



ASF AWARD 2021: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

ASF International Board is happy to announce that on 1st of march ASF Int Award 2021 was launched. As most of you know, the ASF Award is a biennial bi-annual competition. It has been founded with the purpose of sharing and celebrating the socially driven design process across the world that responds to the social, environmental and economic challenges facing the built environment.

All award entries are reviewed by an international jury (each member from a different continent) and one representative of ASF Community. We are pleased to introduce you the jury members of this year's edition:

Thomas Schinkel- owner of architecture office since 1996 and a member of Architekten über Grenzen since 1999. He prefers working on grass root level with all kinds of people as an assistant and one knot in a network of actors and activities.

Suhasini Ayer – Guigan, Architect / Urban Planner; co-founder of the “Auroville Centre for Scientific Research (CSR)”; an organisation dedicated to applied research in the field of solar passive architecture, sustainable urban development and building technologies, water and waste management and renewable energy.

Ricardo Antonio Tena Núñez

Born in Mexico City. Since 1980 he is a professor and researcher at the Escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura, in Tecamachalco Unit of the National Polytechnic Institute (IPN), attached to the Postgraduate Studies and Research Section as a Collegiate Professor, is a member of the academic body of the Doctorate and the Master of Sciences in Architecture and Urbanism, where he coordinates the City and Culture line, and is professor of Architecture Theory in the bachelor's degree.

Luis Lage

Founding member and Board member of the Mozambican Urban Development Association - AMDU, Founding Member of the Academy of Sciences of Mozambique (ACM), (2009), President of the School Academy of Architecture and Urbanism of Portuguese Language (2010-2014), Member of the Ethics and Deontology Council, of the Order of Architects of Mozambique.

Michele Di Marco is an Architect specialized in disaster risk reduction with several years of experience in the humanitarian and development sector. From September 2019, Michele is the CEO of EAHR, after being the Director of International Operations for three years. Michele is teaching in several universities on the topics of architecture, human rights, emergency response and disaster risk reduction. He is the World Health Organization Técnica coordinator for COVID-19 response and a true internationalist believing in the power of networking and multidisciplinary approach.

Everyone interested can submit projects by sending email to award@asfint.org until the 30th of April. The winners will be announced on the 1st of July.

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AWARD 2021

<https://www.asfint.org/en/programs/asf-award>

Projects submissions/ questions by email:
award@asfint.org
1st Prize: 2000 €
+ Publications, Certificate of Achievement
Registration fees: FREE

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[DEADLINE] 30th APRIL
[RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT] JULY 1st

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Dear Members,

We are now more than a year into the global pandemic and yet our lives are far from normal and so many questions remain unanswered. But it gives us a sense of normalcy and warmth to hear about the activities of the ASF members from around the world – doing their best to give back to the world, despite the extraordinary circumstances we all are facing.

We are also happy to inform you that in the future, from the 1st of April, the previous edition's of the newsletters are going to be available to download from the ASF website.



ASF-INT ACTION WITHOUT BORDERS (AWB) WORK GROUP LAUNCHING PH (2021)

ASF Int work group Action Without Borders (AWB) launches in 2021 the „Habitat Program 2.0” (pH) as a multi-governance and transdisciplinary instrument of opinion, negotiation, and strategic vision for communities’ sustainable transition based on local capacity building, social innovation and implemented co-design. The pH is an updated version of “the neighborhood Plan” that was implemented between 2010-2019 by the UIA Action Without Borders Work Group, ASF-Catalunya and ASF-Andalucía in different neighborhoods and communities in Africa, America, and Europe, such as the Sahara’s community, the Vallcarca neighborhood in Barcelona, Spain, and Salsipuedes community in Dominican Republic, among others.

pH General Objective: creating opinion among communities and multi-governance networks’ self-understanding and finally to launch a transition design process of their own habitat for sustainability.

pH Design Principles:

To provide technical documents for the local communities such as:

- Mapping documents of quantitative and qualitative risks analysis and visioning process;
- Identify resilient indicators for social, technical, and ecological systems transition;
- Apply the Resilience Thinking approach by the adaptive cycle heuristic.

The first virtual #OpenSeminar#1 will be organized by ASF-Int Action Without Borders (AWB) Work Group in May 2021 focusing on the comparison of case studies in the Global south and Global north. Planned as a future activity is the participation of AWB/ASF-int in July 2021 at the UIA International Union of Architects Congress at Rio de Janeiro, in cooperation with Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro and several other partners.



