



## FINAL STATE EXAMS + GRADUATION CEREMONY

With the end of another Academic year at ARCHIP came the Final State Exams and finally the delivering of diplomas at the Graduation Ceremony!

Between June 18-21, 24 Bachelor's and 3 Master's students defended their projects before external committees, chaired by Jan Hájek, Petr Šmídek, Jan Holna and Petr Lešek. Students presented their drawings, models and slideshows with verbal presentations of their projects, and also answered questions about the History of Architecture and Construction.

ARCHIP's 4th graduation ceremony took place this year in the large auditorium hall of DOX. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the occasion of 25 graduates - ARCHIP's thus far largest class - which included our first Master's graduates.

The student speech - at times playful yet also serious - was delivered by Isaac Marquez, and spoke about the ARCHIP family and friendships. Together, students represented the countries Mexico, Guatemala, Morocco, Norway, Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, France, Iran, the Czech Republic, Korea, Croatia, the United States, Libya and Singapore! Congratulations to all!

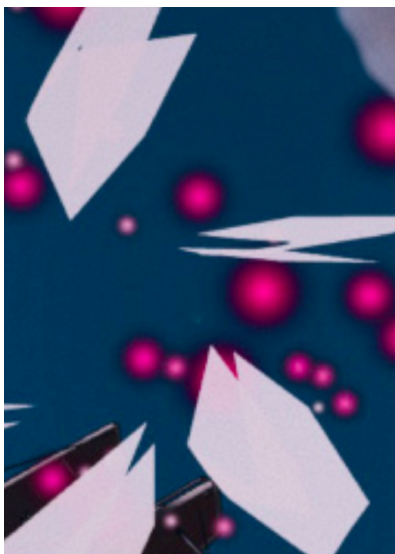


## DESIGN DISCO - AT PRAGUE'S MAKER FAIRE!

Maker Faire! is the largest worldwide exhibition of innovation, creativity and invention, where ideas, knowledge and novel productions are shared within an informal meeting space. It began in 2006 in San Francisco, and has since spread to cities around the world.

This event took place in Prague, for the first time, on June 23-24 in the Industrial Palace in Prague 7. The Faire! hosted 180 'Makers' and had over 10.000 visitors, and was supported by PRUSA research - a world famous (and local) 3D printer manufacturer.

The mission to share creative ideas and experiences with others was a perfect opportunity for Design Disco to interact with both children and parents alike. With the support of ARCHIP, the passionate student volunteers of Design Disco spent the weekend at the Faire!, sharing their interactive exercise "Puzzle Furniture". Originally conceived as a design-project for modular furniture (with the aim to minimise material waste) here, the pre-fabricated pieces were laser-cut in advance at a smaller scale. The activity was to put the pieces together — a hands-on experience of making objects, while at the same time teaching about the act of assembly and the concept of a model. What fun!



## SUMMER SCHOOLS IN JULY

This year's Summer School consists of 5 parallel workshops, under C4NC (Center for Next Crafts), ARCHIP's interdisciplinary research branch focused on the intersection of emerging technologies, design, science and practical craftsmanship.

The unique, 2 week workshops cover 5 separate 'futuristic' programs:

*Outer Limits: Exploring the Limits of Architecture* — will develop non-conforming approaches based on site-specific conditions which have potential to support positive social changes; *Alien City, Feral City: Future Scenarios Design in Urban Context* — will explore and film Prague and some of its specific sites in order to sketch future scenarios for the urban context; *Immersive Spaces: Design Process in Virtual Reality* — will explore the recently available VR tools related to design processes; *"Smart" Contracts with Humans & Things: Design for Blockchain & IoT* — will explore the emergent blockchain technologies and their convergence with IoTs, questioning the relation of interactive systems to everyday life; and *From Lollipops to Wearables: Open Hardware Design with Soft and Flexible Circuits* — will experiment with making circuits and designing with them different contraptions.

Learn more about ARCHIP's Summer School at <https://www.archip.eu/sws/>

## JUNE - JULY

Also in June, ARCHIP co-sponsored and participated in the Holešovický Slunovrat - a neighborhood celebration welcoming Summer. The second annual event in Tusarova park, not far from the school, was a meeting of people and local groups with activities and games. Some of our students' models were also on display to the public.

The next Academic Year 2018-19 begins September 3. Have a great summer!

## HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD