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Welcome to the second edition of *ACE Info* in 2011, in which you will discover a number of items of both general and specific interest as to the priorities and actions of the European Institutions in the field of architecture and construction.

As the summer holidays are approaching and we look forward to lighter and brighter days, I greet you with a sense of buzz and a desire to keep abreast and ahead of a broad sweep of activity. In continuation from the ACE facilitated Strategic Workshop last June in Dublin, this year the Executive Board and senior staff held the ACE Lobby and Management Seminar in Brussels with important work which will be presented to the next General Assembly. The Board has already met five times this year and has given its full attention to the internal management of the organisation, external representation and the established priorities. Since our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we have experienced the departure of two senior staff that have significantly marked the development of the organisation in the last decade and more. This change means that we have fewer resources available at the moment but it also means that there is an opportunity to shape the organisation for the present and for the future needs of our member organisations.



*Pan-Hellenic Congress of Architecture  
Athens, March 2011  
Selma Harrington ACE President with  
Konstantinos Belibassakis, TA1 Vice-Coordinator*

Conference in Istanbul, architects reaffirm strong connection with local and regional, while acting globally and seeking to influence at the highest political level.



*AIA Convention  
New Orleans, May 2011  
Selma Harrington ACE President  
Clark Manus AIA President,  
Renewal of Accord of Friendship*

contribute to innovation, to more jobs, to better quality built environment and ultimately to more sustainable communities.

Despite the uncertainty in a lot of the national economies in Europe and worldwide, our profession shows resilience and fighting spirit, turning its attention more and more to the core issues and to the communities within which we work. In all places we meet and talk, since last Biennale in Venice themed 'People meet in Architecture', to the Convention of American Institute of Architects in New Orleans under the slogan REGIONAL DESIGN-REVOLUTION-ECOLOGY MATTERS; from the EFAP Conference in Budapest focusing on the region connected by the river Danube to the recent Balkan Architecture

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One of the strengths of our profession is that it can unite around the issues, which transcend national affairs. At the same time, the uniqueness of our creative discipline enables us to think within the context, design with sensitivity and with care for the local building traditions and cultural diversity, whilst coming up with innovative solutions and new forms. These are the qualities we wish to cultivate and maintain in the education and training of architects and in the practice of architecture. These are the essential values we can bring to the dialogue with policy and legislation makers. The problem-solving skills that architects possess need to be promoted as tools that can

*This edition is also available in French.*

### European Commission Launches Green Paper on Recognition of Qualifications



Following its long drawn out review of the Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications ([2005/36/EC](#)) the European Commission published a Green Paper on the modernisation of the Directive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011. The Green Paper outlines the approach that the Commission is considering taking in preparing a legislative proposal for the modernisation of the Directive, inviting comments and responses from interested parties on the content of the Green Paper. The deadline for receipt of comments is the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The importance of this Directive is that it sets the conditions by which migrating professionals in the EU have their qualifications recognised in the country to which they migrate and, for architects, this process is automatic. Maintaining the

automatic recognition of qualifications for architects and revising the minimum conditions of training to reflect more accurately the current conditions for the education and training of architects in the EU are two key objectives of the ACE in its work on this important piece of legislation. The ACE will be preparing a detailed response to the Green Paper that will be posted on its website after submission in September. To download the Green Paper, go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/consultations/docs/2011/professional\\_qualifications\\_directive/COM267\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/docs/2011/professional_qualifications_directive/COM267_en.pdf)

Source: European Commission

### Commission Analysis of Green Paper on Public Procurement Ready



Earlier this year, the European Commission launched a Green Paper on the subject of Public Procurement. It contained a long list of questions addressing all aspects of Public Procurement Policy and Legislation. The ACE prepared a response that reflected the concerns expressed by many of its member organisation on the inequitable transposition of the existing legislation into the national laws of the Member States. The fact is that in most countries of the EU, the market for public contracts for architects has, *de facto*, been restricted to a small number of architectural practices by the type of selection criteria that are applied to the choice of architect. The approach used also makes it very

difficult for young and innovative practices to get public contracts.

