



## **Gustave Magnel Prize**

Brussels, June 2009

**The "Gustave Magnel Prize - Sustainable Construction" was presented to Swiss architect Emmanuel Rey for his doctoral thesis completed at the Catholic University of Louvain entitled "Regeneration of urban wasteland and sustainable development : towards an evaluation integrated as part of the project dynamics". This European award for scientific research applied to the art of construction was presented at a ceremony held on 4 June this year in Brussels in the presence of ministers responsible for scientific research and developmental cooperation, as well as representatives of the Swiss embassy in Belgium, the Technical Control Bureau for Construction and numerous academic institutions.**

Awarded by the Technical Control Bureau for Construction (SECO), the Gustave Magnel Prize was created at the end of the 1950s to encourage scientific research in the field of construction. It is open to researchers at universities, military academies, research centres and large public administrations of EU member states.

Work eligible for the award includes research publications by individuals and collaborative efforts. It must be new and original in the realm of construction, be relevant to SECO activities and allow practical applications. Active in particular in Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Poland, Hungary and Romania, SECO has technical control over the design and execution of works in the built environment and civil engineering. More recently this activity has included the inspection and certification of sustainable constructions. Researchers must be under the age of 40 by the closing date for applications. The award comes with a cheque for 10,000 Euros.

For the period 2002-2008, by a unanimous decision of the jury, the prize was awarded to Mr Emmanuel Rey, a Swiss architect, for his doctoral thesis in applied science carried out in the Department of Architecture, Town Planning, Civil and Environmental Engineering of the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL) entitled " Regeneration of urban wasteland and sustainable development : towards an evaluation integrated as part of the project dynamics".

EPFL architect (1997), European postgraduate degree in architecture and sustainable development (UCL / EPFL / AASA London / EA Toulouse 1999) and Doctor of Applied Sciences (UCL 2006), Emmanuel Rey is today an associate with the practice Bauart Architectes et Urbanistes SA in Bern, Neuchâtel and Zürich (Switzerland). In this capacity, he is involved in a wide range of activities and is active in particular in various research projects concerning the sustainability of the built environment. He also teaches regularly on bachelor, master degree and postgraduate courses in various universities and institutes of technologies.

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