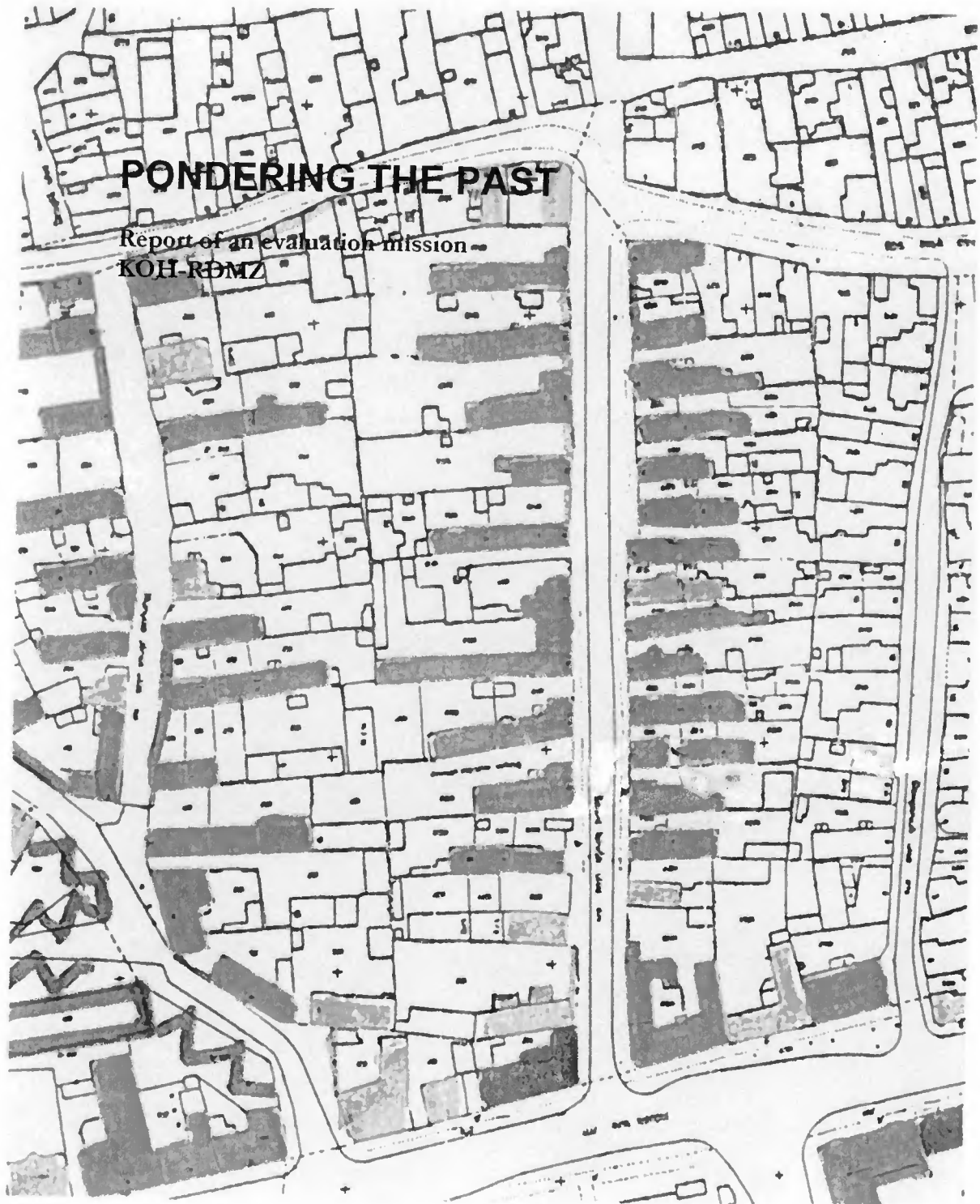


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Introduction

The year in which The Netherlands preside over the European Union, The Netherlands Department for Conservation (Rijksdienst voor de Monumentenzorg) and the National Office of Cultural Heritage of Hungary (Kulturális Örökségvédelmi Hivatal) took the initiative to look for possible cooperation in the field of heritage management and conservation, bringing mutual benefit and European-wide profit. Thus renewing an existing and fruitful cooperation between a present and a new member state, which on the 19th of August of this year was exactly ten years old.

