

Principles of Restoration

Together with Professor Vjekoslava Sankovic Simcic CHwB arranged a seminar on *Principles of Restoration* in the village of Pocitelj in Bosnia-Herzegovina, September 7th-9th, which consisted of two days of lectures and discussions as well as an excursion to Split in Croatia. Participants, about 25 in all, came from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and Sweden.

Pocitelj is situated near the town of Mostar in Herzegovina and suffered serious damage during the war in the country. The village has long since attracted international attention for the cultural and historical importance of its houses and for its overall position on a steep mountain slope that has brought artists to live and work there in the village. It has been enlisted on "The 100 Most Endangered Sites", drawn up by World Monument Watch in 1998/1999. The village is a striking example of the two problems of the extent of its material damage and of those special difficulties encountered in areas of ethnic conflict. The conference in Pocitelj can hopefully create an understanding for the work of restoration needed so as to pay due respect for the various stages of development undergone by the village.

Title: Principles of restoration

Date: September 7th-9th 2001

Locality: Pocitelj, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Participants

Introductory speaker: Professor Mirjana Dujmovic, professor, Minister of Culture in Herzegovina and the canton of Neretvia.

From the Balkans:

Vjekoslava Sankovic Simcic, Professor of the art of restoration, with duties in Sarajevo and Zagreb, Mr Miljenko Domijan, assistant to the Croatian Minister of Culture, Mr. Goran Nikisic, Dipl Ing. Arch., Conservator, Director of Conservation at the Roman palace in Split, and Mr. Frank Vardijan, Dipl. Ing. Arch., General Inspector, Slovenia.

From Sweden:

Professor Ove Hidemark, Royal Architect, Erik Wikerstål, palace architect, Tina Wik, architect SAR and CHwB's project manager in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Kersti Berggren, architect and one of CHwB's project managers in Kosovo.

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