

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
FOR

“ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH PAPERS”
IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

OPEN TO
ARCHITECTS AND GRADUATES

1. Aim and Scope of the Competition

The First International Competition for Research Papers in Architecture and Urban Design is organized to enhance knowledge and creativity in architecture and architectural education. The competition will be conducted globally in two phases: regional competitions in the five UIA Regions followed by an international selection among the winners of the regional competitions. The competition will be conducted exclusively on line. The address of the website is www.uia-researchcompetition1.org.

2. Promoter of the Competition

The first international competition for architectural research papers (the Competition, hereafter) is organized by the UIA in the framework of the Reflection Group of the UIA Education Commission. An advisory committee organized within the Reflection Group of the UIA Education Commission is responsible for monitoring and supervising the fair and transparent procedure of this competition. The first edition of the Competition is organized by the Reflection Group of the UIA Education Commission and administered by the Federation of Institutes of Korean Architects (FIKA), the UIA Korean Section.

3. Thematic Areas of the Competition

The thematic areas of the competition for architectural research papers include;

- 3.1. Teaching and learning methods in architecture
- 3.2. Heritage and sustainability
- 3.3. Architecture for all (including children) , cultural diversity, spatial needs
- 3.4. Architecture and urbanism.

4. Eligibility

The competition is open to an individual or a group of individuals holding a graduate degree from 5-or-more year program or post graduate schools in architecture or urban design and architects registered to practice in his/her jurisdiction.

5. Prizes

The International Jury will select one (1) grand prize winner, one (1) second prize winner,

one (1) third prize winner and twelve (12) honorable mentions. Each and every one of the prize and honorable mention winners will be awarded a certificate. In addition, the following prizes will be awarded to the prize winners:

One Grand Prize: 1,500 Euro
Two 2nd Prizes: 1,000 Euro each
Three 3rd Prizes: 500 Euro each
9 Honorable Mentions

6. Jury

- 6.1. Each of the five (5) UIA Regions will have a regional jury consisting of 5 members. The names of the members of the regional jurors for each region will be announced later on the competition website.
- 6.2. The international jury consisting of five members will be responsible for the international adjudication. The names of the international jurors will be announced later on the competition website.

7. Languages of the competition

- 7.1. English.

8. Calendar

Announcement of the competition, on UIA website.	June 1, 2010
Website activated for competition questions.	July 15, 2010
Deadline for competitors questions	August 1, 2010
Deadline for answers to the questions	August 15, 2010
System opens for Registration	October 15, 2010
Deadline for Registration	December 30, 2010
Online Submission Period Opens	February 1, 2011
Online Submission Periods Close	March 30, 2011
The administrator sends the sorted papers to Regional Jury members	April 15, 2011
Scoring papers and transmitting selected papers back to administrator by regional juries, on or before:	May 15, 2011
Submission of the result of the regional adjudication to the international jury on or before:	May 30, 2011
Rating of the selected papers for selection of the winners and mentions by the international jury members, on or before:	June 15, 2011
Verification of winner's eligibility	June 28, 2011
Announcement of the final winners (on the Competition Website)	June 30, 2011

- 8.1. In order to reduce the possibility of system congestion, the participants are requested to activate the procedure for registration and transmission (submittal) of papers in advance of the deadline.
- 8.2. In case of a temporary breakdown of the system, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the deadline, according to the irrevocable decision of the Advisory Committee, can be extended, with the information published on the competition site, for a lapse of time twice that of the failed accessibility to the system.
- 8.3. The date and the official Competition clock will be displayed on the site. www.uia-

researchcompetition1.org, and will be the reference point for all the deadlines indicated in the competition notice. The date and the official hour will be constantly kept synchronized with Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

9. Questions and Answers

- 9.1. All questions must be uploaded to the Q&A section of the competition site on or before August 15, 2010.
- 9.2. Answers to the questions will be posted on the Q&A site of the competition site by August 30, 2010.

10. Registration

- 10.1. Registration must be made electronically on the competition web site, www.uia-researchcompetition1.org, by filling up the registration form downloaded at the competition site.
- 10.2. All the procedures and documents including the registration forms will be in English.
- 10.3. At the time of registration, participant(s) shall indicate his/her personal details, name of the Member Section and identify the UIA Region in which he/she participates by checking an appropriate Region number as required on the registration form. Click on <http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-1/2-6-regions.html> to identify your UIA Region. For your information, Region I is Western Europe; Region II Eastern Europe and the Middle East; Region III the Americas, Region IV Asia/Oceania, and Region V is Africa.
- 10.4. Participants also must make up his/her own personal identification number or PIN that starts with three(3) Arabic numerals and three(3) alphabet characters. The PIN that he/she devises must be checked for the validity. For example, an applicant must self-assign a PIN, such as, 123ABC, where the first three(3) Arabic numerals and the next three(3) Alphabetic characters are random numbers and characters of the applicant's choosing.
- 10.5. The payment of the non-reimbursable registration fee of 20 euro per registration shall be made by a credit card/e-cash (Paypal) at the time of registration.
- 10.6. Personal data and the matching personal PIN will be automatically stored in the system in order to maintain anonymity.
- 10.7. Only the PIN should be used on all submittals.

11. Submission

- 11.1. The participants must transmit online only one original and unpublished research paper per registration in a digital file, Adobe Acrobat PDF format.
- 11.2. Submittals are to be blind peer-reviewed, and thus must have no indication of the participant's identity. Only the PIN created at the time of registration must be used on the cover page of the paper.

- 11.3. Pages must be numbered at the center of the bottom of every page.
- 11.4. No other sign or mark indicating identification of the participant(s) may be written on the cover or any other page of the paper being submitted.