There were over 300 responses in total to the Green Paper and the Commission has presented its analysis of them at a large Conference in Brussels on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. It remains to be seen if the Commission will now make a legislative proposal for a revision of the Directives on Public Procurement, thus offering an opportunity to the ACE to seek to have the shortcomings of the Directives rectified. The analysis of the Commission is contained in a number of reports that can be accessed at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/publicprocurement/modernising\\_rules/evaluation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/publicprocurement/modernising_rules/evaluation/index_en.htm)

Source: European Commission

### European Commission Launches Proposal for a Directive on Energy Efficiency



Following the publication of the Energy Efficiency Plan 2011 in March of this year, the European Commission published, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, a proposal for a Directive on Energy Efficiency. This Directive proposes the repeal of two existing Directives – the Energy Services Directive and the Cogeneration Directive – into one consolidated Directive. The proposal will now go into the Co-decision procedure of the European Union and may be adopted before the end of the year.

One crucial aspect of the proposal is that it proposes to introduce a binding requirement on public bodies to increase their rate of deep energy renovations of the buildings they own to 3% of the owned floor area per year. This idea was announced in the Energy Efficiency Plan 2011, but has been watered down in the proposal by allowing public bodies to exempt buildings of less than 250m<sup>2</sup> in area. It will be necessary to closely follow the adoption of this proposal as it goes through the co-decision procedures in the European Parliament and Council. The requirement to increase the renovation rate could lead to a high number of new projects that will assist the architectural profession to exit from the economic crisis that has seen its workload diminish significantly over the last two years. To read the proposal, go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/eed/eed\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/eed/eed_en.htm)

Source: European Commission

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### **The ACE Seeks a New Secretary General**

Following the departure of its Director, Adrian Joyce, the ACE is currently advertising for the post of Secretary General at its permanent Secretariat in Brussels. The ACE wishes to fill the post as soon as possible and has prepared a full job description and advertisement giving details of the post. Interested candidates should visit the ACE website at the following address and follow the instructions given:

[http://ace-cae.org/public/js/tiny\\_mce/jscripts/tiny\\_mce/plugins/imagemanager/files/documents/ACE\\_SECRETARY\\_GENERAL.pdf](http://ace-cae.org/public/js/tiny_mce/jscripts/tiny_mce/plugins/imagemanager/files/documents/ACE_SECRETARY_GENERAL.pdf)

### **Architects More Optimistic**

The Eight Survey by the ACE of the impact of the economic crisis on the architectural profession was completed in mid-June. The results from over 3,600 responses have been analysed and weighted to permit a comparison to the earlier surveys. For the first time since the ACE started these surveys, the architectural profession across Europe predicts an increase in workload in all types of work in the coming three-month period. This is despite the fact that the opinion about the current situation remains very negative. The Seventh Survey predicted that the current crisis would be a double-dip recession and this seems to be borne out by the latest results, although the prediction is that the second dip is less severe than the first dip and May, for the architectural profession, be over. To see the full results, visit the ACE website at:

[http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/getdocument/content\\_id/1189](http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/getdocument/content_id/1189)

### **The ACE Exhibition on Sustainable Architecture Travels Across Europe**

Regular readers of *ACE Info* will be aware that the ACE organised a major exhibition on sustainable architecture as part of its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at the end of 2010. The exhibition showcased 35 projects from 25 countries of the EU and served to demonstrate that the architectural profession across Europe is already producing highly sustainable designs for a quality built environment. In 2011 the exhibition is travelling across the EU and the globe – both physically and virtually. The Secretariat of the ACE has prepared an electronic version of the exhibition that has already been used in Greece and in Slovakia. The electronic version will also be the centrepiece of the ACE presence at the UIA Congress in Tokyo in September.

The physically exhibition – consisting of five large free-standing panels – will be on display as part of the events being organised by the Polish Chamber of Architects in the context of the European Forum for Architectural Policies in Gdansk in September and our Turkish Member Organisation has taken the exhibition, translated the panels into Turkish and is going to show them in venues all over Turkey.

Should any Member Organisation of the ACE also wish to have the exhibition in their country, then they are asked to contact the ACE Secretariat at: [info@ace-cae.eu](mailto:info@ace-cae.eu)

### **The RIBA Announces its 2011 National Conference Programme**

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), one of the two member organisations of the ACE, has announced its National Conference Programme for 2011. The series will look at some of the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the profession in the UK and they will be open to all interested parties. The announced events are as follows:

- Conservation, 29<sup>th</sup> September, Birmingham
- Housing, 13<sup>th</sup> October, Cambridge
- Planning and Localism, 4<sup>th</sup> November, Newcastle
- Guerrilla Tactics, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, London
- Low Carbon Design, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Bristol

