

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

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Title: Recuperation of precious structures

Speakers and panel members: Mr. M. M. Mahmoudi and Mrs. A. Hendoupour.

The 42nd session of Thursday Evening's series was held in presence of professors, experts and interested persons, to discuss the recuperation of precious structures, where the speakers were Mr. Mahmoudi and Mrs. A. Hendoupour.

The abstract of the speeches are here presented:

The first speaker was Mr. M. M. Mahmoudi who began his speech talking about the renovation of an old building in Bushehr. In 1995 the renovation of a 140 years building called the trade house of Mr. S. M. R. kazerouni in the quarter of Behbahanies in Bushehr. After the renovation of the building it was first used for few years as sailors' club, then the building was used till our days to host the offices of Bushehr's cultural heritage organization.

Mr. Mahmoudi continued his speech talking about the renovation process. He said that they began the renovation process, first of all they began to analyze and know the exterior aspects of the building, how was the existing conditions, which and how-architectural, structural and mechanical- were the added elements during the 140 years of life. The preliminary study focused on the architectural identity, the different uses and the damages that were occurred during the long life of the building.

The next stage was to know and understand the employer's and user's needs and special requests. To understand better the conditions the study group defined the materials that directed the group to make a general work map, beginning to clean all the added and disturbing materials, in order to pave the way for new concepts, approaches and renovation works. Mr. Mahmoudi presented the entire works' process that were concluded by an entirely special realized furniture project that permitted to conclude the renovation works and to consign the building to the employer.

The second speaker was Mrs. A. Hendoupour who presented the Sa'ad -ol-saltane complex in Qazvin. The complex that include a 22000 sq/m area is the biggest urban carvanseray . The complex is located in the historical center of Qazvin as an important urban component, because most of the monuments are concentrated in this area. The complex has six internal yards, each of them foresaw for a particular activity, like carpentry, cotton processing. The hearth of the complex is the Sa'ad-ol-saltane yard that reaches the Qeyasarieh bazar dedicated to present and sell of handicrafts.

Continuing her speech Mrs. Hendoupour presented the general goals of the project that are to transform this dismissed are in an economic, commercial dynamic urban area. As in the past after the renovation each yard will be reserved for a specific activity, like restaurants, a meeting space for the artists, luxury shops, jewelleryes, carpet shops, handicrafts, bookshops etc. One of the yards will be dedicated to the local traditional handcrafted products and another yard is dedicated to host a hotel and touristic facilities. In all the activities the respect on the traditional and cultural aspects were considered as top priorities, in order to ensure quality and tranquility for the users and visitors.