

Recommendation

Those attending the first ICOMOS symposium on the weathering of wood, held at Ludwigsburg from 9th to 11th June, 1969,

- express their thanks to the Government of the G.F.R., to the Land of Baden-Württemberg and to the county and city of Ludwigsburg for the generous hospitality afforded them during their stay;
- express their satisfaction with the results achieved in a number of different countries through close and effective cooperation between the bodies responsible for the conservation of historical monuments and the scientific research centres;
- stress the vital need, in the light of these results, for cooperation on these lines, and in particular for cooperation with biologists, physicists, chemists and representatives of allied disciplines;
- state their conviction that in the absence of direct and regular contacts with natural science research centres, and in particular with those coming under the State institutions, the Universities and the associations representing the various branches of professional and industrial, activity, valid and methodical conservation of monuments is today impossible;
- express the unanimous wish that where these do not already exist there be set up restoration workshops, attached to the bodies officially responsible for the conservation of historical monuments, and assisted in their work by the most recent discoveries of research scientists. Such workshops will not only enable cultural property in danger of destruction to be restored in an exemplary manner; they will also cooperate in an advisory capacity wherever they cannot make a direct contribution;
- recommend that the Executive Committee of ICOMOS should rapidly set up a special committee whose task would be to establish the contacts appropriate for the furthering of studies in the conservation of wooden structures. This Committee will draw up a programme of work and research to be carried out with the assistance of the National Committees.