



Seminar of the LIBER Architecture Group

## **Changing Needs, Changing Libraries** in Utrecht, The Netherlands

**22 March – 24 March 2006**

**with a pre-seminar tour: 20/21 March in Belgium and the south of The Netherlands**



Interior of the new Utrecht University Library

**In cooperation with  
Utrecht University Library and University Library of Gent.**

The seminar took place in Utrecht, The Netherlands, from Wednesday, March 22, to Friday, March 24, 2006. The pre-seminar tour, starting in Gent, Belgium, covered libraries in Gent as well as in Brussels, Antwerp, Leuven and Maastricht on Monday and Tuesday, March 20/21. On Saturday, March 25, there was an optional excursion to Delft Technical University Library, Amstelveen Public Library and Cobra Museum of Modern Art.

**Pre-seminar tour: Inviting Libraries, Inviting Buildings**  
**Monday 20 March – Tuesday 21 March in Belgium and South of The Netherlands**

**Sunday 19 March 2006**

Arrival in Gent, check-in at your hotel for two nights. Sunday free.

**Monday 20 March 2006**

09.00-10.00 Registration for the pre-seminar at Gent University Library  
(cf [http://lib1.ugent.be/cmsites/default.aspx?ref=AC&lang=EN\\_BO](http://lib1.ugent.be/cmsites/default.aspx?ref=AC&lang=EN_BO))

- 10.00 Bus trip to Brussels; visit to the Humanities Library, Université Libre de Bruxelles (architect: Art & Build Architects). (cf [http://www.bib.ulb.ac.be/BSH/bib\\_bsh.htm](http://www.bib.ulb.ac.be/BSH/bib_bsh.htm))  
Welcome by Jean-Pierre Devroey, Library Director and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Presentation of the Bibliothèque des Sciences Humaines by Christian Brouwer.
- 12.30-13.30 Bus trip to Antwerp.
- 13.30-16.00 Lunch at the Public Library, Permeke Bibliotheek in Antwerp, including a visit to the library.  
Presentation by the architect Paul Robbrecht on the refurbishing of the Felix Archive Antwerp (cf <http://permeke.antwerpen.be/MIDA/>)
- 16.00-17.00 Visit to Library at the Fashion Museum (architect Marie Josée van Hee)  
(cf <http://www.momu.be/>)
- 19.30 Visit to Gent University Library (architect: Henry van de Velde), combined with dinner reception

## Tuesday 21 March 2006

- 08.30-10.00 Bus trip to Leuven, with luggage
- 10.00-11.30 Visit to the Science Library, Arenberg Campus, Catholic University Leuven (architect: Rafael Moneo).  
(cf [http://webdoc.gwdg.de/edoc/aw/liber/lq-2-00/lq\\_2\\_00\\_s182b197.pdf](http://webdoc.gwdg.de/edoc/aw/liber/lq-2-00/lq_2_00_s182b197.pdf))  
(cf article in LIBER Quarterly: [http://webdoc.gwdg.de/edoc/aw/liber/lq-2-00/lq\\_2\\_00\\_s182b197.pdf](http://webdoc.gwdg.de/edoc/aw/liber/lq-2-00/lq_2_00_s182b197.pdf))  
Presentation by Raf Dekeyser, University Librarian em., Catholic University Leuven
- 11.30-12.30 Bus trip to Maastricht, The Netherlands  
Lunch at the Bonnefanten Art Museum (Aldo Rossi, architect), Maastricht  
(cf <http://www.bonnefanten.nl/engels/index.html>)
- 13.30-15.00 Visit to the Centre Ceramique Public Library (Jo Coenen, architect), Maastricht  
(cf <http://www.centreceramique.nl/>)
- 15.00-15.30 Walk to University Library Maastricht
- 15.30-17.30 Visit to University Library Maastricht (architect: OD205) (cf <http://www.unimaas.nl>); welcome by John Golbert, Chief Librarian

## Seminar of The LIBER Architecture Group:

### Changing Needs, Changing Libraries

Wednesday 22 March – Friday 24 March 2006 at the Utrecht University Library

## Wednesday 22 March 2006

- 11.00 **Session 1.** Opening of the seminar  
a. Welcome by Elmar Mittler (LIBER Architecture Group)  
b. Welcome by Wim Kardux, Member of the Board of Utrecht University
- 11.30-13.00 **Session 2:** Changing needs, changing architecture (Chair: Elmar Mittler)  
a. Graham Bulpitt (Kingston University, Kingston, London): Changing requirements of students and researchers

