



**Building resilience: achieving effective post-disaster reconstruction**  
**International competition parallel to the fourth international conference 2008**

30 April – 2 May 2008, New Zealand | October 23-25 Montreal, Canada

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Dear Professor,

i-Rec (information and research for reconstruction) organizes a bi-annual conference on the theme of post-disaster reconstruction. Parallel to the conference, we also organize a student competition in which we invite undergraduate and graduate students of architecture and related design fields to submit innovative ideas to improve post-disaster reconstruction strategies for developing countries.

The competition explores innovative architectural solutions and becomes an ideal academic exercise for exploring various themes such as:

- Project management of low-cost housing projects overseas,
- Community participation and local resources,
- Temporary structures and prefabrication,
- Progressive building,
- Sustainable settlements and appropriate technologies in developing countries,
- Logistics and construction management,

We are currently organizing the fourth edition of the competition. This time, the projects will be exhibited in two locations:

- a. In parallel with the fourth i-Rec conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, April 30 and May 2, 2008
- b. During the conference "Building abroad" organized by grif in Montreal, Canada, October 23-25, 2008.

**We are inviting your school to participate in this event by submitting one or various entries to the international competition.**

The i-Rec student competition is recognized for the high quality of its entries. We encourage participants to apply reliable research knowledge and to propose comprehensive solutions that go beyond the technical aspects of immediate sheltering.

You can find more information about i-Rec and the competition at:  
[www.grif.umontreal.ca/i-Rec.htm](http://www.grif.umontreal.ca/i-Rec.htm)

Please find attached the brief of the 2008 edition of the i-Rec Student Competition.

If you have one or various students (or groups of students) interested in participating in the competition please **complete the registration form attached here** and return it to [gonzalo.lizarralde@umontreal.ca](mailto:gonzalo.lizarralde@umontreal.ca). If you will not submit a project, please also send us an email letting us know that your school will not participate.

We hope that your students will participate in this event. Do not hesitate to contact me for additional information about the competition.

Sincerely,

**Gonzalo Lizarralde**  
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