

Invitation

11th–17th of May 2014 Bergen, Norway

BERGEN INTERNATIONAL WOOD FESTIVAL 2014

Competition in constructing spatial structures in wood



Competition

Bergen International Wood Festival (BIWF) has its focus on the use of wood as material, and its constructive, structural and tactile qualities. As part of this, we arrange a biannual competition in construction of experimental spatial structures in wood. Designers, architects, artists craftsmen and students from all over the world are hereby invited to a competition in May 2014 in Bergen!

Organized by: Bergen Academy of Art and Design | Bergen School of Architecture | City of Bergen
County Governor of Hordaland | Hordaland County | Innovation Norway | Wood Focus Norway
Bergen Association of Architects | Norwegian association of Landscape Architects, section Hordaland Norwegian
Organisation of Interior Architects and Furniture Designers, Bergen





Participants

The participants will join in teams of 3 persons. The invitation will be distributed both nationally and internationally to institutions of design, architecture and fine art. In addition to the competition, the program also has a social and cultural dimension. We also wish you to get to know Bergen and its surroundings. This is the fifth consecutive festival, and so far we have had participants from 31 different countries.

Economy

BIWF covers food and accommodation for participants, and if necessary, local transportation in Bergen. The participants must cover travel expenses to/from Bergen.

Site

This year's festival will be held in Vågsbunnen, the old city center near the Fish Market and the harbour. The constructions will all be built within its ancient streets and places. The site will, in other words, be accessible to the public at all times – participants must keep their worksites tidy, pay particular attention to on-site safety and be careful of curious bystanders, local deliveries to shops in the area and local businesses.

Theme

On the 17th of May, the day after the BIWF's participants have completed their structures, Norway will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution of Norway. Bergen will be transformed to a big public celebration with thousands of people in the streets and BIWF will be in the very center of this Anniversary. The Constitution has been the foundation for democracy, civil rights, growth and prosperity which many base their modern lives on.

This year's BIWF will be CONTINUATION. BIWF intends to offer innovative and stunning wooden structures which will exist alongside the Anniversary and add a new dimension to the old city center.

Work process

Our teams will be given a specific site to work on. There are some open areas but most of the construction will take place in the streets. The streets are 5–7 meters wide. Height and length is unlimited, but stability must be documented before permission to build is given. The structures must be free standing, they cannot be fixed to the ground. The teams work within a limited time-period every day, and materials will be delivered to the construction site. The teams must prepare their project in the form of a concept, model, sketches or similar and submit their proposals to the organizing committee (see below) with specifications on need for materials.



Materials

There is ample access to wood:

- dimension 48x48 mm
- dimension 21x48 mm

Special details, like bolts and levers etc, must be provided by the teams.

Standard connectors like nails and screws will be available.

Tools

The teams must bring their own hand-tools. Electricity, if needed, will be provided to each unit.

Two big electric table-saws will be located on the building site.

Exhibition

The completed constructions are the property of the Municipality of Bergen. The works will remain on the site for two weeks. The Bergen International Wood Festival exhibition has, during the last four festivals, been a great success.

The process and projects will be well documented. This documentation will be made available to the participants after the project period is over.



More information: www.bergenwood.no

Registration deadline: Friday 11th of April 2014.

Sketches deadline: Wednesday 30th of April 2014.

Registration and sketches must be submitted to:

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Sunday 11th of May

19.00–22.00: Welcome reception and an evening meal
Host: Municipality of Bergen

Monday 12th of May

10.00–10.30: Introduction
10.00–11.00: Introduction to building site
11.00–18.00: Work with project
19.00–20.00: Dinner
20.30: Guided tour in Bergen with the architect associations,
Host: BAF - architects, NIL - interior, NLA - landscape

Tuesday 13th of May

09.00–18.00: Work with project
19.00–20.00: Dinner
20.30: Lectures / Social events,
Host: Bergen School of Architecture

Wednesday 14th of May

09.00–18.00: Work with project
19.00–20.00: Dinner
20.30: Lectures/ Social events,
Host: Hordaland County Governor

Thursday 15th of May

09.00–18.00: Work with project
19.00–20.00: Dinner
20.30: Each team presents their concepts and projects,
approx. 5 minutes each/ Social event.
Host: Bergen Academy of Art and Design

Friday 16th of May

09.00–13.00: Work with finishing the project
(at the end of the project building site must be cleared of materials, chips etc).
13.00–17.00: Observation and registration by the jury
18.00: Official reception hosted by the Municipality of Bergen
Announcement of winner and celebration!