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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UIA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMISSION IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the UIA International Competitions Commission has decided to review the schedules of its international architectural competitions and make the following recommendations:

a) Ongoing competitions

1. **ArXellence 2, an open, one-stage, international ideas competition for the Design of the New Central Business District of Thessaloniki, Greece** was launched on 9 March 2020. All dates for this competition remain as they are, with the submission deadline being 15 October 2020/
2. The international competition to redevelop a square shared by the **Italian city of Gorizia and the Slovenian city of Nova Gorica** has been extended from 6 April to 1 June 2020. This competition, open to all architects from around the world, has also extended the deadline for submissions to 31 August. The jury meeting will take place on 9-12 September and the results will be announced on 16 September 2020.
3. The **International competition for the architectural landscape design concept of Tuchkov Buyan Park in Saint Petersburg (Russia)** has postponed the deadline for submissions from 8 May 2020 to 7 August 2020. The jury will meet in September 2020 to evaluate the entries. The exact dates of the jury meeting and the announcement of the results will be published on the competition website.
4. The **MARÉ-CIDADE International ideas competition for architecture students**, endorsed by the UIA and supported by UN-Habitat, invites students from around the world to present innovative and sustainable solutions for one of Rio's largest informal settlements, Complexo da Maré. With more than 860 participants from 36 countries registered, the Brazilian Institute of Architects (IAB) has decided to maintain the registration deadline of 30 March and to extend the following dates:
 - Submission deadline: June 30 - July 30, 2020
 - Jury meeting: 03 - 28 September 2020

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- Announcement of results: 14 October 2020
- Awards Ceremony: July 2021



The postponement of the submission deadlines is the necessary response to the lockdown situation, the general slowdown of all activities, travel and transport difficulties and difficulties related with home office and online communication. The ICC/UIA policy reminds competition organisers that competitors cannot work under normal conditions and need more time to develop their projects, and that it is also not in the clients' best interests to risk receiving proposals that do not represent the best efforts of the competitors.

Jury meetings have been postponed in line with the new submission deadlines, taking into consideration the time needed for retarded post arrivals, if packages with printed plans and models are requested, and for preliminary examination of the entries by the technical committee.

Jurors and competitors have been informed about the new dates with the caveat that the ongoing global health crisis could lead to further postponement of jury sessions (due to the impossibility of traveling to jury meetings) and to delayed announcement of results. Submission deadlines can be maintained since all competition organisers request digital submissions.

In the cases where both digital and submission of paper copies were requested, paper submissions may be cancelled.

b) Competitions that are ready to be launched

Regarding competitions that were ready to launch at the onset of the pandemic, the ICC is working with organisers to:

1. Postpone the launch if possible to avoid uncertainties
2. Adapt the initial timetable to give more time to the competitors
3. Reduce submission requirements as much as possible if delaying the competition launch proves impossible.

c) Competitions in preparation

The ICC encourages organisers of competitions in the preparatory stages to continue with the planning process. It is important to prepare the competition to be ready to launch after the pandemic.

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