

Introduction

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This publication results from the meeting entitled "The Teaching of Architecture & Urbanism in the Age of Globalisation", organized by the CEU (Council for European Urbanism) and INTBÂU (International Network For Traditional Building, Architecture & Urbanism). The meeting took place between 5 and 9 May 2004, in Lisbon at the municipal council's tourism department in Terreiro do Paço, and at the Beiras Regional Centre, a department of Portuguese Catholic University (UCP), in Viseu.

The idea of staging this meeting occurred more or less simultaneously to me and to my colleague and friend Lucien Steil, for different but complementary reasons.

In my case, it occurred in Stockholm, at the Second Meeting of the CEU. It was there that the Stockholm Declaration was produced and the organisation's first board of management was elected, of which I am a member, and which is chaired by Susan Parham.

My idea was to continue the CEU's thematic meetings and, at the same time, to try to disseminate the work that we were then doing at the Architecture Faculty of UCP's Beiras Regional Centre in Viseu, whose head at that time was my colleague and friend José Cornélio da Silva.

For Lucien Steil, this meeting was most opportune, within the scope of and further to the work that had already been carried out with the Windsor Forum on Design Education.

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Thus, by combining our efforts, Lucien and I were able to organise this meeting. We were given invaluable assistance by the UCP's Beiras Regional Centre; Susan Parham and the entire CEU board of management; Dr. Matthew Hardy and INTBAU; Lisbon Municipal Council; and the travel company Viagens Abreu, S.,A., whose logistical support far exceeded any merely professional obligation.

Naturally, in addition to those directly involved in organising this meeting, we should like to make particular mention of our sponsors, without whom none of this could have been achieved. In addition to support from the UCP and Lisbon Municipal Council, we were aided by Viseu Municipal Council, CIN - Corporação Industrial do Norte, S.4., Computata, Lda., J. Umbelino Silva Monteiro, Lda., Loja do Banho, Lda., A. Baptista de Almeida, S.Â., Sanindusa - Indústria de Sanitários, S.4., and José Baganha, Arquitectos - Sociedade Unipessoal, Lda.

We should like to express our warmest gratitude to all of them.

In this book, we have sought, as far as possible, to transcribe the content of the presentations given at the meeting, in the order in which they were made. But we also include other texts produced by their authors specifically for inclusion in this publication. We asked them to do so, in all cases, because we were well acquainted with their merits in these fields, but also because in some cases they belong to one or more organizations involved in the meeting, such as the aforesaid Windsor Forum group, or because they were unable to appear in person at the Viseu meeting.

For logistical reasons, the first part of the meeting took place in Lisbon. There, all those present were able to listen to and watch the presentation of Dr. Elisabeth Plater-Zyberk (university of Miami * Dean of the School of Architecture), which was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the forum. We then moved on to Viseu, where proceedings were opened by the Dean of the UCP, Dr. Manuel Braga da Cruz, after which we proceeded in the prearranged order with the various fascinating presentations that are transcribed here almost in their entirety. The only ones not published were those that we were unable to transcribe, or those whose authors did not furnish us with the text. The work culminated in the document that provided the meeting with its perfect finish: the Declaration of Viseu on Architectural Education in the 21st century. Preceding the text of that declaration, we also publish a summary superbly drawn up by Susan Parham, which reflects the outstanding content of the presentations.

A word also for the excellent agenda prepared by Lucien Steil, which in this publication, with its supporting text, precedes the presentations and other contributions already mentioned.

Finally, I should like to draw very special attention to the contribution made by the UCP's Beiras Regional Centre to the staging of this event – if offered its premises and equipment free of charge - and to its Faculty of Architecture: students, lecturers and other staff members. All contributed to a meeting of outstanding quality and human warmth, fondly remembered by all participants.