

PIRAN DAYS OF ARCHITECTURE

Piran Days of Architecture (PDA) is an international architectural conference with one of the oldest/longest traditions in the world. Initiated by Slovene architect prof. Vojteh Ravnikar (1943–2010) it has taken place annually since 1983 at the end of November in the charming, medieval Slovene coastal town of Piran. The event is held in the beautiful surroundings of Tartini Theatre. Since 2008 it is run by younger generation of architects. The aim of the conference is to assess current trends in architecture and present the most progressive and innovative ideas of contemporary architectural and spatial production which respect geographical and cultural context to keep cultural identity and diversity.

Many world renowned architects have lectured at the conference: Friedrich Achleitner, Boris Podrecca, Heinz Tesar, Luigi Semerani, Gino Valle, Eduardo Souto de Moura, Alvaro Siza Vieira, Peter Zumthor, Enrique Miralles, Sverre Fehn, Kenneth Frampton, David Chipperfield, Wang Shu, Bijoy Jain among others. Several of them were latter recipients of prestigious international architectural awards such as Pritzker Prize, Mies van der Rohe Award, Venice Architectural Biennale Lion. PDA conference is traditionally accompanied by several architectural events. The most important is the international exhibition for the prestigious Piranesi Award.

International architectural Piranesi Award, conferred since 1989, is part of Piran Days of Architecture international conference. It is named after the 18th century Italian artist and architect Giovanni Battista Piranesi (1720–1778), whose family comes from Piran, It awards the best architectural realizations that have been created in the last two years in the territory of ten Central European countries: Austria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Croatia, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia. In 2018, Piranesi Award was joined by Serbia, in 2019 by Bosnia and Herzegovina and on 2020 by Montenegro.