12. Documents to be submitted for the competition

- 12.1. One original and unpublished research paper per registration that is not longer than 30,000 characters (spaces included) with a maximum of twenty (20) images, related to one of the four thematic areas listed in article 3 of these regulations, in English. Please use A-4 size paper.
- 12.2. The paper must have a cover sheet which carries only the PIN. The cover page must be followed by a one-page abstract of the research paper which is written in English and shall be no longer than 3,000 characters.
- 12.3. The main body of the research paper must begin on a new page following the cover sheet and the abstract.

13. Anonymity

- 13.1. The submittals shall be kept anonymous throughout the entire procedure from reception until the final winners are selected.
- 13.2. Upon receipt of a research paper, the PIN will be replaced by a unique and random "Handling Number" (HN) generated by the system. The HN will be used throughout the adjudication procedure until the final winners and honorable mentions are selected in the international adjudication.
- 13.3. Upon the completion of the final selection of the winners and honorable mentions, the HN will be matched with the PIN and respective personal information to reveal the names and other information of the winners and honorable mentions.

14. Advisory Committee

- 14.1. The Advisory Committee will be organized to oversee the competition and its responsibility includes answering participants' questions, extension/adjustment of deadlines, when and if necessary, and others.
- 14.2. The Advisory Committee members are:

Fernando Ramos, Spain
Sungjung Chough, Korea
Zakia Safie, Egypt

15. Administrator

- 15.1. The Administrator of the competition will be nominated by FIKA
- 15.2. The Administrator, along with his/her staff, is responsible for the administration and

management of the competition procedure.

16. Adjudication Criteria

The juries will judge the works according to the following criteria:

- 16.1. The originality of the proposed ideas;
- 16.2. The pertinence of the proposal in relation to a given thematic area;
- 16.3. The potential for contribution to the advancement of the discipline of architecture;
- 16.4. The improvement of architectural education.

17. Adjudication Procedure: Regional

- 17.1. The Administrator will sort out the research papers submitted by UIA Region and transmit them online to the members of the respective regional jury for Regional Adjudication.
- 17.2. Each member of the regional jury will evaluate the papers and score each of them with a scale of 1(Worst) to 100 (Best). Each jury member shall select only the best 5, none of them having the same score. The result will be sent online (email) to the administrator. Jurors are allowed to use fraction numbers to distinguish the subtle difference in quality of a paper.
- 17.3. The scores given by the jury members for each paper will be totaled for each paper. A list of the 3 papers with the highest scores will be drawn up for each of the 5 UIA Regions for a total of 15 papers, which will be transmitted to the international jury for international adjudication.
- 17.4. Should more than 3 papers per region be selected due to tie-scores, more than 3 papers may be transmitted to the international adjudication.
- 17.5. The tabulation of the scores of the regional adjudication will be transmitted to each member of the regional jury and advisory committee for their verification and confirmation. The regional juries and the advisory committee members will have five days to verify the validity of the results and to notify the Administrator and the other regional jury members in case there is an error in the tabulation.

18. Adjudication Process: International Selection

- 18.1. Each member of the International Jury will review and score the 15 papers selected in the regional adjudication in the same manner used for the regional adjudication process, that is, score them on a scale of 1(worst) to 100(best). The score will be transmitted to the administrator and will be tabulated to rank them by score.
- 18.2. The paper with the highest score will be ranked 1st and awarded the grand prize, that with the second and the third best score will be the 2nd prize winners and the fourth through the six rank will be the 3rd prize winners. The remaining 9 papers will be awarded honorable mentions.

- 18.3. In the case when more than 3 papers for a region are transmitted to the international jury due to tied scores, then only three best for the region(s) will be selected among them. If the scores for these tied papers still remain tied even after the international adjudication, the papers with tied scores will be re-evaluated until the tie breaks .
- 18.4. The result of the tabulation will be transmitted to each international jury member and advisory member for their verification of the result.
- 18.5. The International Jury will send the HN numbers of the final winners to the administrator who will send back the matching personal information to the advisory committee.
- 18.6. The advisory committee will notify the final winners and the list will be announced publicly.

19. Disqualification

The following conditions constitute disqualification.

- 19.1. Registrant is found to be ineligible as defined in Article 4. Eligibility of these regulations.
- 19.2. When and if the paper submitted is found to have been previously published.
- 19.3. If the paper submitted is found to violate copyright or is subject to plagiarism.

20. Copyright and return of projects.

- 20.1. The authors of the papers will retain all the intellectual property rights to their research papers. The promoters will have the right to publish the papers and the names of the authors with no need under any circumstances of remunerating them.
- 20.2. The files submitted will not be returned to the participants.

21. Acceptation of the conditions of participation.

- 21.1. At the time of registration and transmission of his/her research paper or related documents, the applicants accept, without conditions, all the provisions and the conditions of the competition regulations.
- 21.2. The applicants accept also, without reserve and possibility of opposition, the judgments expressed by the juries and the irrevocable decisions rendered by the Advisory Committee and of the Competition Organizer.

22. Disclaimer

The organizer declines to accept any responsibility for the failed access to the system and/or the failed activation of the procedure within the fixed deadline, caused by difficulties of technical nature that should occur to the participants and/or to the system and not depending on the will of the organizer, as for example, difficulties of connection to the system resulting from the utilizations by the participants of an unsuitable computer system or used inappropriately, temporary congestion of the internet and/or of the line of connection to the Competition System, catastrophic and unexpected events, both natural and of human nature, that affect the equipment and the technological infrastructures for the management of the Competition, etc.