



**Ugo Rivolta
european
architecture
award
2009**



In 2007 the Chamber of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservationists of the Province of Milan organized the first edition of the Ugo Rivolta European Architecture Award, in order to encourage research and discussion on the field of Social Housing in Europe.

For the first edition the award received the nomination of forty-six projects; alongside Italian buildings, they included works realized in Austria, Spain, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland and Bulgaria.

The jury panel, under its president, architect Carlo Melograni, awarded the prize to Spanish architect Guillermo Vázquez Consuegra, for the construction of a “Building for subsidised residential accommodation in Rota”, Cadiz (Spain). The features of the project that won it the award were its architectural quality, spatial definition, and the fine treatment of the relationship between private and public space.

Three honorable mentions were also made in awarded to highlight other designs worthy of attention: the architects Froetscher Lichtenwagner for their successful combination of residential units and services at the “Centrum Odorf”, Innsbruck (Austria); the architects Botticini & Goffi for their use and redevelopment of the patio-house building typology in their design for “Houses for the elderly” at Castenedolo (Brescia); and the architects Bianchetti, Greppi & Dassa for the satisfactory relationship to the context in their construction of “Accommodation and services for elderly people” at Collebeato (Brescia).

The Award concluded its procedure in Turin, in occasion of the “XXIII World Congress of the Architecture”, where an exhibition of the projects was held, along with the official prize-giving, and the presentation of the book “Edilizia Sociale in Europa” (Social housing in Europe), a documentation of all the works in the competition, published by RCS Segesta.

1. CONTENTS AND OBJECTIVES

The second edition of the “Ugo Rivolta European Architecture Prize” confirms the idea of bringing the finest social building designs constructed in Europe over the last five years to the attention of a wider public. It likewise confirms its intention of becoming an international point of reference for research and debate in this area, highlighting the importance of the overall quality of the constructed environment and the sustainability of architectural design.

2. AWARD ORGANIZER

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

Opening hours: 9.30 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 18.30

3. PROCEDURES

3.1 award form and official language

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

Documentation consigned can be in Italian or English.

3.2 conditions for entry

The award is open to architects and engineers registered in their respective professional associations according to the provisions of the respective countries.

Projects built and consigned between January 2003 and December 2008, in any of the 27 nations in the European Community and Switzerland, can be entered.

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, (each author can recommend just one of his or her own works) 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. Projects recommended by parties differing to the designers must be accompanied by a letter in which the designer gives his/her consent to the work's participation in the award.

In the case of a work designed by a team, the members must indicate a single reference person, whose name must be communicated to the award secretariat.

3.3 award secretariat

The award secretariat has its office at the Chamber of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservationists of the Province of Milan
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3.4 conditions of exclusion

The following are not allowed from entry into the competition:

a) full or substitute members of the jury panel, members of the award secretariat, their relatives and relations to the third degree, their employees and collaborators, and all those who habitually and familiarly work with them, even if on an informal basis.

b) members of the Council of the Chamber of Architects P.P.C. of the Province of Milan

c) those who were involved in the compilation of the competition regulations and the organization of the award

3.5 award jury panel

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

Full members:

1 Guillermo Vasquez Consuegra (Spain)
 winner of the first edition

2 Pierre Alain Croset (Italy)

3 Christian Devillers (France)

4 Theo Brenner (Germany)

5 Gyorgy Kerekes (Hungary)

Substitute members:

6 Giulio Barazzetta (Italy)

7 Nicola Braghieri (Italy)

The jury panel is assisted by the Scientific Management:

Anna Maria Pozzo

(Technical director of Federcasa, Supervisor of the Sustainable Urban Development Work Group at CE-CODHAS)

Mauro Galantino
(Architect and Associate Professor of Architectural and Urban Composition – IUAV University, Venice)

Giordana Ferri *
(Architect, Project Manager FHS and at Contract Professor of Design, Politecnico of Milan)

and by the Scientific Secretariat, comprising the architects:

Maria Chiara Casolo

Paolo Mazzoleni.

The members of the Scientific Management and the Scientific Secretariat do not have voting rights.

3.6 announcement and circulation of the award notice

Information regarding the award notice is available at the following web sites:

www.ace-cae.org

www.cecodhas.org

www.cnappc.it

www.europaconcorsi.it

www.federcasa.it

www.costruire.it

www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES IN STAGE ONE

4.1 required documentation

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

4.2 application deadline

The form (attachment A) can be sent in advance by electronic mail to the award secretariat, at the following address: premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it

The original must be sent, along with the respective documentation, by post, arriving by 6.30 pm on Tuesday 19 May 2009.

