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Premju Emanuele Luigi Galizia 2019 recognises the sterling work of the profession



To support members of the profession in achieving excellence in their practice of architecture and engineering in the interest of the community

It was a hundred years ago, on the 25th July 1919, that Herbert Plumer, then Governor of Malta, brought into force the Architects' Ordinance, which governed the profession of Land Surveyor and Architect and paved the way for the establishment of the profession of Architect and Civil Engineer (*Perit*) as we know it today. The *Kamra tal-Periti* marked this occasion with the second edition of the Premju Emanuele Luigi Galizia, which celebrates the work of the local profession and recognises excellence in architecture, civil engineering, urban regeneration and interior design.

The profession is characterised by gestures and interaction with physical space, and it was therefore fitting to accompany the Premju Galizia with a public exhibition of some of the best projects the profession has produced over the past year. Projects that range from the national scale, such as the two urban regeneration finalist projects, to more intimate interior design projects.

This exhibition, which will run until the 2nd August 2019 at the *Ġnien il-Biskuttin* adjacent to the Christ the King monument in Floriana, is representative of the breadth and diversity of the profession's competences and skills, and is intended, in part, to counterbalance the negative perception surrounding the industry, of which the profession forms part.

Design has a direct impact on our quality of life and the environment. The *Kamra tal-Periti* is firmly committed to assist government in every which way to ensure that our urban environment makes a marked shift towards ever higher quality and standards.

The Awards were presented during an elegant Gala Dinner held on the 25th July 2019 at the Phoenicia Hotel, with over 200 periti and guests in attendance. The excitement and comraderie were palpable, as this event served as yet another occasion for the profession to come together, share its successes, and discuss important issues that affect it on a day to day basis.

The following is a list of the winners of the various Awards:

President's Award for Best Overall Project Chris Briffa Architects for Reef Guest House, Bahrain

President's Award Special Commendation Valentino Architects for threeplusone

Quality Architecture Award MJMDA for *Limber Lattice*

Urban Regeneration Award Periti at GHRC and MTIP for *Triton Square & Fountain*

Housing Project Award Valentino Architects for threeplusone

International Project Award Chris Briffa Architects for Reef Guest House, Bahrain

Emerging Practice Special Commendation Archi+

Interior Spaces Award MMK Studio for Qormi Industrial Minimalist Home

Interior Spaces Special Commendation Forward Architects for AX Rosselli Privilege

M. Arch. Thesis Project Award Martina Cutajar for *Chance and Order in Architectural*

Production

M. Arch. Dissertation Award Andrew Borg Wirth for *True Thick and Thin: Architecture*

as an Implication

M. Eng. Thesis Project Award Emmanuel Bonello for The Sea Maiden

M. Eng. Dissertation Award Lucia Calleja for Auxetics in Architecture: A Study on

Geometry and Topology

The Council also awarded a posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award to Emanuele Luigi Galizia, one of the most prolific and important architects of 19th century Malta, and after whom the Awards are named. The Award was received by Mr Francis Galea Naudi and Mr Rob Galea, who are direct descendants of Galizia.

This year's *Premju Galizia* was sponsored by JM Vassallo Vibro Steel Ltd and Satariano, and supported by Brands International Ltd, Halmann Vella, Vivendo Group, AX Group, Bathroom Design Malta, Creations, Light Design Solutions and The Farsons Foundation.

Notes to press:

- 1. A full press pack has been sent out to the press. Please contact us on galizia@kamratalperiti.org for more information.
- 2. Photographers of the winning projects and events are to be credited when published
- 3. Our main sponsors, J.M. Vibro Steel Limited (JMV) and Satariano, are to be mentioned in all reporting of the event.
- 4. Further information about the Awards can be found here: https://premjugalizia.org/
- 5. Further information about Emanuele Luigi Galizia can be found here: https://premjugalizia.org/emanuele-luigi-galizia/