

Restoration of older buildings with masonry

A seminar was held in Banja Luka in the Republic of Srpska during three days in September 1999 with the title "Methods and problems in restoring buildings with older masonry". This was a joint venture between CHwB and the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage and the newly established university in the town.



Banja Luka, September 1999: Seminar participants discussing. On the far left is sitting CHwB's board member Andreas Heymowski. The two gentlemen nearest the camera are from the left Ove Hidemark and Krister Berggren. Photo Pål Anders Stensson.

CHwB's projects as examples

The projects initiated by CHwB in the republic of Srpska, the gate tower in the fortress of Banja Luka and St. Nikola Church at the Ozren monastery served as concrete examples, since both suffered from the same types of problem. Discussions centred around the use of concrete as reinforcements material in order to prevent, for instance, damage as the result of earth-quakes.

Participants were invited from both sides, that is to say from both the Federation and the Republic.

Title: Methods and problems in restoring buildings with older masonry

Date: 20-22th September 1999

Locality: Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lecturers from Sweden: Professor Ove Hidemark; Civil engineer Krister Berggren, Architect SAR Pål Anders Stensson, CHwB project manager.

Chief co-ordinator: Architect SAR Andreas Heymowski, CHwB committee member.

Course assistant and interpreter: Architect Katarina Misita

Lecturers from BiH: Architect Jelena Kadic, Director of the Institute in Banja Luka; Professor Vladimir Lukic, Head of the Dept. of Architecture, Vice dean Jelena Bosic; Marija Jovic and Sinisa Temerinski both architects from Belgrad, Professor Zvonimir Zekovic; Bojin Nikolic, a chemist from the Serbian Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Belgrad; Architect Miljana Okilj and Architect Zoran Padezanin from the Institute in Banja Luka

Participants: About twenty persons, two of them from BiH's Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Sarajevo.

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

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