



## **2021 UIA GOLD MEDAL & PRIZES** **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENDED**

The UIA announces the extension of the deadline for nominations for the **2021 UIA Gold Medal and Prizes** to **12 April**.

The international jury for the **2021 UIA Triennial Gold Medal and Prizes** includes **Eva Jiricna** (Czech Republic/UK), **Kai-Uwe Bergmann** (USA/Denmark), **Victor Leonel** (Angola), President of the Africa Union of Architects (AUA), **Nadia Somekh** (Brazil), Presidente Conselho de Arquitetura e Urbanismo do Brasil (CAU) and UIA President **Thomas Vonier** (USA). It will meet virtually.

The winners of the 2021 UIA Gold Medal and Prizes will be rewarded during an **online awards ceremony** held during the **UIA2021RIO Congress** in July.

Only Member Sections and UIA elected officials may nominate candidates. Please note that the platform will be inaccessible (for maintenance) on 11 April.

To send in a nomination see the [UIA Prizes Platform](#).

[More information](#)



*Architecture for Children workshop in Poland*

### **ARCHITECTURE & CHILDREN WORK PROGRAMME: WEBINAR**

The UIA work programme, **Architecture & Children**, organised a webinar, "**Built Environment Education and School Planning for and with Children**", on 26 February.

Mediated by co-directors **Suzanne de Laval** and **Heba Safey Eldeen**, the webinar included presentations for educating children in **Sweden, Hungary, Romania, Estonia** and **Germany** about the built environment.

Watch the webinar [here](#)

For more about the [UIA Work Programme Architecture & Children](#)



## ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL WORK PROGRAMME: TRIENNIAL AWARDS

On **15 April**, the international jury for the **2021 Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards**, organised by **UIA Work Programme, Architecture For All**, are hosting the **second round jury meeting** to determine the winners in the the following categories: **New Buildings, Refurbished Existing Buildings, including Historic Buildings** and **Public & Open Spaces**. (The jury for the fourth category, **Research**, has already met.) The winners will be recognised during an online awards ceremony held during the [UIA2021RIO Congress](#) in July.

For more information about the Friendly & Inclusive Spaces Awards, or about the [UIA Work Programme, Architecture For All](#)

## COMPETITIONS ▼



## AL NOURI COMPLEX COMPETITION: JURY MEETING

**126 submissions** have been received from all architects around the world participating in the architectural competition for the **reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Al Nouri Complex in Mosul in Iraq**. The international jury will meet in the coming days to evaluate the entries and the winner will be announced during the month of April. The competition is organised by **UNESCO**, in close coordination with the **Iraqi Ministry of Culture** and the **Iraqi Sunni Endowment** and the support of the **United Arab Emirates**.

Visit the competition [website](#)

## UIA MEMBER SECTIONS ▼





### COLOMBIA: PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

The **Sociedad Colombiana de Arquitectos (SCA)** has re-elected **Alfredo M. Reyes Rojas** for the period 2021-2023. The President has announced his intention to make innovation and productivity the axes of his strategy over the course of the period and will seek to consolidate regional leadership. Graduate from the University of the Atlantic (Barranquilla), A. Rojas possesses experience in the formulation of land use plans, partial plans, urban action units and urban development in both the private and public sectors.

[More information](#)



### SINGAPORE: NEW PRESIDENT

The **Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)** held its elections on 16 March 2021 and elected **Lai Teck Chuan Richard** president, succeeding **Seah Chee Huang**. After graduating from Singapore Polytechnic, he also studied architecture at Newcastle University, Australia, graduating in 1994. An active member of SIA for many years, he has participated on the BCA/SIA committee for the publication of prefab/sustainable architecture since 2003 as well as the SIA Research and Standards Committee since 2006.

[More information](#)



## NEPAL: NEW PRESIDENT

The **Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA)** held its 26th Annual General Meeting and Election on 19 March 2021. **Rajesh Thapa** has been elected President for a two-year term, succeeding **Anju Malla Pradhan**. A 1978 graduate of Visveswaraya Regional College of Engineering in Nagpur, he is the founder of Architects Collaborate, Nepal.

[More information](#)

## KENYA: NEW PRESIDENT

The **Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK)** held its 54th Annual General Meeting, at which it elected **Wilson Mugambi** president for the 2021-2023 period. A graduate of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), W. Mugambi is Co-founder & Managing Partner at Artcore Design Build LLP. The outgoing president is **Mugure Njendu**.

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## CANADA: RAIC GOLD MEDAL & FELLOWS



### 2021 RAIC GOLD MEDALISTS: BRIGITTE SHIM & A. HOWARD SUTCLIFFE

The **Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)** has declared **Brigitte Shim** and **A. Howard Sutcliffe** **2021 RAIC Gold Medalists**, the highest distinction the Institute can bestow in recognition of a significant and lasting contribution to **Canadian architecture**. According to Phyllis Lambert, Founding Director Emeritus of the Canadian Centre for Architecture: "The poetic quality and independence of their design work, their thoughtful and holistic consideration of site, materiality, typologies, the senses, and their inventiveness have made Shim and Sutcliffe **exemplars of architectural practice in Canada.**"

[For more information](#)



## RAIC 2021 HONORARY FELLOWS

The **Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)** has announced four notable international architects as the **Honorary Fellows for 2021: Amale Andraos, Tatiana Bilbao, Mouzhan Majidi, and Thomas Vonier**. The Fellows were distinguished for their significant contributions to both the architecture profession and society. The Officers of the College of Fellows at the RAIC praised the 2021 Honorary Fellows for demonstrating **“excellence in our profession** and the built environment through their work, their **advocacy, and their commitments to the advancement of the profession”**.

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## REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS ▼



## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ▼

### ARCASIA: CGSA WEBINAR

The **Committee for Green and Sustainable Architecture (CGSA)** of the **Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)** held a webinar on **3 April 2021** entitled **The Evolution of Urban Resilience and Sustainable Future**. The event addressed the environmental, social and economic challenges aggravated by climate change. **Ishtiaque Zahir Titas** of the **Institute of Architects of Bangladesh (IAB)**, Co-Director of the **UIA Sustainable Development Goals Commission**, was among the speakers.

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## ICOMOS: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MONUMENTS & SITES

On **18 April** we will celebrate the **International Day for Monuments and Sites**, established by **ICOMOS** in 1982 and adopted by **UNESCO** during its 22nd General Conference. This year, the theme is **Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures** and ICOMOS invites its members, national and international scientific committees, partners, and the general public to mark the day by organising relevant activities.

[More information](#)



## UN HABITAT: ONLINE SESSION, 7-8 APRIL 2021

The **Executive Board** of the **United Nations Human Settlements Programme** will hold its first session of the year 2021 from **7-8 April 2021**. The decision to hold the session online was based on the recommendation by the Bureau of the Executive Board of UN-Habitat during its meeting on 11 January 2021, based on the continued unpredictable global circumstances with regard to COVID-19 and measures put in place by the Government of Kenya, the United Nations and the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON).

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