



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF LEADING ARCHITECTS
AWARD FOR THE USE OF RENDER/PLASTER IN ARCHITECTURE

**Centro de Alto Rendimento de Remo - Pocinho, projeto da
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vence o prémio ECOLA na categoria Novos Edifícios.**

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European Plaster Award has been presented for eighth time
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During the jury session under the chairmanship of Sir Peter Cook (Crab Studio, London, UK) on 8 May in Berlin, two first prizes and three special mentions were awarded.

The ECOLA Award (until 2004 “Bundesdeutscher Architekturpreis Putz”) is organised every two years by Sto and the Bundesverband Ausbau und Fassade im Zentralverband des Deutschen Baugewerbes and divided in two categories: Refurbishment/Renovation/Conversion and New Buildings, each complemented with the category of CO₂-optimised construction. Sir Peter Cook (Crab Studio, London, UK) acted as chairman for the award, which was initiated for the eighth time already. The five-member jury awarded two first prizes and three special mentions after the assessment of all 149 projects, which had been carefully selected by 19 nomination jurors from 13 countries.

A precondition for the selection procedure was the application of plaster as a building material characterising the architecture. 38 projects were assigned to the Refurbishment/Renovation/Conversion category, while 111 came under the New Buildings category, 94 of which had the CO₂-optimised construction label. This additional category should make it possible to separately acknowledge a high design quality in connection with energy-efficient planning.

The jury, however, arrived at the conclusion not to award separate prizes for CO₂-optimised construction as in previous years, because today energy efficiency and architectural quality belong together. The organisers of the ECOLA Award accepted the recommendation of the jury and decided to direct the focus of the ECOLA Conference, which will take place in England in September 2015, at the issue of internationally valid contemporary assessment criteria for energy-efficient building.

The large atrium in the Berlin branch office of Sto SE & Co. KGaA, which was completed by Hans Kollhoff in 1997, was perfectly suited for the jury session on 8 Mai 2015. The jury comprised the following members: Sir Peter Cook, London, UK (jury chairman); Brian Cody, Graz, AT; Hubert Klumpner, Zurich, CH; Dorte Mandrup, Copenhagen, DK; Enrique Sobejano, Madrid, ES.

Winners of the ECOLA-Award

1st prize: Refurbishment/Renovation/Conversion category
Conversion of a stone house in the Scaiano village centre, CH
wespi de meuron romeo architekten bsa ag, Caviano, CH
www.wdmra.ch

1st prize: New Buildings category
High Performance Rowing Centre in Pocinho, PT
spacialAR-TE, Porto, PT
www.facebook.com/spacialarte/timeline

Special mentions: Refurbishment/Renovation/Conversion category
OostCampus, Oostkamp, BE
Carlos Arroyo Architects SLP, Madrid, ES
www.carlosarroyo.net

Special mention: New Buildings category
Housing at the old citywall, Berlin, DE
Atelier Zafari, Berlin, DE
www.atelier-zafari.com

Special mention: New Buildings category
86 Apartments, Lyon, FR
Eric Lapierre Architecture, Paris, FR
www.ericlapierre.com

The award ceremony will take place in the context of the ECOLA Conference from 24 to 26 September 2015 in England. Participants of the congress are all prize winners as well as the competition and nomination jurors. In lectures and workshops, the conference provides the opportunity to intensively analyse plaster as a building material with regards to its practical application and its technical and creative development.



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The jury (from left to right): Prof. Brian Cody (TU Graz), Prof. En-rique Sobejano (Nieto Sobejano Arquitectos, Madrid), Prof. Hu-bert Klumpner (ETH Zurich), Dorte Mandrup (Dorte Mandrup Ar-kitekter, Copenhagen), Sir Peter Cook (Crab Studio, London) ..