



Conference "Civil Engineering from Early Neolithic to Late Antique Period in Asia Minor" Istanbul 14.-16.6.2007

Our knowledge about the origins of historical buildings seems to change only gradually, so that there is an impression that there is little still to learn. In particular, the principles of antique and pre-antique civil engineering work seem to have been determined for a long time. On the other hand, an enormous increase in basic research has produced new discoveries, which require more complex models to help us look beyond linear or positivistic development scenarios.

This particularly applies to Anatolia, in its position as the link between East and West. A multiplicity of newly-examined archaeological sites and the application of innovative methods are casting a new light on the pre-historic epochs of Asia Minor building history. The Anatolian Iron age appears as an era of fundamental changes in Construction History.

Hellenistic and Roman architecture developments of this region are about to be re-evaluated beyond the traditions of the 19th century, with its graecocentric view. A goal of the colloquium is to bring together those research results already recognizable in single aspects of the region, so as to show a new aspect of the civil engineering history of Asia Minor as a whole. In this sense contributions with predominantly architectural-technical content are particularly welcome, as are those which examine the socio-historical background of craftsmanship.

The colloquium is to be held from 14.-16.6.2007 in Istanbul. Conference language will be German and English.

Deadline for submissions of Paper titles and short abstracts is 31.10.2006, to be sent to:

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