4.3 additional information and questions

Any eventual requests for clarification regarding compilation of the form can be submitted exclusively by electronic mail to the address premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it by Thursday 16 April 2009.

Within the following 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

In no instance will questions will be answered individually.

4.4 jury panel evaluation process

The Scientific Management and the Scientific 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's panel decisions are final and indisputable. Decisions are made by simple majority vote. Jury panel meetings are considered as effective when all its full members are present. Should a permanent member declare that he cannot take part in jury panel operations, he will be definitively replaced by a substitute member nominated by the President. Substitute members take part in jury panel operations but they do not have the right to vote.

A secretary taking minutes will be present during jury operations. Likewise a representative of the Chamber of Architect P.P.C. of the Province of Milan may be present, without the right to vote.

Designers accepted for the second phase will be informed by electronic mail communication by Monday 8 June 2009.

The list of the projects accepted for the final stage will also be posted at the website:

www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it

5 CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE FINAL STAGE

5.1 required documentation

The designers whose projects are admitted to the final stage must submit the following documentation to the award secretariat by Tuesday 15 September:

A.

two panels in UNI A0 format (base 840 mm x height 1188 mm), arranged vertically, mounted on flat, rigid, lightweight and resistant supports, with, at the bottom, a 5 cm strip containing project and designer's data.

panel 1 illustration of the territorial, urban and landscape context of the project (general plan and/or ground plan, aerial photograph),

architectural representations: plans, elevations and significant sections.

panel 2 perspective or axonometric views;

details of the plans, elevations and architectural details, at whatever scale; photographs of the operation, and any other methods considered useful for illustrating the project.

B.

paper copy of the panels reduced to A3 size

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.

*amended on 25 March 2009

D.

a CD Rom containing all the documents submitted (drawings and reports) in the following formats:

.rtf for texts;

.jpg at 300 dpi for the images;

.pdf for the drawings

The two panels should also be supplied as .jpg files in A3 format at 300 dpi.

E.

An envelope containing: the name of the designer/designers, with full personal details and information on membership of the respective professional association.

Materials differing from the above, or arriving after the delivery deadline, will not be accepted.

5.2 additional information and questions

Any eventual requests for clarification regarding submission of documentation must be sent exclusively by electronic mail to the address premiougorivolta@ordinearchitetti.mi.it by Monday 22 June 2009.

Within the following 7 days, a synthesis of the questions and answers will be posted on the following web site www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it

In no instance will questions will be answered individually.

5.3 submission deadline – final stage

The full documentation must be submitted to the award secretariat by 6.30 pm, Tuesday 15 September 2009.

5.4 jury panel evaluation process

Before examining the projects, the award secretariat will verify that the documentation satisfy the requirements of the award notice, 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 award

The jury panel will select a winning project.

This will be awarded a money prize of 10,000.00 euro.

The jury panel may select up to 3 projects for honourable mention.

Projects to be included in a possible publication will also be commended.

5.6 announcement of the winners and publication of the results

The results of the competition will be announced, duly informing all participants, by Monday 30 November 2009. Results will also be published on the web-site: www.ordinearchitetti.mi.it

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

6. FINAL RULES

Any difference with respect to the provisions contained in the award notice is motive for exclusion from the award.

In accordance with privacy legislation, the competitors' personal data are gathered and processed solely for purposes connected to the management of the competition and publication of the documentation

7. CALENDAR

17 March 2009 Tuesday
announcement and publication of award notice

19 May 2009 Tuesday
deadline for submission of projects

08 June 2009 Monday
publication of results of the stage one

15 September 2009 Tuesday
deadline for submission of projects documentation for final stage

By Monday 30 November 2009 publication of the results



Ugo Rivolta (1929 – 2005) was born in Novara and later moved to Milan, where he graduated in Architecture and he took his first job at the BBPR office participating in the design and building of Torre Velasca (1951-57). He later founded his own architectural practice together with Matilde Baffa, with whom he developed a long and happy union both professionally and privately. He worked with great professional discipline, rigorous and careful to transpose peoples needs in appropriate architectural solutions. He worked on many social building projects, among these stands out Social housing estate for 6500 inhabitants in Quarto Cagnino, Milan (1969-1974), designed with a large team of architects: an imposing urban project recalling the ideal of Le Corbusier's redents, trying to shape a convenient urban landscape thought big size, design consistency and inclusion of community services.

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.



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