Starting on Tuesday, July 13 and ending on Friday, July 16, 2004, three representatives of the KÖH visited their colleagues of the RDMZ. The visit took place within the framework of the ten year old Memorandum of Understanding, concerning cooperation between the two heritage offices. (Annex 1)

The goal of the visit was to evaluate the existing cooperation and besides to exchange current experiences in the field of heritage management and conservation, as formulated on forehand in the Terms of Reference. (Annex 2)

For this reason the visiting party, consisting of Dr. Tamás Fejérdy (vice-chairman of KÖH and head of the delegation), Jolán Rác (international relations and contact person) and Viktor Feiszthammel (chairman's representative at the Ministry of Culture) got through the jointly prepared programme. They were accompanied by their counterparts of the RDMZ, being drs. Frits van Dulm (international affairs and head of the mission), ir. Tjalling Visser (head of the western region) and drs. Jean-Paul Corten (integrated conservation expert and contact person). During the programme the main stakeholders were met. (Annex 3 & 4)

The cooperation between the KÖH and the RDMZ in the past ten years has been especially successful in the field of integrated (or active) conservation. The jointly executed projects in this field have brought new insights, while the mutual experiences provide a good base for future European-wide cooperation and further methodological and theoretical development. Other Hungarian-Dutch programmes contributed to the professional exchange as well. (Chapter 2)

During the July-meeting discussions were held with the main stakeholders within the Department as well as with experts outside the Department, in order to get an insight into the present matters and policy on both sides. Some exemplary cases were visited in Amsterdam, Den Helder, Naarden and Maastricht. As an orientation on the European scale also projects in Liège were included. In order to look for possible future cooperation on a European scale, both parties paid a joint visit to the University of Liège. (Chapter 3 & Annex 5)

After gathering the necessary information and exchanging the available expertise, the mission recommends a renewal and updating of the existing cooperation between the KÖH and RDMZ within a European scope. (Chapter 4)

Budapest/Zeist, August 2004

Jolán Rác
Jean-Paul Corten

Ten years of Hungarian-Dutch cooperation, 1994-2004

The first meeting between the RDMZ and Hungary was on November 10, 1993 when Dr. Janos Gyurko, minister for the environment and regional development visited the Netherlands as a guest of the Nationale Nederlanden (insurance wing of the ING who had bought a historic building opposite the Opera in Pest). On behalf of the management team of the RDMZ Mr. Gyurko was invited to Naarden to view the reuse of former listed barracks. This visit had a follow up in January 19-21, 1994, when a large delegation of Hungarian experts in the field of historic buildings visited the Netherlands. Dr. Andras Roman led the group of experts and invited the RDMZ for a visit to Hungary. On February 14 an official invitation arrived at Zeist, stating the beginning of talks about a standing cooperation between both institutions in the field of the built heritage.

1994

August: Delegation of the RDMZ (Fons Asselbergs, Frits van Dulm, Peter van Dun) pays a visit to the National Board for the Protection of Historic Monuments (OMvH, predecessor of KOH).

A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the two institutions on professional cooperation. (annex 1)

The RDMZ offered financial support for a Hungarian participant at an IHS-course at Rotterdam. OMvH sent a call to local authorities to invite entries to the IHS-course. After assessment Ágnes Cséry was selected from Budapests 9th district Local Authority.

1995

February: Tamás Pintér and Jolán Rác (head and officer of International Relations/OMvH) pay a visit to the RDMZ to elaborate the annual working programme. The organisation of an integrated conservation workshop in Hungary was agreed on as a priority action.

April-June: Ágnes Cséry participated at the IHS-course 'Inner City Development in Transitional Economies'. Her report was sent to the OMvH.

June: First phase of the integrated conservation workshop at Tapolca and Sümeg, with Dutch professional leadership (Peter van Dun, Rob Docter, Jochem Hollestelle) and Hungarian participation from professional groups and local authority staff.

Work carried out during the workshop was compiled in 'Dragons and Knights'.

