

During the UIA Council, held in Villahermosa (Mexico) on the 26-28 May 2004, and chaired by President Jaime Lerner, the UIA Italian Section, represented by Giancarlo Ius, was asked to undertake the organisation of a second edition of the International Competition "Celebration of cities".

Later on, during the meeting of the Bureau in Singapore on the 25th and 26th November 2004, it was decided to prepare the competition notice and the technological support in order to announce it on the occasion of "Istanbul 2005". The UIA Italian Section felt honoured by this proposal and accepted to develop a project for the realisation of the Competition, using the online technology, on the basis of its own experiences in that field.

The second edition of the International Competition will consist of two phases: the first phase of the Competition will take place at a national level and every UIA Member Section will be responsible for the event in its country; the second phase, at international level, will be held in a first step through a specific telematic system and in a second and final step will take place in Paris. The project provides that the whole process for the competition management will be carried out only online through the Internet, except for the final international selection.

In order to carry out the technical procedures, a management system will be created, developed on the basis of similar experiences already carried out by the CNAPPC on the occasion of the First Architectural Ideas National Award "I Sagrati d'Italia", that took place during 2004 in Italy.

The award management, the registration of the participants, the transmission of the materials and the handling of all the information were carried out only via Internet; to this end a special site was created: www.sagrati2004.architetturaitalia.it.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMPETITION MANAGEMENT VIA INTERNET

1) Simplification of the procedures

The registration procedure is carried out directly via Internet, with no need for manual intervention by the Member Sections.

The deadline (date and hour) for the reception of entries is the same all over the world, with a given date for all the participants.

There is therefore no need to set up a system for handling the physical reception (projects received) or dispatch (of the selected projects to be transmitted to the international jury).

For the final production of the documents for transmission, participants can use the programme Adobe Acrobat (standard de facto for the creation of complex multiplatform documents), available free of charge, in the try-out versions lasting 30 days.

For the visualisation of the documents by the juries it is sufficient to use a conventional personal computer with the program, free of charge, Adobe Acrobat Reader. If it is considered appropriate in order to facilitate adjudication, the Juries can order print-outs in real dimensions (UNI A3) of the project panels received electronically.

2) Time reduction

The time necessary for the physical dispatch of the materials by the participants is completely eliminated, with the advantage of leaving more time for the design development or of shortening the overall time to complete the competition; indeed participants are guaranteed against delivery problems resulting from factors related to the physical transport of the material.

Idle times between the two phases of adjudication (national and international) are eliminated, as there is no need for physical dispatch of the documents after the national juries to the international jury.

3) Reduction and homogenisation of the management costs

All the expenses resulting from the need to manage, keep, record and send the physical materials are eliminated.

The management costs for each of the Sections concern the Internet connection for downloading the documents and from the possible printing of the documents received, to be done in the local premises of each Section; these expenses are homogeneous for all bodies involved and strictly connected with the level of participation (the costs are directly proportional to the number of participants).

4) Reduction for participation costs for participants

All participants benefit from the elimination of the final production of the project tables on paper and their presenta-

OPERATIVE STRUCTURE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

1) Computer infrastructure support - Redundant system based on one server farm

The management of the telematic procedures is carried on with an appropriate computer structure hosted in only one server farm, provided with all the necessary technical characteristics to permit the continuity and reliability of the functioning of the hosted computer system and of its connection and accessibility to the Internet.

The computer system is composed of two servers that form a cluster; this configuration ensures that, in case of breakdown of one of the two servers, the other takes over automatically, in an all transparent way for the users; the 2 servers of the cluster keep in constant synchrony.

The cluster also automatically keeps a workload balance between the two servers, in order to cope adequately with the possible workload peaks, resulting, for example, from a high number of connections active at the same time; the cluster is also connected to an automatic and continuous data backup system, in order to allow the recovery of the data, in the very unlikely event of a crash of the whole system.

In the very unlikely event of a catastrophe of natural or human nature (e.g. floods, earthquakes, exceptional atmospheric disturbances, attacks, etc.) hitting the server farm, the system would not be accessible by the external users for a period more or less long, depending on the extent of the damages suffered by the server farm.

