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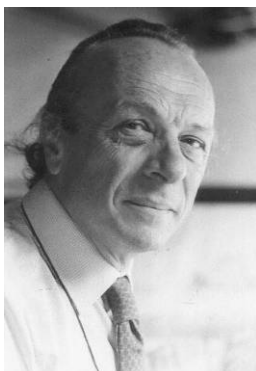
WORLD-RENOWNED ARCHITECT TO KICK OFF ARCHITECTURE NIGHTS 07



Last year, the Kamra tal-Periti organised a series of architectural lectures and debates, entitled **Architecture Nights 2006**, in view of promoting good architecture and quality in design of the built environment. This architectural series featured speakers from award-winning international practices Building Design Partnership, Llewelyn-Davies Yeang and Bennetts Associates Architects from London, together with internationally acclaimed Richard England from Malta.

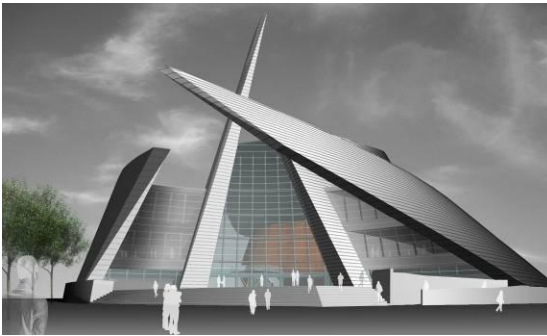
Following the success of this event, the KTP will once again be organising **Architecture Nights** in 2007. It is the KTP's wish to do its utmost to invite world-renowned architects to expose our audience to the best contemporary examples in architecture worldwide.

The KTP has felt that along the years the art of using appropriate materials in their right context has been lost. Therefore the theme identified for this year's events is "*The stuff of architecture*". The speakers invited to Architecture Nights 07 will discuss the sensitive and responsive approach they have adopted in their architectural designs and their decisions in choosing the most suitable materials in the process. The debates will span over the months March – November (excluding the summer period). The KTP has so far secured the participation of Swiss giant architect Mario Botta in April, Cesare Casati, Director of the renowned architectural magazine L'Arca, in May and world-renowned Austrian architect Peter Lorenz, who will conclude the Architecture Nights series in November.



The first debate in the Architecture Nights 07 series will feature world-renowned Italian architect **Manfredi Nicoletti**. Nicoletti has been one of Italy's top architects since opening his office "Studio Manfredi Nicoletti" in 1960. After having obtained his Masters degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, Manfredi Nicoletti spent a period of intense work with architecture giants Pier Luigi Nervi, Walter Gropius and Minorou Yamasaki.

Since establishing his office, Nicoletti has worked in Italy and all over the world. He is currently a Full Professor at La Sapienza University of Rome, Vice President of the International Academy of Architecture, a Member of the



Russian Academy of Architecture, of the Moscow International Academy of Architecture and of the Academie de France d'Architecture. He has also received the title of "Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres" from the French Minister of Culture. Nicoletti has also published various essays about architectural criticism, history and the urban ecosystem. His book "L'Architettura delle Caverne" (Architecture carved in Rocks) received the First International Prize by the CICA, Comité International des Critique d'Architecture.

Studio Manfredi Nicoletti has professional registrations in Italy and in France. His practice has expanded through all major aspects of urban and building designs in Italy, Europe, Africa, USA, Middle and Far East, winning an impressive amount of international competitions in the process. Among the many 1st Prize International Competitions awards, some of which will be presented during the debate, is the New Acropolis Museum Athens and the Main 3500 seats Auditorium, of Astana, the New Capital of Kazakhstan. In Abuja, new Capital of Nigeria, the 22 hectares Millenium Park (completed in 2003), the Cultural Centre and the Tower of Nigeria (under construction) and in Italy the Palermo Sport Palace, the New Halls of Justice of Arezzo, Reggio Calabria, Lecce, Campobasso and Rome, the University City of Udine, the Agrigento Main General Hospital, the Tropical Butterfly Greenhouse for the University of Catania, the Piazza dei Navigatori Civic Centre in Rome.

Manfredi Nicoletti is also a pioneer in bioclimatic eco-compatible urban and architectural design. Since 1978 Nicoletti has acted as an expert in architectural ecology for the Italian Ministry of the Environment, for the Region of Sicily, for the National Agency CASMEZ, and for the European Union. He is also a member of the Italian Institute of Bioclimatic Architecture of ENEA, PLEA (Passive and Low Energy Association), the founder of the course "Ecosystemic Architecture" in the University of Rome and of the Eco-sustainable Architecture Centre of IAA. His widely published 600m-tall Helicoidal Skyscraper integrates the suspension bridge's tension structures with aerodynamic form and ecosystemic behaviour. Nicoletti will also be discussing how his most innovative technologic structures derive from the study of nature.

The debate will be held at the Aula Magna in Valletta on Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm. Entrance to this debate is free. The event is being organised with the help of HSBC, Auntie Lucy, Attard & Co. and HalMann.