September: 10-day study-tour to Friesland by 25 heritage professionals from Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine and Romania, supported by the Province of Friesland. (OMvH organiser: József Sebestyén).

November: Second phase of the workshop in Tapolca and Sümeg. Continuation of the work and introduction to a graphic inventory method to enhance better urban rehabilitation planning. 'Dragons and Knights Supplement' is produced.

1996

March – April: Jolán Rácz gives lectures on the Tapolca-Sümeg project at international conferences in Italy and Romania.

July: fieldwork with university-students from Hungary and Romania to carry out the graphic inventory method in Tapolca and Sümeg. Professional leaders: Peter van Dun, Tamás Pintér and Jolán Rácz. 'Dragons and Knights Supplement 2 on the Fieldwork' is produced.

September: Peter van Dun and Rob Docter give a lecture about the Tapolca-Sümeg project at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Sophia.

October: Exhibition of the Wendingen art magazine (Peter van der Torn Vrejthof's private collection), opened by the Dutch Ambassador at OMvH Heritage Gallery.

November: The Dutch Embassy in Budapest organises a round-table discussion on 'Institutional Investors as Long-term Partners in City Development' with Dutch and Hungarian speakers and participants. Peter van Dun and Tamás Pintér give lectures.

1997

February: Third workshop is carried out in Tapolca and Sümeg. 'Dragons and Knights Final Report' is produced. Decision is made on an exhibition of the fieldwork and a training programme on integrated conservation for more Hungarian historic towns.

Throughout the year: RDMZ produces the final drawings of the fieldwork in collaboration with the Hungarian partners.

Fundraising and elaboration of the concept of the training programme went on.

June: Jolán Rácz took part in and contributed to the international conference on architectural policies at NAI / Rotterdam.

1998

April: The exhibition of the Tapolca-Sümeg fieldwork with the title 'Dutch method – Hungarian spot' was opened at the OMvH Heritage Gallery. Peter van Dun and Rob Docter contributed to the opening speech.

Throughout the year: The exhibition was transported to Tapolca and to Sümeg.

The financial background and concept for the two-step training programme has been secured and finalised by both parties.

1999

June: Seminar – as first phase of the Training Programme 'Integrated conservation and its role in strategic planning of historic town development'. Professionals and representatives of 12 historic Hungarian towns participated and contributed with presentations. Dutch lecturers and moderators: Peter van Dun and Rob Docter.

November: Consultation – as second phase of the Training Programme. The consultants were the Dutch and Hungarian speakers of the Seminar, the participant towns' development plans, concepts were on discussion. Press conference and articles disseminated the main conclusions.

December: The English version of the exhibition started to be prepared, with digitalised maps and extended texts.

2000

January: Correspondence about the OMvH's participation in a City of Tomorrow project led by a Dutch architect practice on industrial heritage regeneration project. (The participation, due to lack of capacities is later cancelled by the management of the OMvH.)

February: The English version of the exhibition of the fieldwork was opened at the Ministry of Culture, Education and Science in Zoetermeer. The Hungarian Ambassador to The Netherlands, Tamás Pintér and Jolán Rácz took part at the opening.

2001

March: Conference and Workshop in Budapest and Komárom on the Monumentenwacht. Main organiser: Porta Speciosa Heritage Association (NGO). Lectures by the Gert-Jan Luijendijk, director of Monumentenwacht Nederland.

October: The merger of OMvH with KOI results in the restructured, 'integrated heritage office' as KÖH.

2002

Throughout the year: Fundraising and concept for a Dutch-Catalan-Hungarian seminar on the remodelled public urban spaces in historic towns.

2003.

January: Application is submitted to the MATRA Preaccession Project Programme (MPAP) with relevant projects for the built heritage, archaeology and movable heritage.

July: Approval of the MATRA application limited for the scope of movable heritage.

Throughout the year: Preparation of the MATRA project – Cultural heritage – Hungary in Europe (MATCHE) with Dutch advisors.

October: Application is submitted to the Culture2000 programme on 'Country Houses in the 21st Century' (ECHO) with 6 collaborating countries. RDMZ helped KÖH to find Dutch co-organiser (Geldersche Kasteelen Stichting).

