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Ipostudio is a private limited company of architects who has worked in the fields of architecture, design and research, in Florence since 1983.

The four partners are:

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Elisabetta Zanasi Gabrielli, architect,

Ipostudio aims to develop architectural and urban design based on the correct integration between the use of innovative technologies and the respect of the rules of the architectural design. To such end the activity of planning is always placed side by side by the research activity.

Ipostudio approaches to architectural and urban design aiming to develop new methodologies and criteria based on environmental awareness and user needs oriented solutions.

This means to adopt innovative methodologies in the process of planning that contemplates to the optimal integration between new technologies and traditional constructive techniques.

Within his own activities of research and architectural design, Ipostudio has matured a vast experience in the sector of the planning of public buildings to social and collective use.

Particularly Ipostudio has developed design and research projects in the following sectors: new technologies for houses and office buildings, analysis of architectural and technical solutions "energy saving oriented", functional planning of layouts based on user needs and quality of indoor environment.

During almost twenty years of activity Ipostudio consolidated a design approach that, without never abdicating the objective of the architectural quality, it keeps in mind of a series of important factors for the functional quality of the buildings; particularly:

- the end user needs;
- the environmental awareness;
- the reduction of the running and energy costs;
- the durability of buildings and the maintenance of the performances within the lifespan.

History and Assets

The Ipostudio's activities in the field of **architecture** have been concentrated in two main areas: carrying out professional commissions to do with the planning and execution of projects and taking part in national and international architectural competitions.

WORKS

Major built works

- Health centre and houses for elderly people in Poggibonsi (Siena), (2001/2004).
- Health centre and houses for elderly people in Torrita di Siena (Siena), (started in 2001/2004).
- Health centre for elderly people in Ancona, (1999/2004)
- Premises for the "Banca del Chianti Fiorentino" in Sambuca Val di Pesa, Florence, 1997/2002
- Health centre for elderly people in Carpi (Mo), 1997/2002
- Health centre for elderly people in Vigliano Biellese (Bi), 1998/2000.
- Health centre for elderly people in Modena, 1997/1999.
- Housing buildings in Panzano, Greve in Chianti, Florence, 1992/1999.
- Extension of the "Lorenzo il Magnifico Primary School" in Campi Bisenzio, Florence, 1992/1997.
- Housing building in Melara, La Spezia, 1986/1990.
- Waldensian church in San Salvo, Chieti, 1988/1990.
- Funeral monument in the San Cresci Cemetery in Campi Bisenzio, Florence, 1984.

Buildings under construction

- Renovation of a Health Centre for elderly people and in Poggibonsi (Siena)
- Industrial building in Impruneta (Florence), started in 2004.
- Extension of the Carlo Vismara Institute in S.Bassano (Cremona), started in 2004.
- Renovation and reorganization of the Santa Maria della Croce Hospital in Montalcino (Siena), started in 2003.
- Renovation of Social Housing Development in Florence, started in 2003.
- Administration Buildings and Main Entrance Hall of the Careggi Hospital Centre in Florence, started in 2002.
- Health centres and houses for elderly people in Montemurlo (Prato), started in 2001.
- Health centres and houses for elderly people in Tavarnelle Val di Pesa (Florence), started in 2001.
- Extension and reorganization of the Orthopaedic and Accident Department of Florence, started in 2001
- Renovation of Social Housing Developments in Florence, started in 2002.

Projects in progress

- "Open Lab" Laboratory for the University of Florence, started in 2004.
- Student's Hostel in Florence, started in 2004.
- New library for the University of Florence, started in 2004.
- Extension of "Mazzolani-Vandini" Hospital in Argenta (Ferrara), started in 2004.
- School buildings in Sarno (Salerno), started in 2002.
- Office Building in Florence, started in 2002.
- Industrial Buildings and Commercial Developments in Scandicci (Florence), started in 2002.

