



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMISSION
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OVERVIEW OF ICC WORK IN THE PERIOD 2017-2021

A. CONSULTANCY COMPETITIONS 2017-2021

ICC consultancy consists in advising on the competition type, the definition of the task, the evaluation criteria, the deliverables, formal and procedural aspects, the composition of the jury, key parameters of the mandate in view. Condition for UIA endorsement is the conformity to the UNESCO Regulations and UIA best practice recommendations but also the respect of UIA aims (SDG's and holistic approach) and fair conditions.

ICC dealt in total with 43 competitions and advised 2 MS reviewing their national adc regulations.

Overview adc's

13 Professional competitions: 12 endorsed + 1 in preparation

- 8 completed, 2 ongoing, 2 ready to launch, 1 in preparation
- 3 in R1, 7 in R2, 2 in R4. 8 from 13 in EU Countries (3 in Greece)

From the 12 endorsed adc 6 were open and 6 restricted procedures, 10 singlestage and 2 twostage

19 requests for collaboration

- 7 with potential, 1 declined by ICC, 11 cases without news considered as past chances
- 9 from R2, 4 from R3, 2 from R4, 2 from R5. 6 from 18 from EU Countries

5 Students competitions: 3 endorsed + 2 in discussion

- 3 completed
- 2 requests for collaboration

1 Young architects competition (4 anual editions since usually organised every year)

1 Student workshop

1 Competition organized by an UIA body (in preparation)

The majority of competition during the curent term were organized in EU countries and in particular in Region II countries namely: Libanon, Russia, Lithuania, Greece (3 competitions), Slovenia und a new is in preparation in Slovakia. The ICC thanks the RII Sections who brought to UIA competitions with interesting tasks and helped organize and conduct them successfully.

Tendencies in adc's

- the majortiy were multidisciplinary competitions, all requested teams with at least one other discipline
- equal number of open and restricted procedures, clear majority singlestage adc's

Profile of clients

- exigent international organisations requesting high competence from ICC (repetitive public clients like UNESCO, EU Commission and EU Institutions).
- Member Sections and private clients with more or less experience in organizing and conducting adc's

Achievements. The ICC

- Proved the compatibility of UIA/UNESCO Regulations with EU public procurement law
- Implemented high standards and best practice recommendations creating reference examples
- Created a stamp evidencing the assessment of compliance to the rules for all UIA endorsed adc's
- Fulfilled the expectations of the clients and received recognition and gratitude for expert advise
- Contributed in restoring the good reputation of UIA competitions
- Established first contact with CIO and realised a first collabortion with UN Habitat.

B. CONSULTANCY AWARDS 2017-2021.

The ICC examined the regulations and advised on 5 Awards.

ICC particularly contributed to realize a new Award of the Turkish Section, the Contextual Architecture Award.

C. UIA INCOME FROM COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS 2017-2021

Competitions	281'000
Awards	85'00
Total competitions and awards	366'000

D. ICC DOCUMENTS

The ICC reviewed or amended practically all documents elaborated during the last triennium (documents for external and internal use) and elaborated new help papers for clients on particular topics corresponding to the needs and frequent questions of the clients. In particular the ICC elaborated recommended Guidelines for jury meetings and evaluation process including also in exceptional cases the conduct of jury sessions in form of video conferences. The whole jury must see and discuss all entries.

E. ICC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RIO2020

- **Exhibition**
Map of the triennium's architectural design competitions endorsed by UIA and Map of the countries the competitors come from
- **Plenary session:** Achieving design excellence with a UIA competition, pre-recorded conferences.
3 winners present their projects (Library of Alexandria, Bamiyan Cultural Center, Vilnius concert Hall) and report on the impact on their careers, the impact of the projects in their environment and potential benefit for society, the value of the process.
- **Special Edition Newsletter**
Interviews of organizers of UIA competitions, UIA jurors, Winners of UIA competitions

F. ICC CO-DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2021-2023 TERM

During the term the ICC made several propositions and presented a few motions to Council. Unfortunately there was hardly any discussion, feedback or decisions taken by Council. With the help of the Secretariat particularly in the domain of competitions considerable progress in regard to professionalisation of ICC work could be achieved. Professionalism and expertise are very important topics the next Council must address.

The ICC Co-directors have prepared an extensive list of recommendations. Here is an overview of the most important propositions.

Organisational aspects

- Ask all Member Sections to designate a correspondent for competition matters
- Seek direct collaboration between UIA Commissions and improve coordination
- **Professionalisation**
- Ensure expertise and continue the professionalisation efforts of ICC work
- Conduct statistics on UIA competitions and participants and elaborate an interactive map

History

- Document the history of UIA competitions, eventually initiate a PHD research
- Reconsider a publication on UIA competitions for the 75th anniversary

Focus competitions

- Continue implementing the principle that UIA endorsed competitions must be paradigmatic in all regards
- Make sure that UIA own competitions respect all rules and recommendations

Focus awards / prizes

- Define an adequate policy for awards deserving UIA endorsement
- Publish transparent jury reports of UIA Triennial Prizes documenting all submitted nominations
- Organize an new UIA Triennial Prize with focus on SDG's and holistic interdisciplinary approach

Political goals

- Promote competition culture worldwide and set the reference with exemplary UIA competitions
- Exploit Baukultur and New Bauhaus initiatives to promote architectural quality and the tool competition

Future of UIA competitions and ICC tasks

- Achieve collaboration with international institutions like: CIO, UNO and Worldbank
- Advise MS when elaborating or ameliorating their national adc regulations
- Organize seminars /courses on preparation and fair conduct of adc's

Financial aspect

- Invest part of the income from competitions and awards in ICC projects and professionalisation