

European Steel Design Awards 2017 revealed !

The European Steel Design Awards have been given today in parallel to the EUROSTEEL conference taking place in Copenhagen. Every two years the European Convention for Constructional Steelwork (ECCS) celebrates Europe's best, most creative and outstanding use of steel in architecture and construction. The awards are dedicated to the owners, the architects, the engineers and the steelwork contractor.

Today 11 Awards of Merit were presented to the winners from 11 European countries, selected by an international jury from a number of nominated projects.

Steel has a high potential in terms of strength, durability, design flexibility, adaptability, recyclability and reusability, reflected in the great variety of awarded projects. Today's cities evolve quickly and buildings need to evolve with them. Steel is the perfect material for reaching a circular economy while leaving the necessary room for creativity in design.

The ECCS Steel Design Awards of Merit 2017 winners are:

AUSTRIA: Oasis of the Light – The Dome of the Louvre Abu Dhabi

CZECH REPUBLIC: Bolt Tower in Ostrava-Vitkovice

DENMARK: Amager Bakke

FINLAND: Burj Al Arab Terrace

FRANCE: Bordeaux Stadium/ Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux

GERMANY: Sartorius Building 13

NETHERLANDS: Atrium in Office Complex De Resident

NORWAY: Kimen Kulturhus

PORTUGAL: Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology

SWEDEN : Odenplan

TURKEY: Murat Karamancı Student Center

The ECCS Steel Design Award of Excellence has been chosen among the winners of the ECCS Steel Design Awards of Merit. This year the winner is the Turkish project "**Murat Karamancı Student Center**"

The jury's statement: "The jury decided to award the general sustainability of the project, not for its structural complexity, but rather for its intelligent redesign and reuse of an existing structure. Mindful of legislative impositions, and the physical constraints on the site, it imaginatively reinterprets and creates an open, new social space. By reinforcing, substituting, and inserting new structural steel elements, such as the mezzanine floor, the internal space is completely remodeled. The structure functions as a didactic instrument, by simplifying and reducing the internal programme. The new translucent facade produces a striking aesthetic by day or night, resulting in a new quality and connection between the natural and the interior space. The triangulated shape also stabilizes the portal frame steel structure, yet maintaining a very lightweight impression. The load bearing steel structure is completely visible, and therefore easily understood and appreciated."

Three **Student Awards** have also been given to students who dedicated time and interest into steel construction projects.

The STUDENT Awards 2017 winners are:

GERMANY: Jakob Grave (Krumer Steg)

NORWAY: Anders Haagaas Grinde

TURKEY: Bilal Torğul, İdris Demirli, Ümit Nurullah Yürük & Abdüsselam Şahin

This year, for the first time, a **Public Award** has been given thanks to the votes of the public on the ECCS Facebook page. ECCS is very proud to see the interest generated by this award, with more than 250.000 people reached. The Award has been given to **Burj Al Arab Terrace**, a Finnish project in Dubai.

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