

The team from Colombia wins the 8th Alacero Design in Steel Contest for Students of Architecture

Alacero - Santiago, Chile, November 09, 2015. As part of the activities of the Alacero-56 Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Latina American Steel Association announced the winners of Alacero Design in Steel Competition for Students of Architecture, an event that attracts youth talent throughout Latin America.

This year the competition congregated 228 projects from 87 universities and 7 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic). Students made a proposal based on the topic selected for this edition: A “Sports and Social Center” designed for a provincial city in order to become a space that helps improve deteriorated urban areas, increasing the existing sports infrastructure, gathering neighbors and being an engine of social cohesion.

Today, a jury of notables architects integrated by Sebastian Colle (Argentina), Carolina Fonseca (Brazil), Alvaro Donoso (Chile), Maritza Andrade (Ecuador), Agustin Rodriguez (Mexico) and Juan Mubarak (Dominican Republic), selected the most outstanding works that better achieved a correct and appropriate architectural use of steel, in both technological and constructive aspects.

The First Prize was awarded to the students Ángela Marcela Puerta, Carolina Delgado Quintero and William Alexander Criollo Muñoz from University of Valle, Colombia, who were led by Prof. Francisco León Ramírez. The team of students received a certificate and US\$ 6,000. Also, the sponsoring university received \$ 4,000.

The second prize went to Chile, Daniel Fabián Escobar Oyarce, Matías Gabriel Salas Ramírez and Francisca Fernanda Salazar Herrera from the University of Santiago, Chile. The team received a diploma and the sum of \$ 3,000. Professor Rodrigo Aguilar guided this project. The University received \$ 1,000.

Two Mentions of Honor was awarded. One to the team from Argentina: Aldana Lorenzo, Valeria Jaros, Marina Ercole and Virginia Barberis from National University of Córdoba. The team guided by professor Jorge Taberna received a diploma. The other to Brazil: Giulia Aikawa da Silveira Andrade, Thiago Steffen, Umberto Violatto Sampaio and Yuri Rodrigues de Medeiros Wagner. The team guided by professor Almir Francisco Reis received a diploma.

This contest is an initiative of Alacero in order to encourage the relationship between future architects and steel as a construction material, encouraging them to discover its attributes and advantages.

The topic and rules of the 9th Alacero Design in Steel Contest for Students of Architecture 2016, will be announced soon in www.alacero.org

About Alacero

Alacero –Latin American Steel Association- is the organization that brings together the Steel Value Chain of Latin America to promote the values of regional integration, technological innovation, corporate responsibility and social and environmental sustainability. Founded in 1959, Alacero is formed by 49 companies of 25 countries, whose production –of about 70 million annual tons- represents 95% of the steel manufactured in Latin America. Alacero is a Special Consulting Organization to the United Nations and is recognized as International Non-Government Organization by the Republic of Chile, host country of Alacero’s headquarters.