C. Professionalisation** efforts
- D. Special projects**

A.1.1. CONSULTANCY COMPETITIONS 2017-2021 (see overview in Annex 1)

ICC consultancy consists in advising on the competition type, the definition of the task, the evaluation criteria, the deliverables, formal and procedural aspects, the composition of the jury, key parameters of the mandate in view. Condition for UIA endorsement is the conformity to the UNESCO Regulations and UIA best practice recommendations but also the respect of UIA aims (SDG's and holistic approach) and fair conditions. Guarantee for fair conduct fair conditions for the competitors and the winner makes UIA endorsement to a quality label.

The ICC dealt in total with 43 competitions and advised 2 MS reviewing their national ADC regulations.

Overview competitions

- 13 Professional competitions: 12 endorsed (8 completed, 2 ongoing, 1 ready to launch, 1 in preparation)
- from the remaining 20 requests for collaboration ca. one fourth has still potential to be concretised
- 5 Students competitions: 3 endorsed + 2 in discussion
- 1 Young architects competition (4 annual editions since usually organised every year)
- 1 Student workshop
- 1 Competition organized by an UIA body (in preparation)

Tendencies in professional competitions

- the majority of UIA professional competitions were conducted in EU countries
- practically all were project competitions except one which was an ideas competition
- the majority were multidisciplinary competitions, all requested teams with at least one other discipline
- practically all provided detailed programs requesting too much work by the competitors
- equal number of open and restricted procedures and clear majority single-stage competitions

Profile of clients

- exigent international organisations requesting high competence from ICC
- repetitive and challenging public clients like UNESCO, EU Commission and EU Institutions
- very experienced international professional advisers
- Member Sections and private clients with little experience in organizing and conducting competitions

Requirements expected from ICC consultancy

- expertise, experience, competence, coherence, continuity
- knowledge of public procurement legislations
- legal understanding and capacity to find solutions without violating the principles and rules

Achievements of ICC

- proved the compatibility of UIA/UNESCO Regulations with EU public procurement law
- implemented high standards and best practice recommendations creating reference examples
- created a stamp evidencing the assessment of compliance to the rules for all UIA endorsed adc's
- fulfilled the expectations of the clients and received recognition and gratitude for expert advice
- contributed in reaffirming the good reputation of UIA competitions
- established first contact with CIO and realised a first collaboration with UN Habitat in a student adc
- proposed successfully a commemorative plate on realised projects, results of UIA competitions
- proposed to thematise the importance of high quality in the built environment and recommend competitions as the best tool to find suitable solutions to architectural tasks at the UN Habitat Forum

A.1.2. CONSULTANCY AWARDS 2017-2021 (see overview in Annex 1)

The ICC examined the regulations and advised on 5 Awards and contributed to realize a new Award.

UIA INCOME FROM COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS 2017-2021

Competitions (12 endorsed adc's)	281'000
Awards (9 awards)	85'000
Total income contractually agreed	366'000 Euros

A.2 REGULATORY WORK / ICC DOCUMENTS

The "UIA Competition Guide" and the "UIA Participation in Awards" document were amended with the declaration that UIA endorses architects' respectively awards which promote high quality-built environments and respect the holistic, culture-centred and interdisciplinary approach to improve quality of life in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals. Further the ICC reviewed or amended practically all documents elaborated in 2015-2017 and elaborated new help papers for clients on topics corresponding to the needs and frequent questions of the clients, in particular "Recommended guidelines for jury meetings and evaluation process" including also in exceptional cases the conduct of jury sessions in form of video conferences.

B. PROMOTION

Exemplarity. With few UIA endorsed competitions per year the goal is to achieve reference examples and promote best practice worldwide.

Commemorative plates for realised UIA competition projects indicating the year of the competition, UIA logo, the name of the winner, the name of the client, the names of the professionals involved in the realisation. Such measure serves promoting UIA competitions and competition culture and the respect to the profession.

C. PROFESSIONALISATION

Most ICC propositions were not considered as priorities during the current term. However a considerable progress could be done with the help of the Secretariat in several chapters.

D.SPECIAL PROJECTS

UIA/ACE/UNESCO Conference on Competitions held on 24-25.10.19 at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
Contributions for RIO2021 CONGRESS

- **Exhibition** Updated Map(s) of the triennium's architectural design competitions endorsed by UIA
- **Plenary session:** Achieving design excellence with a UIA competition in form of pre-recorded conferences. 3 winners present their projects (Library of Alexandria, Bamiyan Cultural Center, Vilnius Concert Hall) and report on the impact, potential benefit for society and the value of the process.
- **Special Edition Newsletter** Interviews of organizers, jurors and winners of UIA competitions mostly conducted in the term 2017-2021 on their experiences with international competitions.

