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COAC and Barcelona City Council present Architecture Week 2017 [1]



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The Dean of the Architects? Association of Catalonia, Lluís Comerón, and the councillor for Architecture, Urban Landscape and Heritage at Barcelona City Council, Daniel Mòdol, have presented **Architecture Week 2017** [2], an initiative organised by the two institutions and the Mies van der Rohe Foundation with the collaboration of Barcelona Building Construmat and ArquinFAD.

Architecture Week 2017, which for the first time this year is being held at the same time as the Construmat trade show and the presentation of the Mies van der Rohe Awards,

comprises a whole **series of activities related to the world of architecture and architectural heritage** in various areas around the city between **20 and 26 May**.

The Week originated with the aim of reinforcing the **value of our urban surroundings for our citizens** and putting an end to the deficit which, according to the dean of the COAC, exists in the transmission of the values of architecture. At the presentation, which took place on Tuesday, 2 May, at the Sala Beckett theatre, Comerón highlighted the fact that ' **all architecture is designed to improve people?s well-being and quality of life** and this is what Architecture Week wants to put an emphasis on'.

Meanwhile, Daniel Mòdol underlined the exceptional nature of the event which, in the councillor?s words, is 'unique on an international scale'. Mòdol contended that Architecture Week seeks to get people 'to look at urban architecture again as a **collective project**'.

Architecture Week at the COAC
During Architecture Week, people can enjoy an extensive programme of activities featuring film cycles, conferences, special routes and informative exhibitions in every district, with topics including **public spaces, city-wide renovation, housing, trade and culture**.

The Architects? Association has organised numerous activities for Architecture Week. These include the Arquitectours, which consist of six free exploratory routes around Barcelona; an exhibition on Architecture and Health, featuring the entries for the architectural tender for the new Vall d?Hebron Research Institute (VHIR) building; and the presentation of the finalists of Barcelona?s Mostra d?Arquitectura in unconventional spaces, amongst others.

All the COAC?s activities **can be viewed on the website.**[3]

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