For more information on any of the planned events, contact [mina.vadon@inst.riba.org](mailto:mina.vadon@inst.riba.org)

### **Cyprus Architects Fight Unfair Criteria in Museum Design Contest**

The Cyprus Architects Association (CAA), the ACE member organisation from Cyprus, is up in arms over the competition requirements for the design of the new Cyprus Museum, which are so strict that most local and European architects will not be able to take part in the competition. The President of the Cyprus Technical Chamber (ETEK), Constantinos Constanti (also President of the CAA), says that the organisers have chosen the wrong procedures with strict conditions. Two of the main criteria are that any competitors must have already built a museum worth €20m and a project of “similar nature” worth €40m. In addition, it is estimated that the cost of preparing an entry that complies with the requirements of the brief will cost in the region of €50,000-€70,000. It is an example of the type of

procedures that restrict access to architectural projects and against which the ACE is lobbying in its work on the revision of the Directives on Public Procurement.

### Announcements from Member Organisations

Many Member Organisations have, since the last edition of *ACE Info*, informed the ACE Secretariat about changes in their organisations as follows:

#### CNAPPC - Italy

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March last, the Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori e Conservatori (CNAPPC) announced the results of recent elections. The new President is Leopoldo Freyrie, well known to the ACE as he served as President of the ACE in 2004. The Vice-President of the CNAPPC is Salvatore La Mendola and the Secretary is Franco Frison.

### Projects – ACE Involvement in EU-Funded Projects

The ACE is regularly approached to become a partner in EU-Funded Projects and it has a well-established mechanism for deciding if it will agree to such approaches. The projects that it agrees to join all have a close relevance to on going ACE policy and priorities. At the present time, the ACE is involved in three such projects (briefly described below) and its input is principally managed by its Project Officer, Eleni Goni. A fourth project known as LEEMA is due to start in September 2011. Eleni Goni is a Greek architect with a Masters in the Environment Design of Buildings and over five years of professional practice experience. She works full-time in the Secretariat of the ACE in Brussels.

The ACE also seeks to draw on the extensive experience of the expert architects in its network in order to ensure that its input to these projects represents a truly European view. If you feel you have expertise that could benefit the work of the ACE in the projects described further below, then please write to: [eleni.goni@ace-cae.eu](mailto:eleni.goni@ace-cae.eu)

#### Open House – FP7 Project



The full title of this project is: *Benchmarking and mainstreaming building sustainability in the EU based on transparency and openness (open source and availability) from model to implementation*. Work started in February 2010 and is due for completion in February 2013.

The [Open House](#) project team is working to create an open-source, web-based sustainability assessment tool for all buildings. This ambitious project will be finished in 2013 and it is hoped to be of great influence in moving building design towards true sustainability. A key objective is to go beyond the existing tools such as the environmental rating schemes like LEED and BREEAM that do not ensure certified buildings are truly as sustainable as possible. The ACE is addressing the need for a change of priorities when assessing a buildings' true sustainability by giving more weight to the quality of design. The ACE has also made specific proposals on how this priority could be expressed in the selection process of buildings to be used as case studies; an on-going task for which the ACE is responsible and which will allow the evaluation and refinement of the [Open House](#) baseline methodology. **There is currently an open invitation for architects across the EU to nominate office buildings to be used as case studies for this purpose.** The [Open House](#) project closely collaborates with [SuPerBuildings](#) project. For more information, go to:

[www.openhouse-fp7.eu](http://www.openhouse-fp7.eu)

#### Shelter – An Intelligent Energy Europe Project



The full title of this project is: *Social Housing organisations and European professionals Linked and acting together for Testing and promoting project team in Energy Renovation*. Work started in June 2010 and is due for completion in June 2013.

