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INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR DESIGN

COMMUNITY CENTRE HLOUBĚTÍNSKÁ 55

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Prague 16. 4. 2014 – Today the Mayor of the district Prague 14 announced the results of the international one-round architectural competition for the new community centre in Hloubětín.

67 design proposals participated in the competition, one third of which came from abroad, for example from Spain, Belgium or Norway. The Jury after its two-day evaluation meeting awarded the best proposals by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and two honourable mentions.

The one-round competition was announced on February 10th 2014 and the proposals were being submitted up to the last possible minute – March 31st at 14:00.

The competition task was a community centre as a place, where everyone feels included in the social and cultural life of the locality (no one is excluded). More was expected from a building than mere fulfilment of a program. The way in which the individual parts are placed together can support the function, the accessibility, the openness... For Hloubětín, the building should be a "covered village green". The entry space should allow for bringing together, enabling and simply passively observing – the core of the community centre linking the public space of the street with the garden.

The Competition Jury was composed by:

Doc. Ing. arch. Michal Kohout, arch. Anne Catherine Fleith (from Vienna office Feld72)

MgA. Svatopluk Sládeček, Bc. Radek Vondra – Mayor of Prague 14

Ing. arch. Milan Veselý – chief architect of Prague 14

The Jury substitutes were:

Ing. arch. Regina Loukotová, Ph.D., Ing. arch. Juraj Calaj

Mgr. David Kašpar – director of organization Praha 14 kulturní

The Jury met in the beginning of April to evaluate the proposals and select the winners.

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"Hloubětín is an old village in a good sense of word. It is a community of people, who take culture and social life as a part of where they choose to live and how they want to communicate. Nowadays we have no space for that. About five years ago there existed a proposal for the community centre on the very plot that is now the task of this competition. This project, however visually not bad, was in any case oversized. This was the main reason why we chose to re-evaluate the project – but firstly we have mapped the needs of people in Old Hloubětín. I believe that the municipality should build the infrastructure, but not operate it. The content must be created by the people for the people; this for me is a condition valid also for this case. We want to build something that would fit into the place, and for the inhabitants to feel it that way, so that they would like to be going there. "

Bc. Radek Vondra, Mayor of Prague 14

"The intention to build a cultural building in Hloubětín existed even when I came there a few years ago, it was on the paper even, however did not correspond to the current needs. We carried on a research on the actual needs of local inhabitants, we included schools, non-profit organizations, and initiatives, communities – in order to find out what interests the locals and where do they meet. Based on this work the idea of the future community centre emerged. Community here means local and civic – not a cultural centre for visiting theatre groups, but a space for activation of people in this locality. "

Mgr. David Kašpar director of organization Praha 14 kulturní

"The number of the submitted proposals was a pleasant surprise for me. At the same time, in the limits of the task that allowed such flexibility, we received quite an amount of various solutions and approaches, often very different in their concepts. It needs to be realized that, even though small in size, the design of this building was not an easy assignment- the task was difficult because of the plot situation and inner operation, proximity of the local cultural monument and even because of the typology itself, that actually is not evident at all. Typologically this actually is a new element – relatively small operations demanding sophisticated interconnections and relation to the public space. Even though the Jury has agreed upon the winner, we also stated that not even the winning proposal managed to deliver a definite solution. On the other hand, thanks to this diversity the competition contributed to the debate about the evolution of such buildings that are needed not only in Hloubětín, but also in other municipalities "

Doc. Ing. arch. Michal Kohout, Chairman of the Jury

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At its Evaluation Meeting on April 4th and 5th 2014 the Jury awarded following proposals:

1st Prize – proposal number 13 Team of authors – Brno, Kolín / Czech Republic Ing. arch. Zbyněk Ryška, Ing. arch. Aleš Břečka

2nd Prize – proposal number 23 Team of authors – Vienna / Austria

x architekten - Arch. Dipl.-Ing. Bettina Brunner, Arch. Dipl.-Ing. Rainer Kašik, Ing. arch. Táňa Sojáková, Dipl.-Ing. Korbinian Lechner

3rd Prize – proposal number 54 Team of authors – Prague / Czech Republic Petr Synovec, Martin Josek, Jakub Sládeček, Eduard Sojka

Honourable mentions were given to the proposals number 14 and 28

14/ team of authors - Prague / Czech Republic

CUBOID ARCHITEKTI - Ing. arch. Aleš Papp, Ing. arch. Milan Vít, Ing. arch. Magdaléna

Pappová, Ing. arch. Ondřej Zavřel, Ing. arch. Jiří Kolomazník

28/ team of authors - Prague / Czech Republic

Ing. arch. Ondřej Dvořák, Ph.D., Ing. arch. Jiří Matys

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This press release and all the 67 competition proposals will be made public on April 16th 2014 after the official announcement of the competition results – on the www.h55.cz