

W023 - Wall Structures

W023 - Wall Structures held its 36th Meeting in Porto (Portugal) on September 23-24, 1999, under the Chairmanship of its Coordinator, Dr. S. Pompeu Santos. The host was Prof. Hipólito de Sousa of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the University of Porto. The meeting was well attended, with 17 participants. The Secretary General of CIB, Dr. Wim Bakens, also attended the meeting.



W023 Members experienced the charm of Porto



The meeting was structured in 7 different sessions: Session 1 - Opening of the Meeting; Sessions 2 to 5 dedicated to the activities of the 4 existing Ad-Hoc Groups; Session 6 dedicated to other technical matters; and Session 7 dedicated to the discussion of the Plan of Action of the Commission and to the decision about the next meeting.

Sessions 2 to 5 commenced with a report by the Coordinator about the activities undertaken by the respective Ad-Hoc Groups, followed by presentations made by members of each Group:

- AH1 - Enclosure Wall Systems Involving Masonry (4 presentations)
- AH2 - Matters Related to EC6 (5 presentations)
- AH3 - Rehabilitation of Large Panel Buildings (1 presentation)
- AH4 - Historic Masonry Structures (4 presentations)

Session 6 dedicated to other technical matters featured 3 presentations. The Proceedings of the meeting, with the papers presented, will be published as a CIB Publication.

After the technical sessions there was a technical visit to the renovation works at Porto old town, which is classified World Heritage by UNESCO.

It was decided to have the next meeting at State College, Pennsylvania (USA), on August 23-26, 2000. One day of the meeting will be a Workshop dedicated to "Historic Masonry Structures", organised by Ad-Hoc Group 4.

