



4th International Biennial Programme and Call for Papers

The Research Centre for Industrial Heritage at the Czech Technical University in Prague, and the Technical Monuments Committee of the Czech Chamber of Certified Engineers and Technicians (ČKAIT) & Czech Union of Civil Engineers (ČSSI) are pleased to invite you to take part in the

4th International Biennale – “VESTIGES OF INDUSTRY” 2007 (The Possibilities, Significance, and Difficulties of Regeneration)

17–23 September 2007

Prague – Kladno – Liberec – Ostrava, Czech Republic

and

the international conference “Industrial Heritage and Sustainable Development”

19–20 September 2007

Ecotechnical Museum, Papírenská 6, Prague 6–Bubeneč, Czech Republic

www.industrialnistopy.cz

“Vestiges of Industry” is a one-week, biennial event comprising conferences, exhibitions, and cultural activities that focus on the topic of industrial heritage, the possibilities, significance, and difficulties of regeneration, and the adapted re-use of brownfields. First organised in the Czech Republic in 2001, the biennial is now in its fourth year and has become a forum for addressing the more general topics of sustainable development, culture, artistic inspiration, lifestyle, and approaches to historical experience. It is a platform for an interdisciplinary exchange of views, for the development of new projects aimed at

working with industrial heritage, and for promoting public awareness of industrial heritage and adapted re-use.

The programme of the 4th Biennial will include the two-day conference “Industrial Heritage and Sustainable Development”, accompanied by a series of exhibitions, and a variety of cultural and social events and theatrical and dance performances. It will host a diverse body of Czech and international participants from various professional backgrounds – architects, town planners, heritage conservationists, university lecturers, people from the cultural sphere, artists, musicians, stage designers, and representatives from public institutions, Czech state and regional administration, and relevant businesses, and the owners and custodians of industrial buildings and sites, real estate agents, and developers.

The 4th Biennial, which coincides with this year's celebrations of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Czech Technical University in Prague, is organised by the Research Centre for Industrial Heritage and the Technical Monuments Committee of ČKAIT & ČSSI, in collaboration with the Czech National Committee of ICOMOS, the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague, Czechinvest (the investment and business development agency of the Czech Republic), the National Heritage Institute, and the National Technical Museum. Individual events are also organised in cooperation with the City of Prague, the City of Kladno, the City of Liberec, and the City of Ostrava. The 4th Biennial is supported by the Visegrad Fund and is being held under the auspices of the Chair of the Senate of the Czech Republic and the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic.



THE THEMATIC FOCUS OF THE BIENNIAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

- The revitalisation of consistently neglected and overlooked industrial spaces
- Exploring opportunities to incorporate industrial heritage into the life of society
- Building a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue
- Identifying and proposing industrial tourism destinations, putting Czech industrial heritage on the tourist map, and integrating it with the EU industrial heritage network
- Presenting alternative approaches to industrial heritage, disseminating information about new projects on the horizon, and publicising the outcome of work conducted by organisations and institutions focusing on industrial heritage

PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE AND ACCOMPANYING EVENTS

Tuesday 18 September 2007

(optional morning programme) – A tour through “industrial Prague”. (Inspired by the recently published guide to *Industrial Prague* and the photography book *Industry_Memory_Perception*.)

15:00 – Opening of the exhibition of historical archive photographs *Faces of the Industrial Age*. (Inspired by a publication of contemporary photographs from 1850–1920.) Old Town Hall in Prague – Architects Hall, Old Town Square /informal opening of the Biennial/.

20:00 – Concert of the BERG Chamber Orchestra in the Old Sewage Treatment Plant / Ecotechnical Museum, Papírenská 6, Prague 6–Bubeneč

Wednesday 19 September 2007

19:00 (at the end of the first day of the conference) Opening of an exhibition of alternative projects (on the re-use, conversion, and regeneration of industrial heritage) by students from schools of architecture in the Czech Republic. Evening reception for conference participants and invited guests, held in a former industrial building.

Thursday 20 September 2007

(at the end of the second day of the conference) Excursion to Kladno, optional tour of exhibitions and participation in cultural events, evening reception thematically connected with introducing the industrial tourism project – *Industrial Trails through the Bohemian Mid-West*.

