



## **INTERNATIONAL VELUX AWARD 2012 FOR STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE**

### **General facts**

The International VELUX Award encourages students of architecture to explore the theme of sunlight and daylight in its widest sense to create a deeper understanding of this specific and ever relevant source of light and energy. The International VELUX Award is presented every second year to promote and celebrate excellence in completed study works in any scale from small-scale components to large urban contexts or abstract concepts and experimentation. The award seeks to challenge the future of daylight in the built environment with an open-minded and experimental approach and is not restricted to the use of VELUX products.

The Award takes place every second year and invites students of architecture from all over the world to explore the award theme. The Award wants to celebrate and promote excellence in completed study works and to acknowledge students as well as their teachers.

The VELUX Group organizes the Award to strengthen the role of daylight in building design according to the company's vision to promote daylight, fresh air and sustainable living. The Award is part of the continuous effort of the VELUX Group to establish close relations with building professionals.

### **Award entries in 2012**

3,262 students registered, representing 79 different countries.

The total number of projects received for the 2012 Award was 986. 983 projects complied with the mandatory file formats and specifications, and were reviewed by the jury. All projects had to be approved by a teacher from a school of architecture before submission.

The interest in the Award has grown steadily since the first International VELUX Award in 2004:

	2004 (only Europe)	2006 (global)	2008 (global)	2010 (global)	2012 (global)
No. of registrations	760	2,037	2,114	2,366	3,500
No. of projects submitted	258	557	686	673	983

### **The jury**

The jury, who met in June in Copenhagen to evaluate all the entries, comprises:

- Brigitte Shim (Canada), professor at the University of Toronto and principal at Shim-Sutcliffe Architects. Elected jury chairman at the jury meeting
- Peter Stutchbury (Australia), principal of Peter Stutchbury Architecture
- Juan Miró (US), professor at the University of Texas and principal of Miró Rivera Architects
- Per Arnold Andersen, architect and head of the Daylight, Energy and Indoor Climate Department in the VELUX Group
- Alvaro Siza was invited to be a member of the jury, but due to an unfortunate injury a few days before the jury meeting, he was not able to attend.

### **Evaluation criteria**

The projects were evaluated according to the following criteria:

- How the project addresses the future
- The level of experimentation and innovation
- How technology is being approached
- The level of poetry, human conditions and architecture that we want to believe in
- The use of daylight as a premise for architecture
- The overall graphic presentation of the project, how the project presents itself.

### **Prizes**

The total prize money was 30,000 €. The jury awarded:

First prize, 8,000 € for the student(s) and 2,000 € for the teacher(s)

Second prize, 4,000 € for the student(s) and 1,000 € for the teacher(s)

Two 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes, 2,000 € for the student(s) and 500 € for the teacher(s)

Ten honourable mentions, 1,000 € for the student(s)

### **Award event**

The award event took place in Porto in Portugal on 4 October 2012. The winners and honourable mentions were announced and celebrated. The winning projects are described in the Award Yearbook published for the Award event, and all projects for the International VELUX Award 2012 – and previous awards – are displayed on [iva.velux.com](http://iva.velux.com)

### **Collaboration partners**

The International VELUX Award for Students of Architecture is organised in cooperation with the International Union of Architects (UIA).

Further information about the International VELUX Award 2012 and previous awards in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010 is provided at [iva.velux.com](http://iva.velux.com).