



highlighting Ireland's highly-influential professional society". Also speaking at the event, RIAI President Seán Ó Laoire offered the strong support of the RIAI and emphasised that "encouraging cooperation between students from across Europe is vitally important for this generation. This is especially relevant when it comes to creating innovative building solutions to global challenges such as climate change", concluded Ó Laoire. Speaking about the programme of activities Hugo Lamont, EASA Ireland Co-ordinator illustrated the workshops, lectures, debates, exhibitions and excursions that will take place across the two-week duration. A flagship project is an international design and building competition *Green Room*. Competition entrants are asked to invent a new learning space where children can find out about sustainable and environmentally friendly living.

The 28th EASA Assembly will be hosted by Letterfrack Furniture College, Co. Galway and is supported by major public and private sector sponsors. All events are being co-ordinated by a voluntary team of students and sponsorship is currently sought by the students. For more information see www.easa008.ie



Irish Lecture in New York

Talks on contemporary Irish architecture are the focus of a new lecture series developed by the Irish Architecture Foundation in association with The Consulate General of Ireland in New York and The American Historical Society (AHS). The series opened with a lecture by architecture critic Shane O'Toole on 14 April, entitled 'Import | Export: Irish Architecture in the Age of Globalisation'. Shane O'Toole was introduced by the renowned Dublin-born architect and Pritzker Prize Winner Kevin Roche, who practices in Connecticut. Forthcoming lectures will be by Yvonne Farrell and Shelly McNamara of Grafton Architects (5 May 2008) and by Shane de Blacam, de Blacam and Meagher Architects (27 May 2008). All lectures take place at the American Historical Society, 991 Fifth Avenue at 80th Street. For further information, contact the Irish Architecture Foundation, T (01) 670 8620, E info@architecturefoundation.ie

The Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the world's largest architectural prize (\$500,000) which is presented every three years, has announced the Steering Committee for the 11th cycle (2008-2010). Chaired by His Highness the Aga Khan, the other members of the Steering Committee are: Mohammad al-Asad (Founder and chairman, Center for the Study of the Built Environment, Amman, Jordan); Homi K. Bhabha (Director of the Humanities Center, Harvard University, USA); Norman Foster (Founder and chairman, Foster + Partners); Glenn Lowry (Director, Museum of Modern Art, New York); Rahul Mehrotra (Principal, RMA Architects, Mumbai, India); Mohsen Mostafavi (Dean of the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, USA); Farshid Moussavi (Partner, Foreign Office Architects, London); Han Tümertekin (Principal, Mimarlar Tasarim Danismanlik Ltd, Istanbul, Turkey); Farrokh Derakhshani is the Director of the Award. The Steering Committee is the governing body of the Award.

Projects for consideration in the 11th cycle can be submitted by completing an identification form available online from the Aga Khan Award website. The website also lists detailed information on the eligibility criteria and submission procedures for the Aga Khan Award. www.akdn.org/architecture

Smart High Rise Development in Metropolitan Cities 29-31 May 2008, Gdansk, Poland

This international conference is dedicated to High Rise Developments in Metropolitan Cities and includes a session on the challenge of "Tall Buildings in an Heritage Environment". The session will explore issues such as what effect do high-rise buildings have on the historic townscape and street scenery of the city centre? What are the conditions of locating high-rise buildings in a historical context and how can the design complement and add value to an historic setting? What is a good practice and policy caring for the environment at a citywide and neighbourhood level? Further information is on the conference homepage: www.inta-aiavn.org

