

Survey and analysis of a property to be renovated

In the middle of April 2000 CHwB arranged a workshop together with BiH's Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage as part of preparation work for one of the year's main tasks, namely the restoration of Despica Kuca. The building, a Serbian merchant's house, is owned by the Sarajevo's City Museum. The restoration project has been set up as a form of developmental work. One of its aims was to have an on-going discussion throughout the whole of the restoration process with Bosnian experts, primarily colleagues at the Institute, on the various phases of the work involved and the requirements needed for the survey, documentations and analysis of this process.

During the winter the Institute had been commissioned by CHwB to conduct a technical, cultural and historical survey of the building and this was to serve as the basis for the workshop.

The workshop proved to be extremely useful, among other things, as regards discussions concerning the survey and interpretation of the various stages of the building's completion as well as the analysis of material used and static problems.

Following the results of this seminar, design for the actual restoration work could be started.

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Date: 17-18th April 2000

Locality: Sarajevo, the Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Main speakers: Professor Muhamed Hamidovic, BiH's Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage; Professor Esmā Hagdzic, Minister for culture, Sarajevo and Architect SAR Andreas Heymowski, CHwB board member.

Chief co-ordinator: Architect SAR Andreas Heymowski.

Lecturers from Sweden: Architect SAR Andreas Heymowski and Architect SAR Pål Anders StenSSon, CHwB's earlier project manager in BiH, Civil engineer Krister Berggren, Architect SAR and Architect SAR Tina Wik, CHwB's present project manager in BiH.

Lecturers from BiH: Professor Muhamed Hamidovic; Azra Hadzic and Aleksander Ninkovic, architects from BiH's Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage; Mevlida Serdarevic from the City Museum, Sarajevo and Sabira Husedzinovic from BiH's Ministry of Culture.

Participants: 25-30 people, mainly staff from the BiH Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Sarajevo, the City Museum in Sarajevo and from the Dept. of Architecture, but also staff from the Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage in Banja Luka.

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

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