The [Shelter](#) project aims to map the structure of project teams that are employed by Social Housing Organisations in the energy upgrading of existing housing schemes. The intention is to identify the optimum team structure in the expectation that using the optimum team will lead to significant improvements in the final energy performance of the projects to which it is applied. This is akin to investigating models of integrated project delivery. In the first year of this 36-month project a complete analysis of the current energy renovation process in six Social Housing Organisations from Italy, Belgium, UK, Bulgaria and France was conducted and is now published. Furthermore, a range of precise alternatives inspired by the integrated project delivery approach has been disseminated to the Social Housing Organisations, in order to improve the coordination of professionals in energy renovation. In the year to come, these alternatives will be implemented in real pilot case studies. In this context, the ACE will be asked to

assist in identifying the professionals' coordination models for energy renovation. The main role of the ACE in the [Shelter](#) project is to provide support and advice to the Social Housing Organisations in the coordination of energy renovations of the social housing building stock. Within this task and in order to develop a social housing energy renovation network of professionals and stakeholders, the ACE wishes to mobilise architects which are active in energy renovation and are willing to participate and share their knowledge and experience in a [Build Up Community](#) which has already been set up for this purpose. For more information go to:

[www.shelterproject-iee.eu](http://www.shelterproject-iee.eu)

### **TrainRebuild – An Intelligent Energy Europe Project**



The full title of this project is: *Training for Rebuilding Europe: Retrofitting buildings, training and improved skills, and financing energy efficiency in buildings*. Work commenced in December 2010 and is expected to be complete by December 2012. [TrainRebuild](#) is

targeting owners of buildings in the private sector who are reluctant to undertake energy upgrading of their buildings because of a phenomenon known as the “split-incentive” in which it is unclear that the person who invests in upgrading works will financially benefit from the resulting improvements. The project will produce training materials that national organisations of building owners will use to address this obstacle to the upgrading of buildings. Within the [TrainRebuild](#) project the ACE has contributed to the planning and execution of a survey of best practices relevant to the project objectives: Services offered by associations and/or local authorities and the related training programmes for the staff that run them, campaigns to reach individual property owners in connection with services and financial schemes, specialised training programs on retrofitting of existing buildings. The ACE has already participated in one laboratory for building professionals, with the purpose of obtaining the views of building professionals on best practices for energy efficiency and renewable measures in EU Member States, as well as to prioritise for property owners which measures to adopt. The next tasks within the [TrainRebuild](#) project in which the ACE is involved include the contribution to the development of a training package and a training toolkit to support it, as well as the setting up of a “train the trainers” meeting. The latter will be an event addressed to representatives of property owners' organisations, condominium associations and residential building managers from the involved in the project Member States.

Furthermore, the ACE is expected to participate in four European Forum Meetings on training issues related to the retrofitting of buildings. These Forums will be a “physical meeting place” linked with the Build Up Training Community. The long-term strategic output of these Forums will be to facilitate the implementation at the regional and national levels of the EU 2020 objectives with regards to buildings. However, these Forums intend to go beyond EPBD implementation, addressing topics not covered by the directive (e.g. the split- incentive) and propose recommendations for policy makers. By the completion of the project in December 2012, practical deployment of training for experts from Property Owners Associations and staff from Local Authorities will be underway. For further information go to:

[www.trainrebuild.eu](http://www.trainrebuild.eu)

### **The ACE at External Events**

*The ACE is frequently represented by its President, Members of its Executive Board, Chairmen of Work Groups and/or the Secretariat at external events and conferences. These activities often go unnoticed, but are very important to the pursuit of the policies of the ACE. Readers who wish to know more about these activities can access the reports, prepared after the events, in the calendar of external representations maintained on the website of the ACE at the following address:*

<http://www.ace-cae.org/MemberN/Content/EN/mee/rep/rep009.asp>

### **ACE Events and Meetings from July to October 2011 (all in Brussels unless stated otherwise):**

ACE-UIA Meeting on CPD – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

ACE-UIA Ad-hoc Taskforce on Cooperation – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Work Group on Scope of Services – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July, Madrid

Meeting of the ACE Executive Board – Tuesday 30 August

Work Group on Scope of Services – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

ACE Finance Committee Meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September

General Coordination Meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Executive Board Meeting – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Joint Working Party Meeting with Schools of Architecture – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

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## OTHER MATTERS

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### **EU Research Priorities Revealed, Renamed**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June last, the European Commission announced that climate change, energy, health and SMEs will form the centre of its proposals for research funding within the new Common Strategic Framework (CSF) – the new name for the Framework Programmes of Research. The current Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) for research, technological development and demonstration activities is the largest research support instrument in the world. During its funding period, that runs from 2007 to 2013, €54.6 billion will be provided by the EU for research. The new CSF will follow FP7 but it is expected that the amount of funding to be allocated will be the subject of heated debate. What is clear is that the Commission appears ready to answer calls from society that it should address the grand challenges that face humanity in the new funding period. For more, go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfr/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfr/index_en.cfm)

Source: euractiv.com

### **New EU Lobby Register goes Online**

In June of this year, the European Commission and the European Parliament put its recently established joint register of lobbyists online. The European Commission has had a voluntary lobby registration scheme in place since the summer of 2008, while the Parliaments system is *de facto* mandatory as lobbyists must fill out a register to acquire a badge to access the Parliament buildings. In negotiations that were successfully concluded in May, the Parliament succeeded in getting a provision agreed whereby all lobbyists will be required to sign a transparency register and have their exchanges with MEPs in charge of steering legislation through the Parliament listed in a “legislative footprint” annexed to parliamentary reports.

