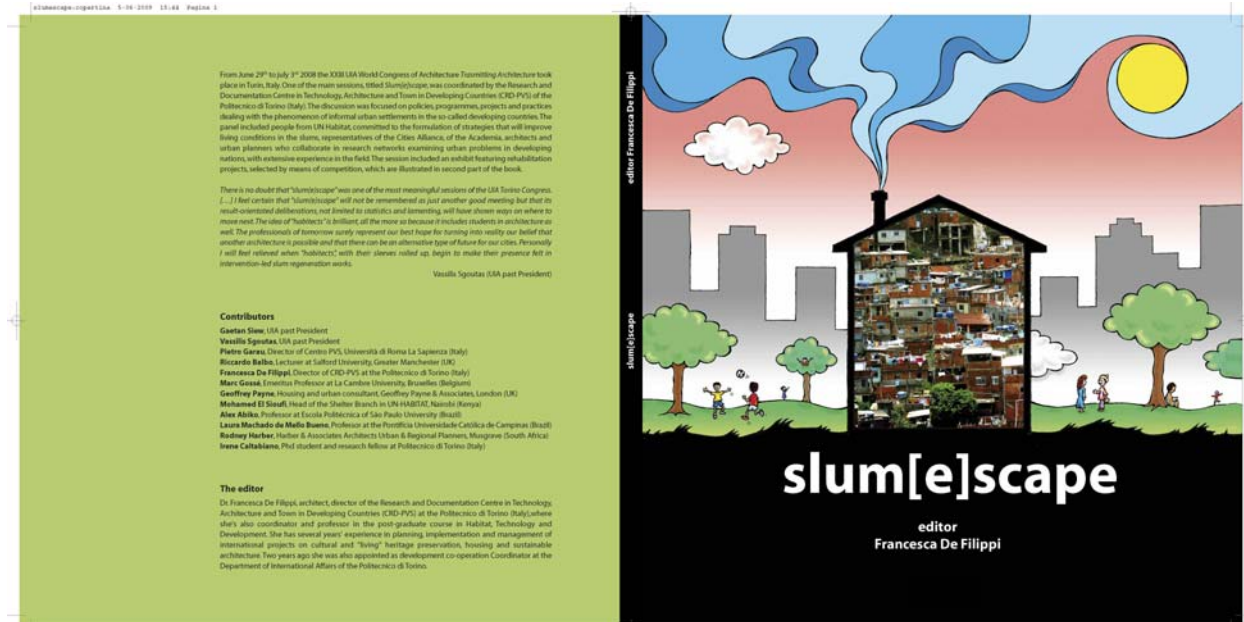


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*"There is no doubt that "Slum(e)scape" was one of the most meaningful sessions of the UIA Torino Congress. [...] I feel certain that "Slum(e)scape" will not be remembered as just another good meeting but that its result-orientated deliberations, not limited to statistics and lamenting, will have shown ways on where to move next. The idea of "habitects" is brilliant, all the more so because it includes students in architecture as well. The professionals of tomorrow surely represent our best hope for turning into reality our belief that another architecture is possible and that there can be an alternative type of future for our cities".* Vassilis Sgoutas (UIA past President)

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