RILEM TC 203-RHM Final Workshop Preface

At the successful first Historic Mortars Conference at Lisbon in 2008 (HMC08) it was concluded that there is a clear need for continuity in the exchange of experience and knowledge in this specialized field of restoration.

To this end the second Historic Mortars Conference (HMC 2010) was organized by the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, chaired by Dr Jan Valek, in cooperation with the RILEM TC 203 RHM: Repair Mortars for Historic Masonry.

As part of the conference members of RILEM TC 203 presented in a workshop the final deliverables of the TC on performance requirements of repair mortars for historic masonry.

More than 140 papers were submitted after the call in which the conference themes are covered in a wide range of topics and views: fundamental aspects of mortar characterization with a view to repair, property development of binders and repair choices are discussed in the contributions as well as how to realize performance and repair requirements in restoration practice.

From this it may be expected that an interesting and useful interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge and experience will take place at HMC10.

It may as well be hoped that the findings of these conference proceedings will find their way to the field and that they may contribute to an improved restoration and conservation practice.

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