

**UIA GOLD MEDAL  
UIA PRIZES  
2011**

*The 2011 session of the UIA prizes met in the city of Nanjing, China on 11 April 2011. Having reviewed all the candidatures proposed by the UIA Member Sections that fulfilled the requirements, the jury came to the following decisions.*



**Boa Nova Tea House  
(1958) Álvaro Siza,  
architect**

**GOLD MEDAL 2011**

The 2011 UIA Gold Medal was awarded to Álvaro Siza Vieira, Portugal, proposed by the RIBA.

Álvaro Siza defies categorisation. Each building is different yet is recognisable. His architecture cannot be duplicated but is a model for young architects. He has never succumbed to facility or fashion. As "the architect" of the last quarter of the 20th century his work continues into the 21st, constantly pushing forward the level of the challenges facing the profession.

**SIR PATRICK ABERCROMBIE PRIZE 2011**

The Prize was awarded to Valentin Nazarov, Russia, proposed by the UAR.



**St. Pétersburg  
Masterplan (2005)  
Valentin Nazarov, archi-  
tect**

Valentin Nazarov has been permanently involved, since 1958, in the urban planning of the city of St Petersburg and most recently with the design of the 2005 Master plan for the city. This plan provides for the sustainable development of this great city and the preservation of its unique historical heritage.

Throughout the social and political developments of his country, he has constantly directed his efforts to preserve the historical and cultural traditions through the city, up to the point of regulating the height restrictions of the zoning plan. One of the significant elements of St Petersburg's appearance is its silhouette (the skyline).

**AUGUSTE PERRET PRIZE 2011**

The Prize was awarded to Shigeru Ban, Japan, proposed by the JIA.



**Japan Pavilion for Expo  
2000 Hannover. Shigeru  
Ban architecte.**

Shigeru Ban carries international respect for applying his ability in technology in architecture to not only serving the more affluent users of architecture but also to a creative exploration of shelter using paper tubes and membranes for disaster relief. He achieves this without compromising functionality or aesthetics.

**JEAN TSCHUMI PRIZE 2011**

The Prize was awarded ex-aequo to Kenneth Frampton, UK, proposed by AIA and UAR and to Louise Noelle Gras, Mexico, proposed by FCARM.



**Kenneth Frampton**

Kenneth Frampton has contributed to architectural education as an outstanding teacher for more than 45 years. As a distinguished architectural historian and critic he is the author of many major books on the critical history of modern architecture. He has influenced generations of architects and at the same time his work as an author goes far beyond the interest of architects only.



Louise Noelle Gras

Louise Noelle Gras's career is dedicated to both architectural education and architectural history and criticism. As an eminent teacher for more than 35 years, she has contributed to the in-depth study of 20th century Latin American architecture. As an historian and critic, she has been very active in promoting and defending 20th century architecture at the head of many relevant organisations.

**Special mention was awarded to Andy MacMillan and Isi Metzstein, UK, proposed by RIBA**

Their combined work over many years has contributed considerably to the creation of one of the most prestigious schools of architecture in the UK, even worldwide, the Mackintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow. Their contribution to architectural education is not limited geographically as they have taught in many places and schools around the world.

#### **SIR ROBERT MATTHEW PRIZE 2011**

The jury felt that the candidatures submitted did not adequately conform to the requirements of the Sir Robert Matthew Prize. No prize was awarded.

*The Jury was chaired by Mauricio Rivero Borrell, 1st UIA Vice-President with, Patricia Emmett, 2nd UIA Vice-President, Albert Dubler, UIA Vice-President Region I, Lisa Siola, UIA Vice-President Region II, Kazuo Iwamura, UIA Vice-President Region IV, Goh Chong Chia, UIA Treasurer, Jordi Farrando, UIA Secretary General, and Cui Kai, Co-Director UIA Competition's Commission.*

**More information on UIA Gold Medal and Prizes**

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-5/1-objectifs.html>

**VASSILIS SGOUTAS  
PRIZE  
2011**

The scope of the prize is to highlight works, activities and actions that contribute in an efficient manner to the betterment of the living conditions of the underprivileged living below the poverty level, through improvements to their habitat and their environment.


**VASSILIS SGOUTAS PRIZE 2011 – INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY**

The prize was awarded to **Fabrizio Carola, Italy**, proposed by the **UIA Italian Section** for his lifelong dedication to improving living conditions in a number of countries in Africa through the use of local building materials in a variety of structures that respect local cultures. Two special mentions were awarded:

- **Francis Kéré, Burkina Faso/Germany**, proposed by **RIBA**

For his sustainability orientated projects in Burkina Faso and Mali and his active support of the local populations in their development through the implementation of his “help to self-help” principle.

- **Alexander Kuptsov, Russia**, proposed by **UAR**

For an original concept of recyclable shelters for the homeless through an inexpensive and widely applicable method.

**VASSILIS SGOUTAS PRIZE 2011– COLLECTIVE CATEGORY**

The prize was awarded to **Espacio Maximo Costo Minimo, Mexico** (lead architect: **Carlos Gonzalez Lobo**) proposed by **FCARM**

For their work in low-cost habitat in poor areas of Latin America and Mauritania that has been combined with research and experimentation with materials and training activities ensuring the transfer of technology.

Two special mentions were awarded:

- **Ideal Space Studio, China** (lead architects: **Qu Lei and He Qing**) proposed by **ASC**

For alerting us, through intelligently designed jobsite structures, that construction workers also deserve decent human living conditions.

- **Savage + Dodd, South Africa**, proposed by **SAIA**

For neighbourhood-wide inner city of Johannesburg regeneration projects developed through discussions with the community aimed at achieving social cohesion and instrumental in the clearing of vulnerable squatter areas.

The Jury met in Nanjing (China) on April 9th. It was chaired by **Mauricio Rivero Borrell**, 1st UIA Vice-President with **Patricia Emmett**, 2nd UIA Vice-President; **Albert Dubler**, UIA Vice-President Region I; **Lisa Siola**, UIA Vice-President Region II; **Kazuo Iwamura**, UIA Vice-President Region IV, **Goh Chong Chia**, UIA Treasurer, **Jordi Farrando**, UIA Secretary General, **Cui Kai**, Co-Director of the UIA Competition's Commission and, **Vassilis Sgoutas**, UIA Past President.

A total sum of **8.000 euros** was awarded by the jury. Donations were received from the **Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation** (Greece), **Raj Chauhan** (India), **Young Ho Kim** (Korea) and an anonymous donor.

More information on the Vassilis Sgoutas Prize

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