2) Scheme of the management process

Filling in by the participants of the registration form and the contextual transmission of the project, within the deadline;

Automatic assignment by the computer system of two alphanumeric identification codes, casual and univocal (GUID

OPERATIVE PHASES OF THE COMPETITION

1) Starting up of the dominion and publication of the web pages

Starting up of the dominion for the management of the competition.

Publication of the WEB pages with all the documents concerning the competition (competition notice, technical specifications of the documents, etc.)

Publication of detailed indications for:

- The creation of the document in PDF format, starting from the documents created with the applications chosen by the participant
- Registration for the competition and the contextual transmission of the project

2) Registration of the applicants and online transmission of the documents

Form for the inclusion of the personal details of the team leader and of the members of the group, contextual payment by credit card (VISA, AMEX, Mastercard) of the registration fee, with contextual choice of the category (student or architect) and indication of the country for the initial separation of the projects, in order to trace back also to the 5 Regions.

Transmission of the project and reception of the receipt, with relevant date and hour, and alphanumeric checking code assigned by the system.

- Automatic assignment of the two alphanumeric codes by the computer system:
 - Code "A", communicated to the applicant as conformation of the reception;
 - Code "B", assigned to the project, with no communication to the applicant.
- The alphanumeric code "B" becomes for official identification of the project for all the juries work, national and international.

Transmission of the substitute documents

- Every participant will have the possibility, within the temporary window provided by the computer system for the registration and the contextual telematic transmission of the project, to send a new document as replacement for one or more already transmitted; in this case the computer system, when selecting the documents to put at the juries' disposal, will choose automatically only the document received in last transmission made.

3) Work of the national juries

Documents available:

- On expiry of the terms for the registration and transmission, every jury (national and international) will be provided with the entry codes (user ID and password) to have access to the reserved web page to download the documents submitted by participants in each country, automatically divided by category (students/professionals), for the evaluation works of the juries.

Further to the notification by each Member Section, the UIA will communicate to the Person in charge for the Technical matters, through the CNAPPC, two email addresses for each one of the persons responsible, nominated by the member Sections:

- The first email should be of the person locally responsible; the password of the entry code to the reserved web page where to download the relevant documents will be sent to this address;
- The second email should be of the Member Section; the userID of the entry code to the reserved web page where to download the relevant documents will be sent to this address;

Transmission of the results of the juries

- The juries, after selecting the best projects, transmit via web to the CNAPPC only the alphanumeric codes of the selected projects; the CNAPPC transmits these codes to the person in charge for the technical matters, assembled per region and category; the person in charge for the technical matters, according to the codes received from the CNAPPC, will include into the database the results of the national judgments and will make available, to the members of the international jury, the reserved access codes to enter the restricted area in order to express their judgments.

4) Minimal technological equipments for national juries

The national juries, in order to proceed with the evaluation of the documents received, should be able to:

- Connect to the Internet, using their internal means or through external structures, in order to:

tion on panels.

All the costs related to the physical dispatch of the projects are also eliminated.

The cost reduction fosters participation, namely of younger candidates or of those living in disadvantaged areas.

5) Protection of anonymity

The danger of possible violations of anonymity, that could result from the recognition of an identification code by jury members is eliminated, as this code is automatically assigned by the computer system without giving any notice to the participants.

- Every project that arrives is given automatically by the computer system two identification codes, that are alphanumeric and univocal:

The first code is communicated to the participants as a confirmation of reception of the project;

The second code is automatically given to the project, becoming the only element of official identification and recognition, during the juries work.

- The two identification alphanumeric codes are connected only as far as the management database is concerned; the decoded link between the alphanumeric codes given to the documents and the names of the respective authors will be activated and made available only after the final decisions by the international jury.

Every participant will provide the competition documents in Adobe Acrobat PDF format, according to the special technical indications that will be given, after a previous appending of a password of protection by the participant and the provision of special criteria for safety, so that the document cannot be manipulated by third persons. In order to ease the creation of the PDF file according to the rules of the competition notice, detailed help will be provided for carrying out the necessary operations.

