

FABSR Meeting, 16 May 2009, Trabzon

The Forum of Architects of the Black Sea Region (FABSR) convened at Huseyin Kazaz Cultural Center in Trabzon on 16 May 2009. The event was hosted by the Chamber of Architects of Turkey (CAT), which has been undertaking the FABSR Term Presidency since February 2008. While Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine were represented at the FABSR working meeting, Armenia was excused. Among the invited guests to the meeting were UIA President Louise Cox and UIA Region II Vice-President Lisa Siola. The working meeting of FABSR Presidents in the morning was followed by the Panel “Continuity and Change in the Black Sea” in the afternoon.

In the working meeting, CAT presented its Term Presidency report. The major activities of this term were the opening of FABSR website, updating of FABSR members contact information, improvement of communication between FABSR members and the development of the Black Sea architectural research database. After the presentation of the work report, representatives of FABSR member organizations exchanged their views and suggestions. They have agreed upon following resolutions:

- FABSR operation shall be executed in the framework of the Terms of Reference adopted in this meeting;
- The Order of Architects of Romania (OAR) will undertake the FABSR Term Presidency for 2 years;
- The Chamber of Architects of Turkey (CAT) will undertake the Permanent Secretariat for 4 years;
- Trabzon Declaration adopted in this meeting shall be disseminated to all relevant circles in the Black Sea.
- FABSR will continue its contacts with countries in the Black Sea basin, which are not yet its members. The Technical Chamber of Greece expressed its positive approach to become a FABSR member. FABSR membership of Greece will begin immediately after TCG sends an official letter to the FABSR Permanent Secretariat.

The panel program following the working meeting focused on two main sessions under the theme “Continuity and Change in the Black Sea”. Prof. Dr. Ruşen Keleş made a thematic presentation in the opening of the panel. The first session “Tourism and Architecture” was chaired by CAT Executive Board Member Cengiz Bektaş and included presentations of Igor Mazurok from Russia, Sergey Tselovalnik from Ukraine and Mustafa Reşat Sümerkan from Turkey. The second session “Culture and Identity” was chaired by UIA Region II Vice-President Lisa Siola and included presentations from Alexandru Beldiman from Romania, Todor Boulev from Bulgaria, Vladimer Vardosanidze from Georgia and Ayşe Sağsöz from Turkey. Panel proceedings will be published as a book by the Chamber of Architects of Turkey.

In parallel to FABSR events, a photo exhibition with the theme “Urban and Rural Settlements in the Black Sea” was opened in the meeting venue. This exhibition was prepared with the contribution of FABSR members and CAT Branches located in the Black Sea Region.

On 17 May, participants attended a trip to Ayder Plateau in Trabzon, a well known example of plateau tourism in the Black Sea coast of Turkey.

Documents:

FABSR Meeting Agenda

List of Participants

Report of FABSR Secretariat in Georgia

Report of FABSR Term Presidency of Turkey

FABSR Terms of Reference
Meeting Resolutions
Trabzon Declaration
Panel Program and Presentations