

Conf Theme:

BULGARIA: Ancient Places in a Modern World

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Day 1: October 24, 2024, Thursday - IN SOFIA

18:00	20:30	2	Registration and Reception; Welcome from President and VP of Republic of Bulgaria, US Embassy and other dignitaries; President of Bulgarian Union of Architects and AIA Europe Conference Chair; Presentation "The Stepping Stones of Culture in Bulgaria"; reception w hors d'oeuvres + wine	<i>Поздрав от Председателя на Конференцията и Президента на американския съюз на архитектите в Европа; от Председателя на САБ, от Кабинета на Президента на Републиката; от Посолство на САЩ в БГ; Презантация за БГ от Здравко Петров</i>	SAB - Bulgarian Union of Architects: 11 "Kraakra" str. Sofia Сградата на Централния Дом на българските архитекти (САБ); ул."Кракра" 11	Detailed List for Day 1
20:30			Free Time Dinner on Your Own and Walks; Many restaurants close in the area; Lots of fun places to walk, visit and eat that same night - location in the heart of the city; Steps away from conference hotel Intercontinental, from Cathedral Alexander Nevsky, Parliament, University for Humanities, Eagle's Bridge, Park of Liberty			

Day 2: October 25, 2024, Friday - IN SOFIA

8:15			Meet at Conf Hotel Intercontinental Sofia, PI Narodno Sabranie 4;		
8:30	11:30	3	Guided Walking Tour of Sofia Downtown: Boulevard "Osvoboditel" Baroque mansions, Russian Church, walk through Central Park to the early Christian churches at Hotel Balkan, Sveta Nedelya, Vitosha Boulevard, Mosque, Synagogue, Largo - Stalinist grand plaza and Roman Ruins of Ulpia Serdica (Sofia) leading to St Sofia church and the great cathedral of Alexander Nevsky;		Divide in 2 or 3 groups w English speaking architecture guides; Comfortable shoes a must
11:30	12:30	1	Guided Tour Alexander Nevsky Cathedral; Icon Painting Exhibit in Crypt		
12:30	13:00		Walk to SAB Restaurant	SAB - Bulgarian Union of Architects: 11 "Krakra" str. Sofia	
13:00	14:00		Lunch at SAB		
14:30	15:30	1	PRESENTATION #1:Sofia Urban Plan: The Vision for a Contemporary City, in Service of Citizens; Surrounded by history at every step.	ПРЕЗАНТАЦИЯ #1: Градоустройственото развитие на София - възможности, постижения и трудности за преодоляване (Визия за един модерен град, град в услуга на хората); история и сгради на всяка стъпка.	Speakers: <u>Arch. Petar Dikov</u> , former Chief Architect of Sofia <u>Zdravko Petrov</u> , Urbanist; Panel Discussion incl <u>arch. Belin Mollov</u> , urban plan author
15:30	16:00		COFFEE BREAK		
16:00	17:00	1	PRESENTATION #2: Architects' Practice in Bulgaria - from architectural preservation to messengers of new ideas	ПРЕЗАНТАЦИЯ #2: Широк диапазон на практикуване архитектура в България - от съхранение на културни паметници, до изграждане на нова модерна архитектура	Speakers: <u>Arch. Desi Dimitrova PHD</u> "Световното културно историческо наследство на България в ЮНЕСКО", <u>Arch. Maria Davcheva, PHD</u> "Архитектурни Образи - България през втората половина на XX век" Panel Discussion including <u>Arch. Stefan Tzonev</u> "The Architectural Profession - Opportunities for Leadership"
17:00			FREE TIME		
19:00			Meet at Restaurant "Pri Orlite" (With the Eagles)	Sofia Center, Dyakon Ignatiy St 11, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria	
19:00	22:00		Group Dinner at "Pri Orlite" ; Cocktain Reception, Meet with Bulgarian Traditional Bread, Entertainment and Dinner - on top of the Ministry of Transportation Building, one of the first communist time hi-rise buildings, overlooking the City		

