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Fassa Bortolo Italian Prize for Sustainable Architecture

Graduation theses, PhD, and post-graduate Master dissertations

XII Edition – 2016 competition notice

Art. 1 - INSTITUTION OF THE PRIZE

The International Prize for Sustainable Architecture, founded and promoted since 2003 by Fassa S.p.A. registered holder of the trademark "Fassa Bortolo", and the Department of Architecture of the University of Ferrara, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary aims to reward and promote to a wider public valuable architectural projects environmentally conscious and sustainable, designed for satisfying the needs of men and therefore able to fulfill the needs of future generations also by limiting pollution and the indiscriminate consumption of resources.

Since the 2014 Edition, the "International Prize for Sustainable Architecture" alternates each year the international professionals competition with the "Fassa Bortolo Italian Prize for Sustainable Architecture": a new section open to young authors of Graduation theses, PhD, and post-graduate Master dissertations carried out in Italian Universities.

For the XII Edition in 2016, the event will welcome the participation of Graduation theses, Postgraduate and PhD works, Master and Continuing education courses dissertations which focus on: the realization of new buildings, the re-qualification and/or extension of existing buildings, urban and landscape design works, as well as industrial design elements or any other aspect of the planning and construction fields particularly relevant in terms of sustainability.

Art. 2 - CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING

Applications to the Prize may be submitted both by individuals or groups of students that have presented:

- Graduation theses (Bachelor's degree or Master's degree);
- Doctoral theses;
- Masters theses or other post-graduate and continuing education courses ones.

during the last 2 years (therefore not before March 31st 2014) in an Italian Department or Faculty of Architecture, Design or Engineering, or equivalent national training institutes.

Projects that have already been presented at previous editions of the Prize may not be re-submitted.

Art.3 – THE PRIZE

The "Fassa Bortolo Italian Prize for Sustainable Architecture" is biennial. During the XII Edition of 2016 "Graduation theses, PhD, and post-graduate Master dissertations" three Prizes will be bestowed, one for each of the following sections:

- Sustainable Architecture and Technologies;
- Sustainable Urban and Landscape Design;
- Sustainable Industrial Design.

Each winner will be rewarded with a gold medal; the panel of judges may also assign for each section a silver medal. Furthermore, there will be a **9.000.000 €** prize money that the panel may share among the gold and silver medals' winners at its discretion.

If suitable, the panel of judges may also select further projects for each section worthy of Honourable Mentions.

The panel reserves the right to not reward any project in one or more categories, whether the contributions were not considered laudable.

Art. 4 - APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In order to take part in the competition, the application form (download at www.premioarchitettura.it) must be properly filled in and submitted by **03/31/2016 (March 31st 2016)**.

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Art. 5 - DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

To participate in the selection (the panel of judges will be represented by internationally acclaimed experts) the authors are invited to submit:

- **2 panels (vertical ISO A1)** in which to describe all the following information and materials;
- **all the digital documentation used to create the 2 panels.**

Panels' contents will have to be a **summary of the thesis topics**, paying attention to emphasizing the quality and sustainability aspects of each project.

All texts within the panels -including captions- will have to be only in English, with a minimum font of 11 points to allow a correct reading by the international committee; all projects that will not meet these dispositions will be **excluded** from the competition.

Panels' contents legibility (drawings, diagrams, texts, captions, etc.) must also be guaranteed for any possible **A3 printing** (therefore, candidates are invited to make some printing tests in order to verify the actual legibility of their work).

List of contents for participation, to send digitally to the Secretariat (premioarchitettura@unife.it) divided into different folders each with an alphabetical title as follows; all folders must then be put into a bigger one titled with surname-name of the candidate:

folder a) data sheet (*.doc) in Italian and English with the identification data of the thesis project (University, Department, Authors, Supervisors, Co-Supervisors, Academic Year);

folder b) data sheet (*.doc) in Italian and English with a brief explanation of the following peculiar aspects of the thesis (the writing of a single sentence is allowed for each aspect):

- research topic;
- aims and objectives of the research;
- sustainability criteria of the research.

folder c) general and technical report describing the project in Italian and English (max. 3.000 characters, spaces included for each language), with particular attention to the technical description of the solutions, so as to highlight the actual sustainability of the project idea; the text, short and concise, should only describe what is strictly necessary to the understanding of the project.

