

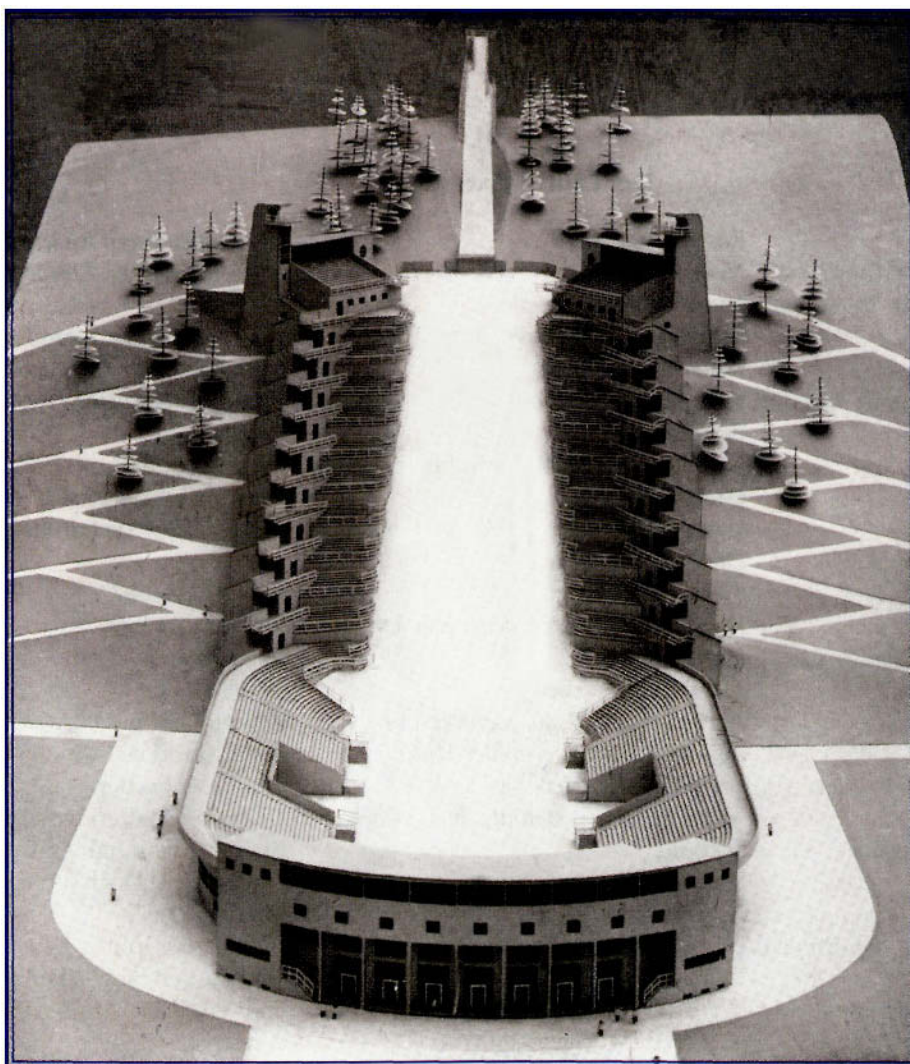
Architecture Gold Medal

Hermann Kutschera AUT
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Hermann KUTSCHERA was born on April 27th 1903 in Vienna and was an enthusiastic athlete in his youth. He studied architecture in Munich and Vienna until 1930 when he was employed by Professor HOLZMEISTER. Then he worked as an independent architect and decided to take part in the Olympic Art Competitions of Berlin 1936. He drew on his sporting background and designed a Ski Jump intended to give the best sightlines which would allow the spectators to follow the entire flight phase of each jumper. He won the local elimination contests in Austria with his design, which incidentally was built entirely in concrete.

His presentation before the Olympic jury was a success. KUTSCHERA'S ski jump with stadium was awarded the Olympic Gold Medal. Unfortunately the plans were lost in World War II but many of KUTSCHERA'S ideas were used in the construction of future ski jumps. KUTSCHERA was enthusiastic on the ski tour and always loyal to sport. He was later involved in the design of the Vienna City Hall and the Vienna Schwechat Airport. To one of his better known projects belongs the bridge over the Danubian channel. (WZ)



Kutschera - Ski Jump