Other mayor projects

- Industrial and office buildings for Ely Lilly Industry in Campi Bisenzio (Florence), preliminary design, 2003
- Social Housing Development in Grosseto, preliminary design, 2002.
- Student's Hostel for The University of Florence in Sesto, preliminary design for the project financing, 2001.
- Shopping Centre "Madonna dell'Acqua" in San Giuliano Terme (PI), feasibility study, 1998/2000
- Office, Housing and Commercial Development in Pistoia (North-East area), study of feasibility, 1999/2001
- Health centres and houses for elderly people in Scerni (Chieti), preliminary design, 1999.
- Renovation and reorganization of "Villa dell'Annunziata" for Houses for elderly people in Marradi (Florence), preliminary design, 1997.
- Housing development in San Giuliano Terme (Pisa), preliminary design, 1998.
- Houses for elderly people and Health Centre "Villaggio Famiglia" in Follo (La Spezia), masterplan, preliminary and final design, 1994/1997.
- Renovation and reorganization of an industrial building to be used as Houses for elderly people in Rome, feasibility study, 1996.
- Renovation and reorganization of the Hospital in Melegnano (Milano) to be used as Health Centre and Houses for elderly people, feasibility study, 1996.
- Health Centre and Houses for elderly in Cattolica (Forli), preliminary, final and construction design, 1992/1993.
- Feasibility studies and preliminary design for Houses for elderly people in Solero (Alessandria), Tavoleto (Pesaro) and Morciano di Romagna (Forli), 1990/1992.
- Renovation Plan for the "Poggio" area (houses, hotel and office building) in La Spezia, feasibility study and masterplan, 1987.
- Social Housing development in La Spezia, preliminary design, 1987.
- Underground car park, office building and houses in the "ex-Gazometro" area in Viareggio (Lucca), feasibility study, 1986.
- Underground car park in "Piazza del Mercato" in La Spezia, feasibility study, 1986.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITIONS

Awards

- **First prize** in the competition (participation by invitation only) for the "Master Plan for Office, Housing and Commercial Development" in Calenzano, Florence, 1998.
- **First prize** in the national competition for a " Health centre for elderly people " in Modena, 1997.
- **First prize** in the competition (participation by invitation only) for a new building for the "Banca del Chianti Fiorentino" in Sambuca Val di Pesa, Florence, 1995.
- **First prize** in the national competition for the "Service Area Prenestina" in the A1 Milan/Naples Motorway, 1988.

- **First prize** in the national competition for the restoration of the old tobacco factory and adjacent areas in Comiso, Ragusa, 1987.
- **Second prize** in the European competition New Provincial Authority Headquarter in Arezzo 2005
- **Third prize** in the international competition " Living in Milan - new urban spaces for public housing development via Gallarate, with Studio Archea, 5+1, Metrogramma, 2005.
- **Quarter prize** in the international competition " Living in Milan - new urban spaces for public housing development via Ovada, whit Metrogramma, Studio Archea, 5+1, 2005.
- Second prize in the national competition for an "Urban Park near the Staggia river in Poggibonsi", Siena, 1989.
- Selected for the second stage in the international competition for "New multifunctional hall and mediacenter Chiari (Bs) 2005
- Selected for the second stage in the international competition for "3 School Buildings in Rome", Rome, 2004.
- Selected for the second stage in the international competition for the "Business District in Porto Marghera", Venice, 2003 (special mention).
- Selected for the second stage in the international competition for a Student's Hostel in Rome, 2002 (special mention).
- Selected for the second stage in the international competition for the TAV (Fast Trains) Railway Station of Florence, 2002.
- Special mention in the international design competition "Living in Milan/2 - renovation of urban spaces for public housing developments – via degli Appennini 2005.
- Special mention in the international design competition "Living in Milan – renovation of urban spaces for public housing developments – via Civitavecchia, with 5+1, Studio Archea, Metrogramma, 2005.
- Special mention in the international competition for two Pedestrian Bridges, "the Music Bridge", in Rome, 2000.
- Special mention in the international competition for the "New IUAV-Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia", Venice, 1998.
- Special mention in the international competition "Progetto Venezia - Ca' Venier dei Leoni", III International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, 1985.
- Special mention in the national competition for the "Master plan in the area surrounding the Santuario Madonna dei Miracoli", Casalbordino (Chieti), 1982.

