

FOREWORD

We have pleasure in here presenting the papers given at our International Colloquium held at Bad Ems from the 18th to the 22nd September 1978 on

THE ROLE OF IRON IN THE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

Our National Committee initially organised a colloquium in Ludwigsburg in 1969 on the subject of "The Alteration of Wood" (printed: Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites, Colloque sur l'Altération du Bois, Ludwigsburg-Allemagne/Germany, 8-11.VI.1969, Paris 1972).

An ICOMOS working party was established as a result of this.

Following the IV General Meeting of ICOMOS in Rothenburg ob der Tauber the colloquium on "The preservation of Historic Small Towns" was held (proceedings published in 1975).

We should like to continue with the systematic collection of material on some basic questions of the activity of caring for monuments and to make the same available to as broad a public as possible. In this way we hope to be able to provide a contribution to the solution of these questions. Our National Committee is engaged with the preparations for further colloquia.

The pervasion of basic questions in the artistic and technical sphere remains an important task, the discussion and solution of which is still an urgent problem.

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