RAIA PARTRIDGE PARTNERS PRIZE FOR STRUCTURE IN ARCHITECTURE

Background.

This prize was initiated by Harry Partridge from Partridge Partners, structural engineers. We thank Harry for this initiative and hope in the long term that it will lead to greater co-operation between structural engineers and architects in real projects.

It is an annual prize to be given each year for a student in the fourth year of their architecture course, a year in which all of the schools integrate construction subjects including Structures with design.

To be awarded to the design which best demonstrates the intimate relationship between structural engineering and architecture.

Some examples include Bordeaux Law Courts (Rogers); Olympic Archery Building, Sydney (Stutchbury); Berman House (Seidler); Great Court, British Museum (Foster); Peckham Library, UK (Alsop).

Judging

The judging is to be done in two stages.

Stage 1.
5 projects selected jointly by design and construction staff from each university for a design project done in fourth year.
The best of these selected by one design staff member, one construction staff member from the university and Harry Partridge from Partridge Partners or his nominee.

Stage 2
The four best projects, one from each of the universities, to be exhibited in Tusculum at the same time as the Design Medal and HPA Mirvac awards.
The best of these four projects to be selected by Jury to include Harry Partridge or his nominee.

Criteria

The award is intended to raise the awareness of structure in building design and to foster closer engineer/architect collaboration, and will be awarded to the design which best:

- Illustrates how the structure has helped influence the architecture and vice versa.
- Indicates a strong collaborative effort between architectural student and engineer.
- Shows how the usual structural “constraints” have been addressed/overcome.
- Demonstrates creative innovation in the use of materials.

Remuneration

The remuneration for this award is to be provided by Partridge Partners and is to be $2000 for the winning entry and $500 for second prize.