Major participations in the last years

- New multifunctional hall and media-centre in Chiari (Brescia), 2005
- Two bridges in Vallina (Florence), 2005
- Living in Milan/2 – renovation of urban spaces for public housing developments – via degli Appennini, 2005
- New Provincial Authority Headquarter in Arezzo, 2005
- Living in Milan – renovation of urban spaces for public housing developments – international design competition. Locations: via Civitavecchia, via Gallarate, via Ovada, and via Senigallia
- Heath System District in Siena 2005
- School centre "Lido Adriano", Ravenna, 2005
- Three School Buildings in Rome, "la Romanina" 2004
- International competition for the Football Stadium in Siena, 2004.
- International competition for the Regional Authorities Headquarter in Bari, 2003.
- International competition for the TAV (Fast Trains) Railway Station "Porta Susa" in Torino, 2001.
- International competition for the ex-Palace Area in Lugano, 2000.
- European competition for the Italian Space Agency in Rome, 2000.
- European competition for office buildings in the Theresiesienhohe in Munich, 2000.
- National competition (participation by invitation only) for the master plan of Piazza Matteotti in Tavarnelle Val di Pesa (Florence), 1998.
- European competition for the "Free Bolzano University", Bressanone-Brixen, 1998.
- European competition for "50 churches for Roma 2000", Tor Tre Teste site, 1994.
- International competition for the New Royal Library, Copenhagen, 1993.
- National competition for the Piedicastello School Centre, Trento, 1993.
- National competition for an office building in Bari, 1992.
- International competition for the Spreebogen area, Berlin, 1992.

Industrial Design

- Consultant of Sweda IES Electronics for design and development of cash registers.
- Design for Sweda IES Electronics] of:
 - cash register "S20" (1999)
 - cash register "Master" (1996)
 - cash register "Spazio" (1991) selected at "Smau Industrial Design Prize 1992"
- Selected for the "Design/Production" competitions, held by "Centro Sperimentale del Mobile di Poggibonsi", 1983/1986.

RESEARCH

Ipostudio's research activity covers a broad range of issues from studies of materials performances and building design methodologies to investigation of maintenance strategies and building pathology. Research activity includes: collaboration with research programmes co-ordinated by both public and private national and international organisations such as the research projects carried out within the Universities of Ferrara and Florence and the research projects funded by European Economic Community EEC.

Other research activities include initiatives of a promotional character (such as the formulation of research programmes or feasibility projects, often commissioned by private organisations) and research works commissioned from IAA.

Ipostudio includes also a technical division for Building Maintenance Consultants Services.

The main international research projects carried out in the last years include:

- *International research project "BE 4213 - Condition assessment and maintenance strategies for building and buildings components" funded by the European Community within the Brite Euram Programme [1991/95].*
- *International research project "ARIADNE Access, Information and Navigation Support in the Labyrinth of Large Buildings" funded by the European Community within the TIDE Programme - Telematics for the Integration of Disabled and Elderly people" (1996/1999)*
- *International research project "BE 4670 – Socio-Technological-Commercial Framework and Decision Support Systems for Building Refurbishment" funded by the European Community within the Brite Euram Programme [1999/2001].*
- *International research project "G1RD-CT2000-00474 – IFD Buildings: Socio-Technological-Commercial Process Model and Supporting Communication/Information System for Design and Delivery of Industrialised, Flexible and Durable Buildings" to be funded by the European Community within the Competitive and Sustainable Growth Programme [2001/2003].*
- *International research project "EBOB – Energy Efficient Behaviour in Office Building [2002/2004].*

The associated architects of Ipostudio have wrote several books concerning building technologies, design methodologies and maintenance strategies and published extensively in professional journals and magazines.

EXHIBITIONS, CITATIONS AND MENTIONS

Ipostudio's works have been exposed, among the others, at *the Venice Architecture Biennale – the III, VI and VIII International Exhibition of Architecture –*, in Praga, Graz, Dessau, and published on international architectural magazines and books, like *Casabella, Area, Abitare, L'Arca, "d'A-d'Architettura", "UME" and Almanacco di Casabella 98-99 and 97-98.*

