

Public dissemination of information on the 1st Sustainable Construction Competition at the seminar “Mortars used in restoration - Conservation of monuments and traditional buildings”- 23rd June 2007

On Saturday 23 June 2007, a seminar entitled “Mortars used in restoration – conservation of monuments and traditional buildings”, took place at the JOURNALIST HOUSE in Nicosia. This was organised by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (Laboratory of Building Materials) in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, Department of Town Planning and Housing, Department of Antiquities, Cyprus Architectural Heritage Organization, Cyprus Civil Engineers and



Architects Association and ICOMOS - Cyprus Department. The event took place under the auspices of the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Communication and Works.

The primary aim of this event was to inform the relevant public about advances made in construction conservation through different research projects and in particular the recently completed project on the “Reproduction of traditional lime mortars based on the production technology of ancient mortars from Cyprus”. This project was funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation. During the event, information leaflets on the 1st Sustainable Construction Competition in Cyprus, organised as part of the LIFE SUSCON program (SUSCON-LIFE05/ENV/GR000235), were distributed to approximately 100 persons. The competition is organised by the University of Cyprus (Gaia Laboratory of Environmental Engineering and Laboratory of Building Materials, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering) along with the Scientific and Technical Chamber of Cyprus (ETEK) and the Cybarco construction company.

The SUSCON project aims at the adoption of the sustainable construction concept in public and private works through the IPP approach and is co-funded by the LIFE-Environment programme of the European Community. It started in October 2005 and is expected to finish in September 2008.