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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.2012.001

Unit Date

1981-2024

Language

The materials in the collection are in English and Japanese.

Abstract

The International Union of Women Architects (UIFA) was founded in 1963 by Solange d'Herbez de la Tour. The organization aims to promote women in the profession by increasing the public's awareness of contributions made to the field by women and by creating a network of international colleagues. UIFA encourages the exchange of information through its regular conferences hosted by participating chapters from around the globe.

Extent

4 Cubic Feet 3 boxes, 4 oversize folders

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Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to Special Collections and University Archives in multiple accruals from 2001-2015 and in additional undated donations. An addition was made in 2023.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

Founded in 1963, by Solange d'Herbez de la Tour, the International Union of Women Architects/Union International des Femmes Architectes (UIFA) aims to make known and promote the Woman Architect; to establish relationships and exchanges between professional women; to collect all information concerning the stature and professional life of these women world-wide; to favor friendship links and solidarity, between all members, without political, racial, or religious discrimination. UIFA also works closely with the International Union of Architects (UIA) and others for the interest of the built environment.

UIFA members range from over 75 different countries.

Scope and Content

The collection contains publications and presentation material from UIFA international events beginning with the Second Workshop of UIFA in 1981 and continuing to present day conferences. Newsletters and pamphlets from individual chapters of representing nations (specifically UIFA Japan) are also present.

A significant portion of these materials have been donated by Milka Bliznakov, International Archives of Women in Architecture (IAWA) founder as well as frequent speaker and attendee at UIFA events. Bliznakov used UIFA Congresses as a catalyst for meeting leading woman in the profession and for encouraging participants to donate collections to the IAWA.

Related Archival Materials

See the following collections, which are also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives, for additional UIFA materials and information:

Kristine K. Fallon Papers, Ms2000-035

Gertrude Galster publications and Gerda Pingel exhibition posters in the IAWA Small Collections, Ms1996-020

L. Jane Hastings Architectural Papers, Ms2004-004

Berta Rahm Architectural Collection, Ms1998-011

Jean Linden Young Papers, Ms1998-022

Ute Weström Architectural Papers, Ms1996-023

Keywords

Women -- History

History of Women in Architecture

Architectural drawings (visual works)

Architectural drawing -- 20th century

Women-owned architectural firms

Architects

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

Gorgenyi, Judit

Hoksza, Eva

Oron, Joyce, 1954-

Nanasy, Ilona

Matsukawa-Tsuchida, Junko

Toshiko-Yamamoto, Kimiyo

Ishikawa, Yaeko

Masamune, Kazuko

Nanay, Eva

Tihanyi, Judit

Xu, Yifang

Inagaki, Hiroko

Møller, Alice Finnerup

International Union of Women Architects

Higashi, Yumiko

Suzuki, Hisako

Katsumi, Noriko

Yakabe, Masako

Hazwaw, Masako

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Arrangement

The International Union of Women Architects (UIFA) Conference Materials is arranged subject: Series I: International UIFA Events, which is arranged chronologically, and Series II: UIFA Chapters.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: International UIFA Events

UIFA pamphlet and Congress Calendar,

Unit Date undated

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4th Congress UIFA, Ramsar, Iran, newspaper clippings

Unit Date May 1974 - January 1977; June 2002

box 2

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings and journal articles documenting the October 1976 Congress in Iran, with a particular focus on architect Noushin Ehsan. Also included is an article about women architects from 1974 and one on Ehsan and her work from 2002. Materials are in English and Persian.

Second Workshop of UIFA, Berlin, Germany conference materials,

Unit Date May 12-13, 1981

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6th Congress UIFA, Paris, France conference materials,

Unit Date April 27-30, 1983

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7th Congress UIFA, Berlin, Germany conference materials,

Unit Date October 10-12, 1984

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9th Congress UIFA, Copenhagen, Denmark conference materials,

Unit Date August 19-22, 1991

General information

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Poster, Diwan of H. H. the Ruler in Dubai

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10th Congress UIFA, Cape Town, South Africa conference materials,

Unit Date March 12-19, 1993

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11th Congress UIFA, Budapest, Hungary conference materials,

Unit Date September 2-8, 1996

box 1

12th Congress UIFA, Tokyo, Japan conference materials,

Unit Date September 1-7, 1998

box 1

13th Congress UIFA, Vienna Austria conference materials,

Unit Date June 30, 2001

General information

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Poster, Junko Matsukawa-Tsuchida: "Renewal of 'New Towns' in the midst of population aging"

oversize Folder 2

Poster, Kazuko Masamune: "An 88 year old women's house - a project for quadruple families"

oversize Folder 2

Poster, Kimiyo Toshiko Yamamoto: "The Second Life"

oversize Folder 2

Poster, Yaeko Ishikawa: "A New Style of Housing for the Elderly"

oversize Folder 2

Poster, Yumiko Osawa Higashi: "Houses for Three Generations"

oversize Folder 2

14th Congress UIFA, Toulouse France conference material,

Unit Date September 1-6, 2003

General information

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Poster, Alice Finnerup Moller: "Improving the architecture and the environment in a housing complex"

