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Architectural Awards Shortlist Announced

An international team of architect judges has shortlisted ten projects for the 2013 European Copper in Architecture Awards, a celebration of the very best in contemporary architecture. The winners will be announced at a dedicated event during the international BATIMAT show in Paris with an exhibition of entries throughout the show from 4th to 8th November.

The sixteenth iteration of these increasingly popular, biennial design awards celebrates the growing influence of copper and its alloys in modern design. This year's judging panel consisted of four architects, all recipients of previous Copper in Architecture Awards - Einar Jarmund (Jarmund/Vignsnæs, Norway), Craig Casci (Grid Architects, UK), Davide Macullo (Davide Macullo Architects, Switzerland), Anu Puustinen (Avanto Architects, Finland).

With an unprecedented 82 entries, the judges initially faced a daunting task and were impressed by the high standards demonstrated across the entries generally, with many examples of good buildings delivering their programmes well and contributing to their surroundings. But eventually they settled on ten projects that stood out from the rest, revealing a real diversity of typologies and approaches, and exceptional architectural qualities.

The 2013 shortlist consists of:

- **Seinäjäki City Library**, Finland designed by JKMM Architects – an assertive but respectful copper-clad, thoroughly contemporary addition to the most extensive cluster of Alvar Aalto buildings in the world.
- **Covering of the Runic Stones**, Jelling, Denmark designed by NOBEL arkitekter – deceptively simple, bronze and glass jewel-like structures protect nationally important, ancient runic stones, adding to the visitor experience.
- **Beslan Memorial**, Republic of North Ossetia-Alania designed by Dr Krekeler Generalplaner GmbH – dedicated to the victims of the Beslan School hostage drama in 2004, this delicate pierced copper alloy installation is both dignified and emotionally uplifting.
- **LCV law-court offices**, Venice, Italy designed by C+S Architects – a simple, dark copper form manipulates the local industrial building typology and takes a unifying stance amongst the disparate collection of buildings surrounding it at the vehicular entrance to the city.
- **Dolomitenblick**, Sexten, Italy designed by Plasma Studio – copper and timber define the sculpted mass of this apartment building in the Dolomites, growing out of the natural topography and reflecting traditional roof forms.
- **L'Atelier**, Gournay en Bray, France designed by Vincent Parreira Atelier Architecture – a new cultural and media centre nestles comfortably in its rural town setting, with a modern interpretation of vernacular architecture veiled in copper mesh.
- **Clarion Hotel Post**, Gothenburg, Sweden designed by Semrén & Månsson – sympathetic but contemporary copper and glass additions transformed this nationally important, redundant building into a vibrant hotel, civic focal point and catalyst for urban regeneration.
- **Pôle Educatif et Culturel**, Pau, France designed by Marjan Hessamfar & Joe Vérons Architectes Associés – golden copper alloy panels, some perforated for transparency, form part of a restrained palette of materials unifying different elements of this school complex.



- **Radio-log Strahlentherapie**, Hof, Germany designed by Hiendl_Schineis Architekten – this simple cubic form distances itself from the traditions of copper cladding with crisply detailed, pristine surfaces, which are intended to be highly reflective initially but changing over time.
- **Platform of Arts and Creativity**, Guimarães, Portugal designed by Pitágoras Arquitectos – the regeneration of the ancient centre of one of Portugal's most historically important cities is defined by unifying abstract cubic forms, veiled by a grid of brass profiles.

The shortlisted projects will be presented and Award winners unveiled at BATIMAT, Paris, on Monday 4th November 2013. Architects and journalists are invited to the event in the Zoom Conference Room of Hall 5B at 11am, followed by a cocktail reception at 12.30pm. As places are limited, pre-registration is recommended via cda@copperalliance.org.uk before 15th September. Visitors to the French trade show will be able to see all the Award entries and engage with the architects at Stand 118 in Hall 5A (N Wing) – covering Roofing and Cladding – the display of Awards entries will be available throughout the entire show. Free copies of the latest Copper Architecture Forum magazine and a dedicated Awards brochure will be available.

As part of a drive to generate dialogue with all those interested in architecture via the copperconcept.org web resource, for the first time registered website visitors can now vote on-line for their favourite shortlisted Awards entry with our Public Choice poll. Each voter will be entered into a draw to win an iPad Mini. The poll will close on 31st October 2013 and the Public Choice Winning project will be announced at the Awards event at BATIMAT, Paris.

More information and images of the shortlisted projects, and all 82 entries, can be viewed at: copperconcept.org/awards.

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