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PROFESSIONAL STUDIES:

Engineer/Architect ULiège 1971.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Main projects and clients:

Commercial (Several projects in southern Belgium for the Decathlon Group; Mestdagh; Trafic...)
Hospitality (Accor Group, Envergure, Banque du Louvre, SAS in southern Belgium, Flanders and Brussels)
Social housing (studies, constructions and renovations in southern Belgium and Brussels of more than 1,500 social housing units)
Several nurseries, including the first company nursery in southern Belgium
Industrial halls, hospital and office buildings, gyms and theatres (including the Forum theatre in Liège – 2,200 seats, ...),

PRIOR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Honorary President of the National Council of the Chamber of Belgian Architects
- Honorary President of the Royal Association of Liège Architects
- Former President of the Fédération Royale des Architectes de Belgique
- Former President of European-Belgium
- Signatory on behalf of Belgium at the foundation of the Architects' Council of Europe
- Belgian delegate to the Architects' Council of Europe (1988-2003) and the International Union of Architects U.I.A. since 1994
- Full member of the Commission of Appeals attached to southern Belgium's Land Construction Ministry (from its creation in 1998 until 2004, and then from 2007 to 2009)
- Member of the Regional Land Construction Commission (C.R.A.T.) from 1986 to 2009
- President of the Urban Planning Company (certified by the southern Belgian authorities)
- Member of several national and international architectural juries, including the one charged with commissioning the new NATO facility in Evere

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- City of Liège Town Planning Prize 2003
- Winner of the European competition to study the re-urbanisation of the Seraing industrial region (800+ hectares), in conjunction with the French studio Reichen et Robert
- Honourable mention in the final stage of two European architectural competitions relating to the Droixhe site in Liège (renovation of 1,500 social housing units). 1998
- Reached the final stage of the competition to renovate the Luxembourg Art and History Museum. 1996
- Honourable mention in the "Living in the City" European Commission competition (General Management XII for science, research and development). 1995

LANGUAGES

French, Dutch, English

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Sailing, Golf, Tennis

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Architecture is an art.

This art must be the root of every architect.

But to employ this art correctly, one must approach it with a spirit of dialogue and technical knowledge, taking into account the difficulties of each commission.

Technique:

According to Belgian law, an architect is not just an artist and must do more than just transform their clients' dreams into 3D. They must also be the technical conductor, managing structural constraints as well as thermal and security problems, construction sites, etc. to the best of their ability.

Spirit of dialogue.

An architect does not build for himself.

They must find happiness in the happiness of their clients. They must also learn to be modest when exchanging with clients and businesses.

Art of commissions.

The EU government imposed very strict regulations on market competition for public commissions in 1997.

A global organisation such as the UIA is the only representative that can hold discussions with structures like UNESCO to help young people to find their place among more established architects. Let us take advantage of this.