

# 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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