



**Ugo Rivolta
european
architecture
award**





Ugo Rivolta (1929-2005), born in Novara, studied architecture in Milan where he graduated in architecture in 1955.

He took his first job at the BBPR Office, participating in the design and the building of the Velasca Tower (1951-57). Thereafter he started his own practice with Matilde Baffa, who became his loyal partner in life and work.

From the very beginning, Rivolta was very rigorous and careful to transpose peoples needs in appropriate formal solutions, without following any fashionable or fancy approach.

His first work bears witness of this attitude: *the Primary school* in Novara (with Sergio Rizzi, 1957-58) – a building with clear partitions showing the functional arrangement – began his civil commitment, renewed in the following years, for projects of schools, social housing and public services. We can see the same commitment also in his publications about building and urban typologies: *Le tipologie urbanistiche ed edilizie prodotte dall'iniziativa pubblica nell'area milanese, Milan 1964 and Scuola e edilizia*, Florence 1978 (both written with M. Baffa) and from his activity as vice president of the of the Chamber of Architects of the Province of Milan (1996-2005).

Among his works stands out the *Social housing estate* for 6500 inhabitants in Quarto Cagnino, Milan (1969-1974), designed with a large group of architects: an imposing urban project – of which Rivolta was personally in charge for the building site – recalling the ideal of Le Corbusier's *redents*, trying to shape a convenient urban landscape through size, consistency and inclusion of community service.

In his works Rivolta underlined a constant care for rational distribution of spaces, for the clarity of volumes and appropriate use of materials, with preference for prefabricated panel systems and for bricks. The latter allowed to resume, within a modern language, the tradition of Lombardy region both learned and vernacular (*Home for elderly people* in Inveruno 1974-84 with M. Baffa, F. Drugman, V. Fossati; Social housing building in via Pepe, Milan, 1981-84 with G.F. Mannini, A. Redaelli) clearly inspired by Alvar Aalto's work (*Concert Hall and cultural center* in Castano Primo, 1999-2004, with D. Volpi; *Medical center* in San Donato Milanese, 2000-2003 with G. Rivolta).

In his last years, he resumed also the training of young generations, already practiced with Gio Ponti and Ernesto N. Rogers, teaching at the Faculty of Civil Architecture of the Politecnico di Milano. Rivolta was a shining example of a designer, unwilling to compromise, being skilled to listen to and to set up dialogue with the building process of a community in the urban environment.

Augusto Rossari

UGO RIVOLTA EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURE AWARD

1. contents and objectives

The Ugo Rivolta European Architecture Award was created to promote and recognize the best social housing projects built in Europe in recent years, in order to contribute to reviving interest in this field, which has played an important role in the history of architecture over the past two centuries.

In line with the current situation in Europe and with the emergence of a renewed demand for social housing, it seems important to raise awareness and stimulate discussion regarding this type of building, with the aim of verifying its contribution to the overall quality of the built environment.

2. award organizer

Chamber of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservationists of the Province of Milan, n. 19 via Solferino 20121 Milan - Italy

Opening hours: 9.30 - 12.30 and 14.00-18.00

3. procedures

3.1 award form and official language

The award is organized in two stages, and will be a transparent process.

The official languages are Italian and English.

3.2 conditions for participating

The award is open to architects and engineers - registered in their respective professional bodies in compliance with the laws of the State in which they are licensed - whose projects were built between January 2000 and December 2006 within the boundaries of the 27 European Union Countries and Switzerland.

Social Housing is intended as residential buildings promoted by public or private institutions, with specific access regulations and due to satisfy a demand for lodging which cannot be satisfied by the free market.

The projects may be nominated by planners, public or private institutions and agencies, cultural or sector associations, universities, real estate developers, or individuals operating in the public housing field, as well as the award organizer.

If a project is submitted by someone other than its designer, the designer's approval must be obtained prior to the project's submission and communicated to the award secretariat.

In the case of projects designed by groups, the components must appoint a single person as their representative to be communicated to the award secretariat.

3.3 award office

The award office is located in the premises of the Chamber of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservationists of the Province of Milan

via Solferino, 19 - 20121 Milan - Italy

Tel. +39 02 62534272

Fax +39 02 62534209

Email: premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it

3.4 conditions of exclusion

The following are not allowed to participate in the competition:

- a) full or reserve members of the jury panel, components of the award secretariat, their relatives and relations, to the third degree, their employees and collaborators and anyone who collaborates with the above on a continuing basis, even informally;
- b) members of the Council of the Chamber of Architects P.P.C. of the Province of Milan
- c) Those who have participated in the drafting and the organization of the award notice and process.

3.5 award jury panel

The jury panel is composed of five full members and two reserve their members.

Full members:

- 1 David Chipperfield
- 2 Mauro Galantino
- 3 Luciano Niero
- 4 Carlo Melograni
- 5 Flora Ruchat

Reserve members:

- 6 Guido Morpurgo
- 7 Narno Poli

During the first meeting the jury will appoint one of its members as President of the jury.