- b. Marco De Michelis, IUAV University Venice: Trends in contemporary architecture
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch, poster session by architect Grazina Janulyte and library director Meile Kretaviciene, of the Kaunas University of Medicine, Lithuania, about a new University Library
- 14.00-15.30 **Session 3.** Planning principles (Chair: Elmar Mittler)
  - a. Andrew MacDonald (Information Services, University of Sunderland): The Ten Commandments revisited
  - b. Tina Hohmann, Dipl. Ing. Arch., MLIS: New aspects of library planning
  - c. Panel discussion (Wiel Arets, Thomas Luecking, Tina Hohmann, Andrew McDonald, Marco de Michelis).
- 16.00-17.00 **Session 4.** Utrecht University Library (Chair: Tanja Notten)
  - a. Movie: "UBU Portrait" by Henryk Gajewski
  - b. Bas Savenije (Utrecht University Library) and Wiel Arets (architect of the Utrecht University Library): Building a living library
 Guided tour of the library

#### Thursday 23 March 2006

- 09.00-10.30 **Session 5.** Contributed papers on refurbished buildings (Chair: Steen Bille Larsen)
  - a. Pieter Segers: The renovation project of the University Library Nijmegen
  - b. Ivana Kadlecova: Knihovna Akademie ved České Republiky, Prague
  - c. René Strehler: Library of the Law Institute, University of Zurich
- 11.00-12.30 **Session 6.** Contributed papers on refurbished buildings (Chair: Steen Bille Larsen)
  - a. Sylvia van Peteghem: University Library of Gent
  - b. Catherine Tresson: Library of the University Denis Diderot – Paris VII
  - c. Alison Wilson: Wilson Hall, Cambridge
- 13.45-15.00 Visit to Wageningen University Library (architect: Paul Wintermans), welcome by Library Director Dick van Zaane (cf [http://library.wur.nl/home/index\\_nl.html/](http://library.wur.nl/home/index_nl.html/))
- 16.00-18.00 Visit to Librije and Walburgis Church in Zutphen. (cf <http://www.walburgiskerk.nl/>)

#### Friday 24 March 2006

- 09.15-9.45 **Session 7.** Contributed papers: New libraries (Chair: Tanja Notten)
  - Andreas Degkwitz, University Library of Cottbus
- 10.30-12.00 **Session 8.** Processes of Architecture competition: The Lausanne example (Chair: Graham Bulpitt)
  - a. Nicolas Joye (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne): Campus development
  - b. David Aymonin (Library of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne) & Marie-Françoise Bisbrouck (Library of the University Paris-Sorbonne): program and competition

- c. Nicola Joye & Mirjana Rittmeyer (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne): Project development and planning
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch, poster session by Zdenka Dohnalkova, about the refurbished library of Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 13.00-14.30 **Session 9.** Processes of Architecture competition (Chair: Graham Bulpitt)
  - a. Alessandro Bertoni (University Library System, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice): New library buildings: alternatives, choices, selections
  - b. Panel discussion by the speakers in session 8 and 9
- 15.00-17.00 **Session 10.** Campus development (Chair: Ulrich Niederer)
  - a. François Montarras (University Denis Diderot – Paris VII): Campus development for the University Denis Diderot – Paris VII
  - b. Marta Viragos (Debrecen University Library): Debrecen University Library, Hungary: a campus solution
  - c. Art Zaaijer (Architect): Campus planning of The Uithof, followed by a guided tour to the Uithof
 Closing remarks by Bas Savenije (Utrecht University Library), and Elmar Mittler (LIBER Architecture Group)

### **Saturday 25 March 2006: Excursion to Delft and Amstelveen (optional)**

- 10.00-11.00 Delft Technical University Library (architect: Mecanoo) (cf [http://www.library.tudelft.nl/ws/235/f\\_EN.html](http://www.library.tudelft.nl/ws/235/f_EN.html))
- 11.30-13.00 Amstelveen Public Library (architect: Hans Ruissenaars) (cf <http://www.bibliotheek-amstelveen.nl/>)
- 13.00-14.00 Free time for lunch, visit to the Cobra Museum of Modern Art (architect: Wim Quist) (cf <http://www.cobra-museum.nl/>), etc.
- 14.30 Bus from Amstelveen to Schiphol Airport (also train connections to Brussels) and to Utrecht