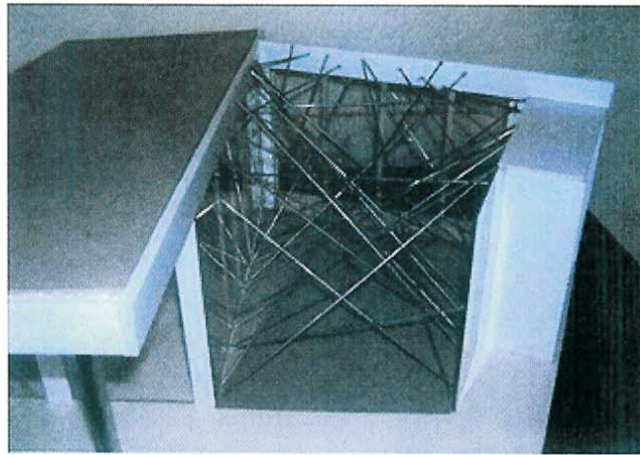


# Sculpture Awards Announced by Center for Inquiry

Prizes Given to Two Polish Artists

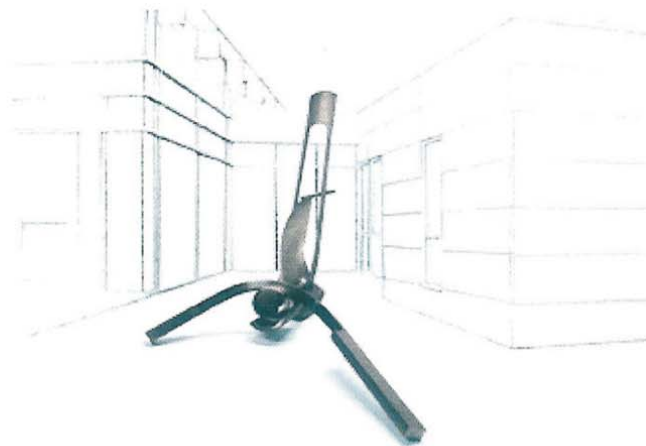


Wlodek Stopa's "Quo Vadis"

The Center for Inquiry (CFI) is pleased to announce the awarding of the First Prize of its international sculpture contest to Wlodek Stopa, an architect/designer and sculptor living in Gummersbach, Germany. Although Stopa has resided in Germany for over 20 years, he was born in Poland and participated in a great number of international exhibitions, including ones in Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Luxemburg, and England, as well as several in the United States in Washington, D.C., New York City, Newport, Honolulu, Chicago, and Vermont.

The title of Stopa's winning sculpture is "Quo Vadis" (a Latin phrase meaning "Where are you going?"), a contemporary piece of stainless steel piping in the form of an irregular grid, protruding from the exterior walls of CFI's main sculpture court and, in places, penetrating the glass walls of the court. Stopa describes the piece as centering around the "countless quantity of 'metal lines' as a present-day symbol of human connection; supporting, crossing, destroying each other . . . irregular 'life lines' with their individual lengths, positions, angles in relationship to our lives and activities with all differences . . . everybody can find oneself in a 'jungle of lines.'"

Stopa affirms in his artist's statement that "art is for me a universal, multicultural, and international language. It has always been the means by which humanity has expressed its deepest feelings, values, and highest ideals."



Piotr Twardowski's "A Trace"

Plans are in the making to have "Quo Vadis" assembled over the summer and then illuminated from various angles; it will be on display in the alcove adjacent to the main entrance of the Center for Inquiry headquarters at Research Park in Amherst, New York.

The Second Prize design award was given to Piotr Twardowski of Krakow, Poland, for his submission, "A Trace."

The Third Prize design award will be announced at a later date. Over 80 proposals were submitted for the competition.

-Paul Kurtz, Chairman