ICC CO-DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2021-2023 TERM

Organisational aspects

- Ask all MS to designate a correspondent for competition matters
- Renew the list of recommended jurors with help of MS
- Reinforce the Secretariat
- Rethink the organisation of ICC
- Seek direct collaboration between UIA Commissions and improve coordination

Professionalisation

- Ensure expertise and collaboration of experts for architecture consultancy
- Continue the professionalisation efforts of ICC work with the help of the Secretariat
- Conduct statistics on UIA competitions and competitors
- Create an interactive map with information about UIA competitions and participants
- Conduct surveys in collaboration with PPC on architecture practice worldwide

History

- Solve the problem of the old archives and make an inventory of what exists
- Document the history of UIA competitions, eventually initiate a PHD research
- Reconsider a publication on UIA competitions for the 75th anniversary

Focus competitions

- Maintain and affirm the principle that UIA endorsed competitions must be paradigmatic in all regards
- Recognize the distinct roles of UIA jurors and UIA representative in the Jury
- Implement guidelines for jury work and evaluation process in UIA endorsed and UIA own architects'

Focus awards

- Define an adequate policy for awards deserving UIA endorsement
- Decide that UIA endorsed and own awards must respect rules and recommendations in analogy to architects'
- Publish transparent jury reports of UIA Triennial Prizes documenting all submitted nominations
- Organize an new UIA Triennial Prize with focus on SDG and holistic interdisciplinary approach

Political goals

- Promote competition culture worldwide and set the reference with exemplary UIA competitions
- Exploit Baukultur and New Bauhaus initiatives to promote architectural quality and the tool competition
- Achieve / recommend recognition of participation in design competitions as CPD credit

Future of UIA competitions and ICC tasks / financial aspects

- Achieve collaboration with international institutions: CIO, UNO and Worldbank (appropriate client profile)
- Advise MS when creating or ameliorating their national architects' regulations
- Organize seminars /courses on preparation and fair conduct of architects' (potential new income for UIA)
- Invest part of the income from competitions and awards in ICC projects and professionalisation



ANNEX 1

OVERVIEW OF ENDORSED COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS 2017-2021 (updated on 10.06.21)

A. COMPETITIONS

1. PROFESSIONAL COMPETITIONS

Completed

- **Kuwait** Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) New Headquarters and Convention Center in Kuwait: Results 03.19
- **Knowledge and Innovation Center in Tripoli**, Lebanon Results 06.19
- **"Projet Loi 130"** European Commission Architecture Competition in Brussels: Results 07.19 exhibition 09.19
- **National Concert Hall in Vilnius**, Lithuania: Jury 07.19, Results 08.19, Exhibition 09.19.
- **Saint Petersburg Tuchkov Buyan Park** landscaping Design (Russia) Results 09.20
- **Gorizia Europe Square/Piazza Transalpina**, EU capital of culture 2025 (Slovenia), open single stage ideas and project competition. Results 09.20
- **Alumil Urban planning ideas competition**, Business district area by the harbour of Thessaloniki (Greece) open ideas competition. Results 11.20
- **European Parliament Building in Brussels**, restricted single stage project competition. PQ launched in May, competitors selected, competition start September 20. Results February 21. Public announcement later 2021
- **Mosul** Reconstruction & Rehabilitation of the Al Nouri Complex (Iraq), open single stage project competition organized by UNESCO. Launched on 16.11.20. Results 04.21

Ongoing

Thessaloniki CONFEX Park, restricted single stage project competition, PQ launched on 28.09.20, PQ Results 12.20, ADC launch 25.03.21. ADC result 07.21

- **JRC in Sevilla**, Isla de la Cartuja (Spain) first contact June 2020, PQ Launch May 2021

Ready to launch

- **Larissa** Surrounding Area of the ancient theatre (Greece), launch planned in 03.20 postponed, administrative process restarted in April 2021 by the municipal authority

2. YOUNG ARCHITECTS COMPETITIONS Completed

- Antalya - International young architect's ideas awards and exhibition, Turkey, organized yearly

3. STUDENT COMPETITIONS Completed

- International Velux Awards (Denmark) Regional Winners announced 09.20, Final winners 05.21
- Rio 2020 Ideas Student competition Maré-Cidale: organized by IAB, UIA and UN Habitat
- UIA-HYP Cup (China) launched in March 2020

4. COMPETITIONS ORGANIZED BY UIA BODIES in preparation

- **AfA Symbol** Design Competition in preparation. Received by Secretariat in September 2020 as award candidate was clarified as competition. Discussions between t ICC and AfA, 03.21

B. WORKSHOPS Completed student competitive workshop

- UIA-CBC International Colleges and Universities Competitive Construction Workshop, (China) Results announced in August 2019

