

Professional scientific sessions for art, architecture and urban planning Thursday evenings

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Title: Water and Garden

Speakers and panel members: Mr. F. Tehrani, Mr. M. Rasekhi, Mr. M.M. Mahmoudi, Mrs. K.C. Keshavarz, Mr. H. Moslehi and Mr. H. Mashadizadeh

The 18-th session of Herampey Thursday evenings was dedicated to water and gardens. It is well known that from the ancient times the Iranians used to build their houses surrounded by gardens and water sources. This national characteristic is reflected also in the Iranian painting and carpet design. The Iranian garden is a harmonic mixture of water, plants and architecture.

The first speaker that was Mr. F. Tehrani spoke about the concept of water in the Iranian language that is a continuous presence in spheres that probably do not have a direct connection with the water as a chemical element. He continued his speech talking about Paradise that is an Iranian word and concept, in straight connection with social and religious creeds. He expressed the idea that the Iranian civilization is based on the presence and role of the water in the social life, and how it was important in different spheres of the Iranians. Mr. Tehrani spoke about the characteristics of the Iranian gardens and how they used the presence of water to satisfy physical and spiritual needs.

The last speaker was Mr. M. Rasekhi. He talked about the Iranian garden that is considered by many authors as the reflection of the heaven on Earth. In his opinion the Islamic garden conception that arrived in the West, is the direct continuation of the Iranian garden and its characteristics. The Iranians considered the need of beauty with ordinary needs. One of the oldest and first Iranian gardens is the garden of Pasargad.

Mr. Rasekhi mentioned the different characteristics of the Iranian gardens that consider most of the aspects that a garden should have in the territory. He divided the gardens in different categories which are the fruit garden, the living garden, royal gardens, government gardens, pit gardens, water gardens where they used to collect the flowing water, rivers sides gardens etc. During his speech Mr. Rasekhi presented different Iranian famous gardens, and the characteristics that each of them have. He presented also the different plants used in the gardens, why they used a specific plant in a specific situation, how they used the water flow to satisfy the needs of the men, plants and landscape.