3.6 publication and diffusion of the award notice

The award notice is published in the following web sites:

- www.ace-cae.org
- www.archiworld.it
- www.cecodhas.org
- www.europaconcorsi.it
- www.federcasa.it
- www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it

4. application procedures in stage one

4.1 required documentation

To participate in the first stage of the contest, applicants must identify the project by filling out attachment A of the award notice in full.

4.2 submission deadline - stage one

Attachment A must be sent to the award secretariat by September 15th 2007 at the latest, to the e-mail address indicated below:

premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it

The hardcopy of the filled form must be delivered to the award secretariat by post.

4.3 additional information and questions

Requests for additional information and questions regarding the filling out of the enclosed form must be made via e-mail, at the address indicated below:

premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it by July 15th 2007 at the latest.

Within 15 days, the award secretariat will publish a summary of all the questions received and their answers on the web site

www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it/concorsi/premiougorivolta.html

In no instance will questions be answered individually.

4.4 jury panel evaluation process

The award secretariat will verify whether the documentation supplied complies with the award notice and submit the same to the jury panel, which will evaluate the projects entered and select those to be admitted to the final stage.

The jury panel's decisions are final. Decisions are made by simple majority vote.

Jury panel meetings are valid when all members are present.

In the case that a full member is impeded from participating in the panel's meetings, the same member shall be replaced permanently by a reserve panelist nominated by the President. For this reason, reserve panel members will participate in the jury panel's meetings, without voting powers. The jury panel meetings will also include a secretary, who will write up the minutes.

The outcome of the jury panel's evaluation process will be communicated to the contestants via e-mail.

A shortlist of the projects admitted to the final stage will also be posted on the web site

www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it/concorsi/premiougorivolta.html

5 conditions for participating in the final stage

5.1 documents to be submitted

Designers, whose projects are admitted to the final stage, must submit the following documentation to the award secretariat by November 30th 2007 at the latest:

a) two panels in UNI A0 format (base 840 mm x height 1.188 mm) arranged vertically and mounted on flat, rigid, lightweight and resistant boards, with a 5 cm. strip at the bottom, containing project and designer's data.

table 1 illustration of the territorial, urban and landscape context of the project (master plan and/or site ground plan, aerial photo), drawings: significant floor plans, elevations and sections.

table 2 Perspective or axonometric views; details of the plans, of the elevations and architectural details in the appropriate scale;

photos of the development and any other relevant material to illustrate the project.

b) paper copies of project materials reduced in A3 format and folded in A4.

c) a report in A4 format, consisting of no more than 6 pages, cover page excluded, containing all the information required to fully describe the project

d) a CD Rom containing the documents submitted (drawings and reports) in the following format:

- .rtf for texts;

- .jpg or .pdf for images.

The two panels must be saved in a .jpg or .pdf format with 300 dpi.

e) an envelope containing: Name(s) of the participant(s), complete with personal data and membership registration number(s) of the respective professional bodies;

No other project materials will be taken in consideration.

Projects submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated.

5.2 additional information and answers

Requests for additional information and questions regarding the submission of documentation must be sent via e-mail, to the following address

premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it

by October 16th, 2007 at the latest.

Within the following 7 days, a synthesis of the questions and answers will be posted on the following web site

www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it/concorsi/premiougorivolta.html

In no instance will questions be answered individually.

5.3 submission deadline - final stage

The full documentation must be submitted to the award secretariat by November 30th 2007 at the latest.

5.4 jury panel evaluation process

Prior to the evaluation of the projects, the award secretariat will verify that the documents satisfy the requirements of the award tender, passing them on to the jury panel after approval.

In its evaluation, the jury panel, in addition to architectural quality, will also take into account the following criteria:

- the appropriateness of the project within the context
- the relationship between housing and other correlated functions
- ecological and social sustainability

5.5 awards

The winning project will receive a prize of 10,000 Euro.

The jury panel may select other projects for honorable mention.

A catalogue of all the projects entered in the final stage of the award will be published and broadly disseminated.

5.6 announcement of winners and dissemination of results

Each of the contestants will be notified and the award results will be made public by February 15th 2008 through a press conference.

The results will also be posted on the web site:

www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it/concorsi/premiougorivolta.html

By participating in the competition, contestants allow the Chamber of Architects P.P.C. of the Province of Milan to use all materials submitted, for publications or public exhibitions.

6. final rules

Any divergence from the conditions of award tender will be considered just cause for exclusion from the award.

In accordance with the privacy rules, the personal data of contest participants will be collected and treated solely for the purposes of the award and the publication of the documentation.

7. award schedule and deadlines

June 21th, 2007
announcement and publication of the award tender

September 15th, 2007
deadline for submission of projects

September 28th, 2007
results stage one and start of final stage

November 30th, 2007
deadline for submission of project documentation for final stage

By February 15th, 2008
announcement of winners and press conference

During the XXIII° World Congress of U.I.A. between 2008, June 29th and July 3rd in Turin there will be the prize-giving ceremony, the book presentation and the opening of the exhibition



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