Friday 21 September 2007

One-day excursion to Liberec, a tour of selected sites and examples of employing their cultural potential (inspired by the publication *A Guide to the Industrial Buildings of the Liberec Region* (in Czech)).

Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 September 2007

Two-day excursion to Ostrava, the Czech city in which industrial heritage has been hit hardest by the restructuring of the economy. A tour of some unique buildings and mining and metalworking sites: examples of how their potential has been used for the city’s development.

CONFERENCE INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The international conference “Industrial Heritage and Sustainable Development” 19–20 September 2007

The two-day conference will be held in the Old Sewage Treatment Plant / Ecotechnical Museum, Papírenská 6, Prague 6 – Bubeneč, Czech Republic

Four sessions on different themes will take place during the two days of conference. Sir Neil Cossons of English Heritage will open the conference with an introductory presentation/keynote speech.

Themes of the four conference sessions:

- A. Changing value criteria: culture, economics, and politics. The sites and buildings of defunct industry as the formative hubs of urban development and the sustainable development of residential centres and rural areas (how the interests of different professions may coincide or clash).
- B. The significance and influence of institutions (governmental, non-governmental, university, and interest groups), and their role and scope in the identification, evaluation, adaptive re-use, and promotion of industrial heritage conservation.
- C. The integration of industrial heritage routes in the European Union (the compatibility of documentation; the evaluation of industrial heritage sites as alternative tourist destinations; creating information systems and a database for developing projects connected with industrial heritage).
- D. Industrial heritage as a space for reflection and creativity, a space for new cultural and artistic experiences.

The conference organisers invite the submission of papers, presentations, and posters for inclusion in the thematic sessions outlined above.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper in one of the above sessions is asked to please submit a 200-word abstract of the paper no later than 15 May 2007, along with the completed application form. Those attendees invited to present a paper will receive confirmation that their paper has been included in the programme by 25 May 2007.

Information for speakers:

- Please limit the length of your paper to fifteen minutes. Projection equipment (data projectors, slide projectors) will be provided.
- Papers included and presented in the thematic sessions will be published in a volume of conference proceedings at the end of 2007 or in early 2008. The papers will be published in one of the two official languages of the conference (with a summary in the second language).
- The final date for submitting papers for publication in the volume is the date of the conference opening on 19 September 2007. (Manuscripts should be approx. 1600 words in length, including captions for illustrations, and must be submitted with a brief CV of the author and any necessary illustrative materials (in electronic format: jpg or tiff, with a resolution of 300 dpi; or as printed photographs or slides).

Owing to the limited amount of space in the Old Sewage Treatment Plant in Prague-Bubeneč some applications may be accepted only as attendees, according to the order in which conference applications and fees are received.

Information for all attendees:

- All attendees should submit an application form no later than 15 May 2007, regardless of whether or not they are presenting a paper.
- Conference topics can also be presented in the form of posters. Presentations that cannot be included in one of the thematic sessions because of the limits on time and space can be presented in this manner instead. Posters will be hung in the conference lobby.
- Posters (maximum size: width = 90 cm, height = 120 cm) should be submitted in advance of the conference. By prior agreement they may be hung during registration just before the start of the conference on 19 September 2007.

The official languages of the conference are Czech and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided. Please submit (by e-mail or in person) your papers and posters to the organisers at the following address:

Research Centre for Industrial Heritage ČVUT
Pod Juliskou 4,
160 00 Prague 6, Czech Republic
E-mail: fragner@vc.cvut.cz

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- **by 15 May 2007** – final date for submitting conference abstracts and applications
- **by 25 May 2007** – confirmation from the organisers of the inclusion of a paper in the conference programme or of acceptance of a poster presentation
- **by 19 September 2007** – final date for submitting papers and illustrative materials for publication in the volume of conference proceedings

Application forms, regularly updated information on the conference and accompanying activities, and a calendar of events are available on the Web site of the Research Centre for Industrial Heritage ČVUT.

Výzkumné centrum průmyslového dědictví ČVUT v Praze / Research Centre for Industrial Heritage ČVUT:

<http://vcpd.cvut.cz>,

<http://www.industrialnistopy.cz>

and the Web sites of the other organisations involved.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you in Prague!

All information contained in this document is of a preliminary nature and the organisers reserve the right to make changes as preparations proceed.