

A preparatory seminar for the course on building restoration

CHwB invited four conservation experts from Bosnia to spend a week in Stockholm in June 1998. During the stay study-visits and a seminar were organised. They met several committee members of CHwB and other Swedish conservation experts.

Aim of the visit

The aim of the visit was to provide the Bosnian experts with first-hand knowledge of Swedish conservation work - its ideology, methodology and practical applications - by means of study visits and seminar discussions. From this basis it was then possible to begin discussing the approach and scope of Swedish involvement in a further training course in building restoration in Sarajevo during the autumn. This course would be aimed at professionals working actively as architects, engineers and art historians in BiH.

The scope of study visits

The study visits included individual building monuments, historical building areas, including one from the 20th century. An important criterion in selecting the property visited was the possibility to demonstrate the development in the last twenty or so years of restoration ideas, renovating work after a cultural and historical catastrophe (the church of Katarina in Stockholm had been renovated after an extensive fire), and also to show maintenance and repair work to older and newer housing and public buildings. The participants were shown round these different properties by those appropriate Swedish official in charge.

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Date: 3-9th June 1998

Locality: Stockholm

Chief co-ordinator: Professor Johan Mårtelius, CHwB's board member

Participants from Sweden: CHwB's chairman Margareta Biörnstad, former director-general of National Heritage Board; Professor Bengt O.H. Johansson, CHwB's vice chairman; Head of co-ordination and strategy Christina von Arbin, CHwB's board member; Professor Mats Edström; Architect SAR Pål Anders Stensson, CHwB's project manager in BiH; Professor Ove Hidemark; Professor Jan Lisinski; Civil engineer Krister Berggren; Head of department Kerstin Westerlund; Curator Tord Andersson; Museum-Director Jöran Lindvall; Architect Torbjörn Almquist; Museum-Master Susanna Åström-Janfalk; Senior executive officer Marianne Råberg, and Conservation officer Lars Bengtsson.

Participants from BiH: Professor Muhamed Hamidovic, Architect Alexandar Ninkovic, the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Sarajevo; Professor Ismet Tahirovic and Professor Vjekica Simcic from the University of Sarajevo.

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