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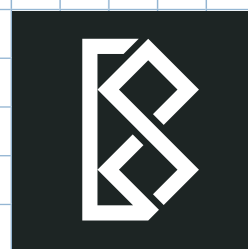
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1. WORLD BAQ AWARD FOR HABITAT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Since 1978, every November of even years, the Colegio de Arquitectos del Ecuador Provincial de Pichincha CAE-P (Ecuadorian Association of Architects – Pichincha), organizes the Pan-American Quito Architecture Biennial BAQ, considered one of the most important events for architecture in the Americas.

In every edition there is exchange, comparison and analysis integrating architectural and urban production in the continent, as well as ample debate on contemporary thinking.

The BAQ revolves around three axes:

- The BAQ Awards
- The Academic Event
- Cultural Events and Exhibitions

In every edition of the BAQ a particular theme is developed for the lectures and debates of the Academic Event. The BAQ Awards are a platform for the confrontation of contemporary production in the built environment. All axes are parallel and operate within specific objectives.

2. THE 22ND BAQ 2020 EDITION, TRANSFORMATION

This edition of the BAQ aims to discuss architecture based on the concept of transformation. By means of the critical reading of architectural works and practices that achieve this type of intervention, we will study the transforming capacity of architecture from the discipline to its environment and the city, one that questions the existing system of relationships to reach a new approach that balances the ideal and the real.

The BAQ invites to discuss contemporary production of the built environment, aiming to better the practice of our profession.

3. THE BAQ AWARDS

The award is an open call to all projects and publications built or published in the Americas continent during the four years previous to each edition of the BAQ. In its 21 editions, the award has had over seven thousand entries and has recognized important achievements and the strive for excellence in the fields of architecture and urbanism, in practice and theory.

All of the entries that meet the criteria described in this document will be judged in the different categories of the awards, and will form part of the BAQ Awards 2020 exhibition as well as the digital BAQ ARCHIVE (ARCHIVO BAQ)

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4. THE AWARDS IN THE 22nd EDITION BAQ 2020

The organizing committee of the 22nd Edition of the Biennial established as one of its main objectives, the restructuring of the BAQ AWARDS, aiming to renovate and update one of the main aspects that originated the Quito Architectural Biennial in 1978.

After a thorough evaluation carried out by the awards committee, a group of experts with ample experience as jurors, participants and members of the biennial committee in past editions, as well as national and international experience in similar events, it was decided that the following aspects needed to be reformulated:

- Award structure
- Award categories
- Judging procedure
- Jury selection criteria

The present document is the result of intense analysis and considerations on how the awards can potentate the BAQ as a place for debate and confrontations of contemporary production and the ideas behind it. The structure of the awards has now the following sub-division, each with several categories:

-  NATIONAL BAQ AWARDS.
-  PAN-AMERICAN BAQ AWARDS.
-  WORLD BAQ AWARD FOR HABITAT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
-  STUDENT GOLD MEDAL AWARDS.

5. BAQ AWARDS REVISED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

During 2020 humanity has been facing one of the most complex emergency situations in history, Covid-19 has modified reality in every context in our continent and the world.

The BAQ, historically held every November of even years, will take place in 2020 around the planned dates, but with the necessary changes to guarantee the safety of all the participants and with the aim to be a sustainable and responsible event.

In that sense, the 2020 BAQ AWARDS will have a completely digital structure, meaning the following adjustments will be made:

- . No boards will be printed for the judging process and general exhibition.
- . The judging process will be digital at all stages.
- . Considering these new conditions all entry fees will be of \$ 130 USD.
- . The winners will be announced in a special live event transmitted on-line.
- . If possible and considered appropriate, finalist and winning entries will be printed for exhibition purposes.
- . All participating entries will form part BAQ digital archive

The organizing committee of the 22nd Edition of the Biennial will uphold all the principles that make the BAQ one of the most important events in the continent, with the BAQ AWARDS at the forefront.

6. WORLD BAQ AWARD FOR HABITAT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

This award is open to projects and interventions built worldwide during the four years previous to each edition of the BAQ. In this edition, the award is oriented to identifying and rewarding practices that show they have made a positive and tangible impact in the habitat and environment of vulnerable social groups, operating an effective transformation within the existing systems (social, built, environmental).

For this award there are no categories. It is open to projects built in any country in the world, interventions or new developments in social housing, communal facilities and infrastructure, that may include the following:

- Social housing schemes of any scale and type that include mixed use and the appropriate complementary communal facilities.
- Communal facilities or infrastructure, private or public that improve or complement social housing developments.
- Interventions in public space at local levels, improvement of neighborhood and/or collective spaces in vulnerable, deprived or neglected areas or communities.
- Interventions that recuperate natural or urban environments in vulnerable, deprived or neglected areas or communities.
- Projects or interventions that eliminate or prevent risk in environmental or physical conditions related to the built environment, safeguarding living conditions of users and communities.

