



architecture for disaster reduction  
and reconstruction,  
7th i-Rec student competition

## **Addressing Different Forms of Vulnerability for Disaster Risk Reduction in Urban Contexts**

in parallel with the 7th i-Rec international conference  
London, UK, July 6-8 2015

### **Dear Professor**

i-Rec (Information and research for reconstruction) organizes a bi-annual conference on post-disaster reconstruction and disaster risk reduction (DRR). Parallel to the conference, we also organize an international student competition in which we invite undergraduate and graduate students of architecture and related design fields to submit innovative ideas to reduce disasters and/or improve post-disaster reconstruction strategies.

The competition explores innovative architectural and urban solutions and becomes an ideal academic exercise for exploring various themes such as:

- Stakeholder collaboration and participation,
- Use of local resources and technologies,
- Sustainability in developed and developing countries,
- Resilience and adaptive capacities,
- Slum upgrading and improvements in informal settlements,
- Incremental construction,
- Low-cost housing solutions, etc.

We are currently organizing the seventh edition of the competition. This time, the projects will be exhibited in parallel with the 7th i-Rec international conference in London, UK, the 6-8 July 2015. The projects will also be published "online" in the i-Rec website:  
[http://membresirec.umontreal.ca/student\\_competition/6th/](http://membresirec.umontreal.ca/student_competition/6th/)

**We are inviting you and your students to participate in this event by submitting one or various entries to the international competition.**

The i-Rec student competition is recognized for the high quality of its entries. We encourage participants to apply reliable research results and to propose comprehensive solutions that go beyond the technical aspects of immediate sheltering.

Please find attached the brief of the 2015 edition of the i-Rec Student Competition.

If you have one or various students (or groups of students) interested in participating in the competition please **complete the registration form attached here** and return it to [gonzalo.lizarralde@umontreal.ca](mailto:gonzalo.lizarralde@umontreal.ca). If you will not submit a project, I would appreciate if you send me an email letting us know that your school will not participate.

We hope that your students will participate in this event. Do not hesitate to contact me for additional information about the competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, diagonal strokes that form a stylized, abstract representation of the name.

**Gonzalo Lizarralde**

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