November: Dutch-Catalan-Hungarian Seminar on 'Public Space Enhancement and Urban Landscape Design, Contemporary Architecture and Design in Historic Environment' with three Dutch (Tjalling Visser, Rob Docter, Job Roos), one Catalan and 16 Hungarian presentations. The Dutch Ambassador addresses the Seminar.

Aaron Betsky Director of NAI visits the Light and Form exhibition (Architecture and Photo Art of the Modern Movement in Hungary, collection of KÖH and Hungarian Architectural Museum).

2004

Throughout the year: Running the MATRA project – Cultural heritage – Hungary in Europe (MATCHE) with Dutch advisors, relevant Hungarian and Dutch institutions.

Providing assistance to VROM (Henk Rieff) in their effort to organise an exhibition of 'Architecture in The Netherlands – a chronology (1900-2000)' and seminar in Budapest.

Since March: Discussions with NAI and Chabot Museum on exhibiting the Light and Form.

May: International ICOMOS conference to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Venice Charter in Budapest and Pécs. Gert Jan Luijendijk gives lecture on maintenance and Monumentenwacht.

June: Agreement with Haarlemmermeer Municipality on exhibiting the KÖH's exhibition on Ödön Lechner ('the Hungarian Gaudi') in September.

July: Approval of the Culture2000 ECHO project (with the participation of KÖH and Geldersche Kasteelen Stichting).

KÖH delegation visits RDMZ to evaluate the past and find new scopes of cooperation.

Report on the fact finding visit of July 13-16, 2004

On Tuesday, after arrival at Schiphol airport, the KÖH-delegation meets with the representatives of the RdMz in Amsterdam for a brief introduction of the programme. On this occasion Mr. Fejérdy informs the participants on the results of the UNESCO-conference in China, during which priorities are set to come to a more balanced World Heritage List. In the afternoon the mission splits in two groups. One group visits the Rijkswaerf Willemsoord at Den Helder to learn about the experiences of transforming this former navy shipyard with a closed character to a public domain with tourist functions. Meanwhile Mr. Fejérdy pays a visit to the 'Inspectie Cultuurbeziit'. He meets representatives of the built heritage, archaeology, movable heritage and collections. Exchange of information on the experience of the former divisions at the Ministry of Cultural Heritage in Hungary gives useful comparison. In the evening the mission visits the fortified city of Naarden, being a protected townscape, and is offered a welcome dinner.

On Wednesday the mission meets at the offices of the RDMZ at Zeist. During the morning session institutional matters are to be discussed. Mr. van Dulm gives a welcome speech and an overview of the Hungarian-Dutch cooperation in the past ten years. Ms. Rácz adds to this the fruitful experiences of the KÖH in this respect. Mr. Van Tilburg explains the present situation of the RDMZ and brings forward current matters, as e.g. the merger of the Department for Conservation with the Department for Archaeology and how the Department is related to the Ministry. Mr. Fejérdy and Mr. Feiszthammel share their comparable experiences of the restructured organisation of the KÖH by the merger of two organisations formerly being responsible for the built heritage and for archaeology and movable heritage. The relationship between KÖH and the Ministry of Cultural Heritage is described briefly. Mrs. Faber gives a presentation on heritage education in the Netherlands and abroad and explains about the objectives of the Monumentchest as developed by the RDMZ. The Hungarian guests express their appreciation to the method and their usefulness if it comes to raise public awareness. Mr. Corten gives a speech on protected townscapes and on the way they are related to the physical planning process. Ms. Rácz adds to this the joint experiences of KÖH and RDMZ in the field of integrated conservation, related to a physical planning policy. The Hungarian delegation is shown around the premises, including the archives and library, by Mrs. Richel.

