

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

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Title: urban space from the ancient to modern time

Speakers and panel members: Mrs.F.Habib, Mr.M.M.Mahmoudi, Mr.S.Farhat and Mr.P.Talae

The first speaker was Mrs.F.Habib who began her speech posing a question, what means urban scape? She explained what it means through the characteristics of urban scape that becomes quality for the inhabitants. The components of the urban scape are the buildings, the streets and the spaces that make a global body that is the city.

Mrs.F.Habib described which are the characteristics of the urban scape, how was the historic process of its development. Mrs.F.Habib explained the peculiarities of every period and era from the ancient era to our days, stressing the characteristics of every period. At the end of her speech she described the solutions and the directions that the urban planners and designers should consider to have nicer and with good life quality level cities.

The second speaker was Mr.M.M.Mahmoudi who began his speech telling that in all conditions and positions the mankind tried to create situations to ensure privacy and social life at the same time. This process caused the formation of urban scape, that was different in different countries and situations, dictated by geographical, social, economical,.... characteristics. In this context the religious and government had always a central role in the formation of centers. These buildings created an hierarchic pyramid, where everyone knew the position that he had to occupy. Most of the times the people followed unwritten rules, that ensured excellent results.

In Mr.Mahmoudi opinion the achieved and ensured harmony was unbalanced during the last centuries, because of social and political transformations, achievements and losses. These transformations had their direct effects in the urban scape, causing visible contradictions, problems and negative effects.

Mr.Mahmoudi said that the principal problem is the interruption of our links with the historic values and experiences. This kind of approach causes the loss of identity and problems for the citizens, that don't have an acceptable urban space, balanced and controlled. The duty of the architects and the town planners is to focus the problems and find new solutions, having a look to the cultural and historical heritage, and to the good examples that in many countries are realized, satisfying the needs of the inhabitants.