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THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES OF BUILT HERITAGE CONSERVATION

RECONSTRUCTION OF MONUMENTS AND SITES

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CONFERENCE INVITATION

The Transsylvania Nostra Foundation and the Transylvanian Historic Building Conservationists' Society organises, between **October 26 and 29, 2016**, the 18th edition of the **International Scientific Conference on Theoretical and Practical Issues of Built Heritage Conservation – TUSNAD 2016**. This internationally recognised scientific event will be held at **Cluj-Napoca (Cluj Co., Romania)** with the topic ***Reconstruction of monuments and sites***.

The International Scientific Conference on Theoretical and Practical Issues on Built Heritage Conservation – *TUSNAD* was launched in 1992 in the town of Tuşnad Băi as an International Training Course in Historic Building Protection, becoming in 1993 an International Conference. Although its first 10 editions were organised annually, in 2001 it became a biennial event, and after 11 editions at Tuşnad Băi, the organisers decided to convey greater mobility to the conference series, as well as to shorten it. Therefore, after Baia Mare (2005), Sibiu (2007), Rimetea (2009), Alba Iulia – Şimleu Silvaniei (2011), Bistriţa (2013) and Cluj-Napoca (2014) in 2016 the conference will be held also in Cluj-Napoca. The proposed settlements host successful ongoing historic building conservation sites with complex challenges that put at test the “Built heritage conservation industry” from Romania, requiring answers to a series of universal aspects on one hand, as well as to specific Transylvanian aspects on the other hand.

The programme of the 18th edition of the Conference Series on Theoretical and Practical Issues of Built Heritage Conservation – TUSNAD 2016 will include lecture presentations on a general approach of reconstruction of monuments and sites, case studies, round-table discussions, panel exhibitions and documentary field trip. During the conference, simultaneous translation of the lectures will be provided in Romanian, Hungarian and English.

The topics proposed by the organisers are related to the actual problems of protection of built heritage/reconstructions revealed frequently in Romania in the 21st century. Furthermore the organisers are looking for short term and long term applicable solutions related to them. Therefore it is very important that the number of participants and specialists from abroad to be as high as possible, because during the TUSNAD 2016 conference we assure an opportunity for knowledge exchange between the Romanian and foreign specialists.

The proposed topics of the conference, all approached from the perspective of reconstruction as a method of conservation for monuments and sites:

1. The reconstruction of monuments and sites: definitions, classifications, the relevancy of this conservation method: (a) reconstruction is an approved conservation method of built heritage whenever historic buildings are preserved only partially; (b) historical buildings were often destroyed in natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, etc. (see the Sistine Chapel), in wars, or due to the terrorist attacks (see the current situation in Syria); in all these cases a faithful reconstruction can be implemented only on the basis of high quality surveys; (c) if reconstructions are carried out with the purpose of falsifying history, these cannot be named reconstructions, as their results were never part of history. We welcome lectures, including ones related to the reconstruction of Warsaw after World War II (the issue of moral motivation; town planning, architectural, and technical issues; respectively the durability of reconstructions) and to the reconstruction of



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Germany after the devastations of the two world wars (issues of authenticity, faithfulness, and the protection of heritage values).

2. Reconstruction techniques, compatibility of materials/technology. This topic may be approached from two perspectives: (1) complete reconstruction, which requires a uniform technology, and (2) partial reconstruction, which requires additions to the historical fabric; moreover, the applied new materials and technologies must be compatible with the historic ones. We welcome presentations related to these two mentioned reconstruction techniques (regardless of the intervention's age), with reference also to their technical behaviour over time and related to the principles of reconstruction activities.

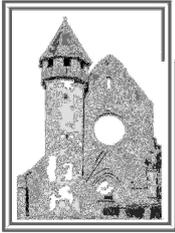
3. Reconstruction of built heritage at national and international levels in the second half of the 20th century and in the first decades of the 21st century. If at the end of the 20th century there were funds allocated in Romania by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Construction, in the 21st century their sum has decreased. We are interested in the possibilities and the absorption rate of national and international funding sources: which funding sources are for the owners of historic buildings: non-refundable funds, public procurements, sponsors? Which funds are allocated to research activities at national and international levels?

4. The evolution of society's attitude towards reconstruction. In Romania the society's attitude toward the reconstruction does not progress properly, the number of activities that aim to popularise the reconstructions are low. Citizens perceive historic buildings only as low convenience constructions that require expensive investments to ensure the contemporary conveniences. On the other hand, a correct perception of built heritage on the part of society claims at least partial reconstruction. Historical buildings will be desired and accepted by society if the heritage values are expressed clearly and to everyone's understanding, being accessible not only to specialists. Thus we welcome lectures related to more or less effective ways of raising the public awareness of reconstruction values.