6) Further characteristics

Payment of the registration fees must be made by credit card, eliminating the need for Member Sections to verify the payment, thus further increasing the level of confidentiality on the names of the participants.

Due to the specificity of the implemented procedure, the phases of the decision by the International Jury will also go off, at least in a first phase, by telematics, without the contemporaneous physical presence in the same place of the members of the jury, who will work from places of their choice.

The national juries may express their decisions in traditional ways, depending on the system they judge most suitable.

- Global Unique Identifier - an alphanumeric hexadecimal identification at 128 bit):

- The first identification, "A", will be communicated to the participant and will serve for checking of the registration and contextual transmission of the project;
- The second identification, "B", will be the identification code for the project and will be the only element for the juries to identify it.

Every Member Section and the International Jury must make available, according to its own competencies, the documents received, through special WEB pages protected by a password.

The Juries of the Member Sections must transmit the identification codes "B" of the projects selected by the national jury to the CNAPPC that will serve as intermediary.

Voting, by telematics, of the International Jury and automatic drawing up of the list of the first 20+20 classified.

The International Jury will set up, in plenary session, the final list of the best classified projects for each Region and for each category, indicating the absolute best classified project for each category.

Once the juries' work is accomplished, the identification codes on the selected projects will be crossed with the identification codes given to participants and the names of the respective authors will be disclosed, and the final list of the names of the winners will be announced.

Once the final list is published each Member Sections will have access to all the data concerning the projects submitted in their country (contact details of the participants, etc.), in order to lift the anonymity of all the participants and allow for the organisation of independent exhibitions, events and publications.

- Receive the messages via email with the entry codes to the reserved web page;

- Download from the reserved web page the project documents in Adobe Acrobat PDF format;

- Examine, through a personal computer provided with monitor or with a system of vision of suitable dimensions and using the free software Adobe Acrobat Reader version 7, the documents in electronic format Adobe Acrobat PDF;
- Optionally print or have print-outs made of the documents in Adobe Acrobat PDF format downloaded, the same documents in colour in format UNI A3.

5) International jury

Every member of the International Jury, once he/she has received his/her own specific access codes, will enter, within the specified lapse of time, into the reserved area of the competition WEB site, where he/she will examine every document chosen by the national juries and will express, for each one of them, sorted according to region and category, a judgement using a number (in a range from 1 to 10).

On the basis of the 20+20 projects with the higher scores, automatically selected by the telematic system, the International Jury, in plenary session, will set up the final list (10+10 projects).

6) Minimal technological equipments for international juries

Every member of the International Jury, in order to proceed with the evaluation of the documents made available on the reserved area of the competition WEB site, should be able to:

- Connect to the Internet, with his/her own means, in order to:
 - Receive the messages arrived via email with the entry codes to the reserved web page;
 - Connect to his/her own PC (with Windows XP Operation System still installed) the hardware authentication device that will be sent to him/her;
 - Look at and/or Download from the own reserved web area the project documents in Adobe Acrobat PDF format;
- Examine, through a common personal computer provided with a monitor and with the free software Adobe Acrobat Reader, version 7, the documents in electronic format Adobe Acrobat PDF;
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7) Setting up of the lists

Further to the definition of the list of winning and awarded projects the list of the winners will be set up, matching the codes of the projects with the codes assigned to the designers.

Seven days after the end of the works of the International Jury the lists of the winning and mentioned projects will be available through the Internet Web site.

8) Online exhibition

Further to the selection of the best 10+10 projects by the International Jury, the technical commission will go on with the preparation of the web pages of the official site with the documents of the mentioned projects and with the final list.

For the purpose of publication on paper and/or on WEB, after the announcement of the final list by the UIA and/or the local organisations, all the participants, as provided for at the moment of the registration, engage to give, on request, the password for the full entry in the document in PDF format sent for the competition.

9) Exhibition - Catalogue and publications

Further to the announcement of the final list and of the winners, every member section can independently organise an exhibition of the documents, using the documents received, possibly asking the participants to provide the material in resolutions and/or in different formats in order to allow the printing in wider dimensions than the A3 provided for the tables of the competition.

For the eventual publication of one or more catalogues or other publication in paper of the results of the competition, the participants can also be asked to provide the project documents, always in file, but with a resolution and/or a format of wider dimensions.



