

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

Framework

The University of Cagliari, Escola Superior Gallaecia, 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 Mediterra 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, for 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

Mediterra 2009 aims principally 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 Facoltà di Architettura
RAS Regione Autonoma della Sardegna
ESG Escola Superior Gallaecia
CRATerre-ENSAG International Research Center and Unesco Chair earth architecture

Organizer Commission

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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

Under the Aegis of

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

Program

Friday 13th Opening of the Conference
Presentations related to the 1st Theme
Saturday 14th Presentations related to the 2nd and 3rd Themes
Sunday 15th Presentations related to the 4th and 5th Themes
Monday 16th Visit to earth architecture in Sardinia (includes transportation and lunch)

Important dates

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

Languages

French & English (with simultaneous translation)

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Registration coupon per participant
You should cross (X) the events in which you register

Conference

Participants	<input type="checkbox"/> 200€ until 30 November 2008	Students	<input type="checkbox"/> 100€ until 30 November 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 35€ Visit
	<input type="checkbox"/> 140€ non-E.U. citizens until 30 November 2008		<input type="checkbox"/> 70€ non-E.U. citizens until 30 November 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 20€ Official dinner
	<input type="checkbox"/> 240€ after 1 December 2008		<input type="checkbox"/> 120€ after 1 December 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 100€ One day seminar
	<input type="checkbox"/> 168€ non-E.U. citizens after 1 December 2008		<input type="checkbox"/> 81€ non-E.U. citizens after 1 December 2008	

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Please transfer registration payment to the following bank account: IBAN: IT45K0101504800000000043225 and SWIFT CODE/BIC: SARDIT35XXX (referring the name of the participant in the Transference Description)
The registration in the Event allows you to attend the Conference, to receive the CD proceedings, to visit the thematic exhibitions, to receive the certificate of attendance/presentation of paper. It also includes coffee-breaks and three lunches. The visits, the published proceedings and the opening dinner are paid separately. The registration coupon will only be effective after its payment. The registrations are limited to the audience's room capacity.



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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 the 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.

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Note: The 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, heritage conservation projects have been developed and more upgrading 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. Many more countries are now considering the major challenge to preserve their earth architectural heritages. Considerations that are essential for a regional and local sustainable development in which not only economical and environmental aspects have to be considered but also cultural and societal dimensions, which are decisive for the future.

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



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