

Building restoration

During a period of two weeks in October 1998 a course in building restoration was held in Sarajevo. It was organised as a joint venture between CHWB on the one hand and the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Sarajevo and the University of Sarajevo on the other hand. The Swedish delegation included eight people. The Bosnian delegation provided experts, conference facilities and technical support. About 15 professional architects, civil engineers and art historians from the Federation in BiH participated in the course.

Course structure

The course was structured around the interaction between lectures and hands-on experience. The course leaders had selected three buildings in Sarajevo as suitable training objects: one in the Ottoman style, one from the Austro-Hungarian period and a modern example. This strong bias on field studies was considered to be a novel idea by the Bosnians and provided rich opportunity for analyses of concrete problems.

The purpose

The purpose of the course was to develop competence by initiating discussions about evaluations and methodology in restoration work and conservation. The course also aimed at starting up a network for experts in the field of restoration and conservation in BiH.

Moreover, another purpose was to try and establish co-operation between the University in Sarajevo and Swedish schools of architecture. In direct conjunction with the course a special meeting was therefore organised between the Swedish and Bosnian delegations to agree upon a document with proposals for a possible joint schemes.

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Date: 1-13th Oktober 1998

Locality: Sarajevo, the Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Main teachers: Professor Ove Hidemark, Civil engineer Krister Berggren, Curator Tord Andersson.

Lecturers from Sweden: Professor Jan Lisinski, Professor Johan Mårtelius and Architect SAR Pål Anders Stensson, CHWB project manager.

Chief co-ordinator: Architect SAR Andreas Heymowski, CHWB board member

Course assistant and interpreter: Architect Lejla Cengic

Lecturers from BiH: Professor Muhamed Hamidovic and Architect Alexandar Ninkovic from the Institute in Sarajevo; Architect Sabira Husedzinovic, the Federation's Ministry of Culture; Professor Kurto and Professor Ismet Tahirovic from the University of Sarajevo.

Participants: About 15 professional architects, civil engineers and art historians from the Federation, BiH

Joint partners: the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Sarajevo and the University of Sarajevo.

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