The ACE has been registered in both the Commissions voluntary register and the Parliament’s register for many years. To browse the register, go to:

[http://europa.eu/transparency-register/about-register/joint-secretariat/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/transparency-register/about-register/joint-secretariat/index_en.htm)

Source: euractiv.com

### **Frédéric Borel Awarded the National French Grand Prix of Architecture 2011**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March last, the French Minister of Culture, Frédéric Mitterand, announced that the winner of the 2011 National Grand Prix for Architecture has been attributed to Frédéric Borel, the renowned French architect whose work can be viewed on his website at:

<http://www.fredericborel.fr/news.php>

Source: archicool.com

### **European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage – Europa Nostra Awards 2011**

Each year, Europa Nostra and the European Union reward the best of cultural heritage achievements. Through the **European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards**, they celebrate excellence and dedication by architects, craftsmen, volunteers, schools, local communities, heritage owners and media. The Awards celebrate exemplary restorations and initiatives of the many facets of Europe’s tangible cultural heritage, in categories that range from the conservation of monuments and buildings, their adaptation to new uses, new interventions in historic settings, urban and rural landscape rehabilitation, archaeological site interpretations and care for art collections.

This years awards were announced on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and the six Grand Prix winners were:

- Antwerp Central Station, Belgium
- Pre-industrial buildings in Ademuz, Spain
- The Hackfall woodland garden, Grewelthorpe, North Yorkshire, UK
- Architectural Heritage of the buffer zone in the walled city of Nicosia, Cyprus
- Szymon Modrzejewski, Uscie Gorlickie, Poland
- Weald & Downland open air museum, Chichester, UK

For full information on the winning projects, go to:

<http://www.europanostra.org/news/160/>

Source: Europa Nostra

### **FIEC Figures Show a Decline of 1.8% in EU Construction Activity in 2010**

During its Annual Congress on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June, the FIEC released its annual statistical report on construction activity in the EU. The latest report relates to 2010 and shows that the total construction output amounted to €1,186 billion, a decline of 1.8% compared to 2009. The FIEC ventured that looking ahead shows a more positive picture with the total construction output due to stabilise in 2011 and to return to growth in 2012. However, the President of FIEC, Jacques Huillard, warned that the sector must remain very vigilant as many of the stimulus packages put in place by the Member States

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have been insufficient to ensure a real and sustained revival of economic activity. To read the full report go to:

[http://www.fiec.org/docshare/docs/1/DMMJFIDACMIOBMBMOBECIMBHF5T44VCPDWY9LI35DWE/ECIF/docs/DLS/FIEC\\_AR\\_2011-EN-v01jlow-20110622-000003-EN-v1.pdf](http://www.fiec.org/docshare/docs/1/DMMJFIDACMIOBMBMOBECIMBHF5T44VCPDWY9LI35DWE/ECIF/docs/DLS/FIEC_AR_2011-EN-v01jlow-20110622-000003-EN-v1.pdf)

Source: FIEC

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Affordable Warmth for All**

A guide to improving energy efficiency in the social housing stock, for social housing providers, residents and supporting organisations has been published by the FinSH Project. It can be freely downloaded from the project website, where you can also see who the project partners were:

[www.finsh.eu](http://www.finsh.eu)

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## CALLS FOR PAPERS

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### **8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions (SAHC 2012)**

The International Advisory Committee of the SAHC 2012, has announced a Call for Papers on a wide range of issues and topics that affect the structural analysis of historical constructions. The deadline for the submission of papers is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011, with the Conference itself scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Wroclaw, Poland. Full details can be found at:

[www.sahc2012.org](http://www.sahc2012.org)

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## COMPETITIONS

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### **International Competition for the Urban General Plan of Rio 2016 Olympic Park**

