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3rd International Scientific Conference

ARCHITECTURE OF LOCAL CULTURES OF THE BORDERLAND

The Sacred – The Profane – The Sacred
Conversions and Reconversions of Sacred Architecture and Art
XX – XXI cc.

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Dear Professors, Dear Colleagues

On 21-23 April 2017 UIA Working Programme “Spiritual Places”, supported by the Union of Polish Architects and Białystok Technical University, is planning to organize the IIIrd International Scientific Conference “*Architecture of Local Cultures of the Borderlands*” under the title of “*The Sacred – The Profane – The Sacred. Conversions and Reconversions of Sacred Architecture and Art XX – XXI cc.*”. It is going to take place in Warsaw, Białystok and Supraśl.

The Ist Conference “*Architecture of Local Cultures of the Borderlands – Architecture of Polish, Lithuanian, Byelorussian and Ukrainian Borderlands*” was organized in 2003. In 2005 we also arranged the Congress of the Polish Architects “*Architecture of the City in the Dialogue of Nations and Religions*” in Białystok. It was a successful event where we had a chance to discuss the problem of cultural identity and multiculturalism in architecture of city. The IInd Conference “*Architecture of Worship and Memorial Places in the Dialogue of Nations and Religions*” was organized in 2009. The main objective of the conference was to present and to form an opinion on a phenomenon of the exchange of values in architecture of worship and memorial places, which were originated as a result of a meeting and a dialogue of various nations and religions on the cultural borderlands all over the world.

This year’s conference is intended to deal with also sacred architecture. The main aim is to show and assess the problem of conversion and reversion in sacred architecture and art XX-XXI cc. The conference has both a diagnostic purpose of revealing the essence, methodology and scope of their occurrence in history and today, and above all a goal of forecasting, revealing their importance for the health of the sacred of different religions.

I want to invite You to take part in debates and sessions of the conference. There is also an additional programme planned: an exhibition, shows and some more accompanying performances i.e. concert and cultural meeting. These are going to take place according to the attached statement no. 1.

I would also like to ask You to prepare a lecture adequate for a subject matter of the conference. It will be published in a post-conference publication.

I cordially invite you to be our guest of honour of the conference. We will be honoured to see you at the conference.

Yours faithfully,

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