



On July 10-18, 2016 the Armenian delegation participated in the XII International Congress dedicated to the Earthen constructions of Lyon. Among the delegates was the director of Yerevan Municipality “Erebuni” Historical & Archaeological Museum-Reserve, Mr. G. Gyurjyan.

Within the framework of the visit to Lyon, 3 Armenian delegates L. Ghazaryan, E. Harutyunyan and H. Petrosyan came up with the reports on the architecture of the earthen constructions and on its conservation issues.



The conference hosted nearly 800 participants from the 70 countries. For the Armenian delegation it was great pleasure to attend the official reception organized specially for the Armenian delegation by the Lyon Municipality.

During the business meetings and private conversations with the head of CRAterre (International Center of Earthen Architecture), director of “Erebuni” Historical & Archaeological Museum-Reserve, Mr. G. Gyurjyan strengthened previously reached collaboration agreements, emphasizing that the main building material of the Urartian fortresses of Erebuni and Karmir blur was mud-brick,



and the materials found from that archaeological sites widely disclosed the possibilities of its usage, composition, color and the peculiarities of its physicochemical and mechanical characteristics.

Director of the museum G.Gyurjyan highlighted the importance of the practical courses, carried out by the specialist of CRAterre, which referred to the methods of preparing mud brick and

to its material. The students of NUACA and the employees of “Erebuni” museum participated in that courses and got certificates of qualification.



This problem becomes more urgent on the eve of the 2800 anniversary of Erebuni-Yerevan /2018/, for the implementation of the extensive restoration project.

G. Gyurjyan spoke about the successful collaboration with the French archaeologists and mentioned that the scope of the abovementioned cooperation can be expanded by making researches on the mud brick with the institutions dealing with the problems of preservation of the earthen architecture, which will significantly contribute to the conservation of earthen heritage, to the opportunities of its contemporary development.