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## Press Release

Schindler Award for Architecture "Access for All"

### **Cécil Tirard of Paris wins the Schindler Award for Architecture**

**To mark the European Year of People with Disabilities in 2003, the Swiss elevator manufacturer Schindler initiated a pan-European architectural competition for students. Central to the task of the competition was the requirement "Access for All" – accessibility to buildings for everyone, irrespective of their physical capabilities. A total of 497 students from 17 European nations entered for the competition. The international jury chaired by Professor Thomas Sieverts named Cécil Tirard, student at the Ecole d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville, Paris, winner of the competition.**

Concluding the competition, the festive prize award ceremony of the Schindler Award for Architecture was held at the Kultur- und Kongresszentrum (KKL) in Lucerne, Switzerland, on November 8, 2004. The winner of the competition was Cécil Tirard, a student at the Ecole d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville in Paris. The second prize was awarded to Bartomiej Hominski and Michal Jezierski of the Politechnika Krakowska in Krakow, Poland. Honored with the third prize was a team of students from the Lunds Tekniska Högskola in Lund, Sweden. A further seven projects from Austria, Belgium, France, Georgia, Germany, and Poland were also nominated for awards. The prize money totaling more than €140,000 benefits the students as well as their universities.

#### **Working together to remove barriers**

The Schindler Group launched its architectural competition last year as a contribution to the European Year of People with Disabilities. People with physical disabilities still suffer additional handicaps through unnecessary barriers around and within buildings. That is why the competition task focused on the requirement of "Access for All". This means making access to buildings and installations possible for everyone, irrespective of their individual capabilities. At the prize award ceremony Alfred N. Schindler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Schindler, called for the students' collaboration so that "together, outstanding architecture and intelligent elevator technology can overcome the remaining barriers".

### **Urban revitalization in the center of Brussels**

The students' task was to propose a concept for revitalization of the center of the urban district of St. Gilles at the heart of Brussels. For this area, the competitors designed residential buildings, communal spaces, transportation routes, and a market hall consistent with the "Access for All" philosophy.

### **Large number of entrants**

A total of 497 students from 72 European schools of architecture applied themselves to the task. By the deadline, the universities submitted 78 projects which were evaluated by an international jury. Chaired by Professor Thomas Sieverts the jury reached a surprising conclusion: the requirement of "Access for All" is not an obstacle to good design. On the contrary: it results in better, more innovative, and more functional architecture which benefits everyone.

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**A: Results of the Schindler Award for Architecture 2004 "Access for All"**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Architect(s)</b>	<b>University / Professor</b>
<b>1st Prize</b>	No. 39	<b>Cécil Tirard</b>	Ecole d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville, Architecture Ville et Territoire, Paris, France / Bernard Leroy
<b>2nd Prize</b>	No. 13: Inside out	<b>Bartomiej Hominski Michal Jezierski</b>	Cracow University of Technology - Politechnika Krakowska Krakow, Poland / A. Wyzykowski
<b>3rd Prize</b>	No. 1: Time in Movement	<b>Lizet Blenke Wojciech Borowczyk Alejandro Call Maeva Chardon Alexandra Hammerl Szymon Nogalski Annie Pettersson Martin Sundberg</b>	Lund University of Technology - School of Architecture, Lund, Sweden / Abelardo Gonzalez
<b>Nominations</b>	No. 34	<b>Jan Velek</b>	Vienna University of Technology - Faculty of Architecture and Regional Planning, Vienna, Austria / Helmut Schramm
	No. 53	<b>Christian Rayermann Felix Tönnis</b>	Bauhaus Universität Weimar, Weimar, Germany / Michael Loudon
	No. 55: Landslides	<b>Rien Rossey Jonas de Rauw Youri Depelecjin</b>	ISA St Lucas Bruxelles – Architecture, Brussels, Belgium / Marc Belderbos
	No. 60	<b>Ewa Muca Magorzata Burliga</b>	Silesian University of Technology - Architectural Design & Urban Planning / Gliwice, Poland / Jerzy Witeczek
	No. 66: Zebra 3	<b>Lionel Debs Jean-Paul Meyer Fabien Pihan</b>	School of Architecture - Strasbourg – Architecture, Strasbourg, France / Georges Heintz
	No. 68: Drifting and Awareness	<b>Mathias Aström Alexander Lusin</b>	Kunsthochschule Berlin-Weisensee (KHB), Berlin, Germany / Wolfgang Scholz
	No. 77: Sinking Ship	<b>Aleksandre Kacitadze</b>	Institute of Architecture of the Georgian Technical University - Architectural Design / Tbilisi, Georgia / Xojava Teimutaz

## B: Members of the jury

<b>Prof. Thomas Sieverts</b> (Germany), Chairman	Urban planner and architect
<b>Luc Bonnard</b> (Switzerland), Vic Chairman	Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Schindler Holding Ltd.
<b>Thore Garbers</b> (USA)	Architect, Chief Designer at Studio Libeskind
<b>Pierre Lallemand</b> (Belgium)	Architect
<b>Gilbert Huybrechts</b> (Luxembourg)	Architect, Senior Vice President of the European Disability Forum
<b>Joe A. Manser</b> (Switzerland)	Architect, director and co-founder of the Swiss Center for Accessible Building, Zurich
<b>Miguel Angel Rodríguez</b> (Spain)	Member of the Management Committee, Schindler Management Ltd.
<b>Hans Jappsen</b> (Germany)	Engineer, consultant for elevators and building logistics
<b>Prof. Louis-Pierre Grosbois</b> (France)	Architect, urban planner
<b>Prof. Jean-Pierre Le Dentec</b> (France)	Engineer, architect

## C: Memembers of the Panel

<b>Andreas Binkert</b> (Switzerland)	Architect
<b>Prof. Thomas Sieverts</b> (Germany), Präsident der Jury	Urban planner, architect
<b>Daniel Libeskind</b> (USA)	Architect
<b>Gilbert Huyberechts</b> (Luxembourg)	Architect, Senior Vice President of the European Disability Forum
<b>Guntram Begle</b> (Austria)	Senior Vice President Product Line Management Europe, Schindler Management Ltd
<b>Werner Huber</b> (Switzerland)	Journalist