Rene d'Harnoncourt, Director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, in commenting on the American Institute of Architects' Fine Arts Award to Edward Steichen, today stated:

"The Museum of Modern Art takes great pride in the honor bestowed upon Edward Steichen, Director of the Museum's Department of Photography, In this significant act the Institute has given distinctive recognition to a great American artist and, at the same time, has recognized photography as an art. Mr. Steichen throughout his life has played a most important role in establishing photography as one of the fine arts, and the Museum has always considered it in this category."