ISOVER Multi Comfort House Students Contest 2013

During 3 days, between 15th and 18th of May, 52 student teams from 19 countries competed in the 9th International Stage of the ISOVER Multi Comfort House Students Contest in Belgrade, Serbia. Participants were coming from: Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Ukraine.

The event, dedicated to architecture students, aims at better disseminating the ideas of energy efficiency as well as the different comfort dimensions among these future opinion leaders. It is based on the ISOVER Multi Comfort House Concept and it was originally held at international level in Bulgaria in 2005.

The competition is structured in 2 stages: national stages followed by an international one were the best 3 projects from each country compete.

For 2013 edition, 1000 students from more than 100 universities registered for the participation to the national stages, stretching from as far east as Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) in Vladivostok from Russia to Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA) in Scotland, United Kingdom in Western Europe.

The participants to ISOVER Multi-Comfort House Students Contest 2013 Edition were required to present a vision of the future development of some parts of the "Gluckstein Quartier" in Mannheim, Germany, taken into account the existing realities. This project will require the development of residential building based on the Saint-Gobain Multi Comfort concept which need to appear as a natural extension of the existing neighbourhood to the North. In addition, the development shall improve the usage of the green area while creating a link with the existing housing stock of the so called Lindenhof.

In order to provide the participants with all necessary documents and information two websites were created:

- www.isover-students.com containing information about the current task, pictures and plans as well as all the projects and task from the previous years
- www.isover-constructions.com containing a complete data base with constructions details in CAD format, documentation and brochures needed for the development of the task.
The contest started with the opening of poster exhibition giving the participants as well as jury members a first chance to see all the proposed projects.

During the second day each participating team had the opportunity to present their design and ideas to the jury as well as to the other participants and to friends and colleagues watching them online as the event was webcast live.

The third day was reserved for a guide tour of Belgrade and a short lecture at the University of Belgrade about the architecture of the city followed in the evening by the awarding ceremony.

For the members of the jury:

Slawomir Szpunar,  
International Marketing Director - Saint-Gobain

Klaus Elliger  
Head of urban design department – City of Mannheim

Roland Matzig  
RMP Architects - Germany

choosing the winners proved to be a challenging task as all projects proposed creative approaches supported also by strong technical background.

The jury decided to award five supplementary Special Prizes for the quality of the projects to:

- **Dalia Dukanac, Ivana Jelic** from University of Belgrade, SERBIA,
- **Keiu Tulev, Laura Ojala** from University of Technology of Tallinn, Estonia
- **Ivo Riet, Anna Temmo** from University of Technology of Tallinn, Estonia
- **Andrei Andrayuk** from National Technical University of Minsk, Belarus
- **Jenni Eklöf, Jukka Perämaa, Sami Isoniemi** from Technical University of Tampere, Finland
The winners of the prizes were:

- **3rd PRIZE**: Grzegorz Bochenek from Wrocław University of Technology, Poland

- **2nd PRIZE**: Olena Kruglova, Anna Kruglova, Mariia Zheliazkova from Poltava National Technical University, Ukraine

- **1st PRIZE**: Mato Blatančić, from Faculty of Architecture, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
“Slowly I am realizing that I got 1st prize. At the moment of the announcement I was truly surprised by the decision of the jury, because there were a lot of good projects presented there. I even had few favourites from the other countries, but I am glad the jury decided my project was the best.

It was very good experience, especially for getting in touch with other students and being able to see different ideas...

If I knew before how nice this contest is I would have definitely joined some years earlier. Whole event and organization were on a high level, so I will certainly recommend this contest to other students.”

Mato Blatančič

The launch of ISOVER Multi Comfort House Students Contest 2014 Edition will be done in the beginning of August. For more information’s stay tune on www.isover-students.com.

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Further information about the contest and Saint-Gobain ISOVER you can find at:
www.isover-students.com - international website of ISOVER Multi Comfort House Students Contest
www.isover-construction.com - construction details data base containing: CAD details, brochures, movies
www.isover.com - international website of Saint-Gobain ISOVER

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