C. AWARDS

Exterior awards endorsed by UIA

- Barbara Cappochin Prize, Italy: Winners announcement 31.07.19
- Fourth Baku International Architecture Award, Azerbaijan: Results 06.19. 5th Award launched
- Prix Versailles, France: Prize ceremony at UNESCO, Paris 12.09.19
- Al Fozan triennial Prize for Mosque Architecture, Saudi Arabia. 4th Cycle launched in 2020.
- Liang Sicheng Architecture Prize, China (biennial next edition expected in 2020, no news)
- International Contextual Architecture Award in memory of Turgut Cansever, Turkey. First edition successfully completed in 2020.
- The Daylight Award results announced in May 2020. The next edition is underway and the UIA has been asked to participate.

Awards organised by UIA Bodies

- Educom UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education, Prize for Schools of Architecture launched 2020, results published in February 2021.
- UIA AfA: Friendly and Inclusive Spaces, results published in May 2021.



ANNEX 2 OVERVIEW ICC DOCUMENTS updated 10.06.21

Documents for external use – general public

1. Conducting an international design competition with the UIA (amended)
2. UIA Competition Guide for design competitions in architecture and related fields (amended)
3. UIA Participation in Award and Prize Programmes (amended)

Documents for external use - UIA clients

4. Timetable Guide (for open, restricted, single stage and two stage competitions)
5. Checklist for preparing a competition Budget
6. Model Structure / Briefs for international design competitions in architecture and related fields
7. Model structure for Jury report
8. Jury composition
9. Anonymity
10. Recommended Guidelines for jury meetings and evaluation process
11. Conditions for UIA endorsement

Documents for internal use -can only be shared when agreed with Co-directors

12. Sample Budget
13. UIA Student Competition Brief
14. Collection of standard paragraphs for professional briefs
15. UIA Juror questionnaire (confidential information, shared only with ICC members and UIA officials if needed)

Internal Documents

16. ICC internal guidelines (amended)
17. Checklist for examining briefs
18. Internal guidelines for the nomination and selection of recommended Jurors
19. Internal guidelines for student workshops
20. ICC findings

Other

21. Competition contract template (reviewd and amended)

Legend:

In red documents elaborated or amended in the term 2017-2021



ANNEX 3 OVERVIEW MEMBERS, MEETINGS, REPORTS

ICC COMMISSION MEMBERS 2017 - 2021

Co-Directors: Regina Gonthier (Switzerland) and Jerzy Grochulski (Poland)

Secretariat Competitions: Mwiayathi Wanjira

Secretariat Awards: Emily Bonin

Steering Committee:

Region I: Patrick Colombier (France), Paula Huotelin (Finland), Pierre Sauveur (Belgium)

Region II: Kyriakos Pipinis (Greece), Tibor Fatyol (Hungary)

Region III: José Luis Cortes (Mexico), Roger Schluntz (USA)

Region IV: Yuhang Kong (China) Byung Kil Bae (Korea)

Region V: Ramatu Aliyu (Nigeria), Gad Opiyo (Kenya)

Further ICC Members:

Man Yiu Ivan Ho (Hong Kong)

Seif Allah Alnaga (Egypt)

Istelianna Atanassova (Bulgaria)

ICC MEETINGS 2017 - 2021

January 24th-25th 2018 hold in UIA Headquarters in Paris

November 9th 2018 hold in Athens, upon invitation of the Greek Section

October 23rd and 24th 2019 hold in UIA Headquarters in Paris

April 22nd 2021 per video conference

ICC CO-DIRECTORS REPORTS 2017 - 2021

Since the beginning of the term ICC Co-Directors have provided reports for following meetings:

- UIA Council in Paris 01.2018
- UIA Bureau meeting in Baku 2018
- UIA Council Meeting in Oaxaca 2018
- UIA Bureau Meeting in Nairobi 07.2018
- Arcasia Meeting in Tokyo 09.2018
- Region 1 and Region 2 Meeting in Athens 11.2018
- UIA Council in Lucknow 11.2018
- UIA Council in Baku 06.2019
- UIA extraordinary General Assembly in Baku 06.2019
- ICC Co-Directors on task force proposals for UIA Triennial Prizes 10.19
- UIA Council Meeting in Egypt 10.2019
- Region 1 and Region 2 Meeting in Riga 12.2019
- UIA Council Meeting in Rio 01.2020
- ICC report for planed GA 2020, 04.2020
- ICC Covid19 Recommendations 05.2020
- ICC Co-Directors on APAW Questionnaire and PP Data bank 01.2021
- ICC Co-directors on UIA own Awards/Prizes
- ICC report for R2 meeting per zoom on 12.05.2021
- UIA Council per video conference 25.05 2021
- UIA General Assembly per video conference July 2021