



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES ON HISTORIC STRUCTURES
14TH EDITION, CLUJ, ROMANIA

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2012

THE PROTECTION OF HISTORIC LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES
AND THE SOCIETY

"The greatest danger to historic buildings comes from engineers who are unaware of their unique values and apply the Codes literally, or who are unwilling to accept responsibility for making judgements. It can be said with some justice, that many a historic building has the options of being destroyed by the Codes or by the next earthquake."
(Bernard M. FEILDEN, *Conservation of Historic Buildings*)

The Transylvanian Historic Building Conservationists Society and the Transsylvania Nostra Foundation will organise in Cluj-Napoca, between **September 20 and 22, 2012**, the **14th edition of the International Conference Series on Historic Structures**. The present edition's suggested topic is ***The Protection of Historic Load-bearing Structures and the Society***.

The International Conference Series on Historic Structures was launched in 1997, in the framework of which the presentations and round-table discussions enabled a wide exchange of expertise among specialists from all over the country working in the field of historic load-bearing structures. Since 1998 guests and specialists have been invited also from the neighbouring countries such as Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. The conference became truly international in 1999, when specialists from EU member states, Eastern and Central European Countries, as well as from North America were invited. Since 1999, the debates are clustered around well defined topics that are of high interest in the current context of historic load-bearing structure conservation, the lectures being presented in volumes issued prior to the conference dates. In order to ensure a good communication between the specialists from different countries, during the conference the specific terminology of the topics is discussed in the conference's official languages (Romanian, English and Hungarian), and in the conference's publication the lectures are translated in the official languages.



The 14th edition of the International Conference Series on Historic Structures contains lectures on our society's demands from the protection of historic load-bearing structures, case studies, debates, panel exhibitions and a documentary field trip.

Selecting this topic was not by random, since it is in close connection with the statute of the engineer specialist in historic load-bearing structures. Similarly to the preceding editions, the 2012 conference is centred on debating three well defined topics, discussing in particular the relationship between historic load-bearing structures and the specialists in interventions on these structures, respectively between the historic load-bearing structures and their beneficiaries and financiers.

1. PROTECTION OF HISTORIC LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES

- 1.1. Heritage values of the historic load-bearing structures and their protection.
- 1.2. The minimum compulsory content of documentations for historic load-bearing structures.
- 1.3. The appliance of maintaining prescriptions and the descriptions in *Law no. 422* regarding all historic buildings in the country (Contents and methodology of drawing up the Obligations regarding the use of historic buildings – Disposition by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage no. 2684/2003), respectively the financing of this activity.
- 1.4. National and international technical regulations regarding the interventions on historic load-bearing structures.
- 1.5. Institutions for the research of historic load-bearing structures.
- 1.6. The role of scientific conferences and specialized publications in the protection of historic load-bearing structures.

2. FORMATION OF SPECIALISTS IN LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES AND THEIR ROLE IN SOCIETY

- 2.1. The educational system for specialists in historic load-bearing structures. Analytical programmes on a medium and upper level. Doctoral and post-doctoral studies.
- 2.2. The certification of specialists in the field of interventions on historic load-bearing structures.
- 2.3. The work field and the jurisdiction of the specialist in historic load-bearing structures.
- 2.4. The place of the engineer – conservator of historic load-bearing structures in the rehabilitation team. Attributions as researcher, designer, consulting and control authority, public officer in the field of historic load-bearing structures engineering.

3. «EDUCATING» SOCIETY REGARDING THE PROTECTION ACTIVITY OF HISTORIC LOAD-BEARING STRUCTURES

3.1. Minimum knowledge compulsory for the maintenance of historic load-bearing structures and their spreading among the ones who manage/own the historic buildings.

3.2. Tuition programmes for the society on a basic and medium level, regarding the protection of historic load-bearing structures.

3.3. The role of journals, publications or of different events in the knowledge dissemination among the members of our society regarding the importance of built heritage protection.

Deadlines

Participation requirements and deadlines		
Sending the abstract on-line	<i>Invited lecturers with presentation</i>	February 20, 2012
Accepting the abstract		March 20, 2012
Sending the lecture		June 1, 2012
Sending the scale-model/panels	<i>Exhibitors</i>	September 1, 2012
On-line registration	<i>Lecturers</i>	June 1, 2012
On-line registration	<i>Participants</i>	August 30, 2012

Preliminary Programme

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2012: Arrival of guests and participants

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

8⁰⁰ – 9⁰⁰ Registration of participants
9⁰⁰ – 11⁰⁰ Official opening – speeches, reports
11⁰⁰ – 13⁰⁰ Lectures
13⁰⁰ – 15⁰⁰ Lunch break
15⁰⁰ – 19⁰⁰ Lectures
19⁰⁰ – 22⁰⁰ Opening reception

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

9⁰⁰ – 12³⁰ Visit at the Károlyi Castle in Ardud (Satu Mare county)
12³⁰ – 15⁰⁰ Visit at the Károlyi Manor House in Carei (Satu Mare county)
15⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰ Visit at the former barracks in Zalău (Zalău county)
19⁰⁰ – 20³⁰ Return to Cluj-N.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

9⁰⁰ – 11⁰⁰ Discussions during the workshop on the protection of heritage and the society
11³⁰ – 13³⁰ Discussions during the workshop on the protection of heritage and the society
13³⁰ – 15⁰⁰ Lunch break
15⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰ Visit of the Chiosc conservation site
17⁰⁰ – 19⁰⁰ Round-table discussions, conclusions, closing of the conference

The simultaneous translation of the lectures in Romanian, Hungarian and English will be ensured during the entire conference.

Participation fee:

Participation fee (TO LECTURES AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS, RECEPTION)

205 Euro if transferred by April 5, 2012

225 Euro if transferred after April 5, 2012

Participation fee for the STUDY FIELD TRIP on September 21 (Friday)

70 Euro if transferred by April 5, 2012

75 Euro if transferred after April 5, 2012

Terms of payment:

Please transfer the total amount to be paid to the Historic Building Conservationists Society's bank account by **August 30, 2012** the latest. The organisers will not take into consideration any requests received after the specified date.

Bank account details:

Account holder's name: Asociația Restauratorilor de Monumente Istorice din Transilvania – ARMIT
RO-400253 Cluj-Napoca, str. Breaza nr. 14
Name of bank: Banca OTP, sucursala Cluj
Address of bank: RO-400558 Cluj-Napoca, str. Calea Floresti nr. 81
Bank account: RO23 OTPV 2010 0018 7446 EU01 (euro)
SWIFT code: OTPV ROBU

Cancellation policy for Registration:

Cancellation between August 1 and September 1, 2012 – 50% refund.

No refund will be possible after September 1, 2012.

Organisers of the conference:

The organisers of the conference are The Transylvanian Historic Building Conservationists Society, The Transsylvania Nostra Foundation, The Technical University from Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, The Romanian National Committee of ICOMOS.

Please indicate your intention of participating at the conference by **August 30, 2012**, by completing the on-line registration form at <http://www.transsylvania.nostra.eu/conferinta-ro-structuriinregistrare.php>.

You may find detailed information by accessing the website www.transsylvania.nostra.eu, or you may request them at: e-mail address hs@transsylvania.nostra.eu, mailing address RO-400110, Cluj-Napoca, Op. 1. Cp. 1176, or at the following numbers: Tel./Fax +40 264 435489, Tel. +40 730 909630 or +40 730 909636.