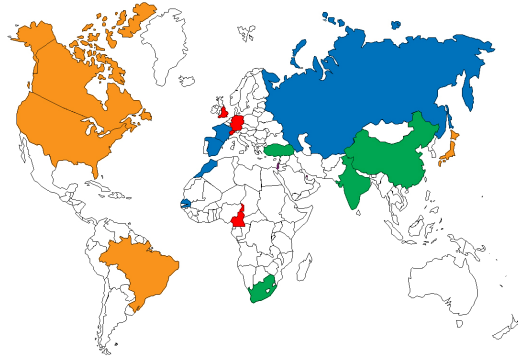


GLOBAL ART PROGRAMME waiting for EXPO 2015



Country Programme Italy – India: Winners Announcement

Artegiovane and its local partners FARE/Open Care, Milan and Khoj International Artists Association, New Delhi are glad to launch the first residency exchange and announce the winners of the country programme Italy-India starting in February 2010:

FARE/Open Care, Milan will host Asim Waqif (born in Hyderabad, 1978) from February until May 2010.

Project title and description: ***Introducing a vernacular into Totalitarian Urban design***

Asim Waqif's idea of the use of traditional rope-work resonates with Indian practices, where ropes as the by product of an agrarian economy are still widely used. During his residency in Italy he will research locally available materials and crafts, and will evolve a model for reintroducing it into the "contemporary vernacular".

In Waqif's work the vernacular is neither a negation of modern technologies nor a step back into history; it is rather an evolution counting on the experience of generations of users. The artist will research traditional ropework and knitting as well as the use of rope in temporary construction and will seek for references in other artistic practices, such as in the representation of knots and their symbolism in ancient roman mosaics.

Khoj International Artists' Association, New Delhi will host Alessandro Piangiamore (Enna, 1976) from March until June 2010

Project title and description: ***Prototype for a witness***

Alessandro Piangiamore's project aims to research and represent the cult of wind in India. Wind (vayu) is among the elements incorporated as Shiva in architectural structures. In the Sri Kalahasti temple in Chittoor, the Vayulingam (phallic column) is worshipped as wind in absence. As a result of a three months collaboration with local artisans, Piangiamore will produce a monument to this essential element in the Indian culture.

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