



THE FIRST SANTA & COLE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE COMPETITION AWARDS JOINT FIRST PRIZE TO THE TROS AND CAN-CONEX PROJECTS

The event was held in La Pedrera (Barcelona), on 1 October 2010, in the framework of the IV Rosa Barba European Landscape Architecture Award

The first Santa & Cole Landscape Architecture Competition, intended to promote good professional landscape architecture practice in Spain and organized by Santa & Cole together with the Spanish Association of Landscape Architects and the European Biennial of Landscape Architecture, was created as a competition of ideas for a landscape architecture intervention in the Valle de Sant Pere, at the heart of Parc de Belloch, an estate located in the municipality of La Roca del Vallés (Barcelona).

From among the 29 projects submitted, the Jury decided to award joint first prize to the proposals entitled TROS – from the team led by Sergi Carulla –, *because it presents an*

adequate balance between the interventions and the realities existing, and an appropriate integration of the architecture into the elements shaping the landscape; and CAN-CONEX – from the team headed by Nerea Gutiérrez –, on proposing a good territorial integration and structuring their proposal on the basis of both generic and specific models of intervention. The Jury likewise decided to award a special mention to the proposal entitled LANDSCAPE ACUPUNCTURE from the team led by Sara Maillefer for the appropriateness of its methodological proposal and accurate selection of the sensitive aspects.

JOINT WINNERS

Project: **CAN-CONEX**

Team:

Nereda Gutiérrez Meco, Francisco Mesonero Manzanares, Daniel García Lopez, Sara Jimenez Cabré and Francisco Toledo García.



PRESENTATION

The use of rural estates has been changing over recent decades. Parc de Belloch is a clear example of this. Our proposal is inspired by a reinterpretation of the Masia as a self-management and operating unit respectful with the territory and the environment. We intervene to CONNECT, to solve the points with the greatest friction between territory and use. We base this on what already exists to form a hierarchical order and on what is introduced to improve the

quality of the space. It all belongs to a system which feeds back on itself. This idea is transmitted through the different PATHS which provide the backbone of our idea, understanding a path to be the instrument which allows us to restore, repair and fit out the space to be designed for the project's different users and ecological goals.

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Project: **TROS**

Team: Sergi Carulla Altadill, Oscar Blasco Lázaro, Lorenzo Majer, Sergio Sanna e Inés Martínez de Albornoz.



PRESENTATION

The overall aim of the project is to reform the territorial continuities, to relate the estate to the landscape to which it belongs, ceasing to operate as an independent entity because of its activity, to increase its biodiversity, to act on erosive effects and to equip it with a greater capacity for transformation. Work is basically carried out by rethinking the routes, the topography (slopes) which makes them up

and the vegetation which stabilizes them. The intervention is intended to give the nursery unity, considering it from the logic of the valley to which it belongs. We do not talk about “naturalizing” the system, but rather of putting processes in action which can work by themselves.

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SPECIAL MENTION

Project: **ACUPUNTURA PAISAJISTA**

Team: Sara Maillefer y Nurit Gil.



PRESENTATION

Starting from the context, the project's orientations implement a series of small interventions aimed at improving the qualities of the site, a sort of “landscape acupuncture” intended to assert the importance of the landscape and to create an awareness of the wealth of the location. The intervention has focused on linking existing places and routes, creating new connections and establishing interesting observation places, and promoting the site's biodiversity and ecology,

through the introduction of new plant communities, water management and an attenuation of the presence of human traces. Considered as a whole, with the idea of promoting the location's resources and of optimizing the economy of the project, discreet action is taken on specific issues to guarantee the maximum quality of the sphere of action.

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JURADO

The members of the international Jury for this award were: Javier Nieto Santa, Chairman of Santa & Cole; Marina Cervera, Landscape Architect, Coordinator of the European Biennial of Landscape Architecture and Secretary General of the EFLA; Jordi Bellmunt, Architect and member of the organizing committee of the Biennial; Jose Vidal, Architect and Editor of the magazine Paisea; Manolo Ruisanchez, Architect, President of the Jury of the 5th Rosa Barba Award;

Juan José Galán, Architect and President of the Spanish Association of Landscape Architects; Josep Selga, Biologist and Editor of the Tree Nursery Division of Santa & Cole; and Paola Sangalli, Landscape Architect and President of the AEIP as Secretary of the Jury.

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