7. WHAT ARE THE ENTRY CONDITIONS?

To participate in the WORLD BAQ AWARD FOR HABITAT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT 2020, projects must meet the following conditions:

- Projects built worldwide between November 2016 and September 2020 that fully comply with their local regulations and laws.
- Projects that did not win an award or recognition in past editions of the BAQ.
- The authors must be qualified professionals in architecture and urbanism authorized to practice in their country at private or public levels.

8. HOW TO ENTER?

• All authors and collaborators must be named for each project and publication entry. The information given in the entry form will be used for the following:

- Certificates and verdict documents, in the case of being recognized or winning an award.
- Credits for the BAQ 2020 book.
- Credits for the BAQ ARCHIVE digital archive www.arquiteturapanamericana.com.
- Participation certificates.

The organization committee does not take responsibility for any errors or imprecisions in the information given in the entry forms.

Each project or publication may only be entered once. If the same work has multiple entries by different authors, they will all be disqualified and the entry fees will not be refunded.

All entries must be made online on the BAQ webpage

www.baq-cae.ec/concurso/

9. WHAT TO ENTER?

All the information in every entry will form part of the BAQ ARCHIVE. No economic retribution will be recognized for images or photographs used in the exhibitions and publications. The Biennial may use this information to communicate it as needed in print or digitally, in exhibitions and/or publications.

Your entry must include:

• BOARD

One A0 size board (84,1 cm. x 118,8 cm.) in portrait orientation as a PDF file no larger than 100 MB (saved in high quality print mode). The board format cannot be modified and must be downloaded from the following link www.baq-cae.ec/concurso/; the flag corresponding to the country where the project is located must be inserted in the allocated space. The board must contain all the necessary information needed to understand the work, including the following:

- Descriptive text for the project in Arial font size 12 (points).
- Project credits, authors, collaborators, location, size, etc.
- Drawings, at least: site plan, plans, sections, plus all other needed to comprehensively represent the project, in appropriate scales.
- Photographs, at least 6 professional quality photographs.
- Other graphics and text material necessary to understand the project.

• OTHER FILES

As well as the board, the following digital files must be submitted:

- Descriptive text for the project in 500 words or less.
- 2 cover photographs to be used for the BAQ ARCHIVE: 1 portrait and 1 landscape image in JPEG format, smallest side of 20 cm at 300 DPI

resolution with a maximum file size of 6 MB each.

- Photographs: 8 to 12 images in JPEG format, smallest side of 15 cm at 300 DPI resolution with a maximum file size of 5 MB each.
- Drawings: up to 8 drawings (site plan, plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, etc.), each drawing must be an individual file with graphic scale, in JPEG format, smallest side of 15 cm at 300 DPI resolution with a maximum file size of 6 MB each.

10. WHAT ARE THE AWARDS?

The awards will be decided in two stages:

The first stage will recognize the best entries, a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 projects will be selected as finalists and will go through to the second stage.

These finalists will be recognized as the best for this edition of the award, and as such will receive:


- Finalist's diploma.
- Publication in the BAQ 2020 Book.
- Publication as 2020 finalist in the BAQ ARCHIVE www.arquitecturapanamericana.com
- Promotion as finalist at national and international level.

The second stage will select, from the finalists, one winner of WORLD BAQ AWARD FOR HABITAT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT 2020.

The winner will receive:

- Winner's trophy.
- Winner's diploma.
- Publication in the BAQ 2020 Book.
- Publication as 2020 winner in the BAQ ARCHIVE www.arquitecturapanamericana.com
- Promotion as winner at national and international level.

The finalists and winners will be defined as follows:

	FINALISTS	WINNER
WORLD BAQ AWARD FOR HABITAT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT 2020	3 - 7	

11. WHO WILL BE THE JURY?

Colegio de Arquitectos del Ecuador Provincial de Pichincha CAE-P (Ecuadorian Association of Architects –Pichincha) and the Organizing Committee of the 22nd BAQ 2020 reserve the right to select the jury members. This selection will be made considering experience and recognition in the field of architecture at national and international level, and the relevance of the jury's familiarity with this matter.

The decisions made by the jury are final and all the finalists and winners will be adjudicated as defined in the chart.

12. WHAT ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

All entries, national or international will pay a fee of \$ **130 USD**, including tax, per entry.

For the first entry, you will receive a free pass to attend the 2020 BAQ to be held in November 2020.

14. WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES AND ENTRY DEADLINE?

- Entry deadline for all categories is **October 1, 2020** at 18:00 Quito time.
- The announcement of the finalists for every category will be on **November 11, 2020**.
- The announcement of the winners and award special event will be on **November 13, 2020**.

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