

Inauguration of the architectural exhibit, "A gateway to the Airport", to be held 27 June 2001 at 12 noon on the first floor of the airport.

During the ceremony, awards for first, second and third place in the national architectural competition will be given as well as honourable mentions for two contestants.

Gesac, the Naples Airport operator, organized an architectural competition on a national level specifically aimed at designs for improvements along the two major roads leading to the two airport entryways: Viale Fulco Ruffo di Calabria and Viale Umberto Maddalena.

Members of an internal jury, presided by managing director Mauro Pollio, carefully examined the ten submitted projects and assigned first prize to architects Emanuela Bulli, Diodoro Carrera, Luigi De Falco, Gianluca Graziani and Giuseppe Senofonte whose design stood out both in terms of functionality and harmony with the surrounding urban fabric.

The project, which covers a surface area of 200m², calls for the creation of two portals: one located near Terminal 2 along Viale Fulco Ruffo and the other at the beginning of the new Viale Maddalena airport access road. A free-form white sail, reminiscent of a bird in flight, will be suspended from steel frame supporting structure and punctiform illumination will allow night time visibility from above.

The final design and technical direction, entrusted to the winning group with a projected cost estimate of 440 million lire, is scheduled for completion in December 2001 for the structure along Viale Maddalena and within the following year for the structure along Viale Fulco Ruffo.

"The theme proposed by Gesac allowed great deal of liberty of expression and left ample space for many different solutions" – stated Luigi De Falco, architect and coordinator of the group that won first prize – "inspiration was drawn from the sense of freedom expressed by birds in flight, the mechanisms of Leonardo's flying machine and the renown "drawn tensile" structures of Frei Otto and Santiago Calatrava."

National Architectural Competition "A gateway to the Airport"

Winners:

First prize: Emanuela Bulli, Diodoro Carrera, Luigi De Falco, Gianluca Graziani and Giuseppe Senofonte.

Second prize: Stefania Barba, Alessandro Ceso, Riccardo Dalisi and Claudia Trillo

Third prize: Vincenzo Corvino and Giovanni Multari

The architectural solutions in the two of the submitted projects were selected for **honourable mention** owing to their unique designs: the first for the project by Marcello Silvestro and the second for the plans by Giulio Buonpane, Antonietta Petrillo, Marco Romeo and Fabrizio Silvestri.