The deadline for the submission of entries in this important competition has been extended to the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011 with the results to be announced on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. The extension has been necessary due to the immense interest in the competition. Full information can be found at:

<http://concursoarqueolimpicorio2016.iabrp.org.br/>

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## EVENTS

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### **UIA Congress 2011**

An important date for your diary is the next UIA Congress that will take place in Tokyo, Japan from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The main theme of the event will be *Design 2050* and it will be approached from three key themes: Environment; Life; Survival. More information can be accessed at:

<http://www.uia2011tokyo.com/en/>

### **5<sup>th</sup> Istanbul International Architecture and Urban Films Festival**

The Chamber of Architects of Turkey Istanbul Metropolitan Branch is organising the 5<sup>th</sup> Istanbul International Architecture and Urban Films Festival from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> October. For more details go to:

[www.archfilmfest.org](http://www.archfilmfest.org)

### **YAF 2011 – Conference on the Legacy of Le Corbusier, Chandigarh, India**

The theme of this years conference is “Contemporary Architecture: Beyond Corbusierism” will provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences amongst experts from a broad range of disciplines. The Conference will run from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> October and full details can be found at:

<http://iiachdtpb.in/yaf/>

### **World Sustainable Building Conference (SB11), Helsinki**

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The aim of the World Sustainable Building Conference in Helsinki is to share leading knowledge, and to find new solutions, which can enhance sustainable ways of living and working within our built environment. It will run from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> October and full details can be found at:  
<http://www.sb11.org/sb11-helsinki/home.html>

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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### Selection of Useful and interesting links:

European Commission homepage  
[http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)

Search page for Commission documents  
[http://europa.eu/documents/comm/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/documents/comm/index_en.htm)

The Barroso Commission:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_barroso/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/index_en.htm)

Commission page containing reference documents for the Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/qualifications/future\\_en.htm#docs](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/future_en.htm#docs)

The European Parliament Homepage:  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu>

Website of the Polish Presidency (Jul11 to Dec11):  
<http://www.pl2011.eu>

Website of the Hungarian Presidency (Jan11 to Jun11):  
<http://www.eu2011.hu>

European Forum for Architectural Policies:  
<http://www.efap-fepa.eu/>

EU Video Website:  
<http://www.youtube.com/eutube>

URBACT Hous-Es Network website:  
<http://urbact.eu/projects/hous-es.html>

Sustainable building website  
[www.sustainablebuilding.info](http://www.sustainablebuilding.info)

Collegi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC) international relations database:  
<http://www.coac.net/international/>

Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori (CNAPPC) database - ArchiEuro:  
<http://www.awn.it/AWN/Engine/RAServePG.php/P/26111AWN0905/L/1>

Website of the network of French Architecture Centres:  
[www.ma-lereseau.org](http://www.ma-lereseau.org)

Website of the European Construction Technology Platform:  
<http://www.ectp.org>

Website of the *Build Up* website on energy efficient buildings:  
<http://www.buildup.eu>

ArchiEuropa website – comparative information on practice of architecture:

<http://www.arvha.net/selectionlang.php?s=AXMIG1FZFB>

Archi-Student website – a wealth of information on schools and students of architecture in Europe:  
[www.archi-students.org](http://www.archi-students.org)

Link to the Newsletter of the International Union of Architects (UIA):  
<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-2/4-lettre.html>

Passive and Draught Cooling in Buildings – The website of an EU-funded project that shows the way towards a pragmatic alternative to conventional air conditioning in buildings:  
[www.phdc.eu](http://www.phdc.eu)

Database of Digital Architecture – A subscription based website that contains several sections including one that provides images of the works of the great masters of architecture and videos of talks by famous architects has been set up. For full information go to:  
[www.pidgeondigital.com](http://www.pidgeondigital.com)

Interactive Database for Architects – Launched in March 2008, this site provides an opportunity for all architectural practices to become globally recognised. Check it out at:  
[www.worldarchitecture.org](http://www.worldarchitecture.org)

ACE Website:  
[www.ace-cae.eu](http://www.ace-cae.eu)

#### Useful tip:

In the website addresses given in *ACE Info* for the documents of the EU, you will frequently see the following near the end of the address: “\_en”. These two letters define the language of the document (English in the case of “en”) and you can usually change these two letters in order to bring you to a different language version as follows:

French_fr	German_de	Danish_da	Swedish_sv
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