



Statute Of Czech Architecture Award

Article 1 Preamble

Architectural works drafted and supervised during their execution make up only a small part of the whole construction production along with perhaps just a smaller part of the human encroachment into the landscape and public space. The Czech Chamber of Architects organises a competition named Czech Architecture Award. The primary goal of this undertaking is to promote and present such works to the public not only regarding their aesthetic and technical quality but especially in the context of their origin, relation to the setting and social benefits. Czech Architecture Award is a project of the Czech Chamber of Architects. Its primary ambition is to be a platform opened to all those interested in good architecture.

Article 2 Initial provisions

1. The Czech Architecture Award (from now on “the Award”) and the honorary title the Finalist of the Czech Architecture Award (“the Finalist”) is granted by the Czech Chamber of Architects.
2. The character of the award granting is a competition display (“the Competition”).
3. The Award is granted to an Architect or a team of architects (“the Architect”) irrespective of his/her nationality.
4. The Award can also be granted “in memoriam”. That is why in such case the heirs provide their consent with the presentation of the Architect’s work(s) in the Competition.
5. The Award is granted to the Architect of an architectural work created on the territory of the Czech Republic.
6. An architectural work may be registered in the Competition only if the Architect grants his/her consent.
7. Just a finished work can be enrolled in the Competition.
8. A work of architecture can be registered into the Competition any time after its completion, but not later than within five years. It is entirely at the Architect’s discretion when he/she deems the work completed and decides to confer the consent with the participation.
9. Any undertaking can be a registered work that can be included under the term architecture in the broadest sense of the word. The definition of the work is entirely at the discretion of the Architect.
10. The work nominated by the Jury cannot participate in the next years’ Competitions.
11. The Award is ordinarily granted every year.

Article 3 Academy of the Czech Architecture Award

1. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award establishes the Academy of the Czech Architecture Award (“ACAA”). ACAA is established from a panel of persons of note in the field of architecture and other fields influencing architectural work. Regarding fields represented in the Award, CAA is diverse and shall have at least one hundred members. ACAA guarantees respect and high prestige of the Award for its partners, professional community and the general public. A list of names of the ACCA members is attached as Supplement no. 1 to this Statute.
2. Simultaneous membership in ACCA, the Committee of the Czech Architecture Award (the “Committee”), the Working Group of the Award (“WG CAA), and the Jury is not allowed.
3. The fundamental role of ACAA is curatorial and nomination. The fundamental task of ACCA is, through a proposal to nominate, ensuring the highest possible quality of registered works and the highest possible number of these good works. Its other task is to nominate works and persons who could be awarded



for a unique achievement and from these works and persons nominated by ACCA amended by persons and works nominated by the Committee select those works and persons who will be awarded for a unique achievement.

4. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award approves the membership in the ACCA based on a proposal of the Committee. Each member of the ACCA must agree with the appointment.
5. The Office of the Czech Architecture Award announces the appointment to an ACCA member.
6. The Finalists of the last years of the Competition shall become members of the ACCA, should they agree with their membership.
7. Members of the ACCA can vote on their Chairperson.
8. Members of the ACCA follow instructions of the ACCA Chairperson.
9. ACCA membership extinguishes due to
 - a. Death;
 - b. Resignation upon a written announcement of the member to the Office of the Czech Architecture Award;
10. If the number of members of ACCA drops below 100, new members will be named as soon as possible according to the procedure written in items 4 and 5 of this article.
11. ACCA members suggest and nominate works for registration in the Competition for an excellent creative initiative (“Unique Achievement”) personally (non-anonymously) electronically through the web portal of the Competition.
12. ACCA will elaborate a brief report consisting of a summary review of the quality of the works entered in the relevant year into the Competition. The text will be used as part of the press release and a Competition Catalogue.
13. A member of the ACCA can register his/her own work in the Competition. However, he/she cannot nominate his/her work for the Unique Achievement Award.
14. This Statute and the Rules of Procedure of ACCA attached as the supplement no. 2 to this Statute rule activity of ACCA.
15. ACCA membership is honorary.

Article 4 Committee

1. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award establishes a Committee. The Committee has at least five members. The principal task of the Committee is
 - a. Supervising over the observance of this Statute;
 - b. Determining the dramaturgical concept of the Competition including the Gala Evening;
 - c. The nomination of works and persons for the for the Unique Achievement Award;
 - d. Deciding to grant the Special Awards.
2. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award appoints the members of the Committee. Each member of the Committee has to consent to the appointment.
3. A simultaneous membership in ACCA, the Committee, and the Jury is not allowed.
4. Members of the Committee will vote on its Chairperson. The Chairperson answers for operations of the Committee to the Board of the Czech Architecture Award.
5. Members of the Committee follow instructions of the Chairperson of the Committee.
6. This Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the Committee attached as the supplement no. 3 to this Statute rule the activity of the Committee.

Article 5



Working Group of the Award

1. The Board of the Czech Chamber of Architects may establish a Working Group of the Award (“WG CAA”). WG CAA consists of members of the Czech Chamber of Architects, the implementation agency and, as the case may be, representatives of the key partners.
2. The Board of Members of the Czech Chamber of Architects appoints the Working Group. Each member of the Working Group must consent to the appointment.
3. A simultaneous membership in ACCA, WG CAA, and the Jury is not allowed.
4. The primary purpose of the Working Group is dramaturgical preparation and coordination of the Competition.
5. This Statute and the Rules of Organisation, Procedure, and Voting of the Czech Chamber of Architects rules activities of the Working Group of the Czech Architecture Award.