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Today, over half the world’s population live in cities and urban agglomerations. In comparison with life in the country, life in cities definitely seems more promising because it offers inhabitants economic, service, and cultural opportunities that do not exist in the country. The promise of a better life and better job opportunities is an incentive to the rural exodus the extent of which has varied throughout the centuries. Especially strong in the twentieth century, this migration was driven by better jobs and earnings which were available in the city as compared to rural areas. In modern times, large cities and urban areas continue to attract rural dwellers even if there are no longer the same job opportunities that there once were, at least in traditional sectors of the economy.

As recently as ten years ago, many urban planners, sociologists and even writers felt that the problems of cities could and should be solved in the countryside. Nowadays, we have understood that the process of urbanization is irreversible. But we have also understood that in numerous countries, both national and local authorities as well as urban planners either cannot or will not keep urban growth under control.

This is the reason that many cities present a stark contrast.They produce most of a nation’s wealth while at the same time having to bear most of the poverty.

For far too long, building policies have been oriented towards solving housing problems, in the belief that “housing for all” would resolve the problems of large-scale urban sprawls by creating healthier, more liveable cities. However, the experience of recent decades has shown that this was a short-sighted and over-simplified view of the problem.

Wide-ranging housing projects, enormous complexes and even new cities have rarely given rise to true urbanity and social life in all its varied forms, with all the different possibilities that a city dweller comes to expect of his or her city.

Even with all their shortcomings and hazards, cities and urban areas must be accepted as a reality that cannot be replaced by a work of fiction or a utopia whose future will always be uncertain. The UIA program “Celebration of Cities” should make it possible for architects worldwide to offer a series of realistic projects which are actually feasible for the concerned municipalities.

 The 1st Celebration of Cities International Contest developed the first four scenarios concerning:

- the historical city;
- large residential complexes – metropolitan suburban areas;
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- the suburbs

 This 2nd Celebration of Cities International Contest will highlight two additional scenarios.

The attractive city, the welcoming city

In recent decades, both the substantial growth and economic crisis due to market changes experienced by many cities has led to an interesting phenomenon: competition has started in order to create cities that are more welcoming and attractive so as to overcome the many problems produced by the dizzying growth caused by industrialization. Historical cities that have become metropolises, large-scale housing projects, shantytowns, suburbs.

By taking advantage of their natural, archaeological, historical and cultural resources, or by making use of new ideas, some cities have replaced a manufacturing-based economy with a services-based economy or better yet an economy based on specialized tourism. Bilbao is a good example of this phenomenon: the European branch of a private museum, the Guggenheim has transformed the city and carried it to new international levels.

The Competition offers architects and students an opportunity to propose new ideas and new scenarios that make the city more attractive for those outside it and more liveable for those inside it. Clearly, any proposal will need to consider the characteristics and problems of each single city.These are in part covered by the four points of Celebration of Cities 1: the historical city, large residential complexes – metropolitan suburban areas; precarious dwellings - shantytowns; the suburbs.

In fact, these ideas must not be ends unto themselves. They should produce a positive transformation of the urban setting that ignites a process leading to the solution of structural problems, not least of which are social problems. More specifically, “attractive” and “welcoming” are not just aesthetic descriptions but rather a clear organizational indication in which:

Attractive means the attractiveness of a city for the global society in terms of offers and opportunities which may be temporary and/or permanent over time, consisting of any possible and positive initiative or activity which takes place in the city.

Welcoming means a positive reception which is permanent (residents) or temporary (visitors), with substantial support for new arrivals but also for residents in terms of entertainment, receptiveness, safety, assistance, accessibility, and so on.

It is just these aspects that can be the subject of specific ideas that contestants may propose in their projects to always attempt to obtain architectural quality in a positive vision of the universe, where Beauty is synonymous with Goodness, and where the aim is to transform the built environment for the quality of life and the safety and happiness of mankind according to a constructive ideal of renewed humanism.

All this has to match with the will to find good ideas to privilege the “unbuilt” (public, external spaces) to the “built” (private) where this “unbuilt” provokes very strong emotional aggregations in the search of the highest level of aesthetics of each culture and civilization.

