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Gold medal for the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, the speed skating hall in Torino, the school sports hall in Esch, Luxembourg and the Nanjing Sports Park in China

IOC, IPC and IAKS award international architecture prizes for sports facilities

A jury consisting of international personalities from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympics Committee (IPC) and the International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS) met from May 3 to 5 in Cologne to decide on the winners of the IOC/IAKS AWARD 2007 and the IPC/IAKS DISTINCTION 2007.



The Jury awarded 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 12 Bronze medals as well as 9 Special Distinctions. The "IPC/IAKS DISTINCTION for Accessibility" went to 7 participants.



The triumphant winners are the Olympic Stadium in Berlin and the Oval Lingotto in Torino. Both won gold medals in the IOC/IAKS AWARD as well as the IPC/IAKS DISTINCTION.

The "IOC/IAKS AWARD for exemplary sports and leisure facilities" is the only international architecture prize for sports facilities. This year 88 teams of operators and designers from 27 countries participated in the competition.



The intention of the IPC/IAKS DISTINCTION is to facilitate the accessibility of sports facilities and all other buildings to enable persons with disability to practice and watch sports without any restrictions.

Operators and designers must make the entry for the award jointly. The facilities (new constructions, extensions or modernizations) must have already been in operation for at least a year. This ensures that apart from their persuasive design, successful urban and landscape integration as well as fulfillment of the barrier freedom criterion and other criteria, the awarded sports facilities have also demonstrated their suitability for daily use.



The winners of the IOC/IAKS AWARD 2007

Gold:

- Olympiastadion Berlin (Germany)
Architect: gmp - Architekten von Gerkan, Marg und Partner, Berlin
- Sporthalle Schule Dellheicht in Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxemburg)
Architect: Witry & Witry, Echternach
- Oval Lingotto, Turin (Italy)
Architect: Studio Zoppini Associati, Mailand with HOK Sport LTD, London
- Nanjing Sports Park in Nanjing (China)
Architect: HOK Sport Architecture, Brisbane



Silver:

- Winterbadeschiff, Berlin (Germany)
Architect: Wilk-Salinas Architekten, Berlin
- Olympiahalle und Tiroler Wasserkraft Arena, Innsbruck (Austria)
Architect: Rang und Volz GmbH, Frankfurt am Main
- Equipement sportif Salengro, Charleville-Mézières (France)
Architect: Nicolas Favet et Achim Von Meier, Issy les Moulineaux
- Aspire Dome, Doha (Qatar)
Architect: Roger Tallibert – Tallibert International with CICO Consultants, Paris

