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IVth Docomomo Chile Seminar
Trajectories of the Modern City
Concepcion, November 21- 23, 2012

Call for papers

The IVth Docomomo Chile Seminar will be held in the city of Concepción, and its main focus will be the analysis and debates on the different urban and architectural experiences manifested in the country and the region during the XXth century, along with its conservation perspectives. Under the theme *Trajectories of the Modern City*, this fourth version of the National seminar will continue the studies on modern architecture and urbanism started in the previous seminars at Santiago (2005), Antofagasta (2007) and Valparaiso (2009).

Concepción and the surrounding cities of its region –Chillán, Lota, Los Ángeles and Talcahuano, among others– contain a valuable modern heritage in the form of individual buildings and neighborhoods that give shape to their traditional landscape.

A great part of that heritage is the result of actions of reconstruction after the devastating earthquakes of 1939 and 1960 (centered on Chillán and Valdivia, respectively). Both events reshaped the norms of urban planning and reoriented the development of architecture and urbanism in Chile.

The last earthquake of February 2010 hit mainly this same region, and affected the still existant modern heritage of these cities, forcing the debates towards reconstruction, urban planning and conservation.

It is in this context that the IVth Docomomo Chile Seminar intends to lead the debate on theoretical and practical issues related to the *Trajectories of the Modern City*.

The structure of the program will be organized around the following sub-themes:

- 1 **Historical context of the cities in the XXth Century.**
- 2 **City planning, changes and development; the role of institutions in the shaping of the modern city.**
- 3 **Relevant neighborhoods and paradigmatic buildings.**
- 4 **Natural disasters in the XXth Century and their impact on urban reconstruction; modern heritage in the context of the 2010 earthquake.**
- 5 **Present situation of modern heritage.**

The Organizing Team of the IVth Docomomo Chile Seminar and its Scientific Committee invite architects, researchers and graduate students in architecture and related disciplines to send abstracts around the above-mentioned themes, to be evaluated for presentation.

Considering the amplitude of the main theme, abstracts could deal with issues around these themes, for example: theoretical and historic research on the architectural and urban heritage, specific analysis of buildings and neighborhoods, modern heritage conservation, evolution of modern architecture in face of natural disasters, conservation in relation to reconstruction, among others.

The official language of the Seminar will be Spanish. Abstract will be accepted in English, but in case of selection, final papers and oral presentations will have to be made in Spanish.

Date and venue

The IVth Docomomo Chile Seminar will be held on November 21, 22 and 23, 2012, in the main campus of the Universidad de Concepción. Other activities in the program could be held in other institutions, like the other universities coorganizing the Seminar. These other universities are the Universidad del Bio-Bio, the Universidad del Desarrollo, the Universidad San Sebastián, and the Magister program of the Universidad Católica de Chile.

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Reception of papers

Persons interested in participating in the IVth Docomomo Chile Seminar should send their abstracts following the structure hereby presented:

- 1 **Title of paper.**
- 2 **Author's data:** Fullname, institutional affiliation, postal and electronic address, telephone number,
- 3 **Short cv** (50 words maximum) of author or authors,
- 4 **Abstract:** 500 words maximum,
- 5 **5 keywords,**
- 6 **Origin of paper:** academic research, individual projects, institutional research program, other,
- 7 **Specific sub-theme:** identification of sub-theme under which the abstract should be evaluated.

Text should be send in digital format (.doc), written in Arial font, size 12. A maximum of two images could be inserted in a second page of the document.

Abstracts should be sent as an attachment to the following e-mail addresses (both):

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The deadline for the reception of abstracts is August 10th, 2012.