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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 'CROSS-BORDER MANAGEMENT OF RIVER BASINS IN THE CEE COUNTRIES' AT THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF THE SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN BRATISLAVA

The international Conference 'Cross-Border Management of River Basins in the CEE Countries' presenting the case studies of the Moravia, Elbe-Labe, Vltava and Tisa rivers, was taking place on 11-12 October 2005 at the Faculty of Architecture of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, organised by the ARL Hannover and the SPECTRA Centre of Excellence at the Faculty of Architecture in Bratislava. The conference was based on the results of 3-year research work of the ARL working group led by Prof. Dr. Isolde Roch, in the frame of the 5FP SPECTRA-PERSEUS project, granted by the EC Brussels. The conference was opened by Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dietmar Scholich, Secretary General of the ARL Hannover, who highly appreciated the results of the ARL working group research work and the achievements of international cooperation in the CEE countries.

- In the **first session 'Objectives and Approaches'**, Prof. Dr. Isolde Roch from IOER Dresden, team leader of the ARL working group explained the main ideas of the research project from the point of view of central European perspective and Dr. Milan Lehotský from the SAV Bratislava introduced the typology of European river basins from the point of view of landscape ecology.
- In the **second session 'Case Studies'**, the case studies of the rivers in the CEE countries were presented. Case Study of the Moravia River by Ingrid Belčáková (FA STU Bratislava, SK) and Jaroslav Ungermann (Brno, CZ), case study of the Elbe-Labe river by Milan Jeřábek (ČSAV Ústí nad Labem, CZ) from the point of view of 'Socio-Economic Development Processes and Their Impact on Settlement Structures'.
- Case study of the Tisa river by István Galyas (Nyíregyháza, H) 'Information System of Water management on the Tisa River' and by Zoltán Dövényi (HAoS, Budapest, H) 'Tisa River - Needs of Activities and Approaches for Cross-Border Cooperation in the Flood Prevention and Landscape Protection'.
- Case study of the Vltava River by Bohumir Janský (PrF UK, Prague, CZ) on 'Meteorological and Hydrological Evaluation of the Floods in August 2002 in the Czech Areas of the Vltava River' and by Jiřina Jílková (EU Prague, CZ) 'Response to Disaster: Environmental Learning and Capacity Development in the Czech Republic'.

- In the **third session 'Cross-Border Management and Impulses'** several papers were presented on cultural aspects of cross-border management by Isolde Roch (IOER Dresden, D) on 'Potentials for Creation of Cross-Border Cultural Landscape', by Igor Kyselka (UUR Brno, CZ) on 'Contrast of Cultural Landscape', on aspects of regional identity by Matej Jaško (FA STU Bratislava, SK) 'Regional Identity and Its Contribution towards Stability of Settlements' and by Eva Králová (FA STU Bratislava, SK) 'Architecture as the Landmark of Regional Identity of River Basins' and on economic and technical aspects of river basin management by Barry Wood (University of Newcastle, UK) on 'The Value of Water in Property Development' and by Robert Veselý (UUR Brno, CZ) on 'Selected Questions of Cross-Border Cooperation in Transport' and by Maroš Finka (FA STU Bratislava, SK) on 'Integration of the Needs for Cross-Border Land-Use Management Cooperation in the River Basins'.

The international conference "Cross-Border River Basin Management in the CEE Countries" was dedicated to Prof. Rudolf Šteis and the ideas he developed were mentioned in several contributions. The speech to his tribute was given by Prof. Dr. Isolde Roch from IOER Dresden and by Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dietmar Scholich, Secretary General of the ARL Hannover as well as by Prof. Ing. arch. Peter Gál, PhD., Dean of the Faculty of Architecture of the STU in Bratislava.

