Highlights of AHA
- programs and events of 2020 -

The Association of Hungarian Architects (AHA) seeks relations and collaborations with other branches of art, as well as with various international architectural organizations. This year was especially challenging, but the AHA maintained its cultural mission by organizing programs and events – offline and online as well.

We were lucky to have our last meeting in person, offline, pre-quarantine. The **UIA II region meeting** on the 5th of March, and the **International Convention of Architecture** on the next day was very successful and memorable.

During this current situation given by the pandemic we are sill discovering the safest solutions and building them into our day to day rutine:

- pre-edited videos
- webinars
- digital exhibitions
- livestreams

We managed to reach our audience succesfully so far, which provided us useful opinions and feedbacks.

Despite the current situation, we maintained our cultural mission by organising (offline and online) cultural events - such as exhibitions (8), lectures (6), seminars, workshops (4) and concerts (2), showing the meaningful connections between architecture and the other branches of artistic expression.

Our offline events met the usual enthusiasm and interest of our visitors – while complying with the current restrictions as well. We saw many genuine smiles behind those masks. ☺

The pandemic didn't stop us to honor professional excellence either – two of our award ceremonies of 2020 (Silver Carpentry Pencil Award; Iván Kotsis medal) took place online, via livestreaming with many viewers and digital participants.

During the traveling exhibition of *Four of Visegrád - Family Houses (2020)*, 4-4 selected family houses have been presented annually in the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary since 2008. The Hungarian material for 2020 was selected by Csaba Nagy and Csaba Kovács, members of the board of AHA and Iván Nagy. In 2021, the traveling exhibition will travel on to Prague, Krakow, Kosice and Bratislava.

The last General Assembly of the Association of Hungarian Architects (AHA), held on October 19, 2020 elected the new Board AHA and re-elected architect **András Krizsán** as the president of the Association of Hungarian Architects for four years.

The elected old-new president is a guarantee that AHA will continue to work with the UIA organization, with all members of the region II, especially the V4 Architectural Association. Representing the spirit of UIA, AHA cooperates to improve the quality of the built and natural environment, to present the architectural and contemporary architectural values of the member states, to educate and sensitize the environment culture, and take care about architectural way of thinking and the values created by architects.

Our next meeting will be the **International Convention of Architecture**, held on **2nd July 2021,** at the **Eiffel Art Studios of the Hungarian State Opera in Budapest** – hopefully in person.

The official program:

08.00–09.00   *Registration*

09.00–10.00   Welcome: Balazs Fürjes state secretary, Thomas Vonier, president of the UIA, András Krizsán president of AHA

Opening ceremony: Zsolt Füleky Deputy State Secretary

10.00–10.50   Lecture of Dr. Peter Magyar Professor Emeritus,

Fellow of the RIBA, between 1989 and 2011 director of the Schools of Architecture at three American universities:

Which past leads to our future?

10.50–11.30   *Coffee break*

11.30–12.20 Lecture of Michael Dennis (MIT, USA) *(invited)*

12.20–13.10   Lecture of Attilio Terragni (Studio Terragni, Milano)

13.10–14.10   *Lunch*

14.10–15.00   Lecture of Thorsten Kemper (Herzog & de Meuron, Basel)

15.00–15.50   Lecture of John Pawson (John Pawson Limited) *(invited)*
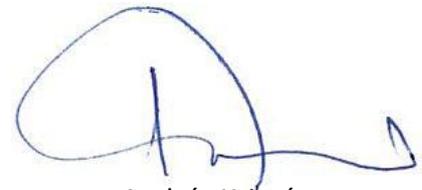
15.50–16.30   *Coffee break, award ceremony*

16.30–17.00   Introduction of the venue by Miklós Marosi (Közti Zrt., Budapest)

17.00–18.30   Guided tour on the new Eiffel Art Studios, guided by the designers

Until next time,

best regards,

András Krizsán
president of AHA

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