In particular, a major aspect, and perhaps one of the biggest problems facing all cities, regardless of their urban structure, their size, or their historical and cultural importance is:

Mobility

Resolving transportation problems in cities is one of a mayor’s most pressing concerns, whether it be London or Mexico City, Honk Kong or Shanghai. It is no coincidence that the winner of the Architects section in the first edition was a project that looked at the subject of traffic in downtown Milan and offered solutions to make the city more welcoming. To face this subject, what is needed first of all is a combined effort that concerns all vehicles in circulation, whether public or private, as was successfully done in the Brazilian city of Curitiba. But structural questions related to the infrastructure are also dealt with, with the establishment and realization of various tasks:

- the creation of pedestrian areas in historically, culturally or commercially significant parts of the city;
- the creation of streets and parking areas to be built in respect of the original urban fabric, or by redesigning that fabric (e.g. Hausmann) which is a widely used method to transform shantytowns into modern cities;
- the identification of increasingly sophisticated transportation technologies included, for example, the individual mobile units project by Toyota or self-propelled pedestrian mobile units project by USA Companies.

Of course we would all like to live in a city with no noise pollution, no electromagnetic pollution, no light pollution or water pollution or pollution of the air we breathe.

If we consider that means of transport are among the leading causes of this pollution, and that the twentieth century has seen cities invaded by every type of engine with various levels of noise (someone has even gone so far as to patent the noise of a motorcycle engine) with varying levels of pollution, what can be done to find alternatives to all of this? This is one of the many questions that assail the modern city.

Contestants will have plenty of leeway for new ideas and proposals.

Well aware that other subjects could have been covered by the theme of the “Celebration of cities”, launched by its President Jaime Lerner, the UIA nonetheless would once again like to let architects and students the world over have their say, inviting them to reflect and present proposals aimed at correcting these shortcomings in their cities. These punctual proposals, which might be compared to a program of “urban acupuncture”, would make it possible not only to identify and analyse these imbalances but also to present tangible solutions that would resolve them.

The International Contest organized for this purpose should make it possible to present, at the UIA Congress in Turin in 2008, not only ideas in response to some problematic aspects of cities, but also their application, thanks to the mobilization of other operators in the field of construction, since they are the decision-makers, be it in the political or financial world.

In any case, the hope that the actions to manage and transform cities occurs through a democratic process where economic operators, politicians and architects, in collaboration with each other and with the citizenry, identify the best solutions to satisfy the general interests of society of which architects in particular are the guarantors.

In conclusion, let us start a process of “urban democracy” in favour of the improvement of living conditions for mankind in a context of a new humanism for the third millennium, the millennium of knowledge workers and of awareness.

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1. Aim and Scope of the Competition: “AN IDEA FOR THE CITY”

1.1. Like architecture – which is based on a philosophy of harmony and balance between man, his environment and himself – architecture must make it possible to launch exceptional action for the improvement of the living conditions of the inhabitants of cities.

1.2. Considering the critical problems affecting the central nerve and causing imbalance in the inhabitants’ daily life in the majority of cities, this international consultation is being launched to incite architects and students of architecture to look questioningly at their cities and to proposed solutions, simple and easy to implement, providing better harmony between man and his environment.

1.3. The analysis of the essential points of the cities in which we live and the contribution of new ideas will help deciders make cities more harmonious and dynamic. Co-operation between architects and the deciders must be of a pragmatic nature. How can this be done? By giving architects and students of architecture the opportunity to propose action.

1.4. According to the very principles of acupuncture, these lines of action must be simple, produce an immediate effect, at reasonable cost and applicable to any situation to facilitate the daily life of citizens as well as to cope with urgent needs, be it in the heart of cities or in peripheral areas where people live in precarious conditions.

1.5. The proposed lines of action could concern any crucial problem regarding the environment, industry, commerce, roads, transportation, public safety, services, communications, urban regeneration, public spaces, etc. The sustainable aspect should be privileged.

