



UIA2021RIO

As part of the discussion series *Nada sera como antes*, Sérgio Magalhães, President of the UIA2021RIO Executive Committee, talked about how the ongoing global health crisis can be an opportunity to review how to plan and expand our cities going forward. "We stand on the verge of choosing between cities that are tools for development with less inequality, or clinging to a backward and exclusionary model that we have pursued for more than forty years."

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UIA COVID-19 INFORMATION HUB ▼



UIA PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP

The UIA Public Health Group (PHG) has developed a PHG COVID-19 Bulletin, drawing on information from UIA-PHG member countries and major world organizations such as WHO and IHF (International Hospital Federation).

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMISSION

The UIA International Competitions Commission has reviewed its international competitions schedule and has drafted recommendations for current and upcoming architecture competitions, in light of the health crisis.

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COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES ▼



INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE COMPETITION: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING

The European Parliament has initiated an international design competition for the renewal of its plenary building (SPAAK), located in a complex in the centre of Brussels, Belgium. The open pre-qualification procedure for the selection of competitors among candidates was launched on 26 May 2020. Architects interested in participating in the renewal of the SPAAK building are invited to apply.

[Find out more](#)



THE DAYLIGHT AWARD



RESULTS OF THE DAYLIGHT AWARD 2020

The 2020 Daylight Awards, established by the foundations VILLUM FONDEN, VELUX FONDEN and VELUX STIFTUNG, have been awarded to the following recipients in three categories:

- Daylight Award for Architecture: architect and designer Juha Leiviskä (Finland)
- Daylight Award for Research: neuroscientist Russell Foster (UK)
- Daylight Award for Exceptional Lifetime Achievement: Professor Emeritus of architectural history & design at the Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Henry Plummer (USA).

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HABITAT PROFESSIONALS FORUM

The Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF) have released a statement based upon a survey conducted among the members of the HPF on the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on achieving resilient human settlements.

[Find out more on the UIA COVID-19 Information Hub](#)



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COP26: CHANGE OF DATES

The COP Bureau of the UNFCCC has decided to postpone COP26 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference, which was scheduled to take place this year in Glasgow, under the UK Presidency, from 9-20 November 2020, is postponed to 1-12 November 2021. Organised in partnership with Italy, this international summit will bring together more than 30,000 delegates with the common goal of implementing coordinated climate action.

[Find out more](#)

ACE SURVEY: COVID-19

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) has been conducting a survey among its Member Organisations to understand how they are dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, to try to evaluate its initial impact on the architectural profession and market, and to collect information about measures put in place to help SMEs and the self-employed to weather the crisis.

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MEMBER SECTIONS ▼



AUSTRALIA: GOLD MEDAL

The Australian Institute of Architects has awarded the 2020 Gold Medal to architect John Wardle. He was lauded for being “a designer of consummate skill, whose works, from the smallest intricate piece of joinery to complex high-rise buildings receive detailed attention and conscientious formal experiment.”

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NEW ZEALAND: ELECTIONS

Judi Keith-Brown assumed the office of NZIA President at the AGM of Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) on 19 May. She is the third female president of the NZIA, with experience in working on public housing projects in Glasgow and a decade of teaching at Victoria University.

[Find out more](#)



VENICE BIENNALE

The 17th edition of the Venice Biennale of Architecture will take place from Saturday, 22 May to Sunday, 21 November 2021. In response to the international COVID-19 health crisis, its organisers preferred to postpone it by one year while maintaining its usual 6 month duration. With the theme "How will we live together?", its curator, Lebanese architect Hashim Sarkis, said he was “deeply moved by the perseverance of all the participants during the last three months. He hoped that the new opening date "will allow them first to catch their breath, and then to complete their work with the time and vigor it truly deserves."

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The International Union of Architects (UIA) is an international non-governmental organisation based in Paris. Established in 1948, it is the only organisation representing architects across the globe working to unify architects, influence public policies on construction and development, and advance architecture in service to the needs of society.



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