

Planned Conservation for 20th-century Architectural Heritage

International Conference, Como, Italy, 30-31 October 2009

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Sponsored by the Comune di Como, the conference was organized by DOCOMOMO Italia, Politecnico di Milano and the UNESCO Chair on preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance of monuments and sites, in collaboration with Fondazione Cariplo. The delegation from Belgium included Anouk Stulens (Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen), Prof. Koen Van Balen, Prof. Luc Verpoest, PhD students Willemijne Linssen, Neža Čebroň Lipovec and Hsien-yang Tseng, and visiting scholar Meiping Wu (RLICC).

On 30 October 2009, the conference opened with speeches by Stefano Bruni (Mayor, Comune di Como), Giuseppe Guzzetti (President, Fondazione Cariplo), Alberto Artioli (Conservation and Heritage Officer, Ministry of Heritage and Cultural Activities) and Prof. Koen Van Balen. Chaired by Prof. Stefano Della Torre (Politecnico di Milano), the keynote speeches included “Planned Conservation as a Challenge for Innovative Cultural Heritage Preservation” by Stefano Musso (Università di Genova), “Monumentenwacht, a Monitoring and Maintenance System for Cultural (Built) Heritage in the Flemish Region (Belgium)” by

Luc Verpoest (Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen & RLICC), “Sustainable Integrated and Planned Conservation of Built Environment and Architectural Heritage” by Jan Rosvall (Chalmers University of Technology & University of Gothenburg), and “Planned Conservation of Modern Municipal Property in Como: the War Memorial, the Fountain of Camerlata, Asylum St. Elias. First Line of Intervention” by Antonio Ferro (Como Council).

In the afternoon of 30 October and the morning of 31 October, the conference featured various guided tours of “Como Rationalist” modern architecture all around Como. Then in the afternoon of 31 October, an open discussion with more than 30 authors of the papers and posters was organised. The topics ranged from research and design, heritage and environment to knowledge and management.

For further information, please visit the official site:

<http://www.plannedconservationcomo2009.com/>

For the content, please visit PRECOMOS website:

http://precomos.org/index.php/news/posters_planned_conservation_of_xxth_century_architectural_heritage/



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Institution speeches

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The conference venue: Casa del Fascio, designed by the Italian Rationalist architect Giuseppe Terragni

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Monumento ai Caduti, inspired by the Futurist painter Antonio Sant'Elia and designed by Attilio and Giuseppe Terragni

Bottom right
Guided visit to various buildings of “Como Rationalism” during the conference



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