5. Efficiency of the legal framework, built heritage conservation legislation at national and international levels in the second half of the 20th century, respectively in the first decades of the 21st century. The current concerns related to the legal framework of built heritage conservation at national and international levels are stagnating. In the 1960s and '70s, after the elaboration of the Venice Charter, the conservation activity on national level started to decline from a legislative point of view. After 1989 the national legislation of built heritage conservation in Romania was reconsidered, reaching an adequate legal framework in the 21st century. The question is whether there is an applicable legal framework for reconstruction and whether this legal framework is a proper one. We are interested in case studies that illustrate the manner how to implement legislation and the problems encountered at different levels of the administrative structures.

6. The enlargement of the built reconstructed heritage inventory. Despite the multitude of existing heritage values, surpassing in number the extent of the current built reconstructed heritage inventory, in Romania the latter's enlargement process is slow. The enlargement of the protected built heritage inventory and the list of heritage values pertaining to historic buildings must be coordinated and updated frequently, by respecting the conditions and procedures for classifying historic buildings and constantly updating the national list of historic buildings, as well as the world heritage list. We are interested in the existence of the inventory in the case of reconstructions and whether it is necessary to take arrangements regarding this problem.

7. Research in the field of reconstructions in the second half of the 20th century and in the first decades of the 21st century. At the moment primary researches are fairly reduced and applied researches are carried out only when intervention designs are elaborated, moreover, the exhaustiveness of these



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researches depend on the owners', designers', and supervision authorities' mentality. We welcome presentations about the researches' time management and process, the inclusion of their results in the conservation and management process, as well as about theoretical reconstructions, as these are widely used instruments by the specialists in order to intervene on historic buildings through preservation, conservation, renovation or reconstruction, but always within the limits of a possible previous state of the historic building.

8. Conservation designs for reconstructions in the second half of the 20th century and in the first decades of the 21st century. It is necessary to elaborate a design whenever a building requires intervention, and the intervention authorisation is issued on the basis of the designs, whether well-founded or approached superficially. Historic buildings need specialised knowledge; therefore it is inadmissible that the designs are not always elaborated by certified specialists, as the presumed training concerning contemporary buildings is not sufficient for elaborating conservation designs. Therefore we are interested in the attitudes encountered within reconstruction designs, e.g. whether there are any special requirements for reconstruction designs.

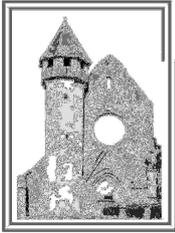
9. Implementation and maintenance activities in the field of reconstructions: preservation, conservation, renovation, reconstruction in the last half of the 20th century and in the first decades of the 21st century. Periodical interventions on historic buildings are necessary once every 25-30 years, thus ensuring that the buildings belonging to built heritage will meet contemporary standards. Conservation and maintenance are the responsibility of the owners; at the same time it would be necessary to elaborate a permanently updated national conservation programme. Due to the fact that maintenance is much more expensive in the case of historic buildings, many of the owners would like to renounce to the historic building quality, moreover, the benefits granted to owners by the state were revoked (the example of tax exemptions), therefore the authorities contribute indirectly to the destruction of built heritage. We are interested in the existence of special prescriptions for reconstructions and whether the maintenance of reconstructions implies special arrangements. We propose a discussion about the ways of protecting the heritage values of the historic buildings abandoned in the last decade (see the Saxon cultural heritage, etc.).

10. The problem of ensuring the quality of interventions on reconstructions. We can observe a decrease in quality regarding interventions, reconstructions on historic buildings. A possible explanation of this phenomenon is the indifference of the members of society towards safeguarding heritage values, often being satisfied with interventions which do not take into consideration the values of historic buildings. Consequently, we are interested in lectures that underline the importance of quality in the case of reconstruction interventions.

11. Conservation activities on reconstructions and globalisation. Globalisation may manifest itself in any field and at any level of society, thus the field of built heritage conservation is not an exception either. We welcome lectures on the national and international arrangements aimed at preventing the globalisation trends of built heritage, as well as about the signs of globalisation in reconstruction activities.

12. Tourism and built heritage (paying particular attention to the reconstruction). Built heritage constitutes the basis of cultural tourism, thus it is required that the economic agents contribute from their incomes to the maintenance and periodical conservation of the historic buildings in their use. We welcome papers which identify the connections between cultural tourism and conservation activities on built heritage, e.g. who are the ones that benefit from cultural tourism and how much is their contribution to conservation activities?