2. Guidelines

2.1. Knowing that it would be useless to establish principles that could not be put into application due to lack of political will or funding, all UIA Member Sections must make sure, through contact with mayors and other city representatives, that the municipal authorities are fully involved and committed to celebrating their city, in the interest of the community. A synergy between the professionals of architecture and the local authorities with the participation of citizen is therefore, indispensable.

2.2. The number of proposals per city is unlimited, as is the number of participating cities per country.

2.3. Architects and architecture students whose projects have been selected in the framework of this international competition will be the object of special recognition by the UIA. One representative of each winning project will have free registration to the UIA World Congress that will be held in Turin in 2008.

3. Promoter of the Competition

3.1. The competition is organised by the UIA, in the framework of the “Celebration of Cities” activities programme, launched by its Past President with the co-operation of the CNAPPC (Consiglio Nazionale Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori) and the collaboration of L’ARCA Magazine, the UIA Italian Section and of those Member sections that will participate.

4. Type of Competition and Categories

4.1. The open ideas competition is organised globally in two phases: national competitions in UIA Member Sections followed by an international selection from amongst the winners of the national competitions.

4.2. The competition is organised in two categories: professional (P) and student (S).

5. Eligibility

5.1. The competition is open to architects and students of architecture in UIA Member countries.

5.1.1. P - PROFESSIONALS: all architects, holding a professional qualification recognised by the UIA Member Section of his/her country, may take part in the national competition organised in his/her country.

5.1.2. S - STUDENTS: All students, attending a school of architecture recognised by the UIA Member Section of his/her country, may take part in the national competition organised in his/her country.

6. Registration fee

6.1. The non-reimbursable registration fees for the competition is: 80 euro for professionals and 20 euro for students.

6.2. The payment of the fee shall be made only by credit card / e-cash (VISA, AMEX, Mastercard, PayPal): every participant or group of participants shall make the payment of the registration fee contextually when filling up of the registration form (see point 7).

7. Registration, documents required and transmission

7.1. Registration takes place at the same time as the transmission of the project file through filling in of the special electronic registration form available at the internet address **www.celebcities2.org**

7.2. At the time of registration, every participant shall indicate his/her personal details and, where applicable, those of the members of the design group, the category chosen (Professional or Student) and the country of the leader of the group.

7.3. The telematic system, as confirmation of the correct completion of the procedure, will display a note acknowledging receipt of the data and of the document transmitted, that will be proof of registration, and an alphanumeric identification code (“A” code).

7.4. The participants must transmit via the web and following the fixed procedure, only one project file in Adobe Acrobat PDF form, made up of three pages in UNI A3 form, according to the indications contained in the technical specifications that will be made available on the official Competition site. This file shall contain the graphic parts, as according to articles 10. and 11. on the first and second pages while the third page of the entry shall be reserved exclusively to the texts mentioned in 11.2.

7.5. Registrations and document transmissions made in forms other than this are not admitted.

7.6. The project document required shall, on pain of exclusion, be absolutely anonymous in every part, both manifest and hidden, and shall strictly respect the detailed technical operative specifications concerning their form and dimension, that will be made public on the site **www.celebcities2.org**.

7.7. Every project will be assigned, by the telematic system, an other alphanumeric identification code (“B” code), univocal and casual, that will constitute

the official identification of the document during adjudication.

7.8. The special technical Commission will apply all the procedures for the maintenance of the anonymity of the proposals, keeping, until the end of the juries’ work, the database with the combination between the names of the applicants and the alphanumeric identification codes assigned to each entry.

7.9. The date and the official Competition clock will be displayed on the site **www.celebcities2.org**, and will be the reference point for all the deadlines indicated in this competition notice. The date and the official hour will be constantly kept synchronised Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

7.10. The registration and transmission procedures will be active on the telematic system from the **19 April 2006- 16.00 GMT** (Greenwich Mean Time) until the **27 April 2006 - 16.00 GMT**, the last deadline for registration and participation in the competition.

7.11. Within the times mentioned above, every participant can transmit, following the procedure indicated in this article, other documents to substitute those already transmitted; in this case only the last document transmitted will be considered by the juries.

7.12. The participants, in activating the registration procedure, accept to provide rapidly, on the request of the organisers and after the final list of winners is made public, the passwords to open their document in PDF.

