

WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTRE, ATLAS BUILDING

Wageningen, The Netherlands

RAFAEL VIÑOLY ARCHITECTS



Wageningen University and Research Centre chose an agriculturally depleted field as the site for the Centrum de Born, its new, consolidated campus north of Wageningen, the Netherlands created in part to express the university's developing commitment to environmental research. Rafael Viñoly Architects responded to this contextual

challenge by creating a structure that answered client specifications in innovative ways. The Atlas Building is a flexible structure, perfectly suited to its current purpose and also prepared for change. The building's precast concrete latticework doubles as a structural exoskeleton and renders the interior almost entirely column free.

FACTS + FIGURES

Completion

2006

Size

9,760 gsm

Sustainability Rating

Satisfies the requirements of
Environmental Science Group

Awards

International Architecture Award,
Chicago Athenaeum, 2008
Award of Merit, American
Institute of Architects,
New York State, 2007

Media Coverage

Architecture +, "The
Netherlands: A New Centre
for Research," June 2008
Architecture & Culture,
"The Architecture of
Science," May 2008
ArchitectureWeek, "Viñoly at
Wageningen," June 2008
L'Arca International, "Atlas
Building Wageningen,"
April 2004

Client

Wageningen University
and Research Centre

Consultants

Associate Architect

Van den Oever, Zaaijer
en Partners

MEP Engineer

Schreuder Groep

Structural / Civil Engineer

Pieters Pouwtechniek B.V.

Landscape Architect

B + B Landscape Architect

Fire Safety Consultant

DGMR

Laboratory Planner

RFD Planners

Construction Manager

Adviesbureau voor
Bouwtechniek (ABT)

Building Physics Consultant

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