

REPORT ON PBE2010

The 9th International Scientific Conference *People, Buildings and Environment* was held in the historic premises of the Křtiny Castle in the Moravian Karst in the Czech Republic - one of the most important karst area of Central Europe with more than 1100 caverns and gorges. The conference was organized by:

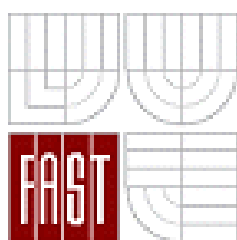
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The conference was opened by Assoc. Prof. Jana Korytářová from Brno University of Technology, *scientific committee president*, along with Tomáš Hanák, *organizing committee chairman*. The conference was addressed by Prof. Mladen Radujković from University of Zagreb, Assoc. Prof. Miloš Knežević from University of Montenegro and Prof. Meri Cvetkovska from Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

Within four thematic sections (Construction Economics and Management, Water Management and Water Structures, Landscape Formation and Protection, University Teaching and Learning of Civil Engineering) 51 papers were presented orally including 2 keynote lectures:

Building Information Modelling (BIM) Based Changes in the Management of Construction Projects
John-Paris Pantouvakis

Scour at Elliptical Guide Banks under Stratified Bed Conditions: Equilibrium Stage
Boriss Gjunsburgs, Gints Jaudzems, Elena Govsha

This year's conference was extended with the new section University teaching and learning, which extends our discussions with the dimension of knowledge transfer.

Conference proceedings contain 98 papers from 19 countries: Austria (4), Bosnia and Hercegovina (2), Croatia (14), Czech Republic (34), Finland (1), Germany (1), Greece (1), Hungary (2), Iran (1), Latvia (1), Macedonia (6), Mexico (1), Montenegro (6), Poland (2), Romania (5), Serbia (4), Slovakia (9), Spain (1) and Ukraine (3). On the conference were registered 138 participants.

Special session "University Teaching and Learning of Civil Engineering – Innovation in Czech Republic" took place on Friday. 17 papers from this session are published in detached proceedings.

Participants of the conference took part in two excursions: to Pilgrimage Church of Virgin Mary - an old Marian pilgrimage site dominated by a Baroque pilgrim complex, originally projected by Jan Santini Aichel; and to Punkevní Caves - an extension of the longest cave system in the Czech Republic, the Amateur Cave, whose corridors are over 30 km long; delegates walked through mighty underground spaces and corridors decorated with stalactites and stalagmites as far as the bottom of the world famous Macocha (=Step Mother) abyss, the foot walk was followed by a motor boat ride along the Punkva underground river.

We would like to acknowledge the passion of all people put into organizing this event: members of Scientific Committee, Organizing Committee, all reviewers and session chairmen.

Scientific Committee and Organizing Committee would like to thank all active participants for their contribution in conference. We hope that your stay in Křtiny was pleasant and beneficial.

We would like to express our kind invitation to meet again on the next 10th PBE conference.

Tomáš Hanák

Organizing Committee Chairman

Jana Korytářová

Scientific Committee President