In the afternoon 'The Hungarian-Dutch conference on heritage management and conservation' is held. This expert meeting is meant to give insight in current matters on both sides and to iden-

tify possible fields of future cooperation. Mr. Fejérdy and Mr. Feiszthammel lecture on present matters and experiences in Hungary. Mr. Van Dun gives a lecture on the jointly executed project in Sümeg and Tapolca. The method on integrated conservation as developed during this project was derived from Dutch experiences on inner city renewal. During the past five years the method has been further developed in other countries, making use of the Hungarian experiences. Mrs. Rácz lectures on the current experiences in Hungary. The attention of the KÖH broadens from individual monuments towards townscapes, structures, whole areas of special character, and beyond the 'first-class' monuments they started to appreciate 'second-class' heritage, which is important in creating local identity. There is a better attitude to work in partnership with other, also non-governmental organisations and education on town-management provides better-skilled professionals for sensitive care for urban heritage. Public awareness for the built heritage has grown and all these facts together ensure a better climate for sustainable conservation and make it possible to continue the process of integrated conservation. Recently additional experiences were gained on the assessment of the architectural values with the Danish InterSAVE method. More attention is given to identify the significance of the architecture of the Interbellum and post-war period (Modern Movement and Socialist Realism) and industrial heritage. Raising also the non-professionals' appreciation for these categories of heritage is a delicate but urgent duty in Hungary.

Mr. Van Rooijen lectures about current matters in Dutch conservation practice. Inner city renewal in The Netherlands has brought the intended improvement of living conditions, but meanwhile made city centres more attractive for higher income groups and thus brought about an unintended shift in income groups and tends to bring about a certain 'gentrification'. Current conservation practice shifts to areas outside city centres and to bigger areas, and besides is mainly related to finding development opportunities.

During the evening the mission is invited for the ICOMOS-meeting, dedicated to the Hungarian heritage. The Hungarian delegation lectures on the problems and issues of Hungarian heritage management and conservation. Mr. Fejérdy lectures on the role of ICOMOS-Hungary in this respect, UNESCO and World Heritage. Mr. Sietze van de Laan gives a lecture on the restoration project of the former Forró Kúria (mansion) in Transylvania.

On Thursday the mission meets prof. A. Dupagne, director of LEMA (Laboratoire d'Etudes Méthodologiques Architecturales et Urbaines, Université de Liège), presiding the SUIT-project and Mr. J. Teller. The meeting is meant to be a fact-finding visit on possible use of the SUIT-programme and possible cooperation between the three parties. The three parties agree on the significance of the assessment procedures as developed by SUIT and the need for further experience in this field. Therefore they think it to be of utmost importance to find cases to execute an active conservation programme. The three parties observe an European-wide search for methods directed towards active conservation and intervention in Socio-economic developments, linked to SUIT. The three parties will formulate a joint project on a European scale. A report on the discussions is included under annex 5.

The mission pays a visit to several renewal and revitalisation projects in the city of Liège, recently recovering from its economic decline during the seventies of the 20th century. Main projects are the refurbished place St. Lambert and the new Liège Guillemins railway station under construction.

On Friday the mission is received by the municipality of Maastricht. Mr. Wouters gives an overview on inner city renewal in the city of Maastricht during the past 30 years, from Stokstraatkwartier to Ceramique and the Bosscher Fronten, yet to be developed. Under the guidance of Mr. Wouters, the mission makes an excursion through town.

In the afternoon the mission meets at Zeist to have the concluding talks. The results of these discussions are to be found in the next chapter.

The mission ends with a farewell diner in Zeist.

Remarks and observations by the Hungarian party

The representatives of the KÖH express their sincere thanks to the Director and colleagues of the RDMZ for the extensive programme and kind hospitality.

The meetings, site-visits and informal discussions convinced us that there are several scopes where our further professional cooperation will be of mutual benefit. There are in particular challenging potentials to make use of our already existing liaison within the European funding programmes.

The visit to Den Helder and Naarden reminded us of sites and towns which are easy to compare and might raise interesting discussions on industrial site reutilization, PPP financing, heritage with contemporary extensions on one hand, and keeping the local identity of historic towns and interpretation of fortifications on the other.

The discussion with the RDMZ colleagues gave again easy comparison because of the planned merger of RDMZ. We are attracted by the present Mission Statement and are very interested in the actualised one. The heritage education activity of the RDMZ is highly appreciated. It is a duty that KÖH is going to undertake due to its long-term strategy – RDMZ provides good example.

