About ASK

Architectural student congress (ASK) is an annual gathering of students of architecture from the area of former Yugoslavia which is regularly held since 2002. The basic goal of the Architectural student congress is cooperation, participation, networking and exchange of knowledge and experiences of the students and teachers of the faculties of architecture, from the countries which once were a part of the former SFRY. The tradition of this scientific-professional gathering commenced in Ljubljana, and after 8 years it returns to Niš.

ASK is valuable for its key role in fostering contacts between students from the Yugoslav cultural area. Each delegation, composed of students and mentors, represents its faculty, i.e. city, and not its country. ASK provides an opportunity to new generations for cooperation and exchange of knowledge with the colleagues from other countries which belonged to the area of former SFRY, and it is its most important aspect.

Architectural student congress was organized exclusively by the students themselves, with the necessary support of their faculty as well as the Urban Planning Cluster. In this way, the students have an opportunity to take responsibility in managing such an important event, and it rightly features the attribute “student” in its title.
ASK through time

2002. Ljubljana „10 years after “
2003. Novi Sad „Contemporary tendencies-local conditions“
2004. Skopje „Creative interventions“
2005. Sarajevo „Sustainable development in town planning and architecture“
2006. Belgrade „Recycling “
2010. Ljubljana „Reurbanization of industrial areas “
2011. Podgorica „Individuality“
2012. Novi Sad „New Architectural program and innovation or recycling?“
2014. Sarajevo „On the way towards urban transformations, animation of urban ruins “
2015. Belgrade „Young architect in practice – what after the faculty?“
2016. Split „Architecture in time of migrations “
2017. Niš „Discrepancy“

ASK 2017

After eight years ASK returns to Niš. Since 5th June to 8th June 2017, it will accommodate over eighty students of architecture and their mentors from various cities from the territory of former Yugoslavia.

The representatives of each faculty are invited to share their visions on provided topics, preferably with local examples and experiences, as well as to send a poster presenting their work, for the exhibition of the congress.

About Niš

- 3 city by size in Serbia, after Belgrade and Novi Sad
- The city is situated on the river Nišava
- It is a cultural, economical, administrative, business and university center of southeast Serbia
- The city is located on the European road CORRIDOR 10
- The city has been known since the ancient times as the gateway of “east and west” since it is on the crossroads of the routes connecting Europe to the Near East.
The city is at 192 m above sea level and has a territory of 600 km²
The city has over 250 000 inhabitants
It is a University center with 13 faculties
It is one of the oldest cities in Europe, which is testified by numerous prehistorical archeological sites on the territory of the city (“Bubanj” hill and “Velika humska čuka” sites)
It is connected by airlines from the International airport „Constantine the Great”
It is fringed by magnificent mountains: Suva planina mountain, mountain range of Svrliške planine and Seličeva mountain
It is a birthplace of famous Roman emperor Constantine the Great, who institutionalized Christianity as an official religion of the Roman empire by the Edict of Milan in 313 AD.
In 2013, the city was the home for the central celebration of 1700 years since the Edict of Milan and institutionalization of Christianity

Topic of ASK in 2017
„Discrepancy“

About the topic
The topic of ASK of this year is:
„Discrepancy“

Various ‘discrepancies’ and ‘pass-bys' are encountered on a daily basis. The discrepancy between the needs and the means, between the ideas and reality, between wishes and possibilities… Each faculty of architecture deals with specific topics and problems of their cities. The intention of ASK in this year is that the student would acquaint each other with their experience of local architecture and reality by answering the topic of the event. Numerous changes in the economy of our countries, wars and recovery from the wars brought about new challenges to architecture and urbanization of cities. Multitude of deserted structures and industrial complexes affected the cities and their environments. Renewal, revitalization, conversion of these units would considerably contribute to the advancement of each city. Numerous affirmed lecturers, along with the professors of the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture of Niš, will give a number of lectures and workshops to the students, in order to acquaint them with their work and demonstrate good practice examples in problem solving.

Program
Architectural student congress (ASK) lasts for four days. It consists of two parts, a theoretical and a practical one. The theoretical part includes the lectures of affirmed local architects and professors. At the same time, the students themselves will have an opportunity to present their vision of a given issue. The practical part includes the workshop, where the students in groups will produce a concept of a design of a pedestrian zone in the center of Niš, after which each group will present their design.

Application
All the participants are obliged to send their posters, representing their view of the topic, in an electronic form to the e-mail ask2017.info@gmail.com no later than 1st of June 2017, with an accompanying text of up to 1000 words. The text can be written in any of ex YU languages. In addition, it is necessary to send an abstract in English. The poster has a size of 100x70cm, vercial
orientation, and resolution 300dpi, in JPG or PDF formats with the data on authors, mentor and faculty. In addition, it is necessary to prepare the computer presentations (Power Point presentations, videos and similar), which will be presented to other participants and the public. The presentation format is optional. The presentation duration is limited to 15 minutes per faculty.

The maximum number of students from each faculty is 6+1 assistant/mentor.

Each group must apply through e-mail until 26th of May, 2017.

You may contact the organizer for all additional information, and the contact data can be found in the text of the invitation e-mail-a.

**Participation fee**

Participation fee for the congress is 90e. Mentors are exempt from the fee.

We ask all the participants to pay the participation fee to the account of the Urban Planning Cluster.

For the participants from Serbia:

Komercijalna banka a.d.Beograd

Nova železnička kolonija 10/II/14,

18000 Niš

Account no: **205-225315-39**

With reference: for the Student congress

Payment to be made in equivalent dinars.

Payment instructions for the participants of other countries in EUR and USD can be found in the e-mail attachment.

The participation fee includes:

- Accommodation in the New City hotel (center of the city), breakfast and dinner in the hotel.
- Participation in the congress
- Printed material (program, guide, accreditations, writing implements)
- T-shirt

**Accommodation**

All the participants of the congress and their mentors will be accommodated in the very center of Niš in the New City hotel. In addition to accommodation, the hotel will provide breakfasts and dinners.

More information about the hotel can be found on the site: [http://newcityhotelnis.com/](http://newcityhotelnis.com/)
Important dates

Confirmation of participation in the Congress: 19th May 2017.

Applications: 26th May 2017.

Sending of projects: 1st June 2017.

Congress: 5th June 2017. – 8th June 2017.

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