Day 3: October 26, 2024, Saturday- IN PLOVDIV

8:15	Meet at Conference Hotel Intercontinental Sofia			PI Narodno Sabranie 4;	
8:30			Buses leave for Plovdiv; snacks and coffee on the bus; (133 km on the highway)		
10:30	12:30	2	<p>Plovdiv (ancient Philipopolis), the oldest city in Europe, still functioning as a city, the second largest in the country; The ancient Philipopolis, named after Alexander the Great's father Philip; Guided Walking Tour of Old Town Plovdiv and Ancient Amphitheatre; Walk through the old Plovdiv – where the Bulgarian Baroque applied to the Timber house is most visible – town situated on 5 hills like Rome;</p> <p>https://www.ancienttheaterplovdiv.eu/en/page13.html</p>		
12:30	13:30		LUNCH SANDWICHES at the Basilica		
13:30	15:30	2	<p>PRESENTATION #3: The Episcopal Basilica of Philippopolis: Project Conservation and Display of the Mosaic Floors; GUIDED ARCHITECTURAL TOUR of Mosaics and Building</p>	<p>ПРЕЗАНТАЦИЯ #3: Епископската Базилика на Филипополис: Проект за реставрация, съхранение и изложба на мозайки и сграда ТУР С АРХ. ВОДИТЕЛ: Мозайки и Сграда</p>	<p>Speakers: <u>Elena Kantareva-Decheva</u>, Ph.D., Professor at the Academy of Arts, Plovdiv; Architects: <u>Krasimir Todorov</u> and <u>Milena Krachanova</u>;</p>
15:00	15:30		COFFEE BREAK		
15:30	16:30	1	<p>PRESENTATION #4: Modern World within an Ancient City; The Urban development of Plovdiv; challenges and successes; historic preservation;</p>	<p>ПРЕЗАНТАЦИЯ #4: Изграждане на съвременна архитектура в обстановката на античен град; успехи и трудности</p>	<p>Speakers: 1. <u>Arch. Ilko Nikolov</u>, President of Plovdiv SAB Chapter, <u>Arch. Велина Панджарова</u> - Professor at UASG</p>
16:30	17:00		CONCERT PLOVDIV OPERA SINGERS AND COCKTAILS		
17:00	19:30		Buses Leave for Sofia	Bus Ride and Exit out of Plovdiv through areas of new Neighborhoods Development	
20:30	23:00		Gala Dinner	Hotel Intercontinental	PI Narodno Sabranie 4;

Day 4: October 27, 2024, Sunday - RILA MONASTERY

8:30	Meet at Conference Hotel Intercontinental Sofia		PI Narodno Sabranie 4;	
8:45			Leave for Rila Monastery	50 miles from Sofia; large ancient monastery, UNESCO site
10:30	12:30	2	Monastery and Museum Tour; 11th c. Fortress Hrelyova Kula	
12:30	13:30		Lunch close to the Monastery	Eleshnitsa and Gorski Pat
13:45	15:45		Leave for Sofia	
16:00	16:30		Drop off at airport	
16:30	18:30	2	Visit to National History Museum Boyana by bus	
			Bus Ride back into Sofia through areas of new Neighborhoods Development	
19:00			Back at conf hotel	



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DAY 5: October 28, 2024, Sunday- IN VELIKO TURNOVO - extension

8:00		Meet at Conference Hotel Intercontinental Pl Narodno Sabranie 4;		Пл. "Народно Събрание" 4	
8:30		Buses leave for Veliko Turnovo; snack basket on the bus; one stop before arrival			
8:30 11:30		On the bus to Veliko Turnovo (ancient Capital of Bulgarian Kingdom); Ancient capital – from 10th, 11 th century when Bulgaria was one of the strong European central monarchies (prior to Turkish invasion on the Balkans); Picturesque hill town with ancient fortress, churches, timber housing architecture and modern architecture; Large modern city;			
11:30 12:30		Guided Walking Tour of Tzarevets Fortress and Baldwin Tower (Fortress and Episcopal Church with Modern Religious Frescoes, Views toward the Hill town)			
13:00 14:00		Lunch and Discussion/ Greetings from the Mayor of Veliko Turnovo Mr. PanovPRESENTATION #5: Discussion with the V Turnovo Architects - "Development of a modern city within the boundaries of old structure and monuments; Housing development and solutions" At the Wine Tasting Center at Samovodene Street	Обедна среща и ПРЕЗАНТАЦИЯ #5: Развитие на модерния град в границите на антични структури и паметници; Изграждане на растящата жилища база и общности във Велико Търново		Speakers: Greeting from Mayor of Veliko Turnovo Daniel Panov and Arch. Stefan Tsonev, Chapter President; Presenting: Arch. Malakov, Chief Architect and Petar Nikolov, Professor from Varna School of Architecture (Urban Development)
14:00 15:00		COFFEE AND WINE TASTING; https://velikoturnovo.info/places/vinen-degustaczionen-czentar/			
15:00 16:30		FREE TIME			
17:00 20:00		Return to Sofia			