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Poster, Hiroko Inagaki: "Desiccant cooling system of air typr solar houses using silica gel"

oversize Folder 3

Poster, Joyce Oron: "Modi'in Natural Reserve and Mode-Bothelo Wizo Center"

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Poster, Junko Matsukawa-Tsuchida design for "Suzakake (Gender Equality Center at Sumido Ward)"

oversize Folder 3

Poster, Kazuko Masamune: "Strike the balance between 'paid' and 'unpaid' work of men and women - from the viewpoint of the design of [a] kitchen with a little ingenuity"

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Poster, UIFA Japan newsletters

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Poster, Union of Women Architects of Belgium

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Poster, Yaeko Ishikawa: "Investigation of methods of assisted living for senile residents in public senior housing"

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Poster, Yifang Xu: "Space regressed to citizen: the project planning for Wuxian guan"
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15th Congress UIFA, Bucharest, Romania conference materials,
Unit Date October 1-7, 2007

General information

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Poster, Judit Gorgenyi: Ecole secondaire lutherane and Bank Creditanstalt Rt Salle de conseil - Hungary
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Poster, Eva Hoksza: Kecskemet - Hungary
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Poster, Eva Nanay: Park d'habitation - Budapest, Hungary
box 2

Poster, Ilona Nanasy: Subcenter of District Building - Budapest, Hungary
box 2

Poster, Judit Tihanyi and Gyorgy Halmos: Ecumenical Protestant Church, Erdokertes - Hungary
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18th Congress UIFA, Blacksburg, Virginia, U.S.A., conference website
Unit Date July 26-31, 2015

Scope and Contents

The website for the join UIFA/IAWA meeting in Blacksburg, Va., can be viewed using the Wayback Machine at the following link: <https://web.archive.org/web/20220305171242/http://www.uifa2015.com/>

Series II: UIFA Chapters

UIFA Japan

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Scope and Content

The UIFA Japan Chapter (also known as UIFA JAPON) materials contain a collection of chapter newsletters from 2003-2006. Also present are publications, correspondence with UIFA Japan president Yumiko Higashi, photographs, and exhibition materials from "Houses for Working Women," February 2006.

10th Anniversary Presentation, [see also 14th Congress]

Unit Date 2003-2004

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Correspondence

Unit Date 2004-2006

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Exhibit Materials "Houses for Working Women"

Unit Date January 13, 2006-February 12, 2006

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Scope and Content

The exhibition "Houses for Working Women" was presented by the Women Architects and Engineers Association and held in Tokyo from 13 January - 12 February 2006. Exhibitors present in collection include: **Noriko Katsumi** "How to live in winter weather" and "House with business space;" **Masako Yakabe** "House for living with grown children" and "House with mother's quarter;" **Yumiko Higashi** "Ultra-small house" and "Home with a classroom;" **Sohu** "Small home office;" **Hisako Suzuki** "Working couple house," "Two generations house with two independent buildings," and "House for three generations;" **Masako Hazawa** "House using a very small lot" and House with built in furniture."

Exhibit Catalog, "For the Future: The Pioneering Women in Architecture"

Unit Date 2013

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Language Japanese.

Scope and Content

In late 2010, the International Archive of Women in Architecture partnered with UIFA JAPON to develop a traveling exhibit entitled "For the Future: The Pioneering Women in Architecture." The exhibit, conceived as a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the IAWA, featured pioneering architects from Japan and the United States. The exhibit was expanded to memorialized IAWA founder Dr. Milka T. Bliznakov, who passed away in November 2010. Installation of the exhibit was delayed by the Great East Japan earthquake (Friday 11 March 2011). UIFA JAPON members collaborated with the IAWA to display the exhibition at eight venues across the Kanto region of Japan from June 2011 through March 2013. The catalog is printed in Japanese and English.

Japanese Center for Advancement of Working Women, Publication

Unit Date 2002

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Newsletters

Unit Date 2003-2006, 2012, 2024

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Scope and Content

Materials are comprised of a small selection of UIFA JAPON newsletters from 2003-2006, 2012, and 2024. Issues include nos. 55, 59, 63, 67, 92, 128, and 129. Newsletters are written in Japanese and English.

UIFA Japan 25

Unit Date 2018-2019

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Scope and Contents

25th Anniversary issue of chapter publication: "Towards a Society with Equality, Peace, and Beauty"

Photographs

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