



Blue Award 2012

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for Sustainable
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Information

The Department for Spatial and Sustainable Design from the Vienna University of Technology organizes the Blue Award, an international student competition.

The competition awards projects addressing the topic of sustainability in the academic fields of architecture, regional planning and urbanism. The economical, cultural and social dimensions of sustainable development should be equal in significance to the classical problems of technique and function.

The competition is an open invitation to future-oriented and sustainable solutions. How will our built environment present itself in the coming years? Not a one-dimensional approach leads to results, but rather a comprehensive view of the tasks at hand is necessary in order to provide solutions and protect an environment worth experiencing.

Building for an environment worth living in

The world is undergoing lasting changes. We are all confronted with this reality. Every one of us recognizes that our current way of living must be reformed, our way of consuming corrected. The building industry consumes roughly 40% of available material and water resources, and produces roughly 30% of the greenhouse gas emissions.

- Sustainable architecture is neither a question of style nor of technical solutions.
- Sustainable architecture can be described as a responsible approach towards the task of building.
- Sustainability touches every aspect of design: an act with social, economical and ecological implications.
- Sustainability means going beyond a one-dimensional approach and taking a comprehensive view of the tasks at hand in order to achieve results and protect an environment worth experiencing.

We, as architects, carry a particular responsibility in the building industry: we want to set an example, one using alternative construction methods and innovative planning strategies. For quite some time, we possess the know-how and building materials necessary to answer, in an unconventional yet professional way, the needs of our environment and climate. New forms of construction and planning will have to differentiate themselves from current methods in many ways.

For this reason it is of utmost importance to academically outfit planners and builders with this new interpretation of architecture. In particular, it is in the future projects of current students in architecture and planning where the nucleus of a revised and respectful attitude and architectural approach towards our environment will be found.

Prof. Françoise-Hélène Jourda
Initiator Blue Award

Prize money
20.000 Euros

Catalog
Publication with
prize winners and
their projects

Submit
Now!

International Jury
with Sir Michael
Hopkins
as Honorary
President

Blue Award 2012

Schedule und Events

APPLY!
11.
2011 -
12.
2011

AWARDS
CEREMONY
16.
2012

October 1st, 2011
Start of Submissions

February 1st, 2012
Submission Deadline

April 26th, 2012
Awards Ceremony and
Exhibition Opening at the
Vienna University
of Technology

The Blue Award will be handed out in three categories.

All categories of the Blue Award emphasize the efforts in sustainable architecture, particularly in hot and dry climates. Projects located in crisis areas and in areas environmentally threatened will be given special consideration.

- **Category 1**
Urban Development and Transformation,
Landscape Development
- **Category 2**
Ecological Building
- **Category 3**
Building in Existing Structures

Blue Award 2009
163 projects from 86 faculties
and architecture schools
spread across 49 countries
were submitted for
Blue Award 2009.

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