It was stimulating to hear that the former Tapolca-Sümege cooperation on integrated conservation has been developed in a more practical way and amongst different (even more difficult) circumstances. The importance of continuation of this kind of practical professional work, with partners from all relevant organisations and layers of society, is convincing. Economic and social problems must be recognised together with heritage issues and techniques must be found to balance uncertain situations. More detailed information would be useful about the legal and professional issues of ‘protected townscapes’ in the Netherlands.

It was very impressive to realise that RDMZ has achieved an appreciated status as a professional advisor. It is asked in early phase to give advise on different planned developments which means a pro-activeness in its approach.

The policy of RDMZ to focus more on preventive preservation is very timely and its thorough inventory and listing activity is also remarkable. Approach to industrial and 20th century heritage is also worth a deeper study and information-exchange.

The planned multi-country collaboration with SUIT could also involve the adaptation of the InterSAVE method, as this provides the towns with a solid base of knowledge of their local architectural values.

Recommendations

Coming to the end of the mission, the two parties observe that

- the cooperation between the two parties during the past ten years has brought mutual benefits.
- especially in the field of integrated (or active) conservation the joint projects have brought new insights.
- there is a Europe-wide search for means to intervene in socio-economic processes from an historical point of view.
- other matters of mutual interest lay in the field of Interbellum and post-war architecture (Modern Movement and Socialist Realism) and industrial heritage.
- the cooperation in the field of preventive conservation has brought new insights.

The two parties therefore recommend to reformulate the existing cooperation within the framework set by the Declaration of Intent of 1994 according to

- current needs and opportunities
- experiences of the past ten years
- mutual benefits
- European perspectives

The two parties therefore propose to focus their mutual cooperation towards

1. Continued cooperation on integrated (or active) conservation on a European scale.

The two parties together with University of Liège work out a project proposal to be finalised with other partners (if possible English Heritage and the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture) and to be submitted to a relevant EC programme (Culture2000, INTERREG or other). (Annex 5)

2. Interbellum and post-war heritage – architecture and urban planning (1920-1965)

Mutual interest lays in the field of selection and listing of the heritage of Modern Movement and Socialist Realism. Also an exchange of expertise in the field of raising public awareness, preservation and reutilization will be of mutual benefit.

3. Industrial heritage

Mutual interest lays in the field of selection and listing of the industrial heritage. Also an exchange of expertise in the field of raising public awareness, revitalization and adaptive reuse will be of mutual benefit.

4. Preventive conservation

A continuation of the Hungarian-Dutch liaison in the field of 'preventive conservation' is recommended. Of main importance in this respect are the experiences of the Monumentenwacht, as well as the RDMZ's concepts on preservation by maintenance, its strategy to monitor the technical condition of the built heritage and its training programme for heritage skills.

The proposed cooperation could be implemented by means of

- exchange of information (publications, revues, proceedings etc.)
- exchange of exhibitions
- invitation of experts in one another's country to (international) congresses
- exchange of fellowships, postgraduates and students
- organising workshops on specific problems and issues
- project-wise exchange of experts

Annex 1. Declaration of Intent 1994

DECLARATION OF INTENT

The President of the Hungarian National Board for the Protection of Historic Monuments and the director of the Netherlands Department for Conservation agree, as a result of the negotiations which took place between the 18th and the 21st of August 1994 to a closer co-operation. Priority will be given to:

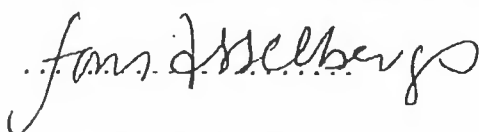
1. The co-operation with organisations related to restoration activities (research, inventory systems, listing technical assistance, GIS, designing, restoration, etc.).
2. Assistance in the field of urban heritage management and integrated conservation.
3. Relations with government and public agencies in the field of the protection of historic buildings and areas in order to stimulate closer co-operation on NGO level.
4. Strengthening public awareness of the significance of historic buildings, structures and areas.
5. Education and training of professionals and local officers on all levels.
6. Supporting one another in international organisations - Council of Europe, etc. - projects and stimulating the co-operation between Netherlands and Hungarian national committees - ICOMOS, DOCOMOMO, etc.