13. The formation of professional capacities, the education crisis in the field of reconstruction. In Romania it is the civil engineers that lead the construction activities in built heritage conservation, however,



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without proper higher educational background in the field of built heritage interventions, while specialists lack the knowledge regarding contemporary construction materials compatible with historical ones. At the moment in Romania, as far as we know, apart from one, there are no higher education and/or postgraduate trainings for built heritage conservation. Therefore we are interested in the training possibilities of specialists in the country as well as abroad, specialised in the reconstruction of historic building and sites.

Preliminary programme

Tuesday – October 25, 2016 Arrival of guests and participants at Cluj-Napoca

Wednesday – October 26, 2016 (LOCATION: MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, CLUJ-NAPOCA)

08⁰⁰ – 09⁰⁰ Registration of participants

09⁰⁰ – 11⁰⁰ Official openings – speeches, general reports

11⁰⁰ – 11³⁰ Coffee break

11³⁰ – 13³⁰ Lectures

13³⁰ – 15⁰⁰ Lunch break

15⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰ Lectures/Round-table discussion

17⁰⁰ – 17³⁰ Coffee break

17³⁰ – 19³⁰ Lectures/Round-table discussion

20⁰⁰ – Opening reception

Thursday – October 27, 2016 (LOCATION: MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, CLUJ-NAPOCA)

09⁰⁰ – 11⁰⁰ Lectures

11⁰⁰ – 11³⁰ Coffee break

11³⁰ – 13³⁰ Lectures

13³⁰ – 15⁰⁰ Lunch break

15⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰ Lectures/Round-table discussion

17⁰⁰ – 17³⁰ Coffee break

17³⁰ – 19³⁰ Conference's conclusions, presentation of the 2018 edition's topic

20⁰⁰ – Opening reception

Friday – Saturday, October 28-29, 2016

Documentary field trip on reconstruction sites – optional:

Day 1: Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County) – Feldioara (Braşov County) – Râşnov (Braşov County)

Day 2: Râşnov (Braşov County) – Sighişoara (Mureş County) – Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)

Sunday – October 30, 2016 Departure of the participants from Cluj-Napoca.



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Deadlines

Sending the abstracts	<i>Lecturers</i>	June 30, 2016
Notification of acceptance/rejection of the abstracts		July 15, 2016
Sending the lectures		August 15, 2016
Notification of acceptance/rejection of the lectures		August 31, 2016
On-line registration	<i>Lecturers</i>	August 31, 2016
On-line registration	<i>Participants</i>	September 30, 2016

Publication possibilities for lecturers

We would like to inform you that only unpublished works are accepted. All the lectures will be revised by the Scientific Committee of the conference. Please note that only those lectures will be accepted for publication, which will be presented during the conference. Therefore the authors are asked to confirm their participation with lecture on the event until **August 31, 2016**.

Publication possibilities

1. The Scientific Committee of the conference will select the most successful lectures to publish in the *Transsylvania Nostra* scientific journal, which is indexed in the SCOPUS international database. The selected lectures will be edited by the authors according to the editing instructions, which can be found on the journal's website: <http://www.transylvanianostra.eu/tjournal/en/content/instruction-authors>.

2. The lectures not selected for publication in the journal, will be published on-line on the International Scientific Conference on Theoretical and Practical Issues on Built Heritage Conservation's website. The on-line publication will be accessible on the page <http://www.transylvanianostra.eu/conferinta-en-tusnadpublicatii.html> and will receive an ISSN number.

Participation fees

	Conference*	Study field trip (2 days)**	Total	Discounts
Participant/ Lecturer	75 €	80 €	155 €	If transferred by August 31, 2016
	100 €	100 €	200 €	-

* the price includes the participation at the presentations, the conference materials and the simultaneous translation. During the conferences the organisers will not provide accommodation and board, these expenses will be covered by the participants.

** the price includes the transportation on the study field trip, the visited object's description, accommodation, meal and the simultaneous translation during the field trip.



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Terms of payment

Please transfer the total amount to the Transsylvania Nostra Foundation's bank account at least by **September 30, 2016**. The organisers are not able to take into consideration demands received after **September 30, 2016**. Cancellation between September 30, 2016 and October 15, 2016 - 30% refund. No refund after October 15, 2016.

Bank account details

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Please indicate your intention of participating at the conference by **September 30, 2016**.

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