International and National Exhibitions

- IX International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, "Metamorfosi delle città d'acqua (Water towns Metamorph)", 2004.
- "Flessibile e Durevole" (Flexible and Durable), Results of the IFD Project (European Research), Florence and Delft, 2004.
- "13x13, 13 sedute di cartone x 13 architetti italiani" (13x13, 13 cardboard chairs for 13 Italian architects), exhibition inside the "Città sottili, luoghi e progetti di cartone" event, enclosed by Pietro Carlo Pellegrini, Lucca, Milan, 2003.
- "Vent'anni di Ipostudio" (20 years of Ipostudio), exhibition at the Cultural Center "Il Bisonte", Florence, 2003.
- "Dieci progetti per la nuova Stazione Alta Velocità di Firenze" (Ten projects for the new TAV Railway Station in Florence), Florence, 2003.
- "Diciottoarchitettiperdiciottomattoni" (Eighteen architects for eighteen bricks), enclosed by Pietro Carlo Pellegrini, Lucca, 2002.
- "Lonely Living", Extra-next event, VIII International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, 2002.
- "Next-city", VIII International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, 2002.
- "50/50 New Italian Architecture – Two generations", Ald'a Agenzia Italiana d'Architettura, Graz, Praha, 2002.
- "XIX Premio Compasso d'Oro Exhibition", Milan, 2001.
- "Two Pedestrian Bridges", exhibition of the projects presented at the international competition, Rome, 2000.
- "Città della Scuola a Sarno – Scuole a confronto" (School buildings in Sarno), Provincia di Salerno, Sarno, December 1999/January 2000.
- "Lo spazio pubblico in Italia: 1990-1999", Lucca, Omegna, 1999/2000.
- "1999 per l'architettura – Proposte Programmi Progetti – Consultazione europea nel cinquantenario del VII CIAM (Bergamo 1949)", Bergamo 1999.
- "New Italian Architecture - Ausstellung: Neue italienische Architektur - Projects and buildings exposition designed by Italian architects of the new generation", held in Berlin, Stockholm, Buenos Aires, Sidney, Melbourne, 1996/99.
- "Città e territorio - Progetti e opere per Calenzano" (City and landscape – Projects for Calenzano), Calenzano (Firenze), 1999.

- "Florentine Architects of the New Generation", Matera, 1997.
- VI International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, Italian sector, 1996.
- "Contemporary Italian architecture - New generation's researches and experiences", held in Milan, Genoa, Palermo, Bari, Florence, 1993/95.
- "Cambiamenti di percorso", Galleria Michelucci, Florence, 1992.
- "Biennal '87", International Exhibition of "the Youthful Cultural Production in the European Mediterranean", Barcelona, Spain, 1987.
- III International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, 1985.

Selections

- "Laboratorio Italia, sezione professione e ricerca" (Italian Laboratory, research and professional works), Festival dell'Architettura, Parma, 2005
- "Identità dell'architettura italiana" (Identity of Italian Architecture)_3rd Conference, University of Florence, 2005
- "Incontri di architettura 2005" (Meetings on Architecture), exhibition arranged by the "Ordine degli architetti" of Campobasso, 2005
- "Ricerca Formazione Progetto di architettura_Architetti italiani under 50" (Research, Training and Architectural Design_Italian Architects under 50), La Triennale di Milano e Politecnico di Milano, Milano, 2005
- "Laboratorio Italia", meeting on today's italian architecture, La Triennale di Milano, 2004.
- Invited to show their works at the "Kents University", Florence, 2003.
- Mentioned in the "Topografia dell'architettura europea", Edited by Zanichelli, Bologna, 1999.
- Invited to show their works at the "BAUHAUS Foundation", Dessau, 1998, and at the "TU Braunschweig - Institut für Städtebau und Landschaftsplanung", Braunschweig, 1999.
- Selected for publication in the "Almanacco di Casabella 98-99", Edited by Elemond, Milano.
- Selected for publication in the "Almanacco di Casabella 97-98", Edited by Elemond, Milano.
- Selected for publication in the "Almanacco dell'Architettura Italiana 1993", Edited by Electa, Milano.
- Selected for the "Young florentine artists archive", Florence City Council, 1987.