Article 6

Jury

1. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award appoints, based on the proposal of the Committee, members of the Jury from the ranks of respected persons of note in the field of architecture; the absolute majority of the Jurors are foreigners (not Czech nationals). The Jury has at least five members, the size of the Jury being always an odd number. Members of the ACCA can be approached to nominate the Jury. The appointment is always in power for the current year of the Award. The primary assignment of the Jury is to nominate as a rule fifty works to be introduced during the nomination event, be part of a touring exhibition and published in the Competition Catalogue. The purpose of the Jury is, furthermore, to select the winning work that will receive the Award and choose Architects, who will be granted an honorary title the Finalist. A simultaneous membership in ACCA, the Committee, the Working Group, and the Jury is not allowed.
2. A member of the Jury has to consent to the appointment.
3. The Office of the Czech Architecture Award notifies an appointee of the Jury of his/her appointment.
4. Members of the Jury will appoint a Chairperson of the Jury from among themselves.
5. At the first session of the Jury, the Chairperson will ask each Juror to submit a written declaration, that he/she will perform the function impartially, did not take part, directly or indirectly, in the development of the judged works, and is unprejudiced towards the Architects of these works.
6. The Jury is attended by a quorum if an absolute majority of Jurors is present. The Jury decides unless stated any other in this Statute, by a simple majority of present members. The Jurors are allowed to put on the record their opinion differing from the majority view of the Jury.
7. The Jury keeps records of its activity in a protocol containing primarily:
 - a. Records of Jury meetings including results of all votes;
 - b. Assessments of all the works awarded the honorary title the Finalist or the Award;
 - c. The attendance list of the Committee including signatures of all Jurors.
8. The Jury’s decision to award the honorary title the Finalist and the Award is final.
9. This Statute rules proceedings of the Jury; the Rules of Procedure for the Jury are attached as supplement no. 4 to this Statute.

Article 7

Announcement of the Award

1. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award announces the Award for the appropriate year following a proposal of the Committee by adopting a resolution at its session.
2. The announcement of the Award for the year in question includes the conditions of the Competition (“the Conditions”).



Article 8

Participation in the Competition

1. It is possible to enter a work into the Competition after the Board of the Czech Architecture Award announces the Award for the appropriate year.
2. Anyone can register a work into the Competition without restrictions after meeting the conditions stated in Article 2 of this Statute.
3. One subject may register several different works.
4. The registration of a work into the Competition is subject to the Conditions.
5. The Conditions include especially a specimen of the application form, a time plan, and formal requirements for source material to the entered work.

Article 9

Evaluating of the works, awarding of the Award

1. The works entered into the Competition are evaluated as follows:
 - a) The Jury nominates works to be introduced during the nomination evening and then assessed. These works will, at the same time, be published at the exhibition and in the catalogue. Approximately fifty works will be nominated this way; the exact number depends on the judgment of the Jury. The Jury nominates the works based on the enclosed visual materials and text documents on the website of the Award employing correspondence voting.
 - b) The Jury will, furthermore, decide on awarding the honorary title the Finalist at its session. As a general rule, the honorary title the Finalist will be awarded to five to ten works; the exact number depends on an arbitrary decision of the Jury. The Jury evaluates the works based on the enclosed visual material and text documents on the website of the Award and based on a personal examination of the selected works. The Jury selects from the nominated works.
 - c) The Jury will decide on awarding the Award. The Award will be awarded to one of the works which that were awarded the honorary title the *Finalist*.

Article 10

Attributes of the Award

1. A diploma and an art object are a certificate of awarding the Award.
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3. If the Award goes to an architectural team, they get one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.
4. If the title the Finalist goes to an architectural team, they get one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.

Article 11

Announcing of the results

1. Part of the Competition is usually an exhibition of the nominated works, their publishing in a catalogue, and a Gala where the results are announced.
2. The Unique Achievement Award and the Special Awards awarded by the Czech Chamber of Architects and the Partners of the Competition are usually handed to the nominees at the Gala.

Article 12



Organization

1. The Board of the Czech Architecture Award may assign an implementing agency to provide all necessary services related to the preparation and delivery of the Competition; the agency will be tendered.

Article 13

Unique Achievement

1. The Award can be bestowed for any outstanding Achievement related to architecture in the broadest of terms, or on a person with recognisable merit in the field of architecture. The Award cannot be bestowed upon an initiative or a work that can be entered into the Competition.
2. ACCA and the Committee perform the nomination of works or persons that can receive the Unique Achievement Award.
3. The Academy of the Czech Architecture Prize chooses from the nominated works and persons those who will receive the Unique Achievement Award. The Committee determines the number of awards to be handed out each year.
4. The results of the Award are announced, and the Unique Achievement Awards are handed out at a Gala.
5. A diploma and an art object are a certificate of awarding the Award for a Unique Achievement.
6. If the Unique Achievement Award goes to an architectural team, they get one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.

Article 14

Partner Award

1. The Partner Award can be bestowed based on a selection conducted by the partners usually from among the works nominated to the Competition.
2. The Committee will decide upon the partners who will be allowed to award the Partner Awards, and it will cooperate with them in the course of this process every year.
3. The Partner Awards are presented during the ceremonial Gala together with the announcement of the results of the Competition.
4. A diploma and an art object are a certificate of awarding the Partner Award.
5. If the Partner Award goes to an architectural team, they get one art object, and each team member receives a diploma.

Article 15

Power of this Statute

1. This Statute comes into effect upon its approval by the Board of the Czech Chamber of Architects.

Supplements

- 1 – List of names of the ACCA members
- 2 – Rules of Procedure for ACCA
- 3 – Rules of Procedure for the Committee
- 4 – Rules of Procedure for the Jury