All projects with longer reports than 3.000 characters -spaces included- will not be evaluated.

folder d) graphic description of the project: project layout, plans, cross sections, façades, perspective views, project drafts, concept schemes, etc. (all images must be in *.jpeg format with a 300dpi resolution);

folder e) maximum 10 rendering images or high quality pictures of the project's scale model (smaller side of the image not less than 15 cm at 300dpi).

folder f) payment certificate of the registration fee (see Art. 6) in *.pdf format.

folder g) 2 vertical ISO A1 panels with texts only in English freely put together using the materials of the folders a, b, c, d, e (it is mandatory to include in the bottom part of the panels the official title block which can be downloaded from www.premioarchitettura.it where the candidate will also be asked to choose a category for the project among "Sustainable Architecture and Technologies"; "Sustainable Urban and Landscape Design"; "Sustainable Industrial Design").

The layout files of the 2 panels will have to be sent both in *.pdf and *.jpg format: 300dpi resolution, quality 12, RGB.

Projects not following each of the above directions will not be considered by the panel of judges.

Art.6 - DEADLINE FOR PROJECTS SUBMISSION

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The above-listed documentation must be digitally submitted to the Prize Secretariat (premioarchitettura@unife.it) by **05/04/2016 (May 4th 2016)** through the use of large format e-mail systems (we generally have not encountered any issues with the use of *Yousendit*, *WeTransfer*, *Hightail* or *Libero's Jumbo mail*).

Failure to meet the deadline, the lack of one or more participation requirements, the dissimilarity of the submitted materials from the provisions of Art. 5 of this very call, all constitute grounds for exclusion from the competition by the selection committee.

The participation to the competition requires the payment of a registration fee, in order to enable the organizers to support technical and management costs, mainly related to files' printing and assemblage on stiff supports for exposition.

The participation fee is **80,00 €**; payments must be made by **05/04/2016 (May 4th 2016)** using the web-link on the official Prize home page (www.premioarchitettura.it) which will redirect you on the "Consorzio Futuro in Ricerca" IT system, in charge of collecting the fees.

Art. 7 – PANEL OF JUDGES

The panel is determined every two years grounding on the information provided by the Scientific Committee of the Prize, chaired by Prof. Thomas Herzog and composed by internationally renowned architects.

The board Secretary will be a non-voting member of the Department of Architecture, University of Ferrara.

Panel's judgments and decisions will be final and irrevocable. The committee reserves itself the right to change the project category proposed by the participant at the time of the registration.

Art. 8 - RESULTS NOTIFICATION

The ending of the selection process, with the identification of winners and honourable mentions, will be communicated to all participants by the end of September 2016; the committee memorandum and motivations for the assigned awards will also be published on the official Prize website (www.premioarchitettura.it) and on the Fassa S.r.l. Company's website (www.fassabortolo.com), as well as on trade journals.

Art. 9 - PUBLICATION OF AWARDED PROJECTS

Winning projects, along with all those considered honourable of mention, will be published in a booklet dedicated to the edition of the Prize which will be distributed during the awards ceremony, scheduled in Ferrara on a date still to be announced.

Art. 10 - PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

By submitting the materials required for admittance to the competition, candidates:

- declare on their own responsibility that they are the exclusive owners of the presented projects' copyright;
- accept and abide by all the rules specified in this call;
- allow the filing of the submitted material in the Department of Architecture, University of Ferrara;
- give the Architecture Department of the Ferrara University and Fassa S.p.A. permission to use and disclose the contents of the projects for publication, whether whole or in part, printed and digital, and also for advertising purposes -quoting the source- without any claims regarding copyright;
- undertake to hold the Architecture Department of the Ferrara University and Fassa S.p.A. harmless from all and any disputes, claims or proceedings related to the contents of the projects developed as graduation theses, used and disclosed for publications as stated above.

The Secretariat reserves the right to request integrations and/or additional materials to the candidates, for the best realization of publications or exhibitions of the competing projects.

Art. 11 - PRIZE SECRETARIAT AND REFERENCE ADDRESSES

For any further information and explanation, the address of the Secretariat is as follows:

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