

a team of six architects from various countries and offices meet bi-monthly alternating between india and europe for an extended four day weekend of intense design workshops that focus on various live archohm projects.

the proposal is to establish an international forum of architectural design and practice with emphasis on the built form.

with established ties to india and archohm, members of the forum will have awareness of the indian context and familiarity with the studio. they will therefore be in a position to enrich the design process with a diversity of ideas stemming from diverse cultures to produce high quality design.

the concept is based on the belief that architecture is enriched by cultural experience, that a global approach to architecture is a process that is fluid and adaptable and not something foreign that is imposed on a place, the product should be architecture that evolves from india enriched and fed by collective knowledge and global experiences.

it is a chance to explore and address issues such as climate, environment, social structure, technology, structure and materials anew. it is an opportunity to question these issues in a framework that is usually only possible in academia, in an environment where nothing can be taken for granted.

the forum is not about architectural theory. with a vision to materialize projects, built form becomes the common platform and the ultimate focus. the exploration of ideas and the design process needs to be intense and rigorous, but the real benefit, especially for the foreign architects, is the ability to materialize and test these ideas.

the suggested structure is for an internet based communication, with bi-monthly meetings, sponsored by archohm, alternately in europe and india. these meetings will be in the form of intense design workshops, brainstorming sessions where particular projects are tackled. each architect will undertake a single project from concept to completion and will be in direct communication with the implementing team. in india, the meetings in india will be an opportunity for site visits and a deeper involvement in the building process.

in a nutshell, the benefits for the foreign architects are to realize constructed work and to gain exposure opening up opportunities in the growing indian market.

for archohm, a global design team is a marketable commodity in high demand from the existing and potential client base. beyond that it is an opportunity to gain time spent on producing high quality design.

the international forum is put forward as an experiment, arising from a common desire to interact with india and with architecture as a common platform of communication it is conceived as an opportunity to widen our horizons and explore design possibilities, with a team built on essential common foundations the process will be driven by diversity of knowledge and understanding.



archoforum design workshop 1

location: archohm office, new delhi
 project: gurgaon jaipur (expressway) urban design (glud) and dilli haat
 participants: BB, BD, CG, KV, KS, MU, NK, PG, PT, SD and SG

day 1 - saturday 9th august 2008

10:00 to 10:15
 -introduction to both projects.
 10:15 to 15:00
 -group 1 (g1): CG, KS, KV, MU, NK, PG and SG begin design discussions on glud.
 -group 2 (g2): BB, BD, SG, SD, NP, PT begin design discussions on dilli haat.
 15:00 to 15:30
 -lunch break at khan market.
 15:30 to 19:00
 -g1 travel from delhi to neemrana taking over 750 photographs along the way.
 -g2 visit garden of 5 senses, dilli haat at pitampura and janak puri site.
 19:00 to 22:00
 -g1 discuss findings from the journey over dinner at neemrana fort, reach delhi after midnight.

day 2 - sunday 10th august 2008

9:00 to 13:30
 -brainstorming session followed by design session at archohm office.
 14:30 to 19:00
 -design work.
 19:00 onwards
 -disperse for dinner at MM's house.

day 3 - monday 11th august 2008

9:00 to 13:30
 -assembly at archohm, documentation and presentation of conceptual work.
 14:30 to 20:00
 -summarise work, complete drawings, drafting, modeling work.
 20:00 onwards
 -farewell dinner ends with a vote of thanks.

LEGEND:

- CITIES
- TOLL PLAZA
- FLY OVERS
- PEDESTRIAN PASS
- CATTLE PASS
- TRUCK LAY-BYES
- ROAD NETWORK

CHAINAGES

NAME OF TOWN

CHAINAGE

TOTAL LENGTH

	FROM	TO	IN KMS
MANESAR	47.5	50	2.50
DHARUHERA	67	73.85	6.85
BEHROR	131.05	135.57	4.52
KOTPUTLI	153.17	159.52	6.35
PAOTA	174.4	176	1.60
SHAHPURA	199.8	203.5	3.70
MANOHARPUR	211.2	212	0.80

PROJECT FACILITIES

NOs.