Architectural magazines which published Ipostudio's works

- "Casabella", n. 738, November 2005
- "d'A_d'Architettura", Laboratorio Italia 2005, n. 27, May-September 2005
- "Opere nuove 02", allegato a "Opere" n. 8, March 2005
- "Costruire in laterizio", n. 103, January-February 2005
- "L'industria delle costruzioni", n. 381, January-February 2005
- "Area", n.76, September-October 2004
- IFD_Industrialised, Flexible, Durable, enclosed with issue 24 of "d'A_d'Architettura" magazine, 2004
- "AND" n. 02, April 2004
- "d'A_d'Architettura", n. 22, December 2003
- "Area", n.69, July-August 2003
- "Modulo", n.290, April 2003
- "Arkitekton", n.8, March-April-May 2003
- "Casabella", n. 703, September 2002
- "d'A_d'Architettura", n. 17, May-August 2002
- "Casabella", n. 699, April 2002
- "Casabella", n. 691, July-August 2001
- "Area", n. 54, January-February 2001
- "Area", n. 44, May-June 1999
- "L'Arca", n. 132, December 1998
- "Abitare", n.367, November 1997
- "UME", n. 4, March 1997, Melbourne
- "Area", n. 29, November-December 1996
- "d'A-d'Architettura" - Partecipazioni italiane alla VI Biennale di Venezia - n. 16/1996
- "d'A-d'Architettura" - Architettura contemporanea in Toscana - n. 15/1996
- "GB Progetti - Osservatorio Internazionale", July-August 1995
- "P.A-Professione: architetto" n. 1, January-March 1995
- "Industria delle costruzioni", n. 279, January 1995
- "d'A-d'Architettura" n. 12/1994
- "Gap casa" n. 104, January-February 1994
- "Edilizia scolastica e culturale", n. 24, September-December 1993
- "Casabella", n.601, May 1993
- "L'Arca" n. 61, June 1992
- "Casabella", n. 579, May 1991
- "La mia casa" n. 169, July-August 1984

- "Interni" n. 341, June 1984

Books which mentioned and published Ipostudio's works

- "Identità dell'architettura italiana", Edizioni Diabasis, 2005
- "Ricerca Formazione Progetto di architettura_Architetti italiani under 50", Marsilio, 2005
- Alfonso Acocella, "L'architettura di pietra", Lucense-Alinea, 2004
- "Metamorph 9. Mostra International Exhibition of Architecture_Vectors", Venice Biennial , Marsilio Editore, Venice, 2004.
- "faq_01", "faq_frequency answer question 01", format-c, IUAV, prefazione di C. Magnani, postfazione di V. Gregotti, Venice, 2003.
- "13 sedute di cartone per 13 architetti italiani", enclosed by P.C. Pellegrini, Milan, 2003.
- "Concorso di progettazione per la nuova Stazione Alta Velocità di Firenze", Allegato a Casabella n. 709, March 2003.
- "Dieci progetti per la nuova Stazione Alta Velocità di Firenze", Florence, 2003.
- "Diciottoarchitettiperdiciottomattoni", enclosed by Pietro Carlo Pellegrini, Lucca, 2002.
- "Lonely Living", Extra-next event, VIII International Exhibition of Architecture at the Venice Biennial, 2002.
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- "XIX Premio Compasso d'Oro Exhibition", Milan, 2001.
- "Two Pedestrian Bridges", the international competition exhibition, Rome, 2000.
- "Città della Scuola a Sarno – Scuole a confronto", Provincia di Salerno, Sarno, December 1999/January 2000.
- "Topocronologia dell'architettura europea", Edited by Zanichelli, Bologna, 1999.
- "Almanacco di Casabella 98/99", Elemond, Milano, 1999.
- "Calenzano-concorso a inviti per la progettazione del Centro direzionale e commerciale del capoluogo", Conti Tipocolor, 1998.
- "Almanacco di Casabella – giovani architetti italiani 97/98", Elemond, Milano, 1998
- "IPOSTUDIO - architetture", Libria-Melfi, 1997.
- "6. mostra internazionale di architettura, sensori del futuro, l'architetto come sismografo", Electa, Venezia, 1996
- "Nuova architettura italiana", ediz. Ala, Milano, 1996
- AA.VV. "Tecnologia delle costruzioni", 3° vol., Le Monnier, Firenze 1995
- "Concorso europeo 50 chiese per Roma 2000", L'Arca Edizioni, Milano, 1994.
- "Architettura Italiana Contemporanea - Esperienze e ricerche delle nuove generazioni" Edit. Segesta Milano, 1994.
- "Hauptstadt Berlin - Parlamentsviertel im Spreebogen", Internationaler Städtebaulicher Ideenwettbewerb Spreebogen, 1993, Bauwelt ,Berlin; Birkhäuser Verlag, Berlin Basel Boston1993.
- "Protokoll des Preisgerichts", Internationaler Städtebaulicher Ideenwettbewerb Spreebogen, Bundeshauptstadt Berlin, Berlin/Bonn1993.
- "Almanacco dell'architettura italiana 1993", Electa Milano, 1993.
- AA.VV., "Manuale di progettazione edilizia", vol. I - Tipologie edilizie, ed. Hoepli, Milano, 1992
- "III mostra internazionale di architettura - Progetto Venezia", Electa, Venezia, 1985.

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