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International Conference on Fire Protection of Cultural Heritage

1st and 2nd June 2000
Thessaloniki, Greece

This is a Joint Conference of

- The Laboratory of Building Construction - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- The Centre for the Conservation of Mount Athos Heritage, and
- CIB Working Commission W014 - Fire

Background

The protection of historic buildings and sites is a necessity whose aim is the preservation of the historic heritage for transmission from one generation to future generations, in order to safeguard the cultural identity and continuity of nations and societies throughout the centuries. Fire was and remains a great threat to historic buildings.

The present Fire Codes and Regulations are not always applicable to the historic buildings. However, there is a continuing development of materials and techniques, which respect the character, the authenticity and the historicity of these structures. The development of appropriate flexible Fire (performance-based) Codes for historic heritage utilising a Fire Safety Engineering approach seems to be more reasonable, effective and sophisticated way to deal with this important problem.

This two-day Conference will bring together fire experts and people involved in conservation from around the world to discuss the state-of-the-art in fire safety of cultural heritage and to exchange useful information.

Conference Theme and Topics

The general theme of the Conference is Fire Protection of Cultural Heritage and the topics on the programme will highlight various aspects of this theme.

They will include:
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The Conference Programme Committee invites authors who wish to contribute a paper to send a 400 word abstract to the Conference Secretariat at the address below as soon as possible. They should be typewritten in English.

The subject matter should fit within the general Conference Theme.

Important Dates

Acceptance of abstracts and further instructions will be notified to authors by 30th January 2000. Full length papers will be required by 15th April 2000. The Proceedings will only include those papers actually presented at the Conference.

Registration Fee

The registration fee will be 150 Euros before 15 February 2000 and 200 Euros after the date. This will include attendance at the Welcome Reception, the Conference Dinner a copy of the Proceedings and participation in the Excursion to Mt. Athos.

Accompanying Person's Fee

This will be 100 Euros before 15 February 2000 and 130 Euros after that date and will include attendance at the Welcome Reception the Conference Dinner and Excursion.

Languages

The official languages of the Conference are Greek and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided for the plenary sessions.

Excursion

On 3rd and 4th June a visit has been arranged to Mt. Athos. This is only for men in accordance with an ancient Orthodox tradition. A visit to a different historic site will be offered to the other participants. This will either be to a women's Monastery in Chalkidiki, or the ancient city of Vergina capital of Macedonia where the tombs of King Phillip the father of Alexander the Great has been recently excavated.

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