TOLL PLAZA	3
TRUCK LAY-BYES	16
BUS BAYS AND BUS SHELTERS	51
FLY OVERS	48
PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS	38
SERVICE ROADS	LHS - 23, RHS - 27

archoforum design workshop 2

location: archohm office, utrecht, holland
project: cerita university masterplan and building
concepts: state of the art school at gurgaoan
participants: BB, CG, KS, NK, SG

day 1 saturday 4th october 2008
9:00 to 16:00

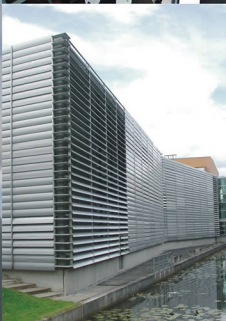
- introduction by KS to the cerita institutes, explanations of context, site, requirements.
- introduction by SG to the school project.
- 10:00 to 12:00
- presentations by NK/ BB/ CG on what they consider to be the best institutes in the world
- 12:00 to 16:00
- KS and BB work on the engineering college and the school of design.
- SG and NK work on the management institute and the school of architecture.
- SG and CG work on the school project.
- 16:00 to 18:00
- joint review with constructive criticism.
- 18:00 onwards
- the groups continue conceptual designing.

day 2 sunday 5th october 2008
9:00 to 10:00

- joint review to prevent 'drifting' away from the specific tasks at hand; keeping the clear end objective in mind.
- 10:00 to 14:00
- the groups carry on the conceptual designing.
- 14:30 to 16:00
- joint review to ascertain the progress made thus far and identify weaknesses.
- 16:00 to 19:00
- excursion to utrecht university, principal buildings:
 - :: educatorium by rem koolhaas
 - :: university library by weil arets
 - :: faculty of medicine by erick van egeraat
- 19:00 to 21:00
- the groups continue conceptual work, followed by dinner in utrecht's old town.

day 3 monday 6th october 2008
9:00 to 14:00

- documentation of the final presentations.
- 15:00 to 19:00
- design workshop on the concepts made.
- 19:00 to 20:00
- identify further continuation tasks to take design forward.



archoforum design workshop 3

location: archohm office, new delhi, india
 project: cerita university, chandigarh, masterplan, landscape, admin and entry buildings
 participants: CG, KS, MU, NP, PT, SG, SR and millind patel (ahmedabad)

schedule:

day 1 - sunday 14th december 2008

8:00 to 12:00

-introduction to the aims of the workshop.

-review of cerita university project and common discussion.

13:00 to 20:00

-group 1 (g1): NP, PT and millind explored the conceptual design of the landscape scheme for the campus.

-group 2 (g2): CG, MU and SR discussed the conceptual design and location of the main admin building at the entrance.

-SG and KS float between the two groups as required.

21:00 to 23:00

-following dinner, a joint review of the conceptual work done thus far - a session of constructive criticism that allowed the designs to evolve.

day 2 - monday 15th december 2008

8:00 to 12:00

-g1 continued design of landscaping strategy.

-g2 discussed the master plan with particular regard to massing of blocks on the site and the overall feel of the campus.

13:00 to 15:30

-g2 began conceptual design development of the architecture school and management institute.

15:30 to 20:00

-joint presentation of work done so far.

20:00 to 22:00

-millind returns to ahmedabad.

day 3 - tuesday 16th december 2008

8:00 to 12:00

-conceptual design work continued.

13:00 to 19:00

-presentation for all the buildings of the cerita campus.

20:00 to 22:00

following dinner - final documents were printed and bound.

archoforum design workshop 4

location: NK's home office, athens, greece.
 project: design competition for the school of planning and architecture (daphi) new campus and continuation of cerita university buildings.
 participants: CG, KS, NK, SG, catja, de haas and alexandra stratou.

day 1 friday 13th march 2009

9:00 to 10:30
 -status update by KS on cerita campus.
 -introduction by SG to challenges on the same.
 10:30 to 12:00
 -design discussions on the project.
 12:00 to 16:00
 -the team split up into three groups.
 -KS and catja work on the polytechnic.
 -SG and NK work on the management institute.
 -SG and CG work on the admin and colonnade.
 -KS and CG work on the engineering college.
 16:00 to 16:30
 -joint review with constructive criticism to produce some clear ideas and proposals.
 16:30 to 20:00
 -general discussion on the spa design project, presentation on campuses of similar size.
 -dissection of design brief, and issues raised, discuss the site context, weather conditions, climatic issues, architectural controls, etc.

day 2 saturday 14th march 2009

9:00 to 13:30
 -walking excursion in athens to view the acropolis, greek lunch in an athens street
 13:30 to 17:00
 -work on design concepts for the campus.
 17:00 to 17:30
 -design discussion, ascertain progress.
 17:30 to 20:00
 -the groups continue conceptual design.
 20:00 onwards
 -dinner discussion on the project.

day 3 sunday 15th march 2009

9:00 to 9:30
 -reviewed previous days work.
 9:30 to 14:00
 -made sketch up models of the concepts, as also a 'keyboard' of the final design.
 14:00 to 16:00
 -put together concept notes, support sketches, references, compiled material into a ppt.
 16:00 to 20:00
 -concluding activities, identify further tasks.