1st Mediterranean Conference on Earth Architecture
Cagliari, Italy - 13-16 March 2009

Framework
The University of Cagliari, Escola Superior Gallecra, CRAterre-International Research Center on Earth Construction, partners in UNESCO chair Earth Architecture, and the Regione Autonoma della Sardegna are the organizers and hosts of Mediterr 2009 that will take place from the 13-16 March 2009 in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy. The 1st Mediterranean Conference on Earth Architecture results from a preliminary study completed by ICCROM, CRAterre and GCI. The purpose of sustaining the conservation and the "mise en valeur" of the Mediterranean earth architectural heritage. The conference marks the beginning of a Mediterranean cooperation on the topics related to earth architecture. The event represents a unique opportunity for exchange and discussion of the achievements acquired on the specific theme as a direct result of the constant and significant work carried out systematically by the countries facing the Mediterranean Basin.

Aims
Mediterr 2009 aims primarily to assess the state of research related to earth architecture in the Mediterranean region, to study recent developments in the fields of heritage conservation and architectural design as they relate to earth architecture, and to create more active networks among professionals in the region whose work relates to earth architecture.

Contribution
This 1st Conference will include specialists from throughout the Mediterranean region. It will also have an interdisciplinary contribution that will bridge natural sciences, social sciences, and professional practices. A new global challenge requires a broad definition of a new discipline, with earth architecture at the crossroads of the sciences. The Mediterranean Region, with its history of many cultures and civilizations, now emerges as the core of new political and societal challenges being shared among Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Organized by DIARCH facolta di Architettura
RAS Regione Autonoma della Sardegna
ESQ Escola Superior Gallecra
CRAterre-ENSAG International Research Center and UNESCO Chair Earth Architecture

Themes
1. Earth-building cultures and traditional architecture
2. Archaeology, history and anthropology
3. Conservation of cultural heritage
4. Research about architecture, town planning and cultural landscape
5. Academic teaching and professional training

Program
Opening of the Conference
Presentations related to the 1st Theme
Presentations related to the 2nd and 3rd Themes
Presentations related to the 4th and 5th Themes
Visit to earth architecture in Sardinia (includes transportation and lunch)

Languages
French & English (with simultaneous translation)

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Under the Aegis of
UNESCO World Heritage Centre
ICCCROM International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property
ICOMOS-SCIAE International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage
GCI Getty Conservation Institute

Important dates
30 June 2008 Abstract submission
31 July 2008 Notification of abstracts acceptance
30 September 2008 Sending of full paper
15 November 2008 Notification of paper's revision
15 December 2008 Final paper delivery

Participation with Paper
An Abstract, with no more than 300 words, should be sent by the 30 June 2008. If accepted, a full paper has to be delivered by the 30 September 2008. The norms for the communications can be consulted on the website. The Scientific Commission has the right to request for the paper to be revised, if it is not sent with the adequate quality and accuracy. The paper final delivery must be done by 15 December 2008. All the papers will be edit on the CD proceedings. Papers of recognized excellence will be selected by the Scientific Commission for publication in the printed proceedings.

Participation with Poster
The abstracts considered for poster by the Scientific Commission, must be printed and delivered at the University of Cagliari, until the 10 March 2009. The posters model should be consulted on the website.

Registration coupon per participant
You should attend the events in which you register

Conference
Participants 200€ until 30 November 2008
140€ non EU citizens until 30 November 2008
240€ after 1 December 2008
160€ non EU citizens after 1 December 2008

Students 100€ until 30 November 2008
70€ non EU citizens until 30 November 2008
120€ after 1 December 2008
80€ non EU citizens after 1 December 2008

35€ Visit
20€ Official dinner
10€ One day seminar

Note: Registration includes all lunches, coffee breaks and the CD proceedings (the published proceedings will be offered to the speakers).

Background
Mediterranean countries have carried out numerous activities in the field of earth architecture over the past 30 years and most particularly during the last decade. Traditional architectural typologies have been studied and heritage conservation projects have been developed and upgraded through the improvement of professional capacities in this topic and for new architectural applications have been reported. Scientific research on the building materials and technologies contributed to improve the knowledge and the practices and the great interest of many countries for an exchange and cooperation with the rest of the Mediterranean area.

All these progresses are now contributing to build the new base, allowing an historical continuity of the earth building cultures in the Mediterranean region.