7.13. The authors of the winning and mentioned projects must, on the request of the organisers, provide the project documents with technical characteristics (resolution and form) different from those of the documents transmitted at the time of registration, for their possible publication in a catalogue.

7.14. Considering the fair lapse of time allowed for the above-mentioned procedure and of the adoption of technological measures proper and sufficient, the bidding authorities decline every responsibility for the failed access to the telematic system and/or the failed activation of the telematic 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 bidders, as for example, difficulties of telematic connection to the system, resulting from the utilisation 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 telematic 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.

7.15. In order to reduce the possibility of system congestion the participants are requested, in so far as possible, to activate the procedure for registration and transmission of documents in advance of the deadline.

7.16. In case of a temporary breakdown of the system, due to circumstances beyond one’s control, the deadline, according to the irrevocable decision of the Technical Secretariat and on the advice of the Guarantee Committee, can be extended, with the information published on the web site, for a lapse of time twice that of the failed accessibility to the system, for a minimum of 6 hours.

8. Calendar

Presentation of the competition (during the XXII UIA Congress in Istanbul) 3-7 July 2005

Deadline for the transmission of the Competition notice to the UIA member sections30 July 2005

Worldwide announcement of the Competition1st February 2006

Site activated6 March 2006

Deadline for competitors questions13 March 2006

Deadline for answers to questions20 March 2006

Opening of the period for activation, by the participants, of the telematic procedure for registration and simultaneous transmission of the documents ... 19 April 2006- 16.00 GMT

Closing of the period for the activation by the participants of the telematic procedure for registration and simultaneous transmission of the documents... 27 April 2006 - 16.00 GMT

Deadline for the transmission to the CNAPPC, by the national juries, of the identification codes of the selected projects12 May 2005 – 14,00 GMT

Opening of the period for the first phase of the international selection (on line - first 20+20)22 May 2006 – 12,00 GMT

Closing of the period for the first phase of the international selection (on line - first 20+20) 5 June 2006 – 12,00 GMT

Deadline for the final selection and awarding of prizes at international level... June 2006

Verification of winners eligibility June 2006

Announcement of the final list (through the Competition WEB site) June 2006

Presentation of the catalogue in electronic format in the Competition WEB site

Exhibition at the Venice Biennial

9. Anonymity

9.1. At both levels, first national and then international, the works will be presented and judged anonymously.

9.2. After the result of adjudication by the national juries, the anonymity of the projects will be kept until the end of the international selection and the drawing up of the final list.

9.3. Further to the announcement of the winners, the names of all the participants can be announced.

10. Languages of the competition

10.1. The competition documents can be presented in the official language of each country, but they must be accompanied by a translation, in French or in English, of the written explicative part (see 11).

11. Documents that applicants must present

11.1. The projects, drawn up with free technique, shall be transmitted, following the indications described at 7. , and shall be presented on 3 tables in UNI A3 (cm 29,70 x 42,00), paged up following the technical specifications that will be published on the site. Tables 1 and 2 will contain the graphic elements, table 3 the text (when the mother language is English or French, half the panel will remain blank).

11.2. The project tables shall contain:

11.2.1. The actual state of the space or of the site chosen (free presentation, drawings, pictures) with a written explanation of a maximum of 250 words / 1.000 characters.

11.2.2. The project proposal, complete with the principal plans, sections, elevation, drawings, etc., with a written explanation of a maximum of 250 words / 1.000 characters.

11.2.3. The written explanation (font: Verdana, 12pt) of a maximum of 250 words / 1.000 characters for each language used.

11.3. The scale of the representations is free and will depend on the dimensions of the subject.

11.4. The proposals, must not concern works already realised or under realisation or they will be excluded.

11.5. Projects that have already received a prize or an award will not be eligible for this competition.

11.6. The project documents must be produced and transmitted in Adobe Acrobat PDF form, respecting the technical specifications that will be published on the site **www.celebcities2.org**.

