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CONFERENCE
CONSTRUCTION
HISTORY
XANTHI, 5-7 DECEMBER 2014

The Department of Architecture, School of Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace,
Greece (DUTH)
and

The Service for Technical Projects of Central Macedonia, Ministry of Culture and Sports,
Greece (MCS)

Organize the **2nd Conference on Construction History**

5-7 December 2014,

Congress Venue: School of Engineering, DUTH, Xanthi Greece

Prospective authors are invited to submit papers related to the History of Construction and to attend the conference.

Scope of the Conference:

The conference intends to record the evolution of historical constructions through the ages, as this is documented by the surviving monuments and traditional buildings, the available archival resources and the scientific contributions of several related disciplines (history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, technology, etc.).

Researchers are engaged today in several aspects of study in the greater field of construction, the surrounding space and their historical evolution: these include architectural composition, retrofit and reuse, morphology, typology, assessment and documentation, analysis, techniques of construction, and historic materials). It is the objective of the conference to achieve a multi-parametric dialectic evaluation of the various disciplines to the extent that they negotiate history of construction, and to highlight and illustrate their interaction and interlacing.

Specific aims of the conference include:

- To illustrate the use of contemporary sciences in the analysis of Historical Constructions.
- To contribute towards a theoretical and methodological approach of the History of Building Construction, and to identify the emerging analysis and synthesis of social, political, economic and technological values embedded in the building object.
- The evolution of construction methods and practices, and the management of interventions in the context of restoration and preservation of historical constructions
- The potential of contemporary research and teaching in the area of poly-parametric design and the expected benefits to be gained through engaged research in the field of the History of Construction.

Topics:

- Epistemology of Construction, contemporary interdisciplinary research and teaching
- History of Building Morphology, Constructional Systems and Technological Applications.
- Sociological, ideological, political, economic, aesthetics and functional parameters (regulatory framework and social dialogue)
- Criteria, protection and preservation methods, interventions in existing constructions, building pathology, assessment, reversible and compatible technologies and restoration materials, and analysis methods.
- Protection and emergence of historical construction in the eras of economic, social and ideological crises, and the impact of wars during the past.

Terms of conduct of the Conference:

When: 5th-7th of December 2014,

Where: Faculty of Engineering, Xanthi, DUTH

Distinguished scientists from Greece and abroad have been invited to present their research in the 2nd Congress on the History of Construction.

Presentations (abstract and full paper) will be peer reviewed anonymously by two reviewers, members of the scientific committee.

Prerequisites for conference papers: Originality (republications will not be accepted), contribution to Historical Constructions discipline as well as compliance with the standard methodology of conferences.

Conference papers will be presented either: a) orally (up to 15' +5' discussion), or, b) as posters (with a 5' oral presentation).

Conference sessions will be open to the public.

Conference Fees: Early bird registration (until November 1st) 80€

Late registration 120€

Undergraduate and postgraduate students 30€

Registration fee includes:

- a) The book of abstracts, conference program and pamphlets (in hard copy)
- b) Temporary CD-ROM with the approved presentations
- c) Conference proceedings- CD-ROM including the presentations, transcribed discussions and conclusions
- d) Complimentary coffee and light meals
- e) Certificate of participation

Important dates:

Last date for abstract submission: **30th of June 2014**

Notification of abstract acceptance: **30th of July 2014**

Full paper submission: **15th of September 2014**

Full paper review: **1st of November 2014**

Reviewed full paper submission: **15th of November 2014**

Conference: **5th – 7th of December 2014**

Instructions

Abstract: one A4 page (about 300 words, Arial font, size 11, single line spacing, justified alignment, normal margins up-down-left-right 2.5 cm), following the structure below:

- Brief literature review (optional)
- Distinct delineation of the contribution of the submitted paper
- Thematic area as per author's opinion, statement of the problem, methods and methodology
- Distinct reference to the originality and contribution to the field of Historical Constructions
- Conclusions (optional reference to literature)
- Papers presenting Case studies should include a theoretical background, documentation of the originality of the Case considered, and a necessary connection of the application with the determining disciplines that prescribe the methodologies used in conducting the study.

In the beginning of the abstract a Brief title of the presentation and the author/s names ought to be included (Arial font, bold, size 12, single line spacing, centre alignment, normal margins).

Full names of all the authors, academic titles, affiliations, postal address (phone number, fax number, email, and website) should follow in the end of the abstract as footnotes.

Prospective authors are invited to submit up to one paper per thematic area (and a maximum of two presentations in the conference). In the case of co-authors, only the first author will be considered in the above counting scheme.

Abstracts may be sent to the organisational committee in digital form (as Word (MS) file). Interested authors are encouraged to submit to the following email address:

infojdk@arch.duth.gr

The first (co-)author will receive within two days a notification of receipt by the O.C. of the conference. The full paper should not exceed 15 pages (A4). Recommended upper length limit is, 3600 words and (optionally) up to 8 photos or figures.

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