ASF SWEDEN AND CHALLENGING PRACTICE

ASF Sweden has been part of the Challenging Practice since 2010. Even though not formally part of the Leonardo EU partnership application, ASF Sweden participated with one representative in the collaboration with ASF France, ASF Italy, ASF Spain and ASF UK. After the finalization of the online theoretical part of the Challenging Practice course, ASF Sweden collaborated with ASF France to initiate the first Stage A seminars in respective countries. Since then, two Stage B workshops (In Situ Studios) have been held by ASF Sweden, one in India 2017 and one in Guinea Bissau 2019.

In Situ Studio, India (2017)

In Situ Studio in Odisha, India, was conducted together with the long-term Indian partners of ASF Sweden; SPARC, UDRC, Mahila Milan and SDI. The workshop aimed at practically exploring participatory tools and alternative models for affordable spatial and physical solutions together with local communities, stakeholders and professionals. The outcome of the work fed into ongoing in-situ upgrading programmes run by the local partners.

The publication In Situ Studio Bhubaneswar Cuttack: https://issuu.com/arkitekterutangranser/docs/insitu_studio_bhubaneswar_cuttack_p

In Situ Studio, Guinea Bissau (2019)

ASF Sweden collaborated with UNICEF WASH and UN-Habitat in Guinea Bissau for the In Situ Studio workshop in 2019. Focusing on urban rural linkages and inclusive design for development of public space, educational spaces, sanitation and water services the work was situated in Bissau as well as in two villages in the Oio region. Look out for a late publication release of In Situ Studio Guinea Bissau this summer where you can read more about the methods used during the workshop including findings and proposals feeding into the ongoing WASH-project of UNICEF.

Post pandemic, ASF Sweden is planning to hold a series of workshops, Stage A in Sweden including cases based on experiences from India and Guinea Bissau, and Stage B in India and West Africa.





IMPACT PROGRAM - PROGRAMA IMPACTO

The pandemic situation the world began facing in 2020, underlines many of the existing imbalances and exposes other situations that became impossible to ignore.

The slowing down of the productive rhythm, with pronounced economic and social consequences, revealed the importance of considering human action on the planet and the need to establish a pact of responsibility between development and the resulting impacts.

Architecture plays a considerable role in this balance, since its practice has consequences for the environment, the planet and the quality of life for all, in general.

This moment when we know that the world will not be the same again, is also an opportunity to become aware of the obligation to rethink disciplines and to manage its impacts.

To what extent does practice, teaching and research respond to today's challenges?

To discuss these challenges ARQUITECTOS SEM FRONTEIRAS PORTUGAL launched the PROGRAMA IMPACTO, an initiative that invites personalities and connects to world events, looking for the state of the art and tools that streamline an appropriate response to the management of the intervention through architecture.

The election for the Portuguese college of architects was the opportunity to launch several interviews in Portugal, followed by the contributions of Jorge Raedo from Colombia, Melissa Kinnear from the UK, Jaime Royo Olid from Kenya, Marta Maccaglia from Peru, Subin Umar Rahman from India, Carlos Gotlieb from France, Camillo Magni from Italy, Ricardo Teña from Mexico, Plácido Lizancos from Spain and Michele Di Marco from Denmark.

The program will continue until the UIA Congress.

IMPACTO

10/08 19:00H FB LIVE

SUBIN UMAR RAHMAN

Pact for Affordability in Architecture
<https://inhabitat.com/urban-thinking-in-a-power-shack-could-reshape-the-face-of-slums-across-south-africa/>

IMPACTO

03/08 19:00H FB LIVE

MARTA MACCAGLIA

ASOCIACIÓN SEMILLAS PERÚ

Arquitectura esencial: experiencias construidas en la Amazonia Peruana



ASF-ITALIA AND CHALLENGING PRACTICE



After the participation of three of our members in the Leonardo programme that gave birth to *Challenging Practice- Learning in Action*, ASF Italia has from 2012 to 2019, annually organized one or two workshops addressed to students and professionals of the built environment, with about 15 participants per event.

