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MRC's one-stage design contest for the new National Science and Innovation Centre of Lithuania, known as Science Island, was the most popular design contest ever held in Lithuania. One hundred and forty-four entries were received from 44 countries, representing an amazingly diverse set of architectural proposals. The quality of the schemes greatly impressed the high-profile international jury.

In September 2016, the Prime Minister of Lithuania announced the three winning architects and the five commended runners-up. Following a negotiation process, one of the three winners will be appointed by Kaunas City Municipality to develop their concept through to completion on site.

The contest sought outstanding designs that both integrated the latest environmental thinking and crystallised the emerging identity of Kaunas, creating a symbol of the city. Science Island's mission is to popularise science through hands-on enquiry and exposition and celebrate recent achievements in science and global technologies.

The Centre, within the celebrated university city of Kaunas, will focus particularly on environmental themes and ecosystems, demonstrating sustainability and future energy technologies in the design of its own building.

The designs were exhibited in Kaunas and online in a digital gallery. Science Island is scheduled to open in 2018.

The Prime Minister of Lithuania, Algirdas Butkevicius, said:

'We have been delighted by the response of the international architectural community to this project.

'The initiative has clearly resonated, being both universally and humanly relevant, as well as of great national importance for Lithuania. We believe that Science Island will show how science can inspire positive change for the planet and humanity.'

Won by

SMAR Architecture Studio (Australia and Spain)
SimpsonHaugh and Partners (UK)
Donghua Chen Studio (China)

Honourable mentions

Amid.cero9 / Elsewhere (Spain)
Mark Foster Gage Architects (USA)
Alper Derinboğaz, Salon (Turkey)
UAB Architektų biuras G. Natkevičius ir partneriai (Lithuania)
Wolfgang Tschapeller ZTGmbH (Austria)