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Award winning architect Michael Heenan scores double judging honours

Allen Jack+Cottier (AJ+C)'s principal and award winning architect Michael Heenan will be a judge for the 2010 World Architecture Awards and the NSW AIA Architecture Awards for Excellence.

Michael is one of two Australian representatives including Justine Clark, editor of Architecture Australia, selected to be on the international jury panel for the prestigious World Architecture Festival (WAF) Awards on 3-5 November 2010 in Barcelona.

Michael joins an elite group of world renowned architects, allied professionals and critics on the panel including Barry Bergdoll, curator of New York's Museum of Modern Art, Matthias Sauerbruch of Germany's Sauerbruch Hutton, Richard Hassell of Singapore's WOHA, and Michel Rojkind of Mexico's Rojkind Arquitectos. They will be assessing more than 800 entries from over 60 countries at this year's awards.

The selection process for judges was based on a truly global representation, said WAF organisers, Emap, publishers of UK-based Architectural Review and Architects Journal.

"Great projects from great new practices are emerging in previously dormant markets/regions and WAF as a celebration of architecture should represent this, not just in the breadth of entries but also in its panel," said WAF programme director Paul Finch.

"Michael's Berry Sports Hall project displayed that a modest budget need not stifle creativity. The result was an expressive and creative building that remains nonetheless responsible towards its users and the environment," Finch added. "In a year when our theme was "more for less", the project encapsulated what WAF 2009 is about and the way the industry as a whole is currently heading. Therefore his thoughts and ideas on this year's entries are highly desirable."

Michael will also chair this year's Australian Institute of Architecture (AIA) Awards jury for the Commercial and Interiors Category.

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