THE UNIVERSITY OF HADRUMUT FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | MUKALLA & DAW‘AN MUD BRICK ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

Are pleased to announce the Second Conference on Mud Brick Architecture to be held in Hadramut in 2011 under the title:

**Earth Architecture | Mud, Stone & Shale**

The conference will provide a platform to discuss and exchange information amongst international architects, academics, participants and foundations on the condition of past and future cities with innovative and creative projects in construction and design including a wide spectrum from Chile to India. This intends to create an important link and exchange between North and South, east and west, where the technology, design language and environment of earth architecture requires to be more seriously and effectively implemented. The fact that it is being held in the heart of the kingdom of mud brick architecture, Valley of Hadramut, serves a significant case in point.

**Venue**  Say’un, Wadi Hadramut | Republic of Yemen

**Dates**  28 February – 4 March 2011

**Official Language**  English & Arabic for presentation- (Papers in French will be accepted for publication in the Conference proceedings).

**Conference Themes**

1. Architectural Rehabilitation and Development
3. Yemeni Cities & Vernacular Architecture at Risk: Dilapidation, Destruction & Flood Damage
4. Future Use of Restored Residential Clusters & Heritage Landmarks
5. Environmental Issues: Sustainable Planning Methods & Guidelines
Participants
To enable us to programme the list of conference presentations, please provide the following at the earliest date possible, and not later than December 17th:

- Title of contribution
- Abstract 200 words maximum
- Short Biography (blurb) 100 words
- Personal photo

The abstract must include:

1) the name(s) and full contact details (affiliation(s)) of the contributor(s);
2) the title of the proposed paper
3) what the proposed paper intends to cover;
4) an outline of the approach it will take;
5) five keywords;

Due to programme time constraints, and the number of abstracts received, there is no guarantee that all papers will be accepted.

*Presentations are limited to 30 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for discussion.*

Publications

Conference proceedings, with contributions from invited participants and accepted submitted papers will be published in a separate book at the end of 2011. Please prepare the physical contribution, or paper (in English, Arabic or French), with related illustrations, for submission either at or after the conference, by the cut off date of 30th June 2011.

To accompany the Conference, a separate publication with the key architectural landmarks and sites of Wadi Hadramut, including those programmed to visit, will be published and distributed.

Provisional Programme

27/28th February:

Arrival of international participants and guests to Dubai and fly to Say’un Airport

28th February pm: Official Opening

1st March: 8am-2pm Day 1 Conference Sessions
(2:15-3:15 Lunch break)
3:30-6:00 pm Site Visits to Shibam, Say’un & or ‘Aydid mud brick open building site
Evening entertainment: Traditional music and dance
2nd March: 8am-2pm Day 2 Conference Sessions
(2:15-3:15 Lunch break)
3:30-6:00 pm Site Visits to Tarim, Wadi Hadramut & ‘Aynat
3rd March: Day 3 Field Visit to Wadi Daw’an with stopover in al Hajarayn, Rehabilitation Site of Masna’at Urah, Khaylah & Hayd al Jazil Resort;
Shale (Girf) open building site
4th March: Departure from Say’un Airport

Travel & Accommodation
Entry Visas to Yemen are required and can be obtained from the Yemeni Consulate in your country. Information provided in this document, is normally sufficient. Let us know if you require an additional letter of invitation to support the visa application. (In case of difficulty visas can be provided on arrival).

Hotels: Al Hawta Palace, Say’un Plaza and/or Samah Hotel.
Climate: Weather will be pleasantly warm, and sunny.

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