A prerequisite for the participants is the independent study of a series of readings, leading to the two-day live seminar that constitutes the Stage A. The two days involve working on 2 case studies: one on a local project and one on an international case study. The case studies are based mostly on projects that ASF Italy has carried out or is carrying out.

Specifically, we have used the following case studies as starting point for the activities:

Local Cooperation:

- Milan, Project: Via Sangallo.

Since 2010, the building in Via Sangallo 5, houses a group of families and individuals of different nationalities. The building had been mostly vacant for over a decade, and the few inhabited apartments were rented without regular contracts and in conditions of disrepair. Since then, the occupants have worked cooperatively to refurbish the building and improve the severe degradation of the structure. The building's owner has now decided to demolish the building to make room for a hotel.

- Milan, Project: Roma camp in Via Bonfadini

The Roma camp in Via Bonfadini is located in a particularly marginal area of Milan. Since the past thirty years, the camp has been occupied by a community of Roma from Abruzzo. This physical and social enclave has led to the total exclusion of its inhabitants from local social life.

International cooperation:

- Morocco, Project: Figuig Oasis

The Figuig Oasis in Morocco suffers from a large-scale emigration of its inhabitants to other cities within the country or toward Europe. The Oasis's cultural and architectural heritage is disappearing, and the community and local administration are joining a project funded by the MFA to safeguard the cultural heritage.

- South Africa, Johannesburg

The project involves redesigning the Socio-Ecological Landscapes of the informal Kya Sands neighborhoods, in Johannesburg, through collaborative practices. Kya Sands has approximately 16,000 inhabitants and is located in the north of the metropolitan city of Johannesburg (population 5 million). The entire settlement, established in the 1990s, consists of squatter shacks made of cardboard, plywood, wood, metal sheet and, to a lesser extent, bricks. It also lacks an electricity and sewage network.

To develop the case studies, the following tools were used with the participants:

- DFID Resilience Framework (Defining Disaster Resilience) model;
- The evolution of development and the placemaker's tools;
- Generic Logical Framework.



"ARCHITECTURE OF COEXISTENCE", IN COOPERATION WITH ARTYČOK.TV, ASF CZECHIA

ASF Czechia took a unique approach this year by creating a documentary series "Architecture of Coexistence", in cooperation with Artyčok.TV.

The documentary explores the various approaches to solve the challenges of addressing the social aspects of planning and architecture. The starting point for this documentary series was a critical analysis of common terms in planning such as social housing, socially excluded localities, excluded and disadvantaged.

The series focuses on Central European examples of the so-called "good practices", where local communities try to create, usually without external support, a functional, social and material setting for a decent and dignified life. The key to the selected localities was the important role of architects and artists, who actively participated in these projects and were the principal initiators of change. The series aims to bring a new perspective on social sustainability in cities.

More information and trailers here:

<https://artycok.tv/en/43992/architektura-souziti>

Architekti bez hranic, Czechia proposes a free public screening copyright for all the ASF members. Please contact us if interested at: info@architektibezhranic.eu



ASF-BE AND UNICHIR CONSTRUCT A SURGICAL CENTER IN BENI, RDC



UNICHIR is a Belgian non profit organization which brings highly specialized surgical and obstetrical care to Beni, Democratic Republic of The Congo. The town of Beni in the eastern Nord-Kivu province suffers from violent conflicts, ebola epidemics and political instability. There is only one hospital for over a million people, and no trained surgeons in the entire region.

UNICHIR is founded by former Belgian minister and MSF-Belgium co-founder Reginald Moreels, and consists of a network of surgeons, anesthetists and medical experts. Today they operate from the local hospital in Beni, performing complex surgery and training local medical staff.

UNICHIR aims to construct its own facility, with state of the art operating rooms, a learning and training center and a pharmacy. They approached ASF-Be to help with the design and construction. ASF-Be designed a modular building which can be expanded when more funding becomes available. The typical regional building typology provided the template for the design, but with adaptations to optimize natural ventilation, passive cooling and earthquake resistance. Locally sourced stone and bamboo will be used for the construction. The team is currently working with local energy companies on a strategy to make UNICHIR fully self sufficient in terms of energy consumption.

The design was created in collaboration with local architects, engineers and contractors. A team with UNICHIR and ASF-Be travelled to Beni in February 2021 to finish the construction drawings and round up the negotiations with the contractor. UNICHIR is planning to start the excavation works in March 2021.