



International Speaker in Malta for World Architecture Day

Initiated in 1985 by the Council of the UIA (Union Internationale des Architectes), World Architecture Day is celebrated each year on the first Monday of October in conjunction with World Habitat Day, the latter being established by the United Nations. World Architecture Day 2005 will take place on Monday 3rd October and the theme will be **"Sharing the city."** The theme of the World Habitat Day 2005 will be **"Millennium Development Goals and the City"**.

The World Day of Architecture will focus on a new solidarity, sharing all aspects of the city:

- sharing its values, its cultures, its heritage
- sharing its liveability and quality
- sharing utility and excellence
- sharing with the less privileged and the homeless
- sharing its resources for a sustainable environment
- sharing its technology for humanity

This year, in celebration of World Architecture Day, the KTP (Kamra tal-Periti), in collaboration with SACES (Society of Architecture and Civil Engineering Students), will host **"Time for Architecture"** which will consist of nineteen days of activities concerned with architecture. The main aim of **Time for Architecture** is to increase the awareness of the work of Maltese architects and architectural firms among the general public, to promote "good architecture" in Malta, and to serve as a meeting point for the current and future members of the Kamra and others.

Time for Architecture will kick off on the 29th September and will run until the 16th October. The organizing team has launched the logo of the event which depicts a number of different works of architecture, including a Maltese cityscape, set in an abstract way to depict the freedom and fluidity architecture can pose. The representation of time indicates that architecture is something that spans years, sometimes centuries and millennia, but is always current and relevant. The event will take a snapshot of Maltese and international architecture-related themes which are valid today, but which will also last for years to come.

One of the highlights of the program will be a keynote speech by Charles Knevitt, Director of the RIBA Trust (Royal Institute of British Architects Trust). This will be held on the evening of the 3rd October at the Mediterranean Conference Centre. The talk will centre around the theme for World Architecture Day.

Other activities are included in the program for **Time for Architecture**. A website, www.timeforarchitecture.com, is being set up and will include updated information on the events as they unfold. Further details can also be found on www.ktpmalta.com or by writing to info@timeforarchitecture.com

Time for Architecture is being held under the patronage of the Minister for Tourism and Culture, Dr. Francis Zammit Dimech.

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