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Prize-giving ceremony and exhibition opening
BSI SWISS ARCHITECTURAL AWARD 2014
On 18 September, 2014 at Aula Magna, Palazzo Canavée, Mendrisio and the Gallery of the Architectural Academy - USI

- **On 18 September, at the prize-giving ceremony for the BSI Swiss Architectural Award 2014, an exhibition documenting the results of the fourth edition of the award will be launched.**

- **The ceremony will be attended by: Marc Collomb, Director of the Architectural Academy of Mendrisio, Stefano Coduri, Group CEO BSI, Charles Kleiber, Chairman of the BSI Architectural Foundation, Mario Botta, Chairman of the Jury for the BSI Swiss Architectural Award, José María Sánchez García, winner of the 2014 edition, and Nicola Navone, curator of the exhibition and Vice-Chairman of the Archivio del Moderno.**

- **The exhibition of the works presented by 27 candidates from 16 countries is on display in the Gallery of the Architectural Academy and will remain open to the public until 26 October 2014**

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Lugano/Mendrisio, 18 September 2014 – Spanish architect José María Sánchez García will, on this evening in Mendrisio, be awarded the prize as winner of the fourth edition of the BSI Swiss Architectural Award. In addition to the winner, the ceremony will be attended by Marc Collomb, Director of the Architectural Academy of Mendrisio, Stefano Coduri, Group CEO BSI, Charles Kleiber, Chairman of the BSI Architectural Foundation, Mario Botta, Chairman of the Jury for the BSI Swiss Architectural Award, and Nicola Navone, Award secretary Vice-Chairman of the Archivio del Moderno.

The ceremony on that day will also be the occasion of the launch of the exhibition, *BSI Swiss Architectural Award 2014*, curated by Nicola Navone and dedicated to the works submitted to the fourth edition of the Award. The exhibition will be held until 26 October at the Gallery of the Architectural Academy, in Mendrisio. The exhibition will document the works of 27 candidates from 16 countries, with a particular focus on the winner's works. As is traditional, the exhibition will be accompanied by a monograph published by Mendrisio Academy Press and Silvana Editoriale in Italian and English.

The BSI Swiss Architectural Award, which is held every two years, is sponsored by the BSI Architectural Foundation, under the aegis of the Swiss Federal Office for Culture and the Architectural Academy of Mendrisio (Università della Svizzera Italiana), and organised by the Archivio del Moderno in Mendrisio. Its purpose is to draw the public's attention to architects from all over the world whose work has made a significant contribution to contemporary architecture, and who have shown particular sensitivity to maintaining environmental equilibrium. Any architect aged under 50 in the year in which the Award is launched, of any nationality, may enter, provided that they have designed at least three significant works that meet the aims of the competition.

The winner

José Maria Sánchez García was born in 1975 in Don Benito (Badajoz, Spain). He graduated in 2002 from the Higher Technical School of Architecture, Madrid where he is an associate professor of planning and design. He is the architect of, inter alia, the design of the area around the Temple of Diana in Merida (2005-2008), the "El Anillo" Sports Innovation Centre in Guijo de Granadilla, Cáceres (2008-2009) and the Canoeing Centre at Alange (2008-2010): the jury appreciated the rigour and precision of these works, as well as the architect's ability to distil a tight design concept into a measured and powerful gesture, free from formal conventions, which orders and shapes a place, bringing its qualities into relief.

Exhibition and catalogue

Exhibition:: *BSI Swiss Architectural Award 2014*, curated by Nicola Navone. Gallery of the Architectural Academy, Mendrisio.

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Dates: 19 September to 26 October 2014

Opening times: Tuesday-Friday, 4.p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission free

Catalogue: *BSI Swiss Architectural Award 2014*, by Nicola Navone, Mendrisio Academy Press-Silvana Editoriale, Mendrisio-Milano 2014, 180 colour pages. Text in Italian and English.

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