



Press Release

Small tasks and big results

IMIAD Workshop in Lahti (FI)



Image 1

Take a 1.5 x 1.1 meter sheet of birch particle board and design a spatial object or piece of furniture for a student apartment. No joints may be nailed, bolted or glued, only plug-and-socket connections are allowed. With this exciting project brief, for which there are no easy solutions, 34 IMIAD students started working in Lahti during the international workshop.

After previous workshops that reached out even into urban planning challenges in the pulsating metropolis Istanbul, students from Stuttgart, Edinburgh, Lugano, Istanbul and Lahti were asked to refocus on a scale of 1:1. In the context of the relatively quiet and small Lahti, a variety of fascinating prototypes were presented: from a folding screen to wine shelf, from desk container to rocking chair, there was the complete spectrum of solutions, all individual solutions developed from the same original two-dimensional material. In a stark contrast to previous workshops, this time in Lahti the focus was a real implementation of a design idea. The architectural sights of the seventh largest city in Finland with about 100,000 inhabitants were visited: Eliel Saarinen's city hall (1912), Alvar Aalto's "Church of the Cross" (1969/1979) as well as the Sibelius Concert Hall by Hannu Tikka and Kimmo Lintula (2000) on the shores of Lake Vesijärvi.

After two weeks of intensive work, all participants could present their designs. All objects were described by the students in terms of function, workmanship and form and tested for the everyday use. In the first step in addition to sketches, a working model in the scale 1:5 was presented, in order to examine the three-dimensional aspects. In the end, not only the variety but also the quality of the results demonstrated the success of the workshop: the apparently small and simple task led to extraordinary results.



Image 2



Image 3

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Overview IMIAD:

The International Master of Interior-Architectural Design IMIAD, is one of the first internationally-oriented Master's courses in interior design in Germany. The University of Applied Sciences Stuttgart in cooperation with Lahti University of Applied Arts (Finland), Edinburgh College of Art (Scotland), University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland Lugano (Switzerland) and Istanbul Technical University (Turkey) offers this programme. After successfully completing four semesters, the degree Master of Arts (M.A.) in Interior Architecture is awarded. Enrolment requirement is a Bachelor or University Diploma.

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Image 4

Images:

- 1) In the workshop Lahti, university of applied sciences
- 2) An extraordinary „Plywood-Object“
- 3) A basket for sauna-wood
- 4) A wooden chair with overlapping wooden modules

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