Possible forms of implementation:

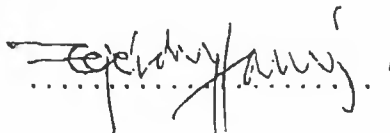
1. Exchange of experts projectwise, organising workshops, common projects.
2. Exchange of information (reviews, publications, proceedings, etc.).
3. Exchange of exhibitions.
4. Invitation of experts in one another's country to international congresses and other events.
5. Working out ways and means for fellowships, postgraduates and exchange of students.

Annual working program will be worked out for the targets of co-operation until the 15th of February each year.

Made in Budapest, on the 19th of August 1994



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Protection of Historic Monuments

Annex 2. Terms of Reference

Concerning the 2004 visit of the National Office of Cultural Heritage (Kulturális Örökségvédelmi Hivatal) of Hungary to The Netherlands Department for Conservation (Rijksdienst voor de Monumentenzorg)

Introduction

Ten years ago, in the year 1994, a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Board for the Protection of Historic Monuments of Hungary (restructured as National Office of Cultural Heritage in 2000) and the Netherlands Department for Conservation was drawn up and signed. The MoU was intended to bring about a closer co-operation between the two countries in the field of heritage management and conservation. Since that date several projects concerning exchange of expertise and information have been organised and executed.

The main project was about integrated conservation and revitalization of historic towns and concerned the cities of Tapolca and Sümeg. The project intended to provide the local authorities with a policy and tools for a rehabilitation of historic towns. Therefore the professional staff worked closely together with the local authorities and were supported by university students, who carried out the fieldwork. The result of this project was presented in the form of an exhibition in the related towns, Budapest and Zoetermeer.

The Tapolca-Sümeg project led to another two-phase programme on integrated conservation with the involvement of local authorities from 12 historic towns within Hungary.

Recently three Dutch experts could give account about public space enhancements at a seminar in Hungary, organised by the National Board.

The 2004 visit is organised within the boundaries set by the MoU of 1994 and is directed towards the agreed exchange of expertise, updating the agreed co-operation and continuation of the integrated conservation project.

Goal

The goal of the 2004 visit is twofold

1. Exchange of expertise

The visiting party will bring forward its present experiences in the field of heritage management and heritage conservation in Hungary. For this reason an expert meeting will be organised at The Netherlands Department for Conservation, Zeist and at ICOMOS, Amsterdam.

The receiving party will bring forward present expertise in the field of heritage management and heritage conservation in the Netherlands, notably concerning new design in the historic town of Den Helder and revitalising the historic centre of Maastricht.

Both parties will jointly seek for contact with the EU-programme SUIIT (Sustainable development of Urban historical areas through an active Integration within Towns), and for this reason will pay a visit to its chairman at Liège.

2. Evaluation and continuation of the cooperation

The other issue of the 2004 visit concerns the evaluation of the co-operation between the two countries. The visiting party will bring about the experiences with the former joint projects on integrated conservation. The two parties will discuss the possibilities of continuation of this project, other possible scopes of cooperation and the means of support. This will result in a joint programme for implementation, taking into consideration the available funds in the near future.

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National Office of Cultural Heritage of Hungary

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Annex 3. Programme

KÖH-RdMz meeting 2004

July 13-16, 2004

Tuesday, July 13

Time	Place	Subject	Participants
09.15	Schiphol	Arrival	J.P. Corten, G.J. Luijendijk
11.00	Amsterdam, Hotel	Check in	Id.
12.00	Amsterdam	Lunch	Id., Tj. Visser
13.00	Travel	Travel	Tj. Visser, G.J. Luijendijk
14.30	Den Helder	Visit	Id.
17.00	Travel	Travel	Id.
19.00	Naarden	Diner	F. van Dulm, B. van Tilburg, Tj. Visser, G. J. Luijendijk, J.P. Corten, O. Faber, P. van Dun, Ch. van Rappart, M. van Heese

13.00-17.00	The Hague, Ministry	Heritage inspection	T. Fejérdy Ch. van Rappart, M. van Heese
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Wednesday, July 14