12. Judgement criteria

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

- The pertinence of the proposal in relation to a given problematic of the city
- The originality of the proposed ideas
- The contribution that the proposal will provide for the improvement of the population’s living conditions
- The sustainable development
- The creation of social relations
- The architectural quality of the proposal
- The harmonisation of the proposal with the cultural and natural environment of the region and of the site
- Feasibility of the project

13. National selection

13.1. Every Member section will appoint a national jury for the national selection and send the names via email to: **info@celebcities2.org; uia@uia-architectes.org; direzione.cna@awn.it**.

13.2. Amongst the projects presented for adjudication, the national jury will select for each of the two categories (P and S):

- 3 projects if up to 20 proposals have been presented;
- 4 projects if up to 30 proposals have been presented;
- 5 projects if up to 40 proposals have been presented;
- 6 projects if over 40 proposals have been presented.

13.3. More than one proposal selected can concern the same city.

14. Special groups

14.1. Special groups may be created; they will be constituted for each of the two categories P and S and will gather together Architects and Students belonging to any Member sections that do not participate in the competition for technical or any other reasons.

14.2. Their projects will be adjudicated at regional level by a special jury made up of the UIA Vice-President for each Region and two other members appointed by the Vice-President.

14.3. Amongst the projects presented for adjudication, each Regional jury will select for each of the two categories (P and S):

- 3 projects if up to 20 proposals have been presented;
- 4 projects if up to 30 proposals have been presented;
- 5 projects if up to 40 proposals have been presented;
- 6 projects if over 40 proposals have been presented.

15. International selection

15.1. The identification codes regarding the projects selected by the national juries and by the regional juries will be sent to the CNAPPC that will transmit them to the Web master (see point 18.) who will include them into the database.

15.1.1. The UIA Member sections shall transmit to the CNAPPC the identification codes described at article 7.7 concerning the selected projects in their country to participate in the international selection (in number corresponding to the provisions of 13.2). These codes shall arrive to CNAPPC no later than the 12 May 2005 – 14,00 GMT.

15.1.2. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall transmit to the CNAPPC the identification codes described in article 7.7 concerning the special groups of 14. These codes shall arrive to the CNAPPC no later than the 12 May 2005 – 14,00 GMT.

15.2. In a first phase each member of the International Jury will express his/her judgments about every project selected by the National Juries only through the telematic system from a place of his/her choice, not later then **5 June 2006 – 12,00 GMT**.

15.3. On the basis of the results of the on line adjudication, the telematic system will automatically add up the scores of every project and will set up a list of the 4 projects with the highest numbers of votes for each of the 5 UIA regions and for each category (P + S), for a total of 40 projects.

15.4. In a second phase the International Jury, in plenary session, will define the final list, not later then **June 2006**.

15.4.1. The International Jury will select the best projects in each Region and for each category and an outright winner for each category.

16. National juries

16.1. The two categories, “professionals” and “students” of the national competition will be judged separately and under anonymity by a jury appointed by the national section. This jury, mentioned at 13.1, shall be made of an odd number of members, at least three. It is recommended that mayors and renowned architects be invited to participate in these juries. The juries will choose for each category a number of projects according to the indications of 13.2; these selected projects will participate to the selection at an international level.

16.2. Special Regional juries made up as stated at article 14.2 will judge the projects belonging to the special groups.

17. International Jury

17.1. The International Jury will be composed as follows:

- Gaetan Siew, UIA President
- Jaime Lerner, Past President
- Jordi Farrando, Secretary General
- Donald G. Hackl, Treasurer
- Louise Cox, 1st Vice-President, Region IV
- Martin Drahovski, 2nd Vice-President, Region II
- Giancarlo Ius, Vice-President, Region I
- Mauricio Rivero Borrell, Vice-President, Region III
- Seif Abou Alnaga, Vice-President, Region V
- Wolf Tochtermann, Director, International Competitions Programme
- Tarek Naga, Egypt

17.2. The International Jury will express firstly, a vote with a number in a range from 1 (one) to 10 (ten) for every project, sorted as mentioned at 15.3, for a total of 20(P) + 20(S) projects.

17.3. At the end of the first phase of the works of the International Jury the telematic system will automatically add up the scores of every project and will set up the list for the second phase of the judgment.

17.4. From among the projects selected during the first phase, the International Jury, in the