

## Forthcoming Conferences and Events

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### **Conference on the Conservation and Regeneration of Traditional Urban Centers in the Middle East, Amman Jordan. 24-30 November 2001**

Sponsored by the Jordan University of Science and Technology, the Council for British Research in the Levant, the Institute of Housing Research in Cairo and the School of Architecture at Edinburgh College of Art. The Conference will address many issues related to the evolution of physical and social environment in the Middle East, the necessary policies and methods for conservation of the cultural and urban heritage.

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### **Cities Summit 2001, Singapore. 12 -13 September 2001**

International Exhibition and Summit for City Services. The themes include: Asian city and identity – the past and the future, smart cities, intelligent buildings, green cities as engines of economic growth, integrated transport and waste and environmental management and international exhibition of products in city planning and development.

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### **Future Cities, 10-12 November 2001. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

A three-day symposium, Co-organised by the Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI), a regional organisation that serves an advisory body to the Arab Towns Organisation, is intended to explore means of making future cities more efficient and humane.

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### **International Conference on Spatial Information for Sustainable Development, Nairobi, Kenya. 205 October 2001**

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**Fourth International Forum on Urban Poverty: Productive and Inclusive Cities for All, Marrakech, Morocco. 16-19 October 2001**

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Web. [www.unchs.org/ifup/conf/morocco](http://www.unchs.org/ifup/conf/morocco)

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**International Forum for Urban Development INTA 25 Congress, Dubai, UAE. 20-23 October 2001**

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**Asian Mayors' Forum 2001 for Enhancing Social Development, Phuket, Thailand 26-29 November 2001**

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**ArtNetwork**

In conjunction with ArtNetwork, World Wide Arts Resources and absolutearts.com offer mailing lists for the art world. The lists include corporate art collectors, art consultants, interior designers, galleries, and museums that purchase works. These mailing lists can be effective for artists, galleries and museums.

Mailing lists of art world addresses. <https://richter.wwar.com>

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**RE-CONFIGURATION: Works on paper – the Courtyard Gallery Yanhuang Art Museum, Beijing, CN China**

The CourtYard Gallery held a group exhibition on Saturday (April 21st) at the Yanhuang Museum in Beijing featuring new works on paper by 12 artists living in New York, Paris, Amsterdam, Los Angeles, and Beijing. The artists represent a cross-generation and cross-cultural mix and gender balance.

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**Laurie Baker at the Architectural Association, London. May 18 – June 15 2001**

Laurie Baker - an English architect based in Kerala, Southern India for past 30 years – deals with traditional Indian shapes and building methods incorporating the natural environment

and achieving cost-effective, aesthetically rich architecture in Kerala. [See exhibition review ]

[www.aaschool.as.uk](http://www.aaschool.as.uk)

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### **ARCASIA - Architects Regional Council Asia**

ARCASIA is an organisation of 16 national institutes of architects from the Asia region extending from Pakistan to the Philippines and People's Republic of China to Indonesia. Further information on: <http://www.sia.org.sg/arcasia>.

The Singapore Institute of Architects is hosting Arcasia 2001 September 3 - 6 this year at the Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre, Suntec City, Singapore. The theme this year is M.A.N: Man \* Architecture \* Nature. September 3 and 4 are for Council Members, September 5 and 6 are open to all.

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### **The Transformation to Sustainable Planning: Decision-making, models and tools Newcastle upon Tyne UK 29 August - 1 September 2001**

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## **NEWS**

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### **Appropriate Technology**

The indiscriminate use of advanced technology in developing countries was questioned at a seminar in Madrid attended by engineers and representatives of around 50 NGOs from a number of countries. Export of energy-intensive technology to developing countries aggravates rather than solves social and economic problems.

[http://oneworld.org/ips2/may01/21\\_24\\_073.html](http://oneworld.org/ips2/may01/21_24_073.html)

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### **Sustainable Development**

A new web site aims to disseminate the ways in which knowledge and ICTs can be applied in sustainable development. The contents are also available via email or offline.

iConnect online <http://www.icconnect-online.org/>

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### **Information Technology – Kerala**

Lagging behind other provinces in the information technology race, Kerala, India's most literate state has shed off its ideological opposition to high technology and takes on the IT revolution.

<http://www.corpwatch.org/news/2001/0110.html>

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### **Waste Recycling - Bangladesh.**

A photo essay peeps into the garbage dumps, congested streets and communities of Dhaka to show how a network of community-based composting plants is generating revenue and employment, creating bio-fertilizer, and improving the environment.

<http://www.changemakers.net/journal/01may/index.cfm>

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### **Long-distance Learning**

The Global Training University launched by The International Telecommunication Union aims to provide web-based learning and training activities around the world.

[http://www.unesco.org/webworld/news/2001/010510\\_itu.shtml](http://www.unesco.org/webworld/news/2001/010510_itu.shtml)

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### **Newsletter**

OneWorld.net has started a monthly email letter dealing with the issues of human rights, sustainable development, global justice and worldwide online community issues.

<http://www.oneworld.net>

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### **The Urban Governance Initiative TUGI Launches Virtual Policy Studio VPS**

TUGI has launched an interactive platform for discussion, debate and exchange ideas and experience linking over 100 urban sites around the world. It provides access to documents on urban governance as well as for subscribers to put up their own published/unpublished works.

<http://www.tugi.apdip.net> and <http://cebe.cf.ac.uk/tugi/>.

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### **Web Interiors**

Download three-dimensional images of specific furniture and put these in your own computer model. Takes time unless it is done with a fast ADSL modem. [www.e-interiors.net](http://www.e-interiors.net)

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### **Green Architecture**

Egyptian architecture is slowly turning green. Khalid Asfour, professor at the Misr International University, suggests that a combination of traditional architectural devices and new techniques could help lead to more civilized and energy aware buildings. *View from Cairo*, Architectural review, London. August 2001. pp. 24-5.

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### **Architecture Asia**

List of Asian architectural, engineering, building and design practices; events, studies and pictures of buildings; organizations, schools, books, landscape, products and, feng shui. It has a daily news section, monthly country bulletins from China, Japan, India and Australia. [www.architectureasia.com](http://www.architectureasia.com)

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**Swiss role**

English language site celebrating famous Swiss architects: Borromini, Robert Maillart, Le Corbusier, Hannes Meyer, Mario Botta, Peter Zumthor, Bernard Tschumi and of course, Herzog and de Meuron. Access to other site – Paolo Soleri, Coop Himmelblau – and free newsletter.

[www.vitrovio.ch/](http://www.vitrovio.ch/)

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**Congratulations!**

Orangi Pilot Project-Research & Training Institute (OPP-RTI) has been awarded the World Habitat Award 2000 on the theme of "*Cities without Slums*". Award will be given in October 2001, Fukuoka, Japan.

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