Time	Place	Subject	Participants
10.00	Zeist, RDMZ	Welcome	F. van Dulm, B. van Tilburg, O. Faber, J.P. Corten, S. Richel
11.00	Id.	Presentation RDMZ	Id.
13.00	Id.	Lunch	Id.
14.00	Id.	Presentation KÖH	Employees (town planners) RDMZ
16.30	Travel	Travel	J.P. Corten
18.00	Amsterdam, ICOMOS	Diner	ICOMOS Members
19.30	Amsterdam, ICOMOS	Presentation KÖH	ICOMOS Members

Thursday, July 15

Time	Place	Subject	Participants
08.00	Travel	Travel	Tj. Visser, J.P. Corten, J. van Rooijen
11.00	Liège	EU-program	Id., prof. A. Dupagne
13.00	Id.	Lunch	Id.
14.00	Id.	City tour	Id.
17.00	Polleur	Stay and diner	Id.

Friday, July 16

Time	Place	Subject	Participants
09.00	Travel	Travel	Tj. Visser, J.P. Corten, J. van Rooijen
10.00	Maastricht	Inner city and Ceramique	Id., H. Wouters, W. de Wit
13.00	Id.	Lunch	Id.
14.00	Travel	Travel	Id.
16.00	Zeist, RDMZ	Discussion on future co-operation	F. van Dulm, B. van Tilburg, Tj. Visser, J. van Rooijen, J.P. Corten
18.00	Zeist	Farewell diner	Id.

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Annex 5. Short report on the LEMA-KÖH-RDMZ – meeting, Couvent Vertbois, Liège, July 15, 2004

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RdMz: J.P. Corten, J. van Rooijen, Tj. Visser

Introduction

The three participating parties gather at the Couvent Vertbois on the kind invitation of LEMA and joint initiative of KÖH and RDMZ. The meeting takes place as part of the evaluation mission concerning the ten year cooperation between the Heritage Offices of Hungary and The Netherlands. The cooperation between the two offices has in the past mainly been focused on integrated conservation and is likely to continue in this field, though so far no decision on this point has been taken. In order to extend the joint projects, both parties are curious about the possible use of the SUIT-programme and are willing to consider cooperation with LEMA, being the coordinator of the SUIT-project.

Goal

The meeting is meant to be a fact-finding visit on possible use of the SUIT-programme and possible cooperation between the three parties.

SUIT

Mr. Dupagne gives a survey on the SUIT-project (Sustainable development of Urban historical areas through an active Integration within Towns), which was initiated in the year 2000 by the European Committee as part of the Key Project 'City of tomorrow and Cultural Heritage' (fitting within the framework of the EU-programme on Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development). The SUIT-project has been executed by a consortium of 7 European research centres, under the lead of LEMA. SUIT is directed towards an integration of historical identity within Socio-economic developments. The four year research programme, which has come to a conclusion by now, is focused on providing local authorities with the methods to do so, by means of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedures.

Discussion

The three parties agree on the significance of the assessment procedures and the need for further experience in this field. Therefore they think it to be of utmost importance to find cases to execute an active conservation programme.

The three parties observe an European-wide search for methods directed towards active conservation and intervention in Socio-economic developments, linked to SUIT.

Proposal

In order to extend the experiences and knowledge in the field of active conservation as well as to try and develop existing methods, the three parties agree on the need for a joint and comparative project. The project should at least contain Belgium, Hungary and The Netherlands, but might be extended to the United Kingdom and Denmark. The cases in each country should be comparable by size of the chosen town (30.000-50.000 inhabitants) and by the current matters (for example disappearing industries, dominating urban identity). Local authorities should be committed to the proposed project.

Points of agreement

- the three parties will promote the joint proposal within their institutes.
- each party will produce a preliminary paper (max. 2 pages) on the joint project in August
- the definite proposal will be drawn in September, to be ready for funding in October
- KÖH will look for support in the UK and Denmark
- LEMA and KÖH will look after possibilities for EU-funding
- Jean-Paul Corten (RDMZ) will serve as contact person for the time being

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