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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	City Space Architecture
City and country where lead organization is based	Bologna, Italy
Title of the event	Stand up for Public Space!
Date of Networking Event	10/17/2016
Networking Event room number	11
Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based	1) Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia 2) The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 3) LASE + CityUrb, Guayaquil, Ecuador 4) University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand
Number of participants	100
Percentage of women participants	60%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	<p>The event was the opportunity to launch the global campaign 'Stand up for Public Space!' - www.standupforpublicspace.org - which is a research project promoted by City Space Architecture in collaboration with event's partner organizations (QUT Ethics Approval Number 1600000966). The purpose of this project is to foster a discussion on public space as a common good through the collection of experiences, stories, habits and activities, documenting public space and its users from different geographical contexts. Participation will involve people taking a photo of their favourite public space and share it with the research team through Twitter or Instagram. The project asks to include also a short description of the image in order to know where is this public space, what it means to them and why they would like to share it with the broader public. All entries are to be submitted using the following hashtags: #standupforpublicspace and/or #myfavouritepublicspace This project intends to provide a good insight of what a public space is for people in different countries and different continents. Data from the research will inform the development of a new taxonomy of public spaces and their uses, which might be useful to inform future planning documents and policies.</p>



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<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</p>	<p>During the networking event we gave a short introduction about City Space Architecture activities on public space and we launched the global campaign 'Stand up for Public Space!', www.standupforpublicspace.org (20 minutes). We then asked to the audience to contribute to the research project by providing some useful insights and reflections on public space: we divided the attendees in several groups (all English speaking but 1 Spanish speaking) and asked to each one of them to start a conversation, sharing concepts, definitions and problematics (50 minutes). We then asked to each group to summarize relevant outcomes from the discussion (40 minutes - in English with Spanish translation): public space was addressed referring to safety and security, appropriation and sharing, ownership and managing, with a particular focus on privatization trends, community engagement, solidarity, participation and accessibility, design ability in response to rapid urbanization without lacking of identity and sensory experience, with some examples from specific contexts. Some groups discussed also about the public dimension in the digital domain and about shopping malls as new destinations for public life. At the end of the discussion, we asked to the audience to reconsider their favourite public space in order to join the campaign. And we took a group picture.</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</p>	<p>Dr. Luisa Bravo, City Space Architecture</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</p>	<p>Dr. Mirko Guaralda, Queensland University of Technology, m.guaralda@qut.edu.au, Australia</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</p>	<p>Ass. Prof. Hendrik Tieben, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker</p>	<p>Arch. Luis Alfonso Saltos Espinoza, LASE + CityUrb</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker</p>	<p>Dr. Manfredo Manfredini, University of Auckland</p>