

# The 2001 Meetings of the World Society for Ekistics

## I. Executive Council Meeting

24 October at 15.00-17.00 hrs, under the Chairmanship of Professor Udo E. Simonis, President of the Society.

The Agenda, large as usual, was covered on time for the Executive Council to be free to welcome WSE members arriving for the second program, the 1st C.A. Doxiadis Lecture.

Naturally the five members who had to cancel their attendance at the last minute were sorely missed.

But most of all, those present missed Professor Wesley W. Posvar, immediate Past President of the Society, and in deep sorrow they discussed his untimely and unexpected death on 27 July, 2001. His extremely important role was remembered in promoting the active mobilization of WSE members through his initiative in calling the meetings in Pittsburgh and Athens in 1999, and in Čelákovice in the year 2000. Also remembered was the joy of both Millie and Wes in Prague a year ago, prior to their trip to Germany to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Millie and Wes Posvar in Prague, June 2000.



## II. The C.A. Doxiadis Lecture

The decision for the organization annually of a C.A. Doxiadis Lecture to honor the memory of the founder of Ekistics, was taken at the WSE meetings in Čelákovice, Czech Republic, in 2000. The series is meant to invite distinguished experts in any professional field which may be considered as directly or indirectly contributing to ekistics, to expose their ideas on any theme of their preference. Reference to C.A. Doxiadis or ekistics is not required, although any such reference is not excluded.

The program for this year's lecture on 24 October was as follows:

17.30 – 19.00 C.A. Doxiadis Lecture

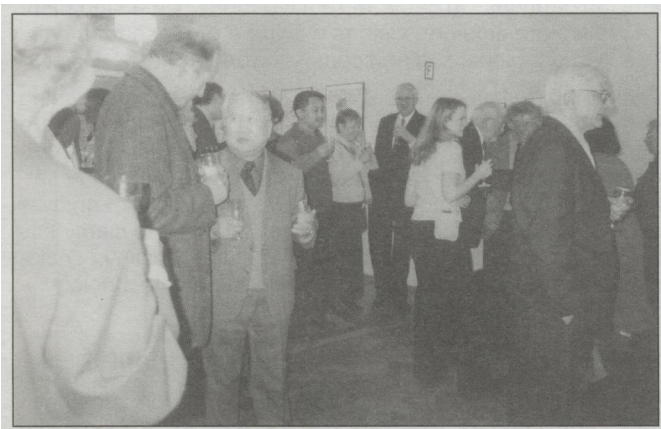
Chairman : Prof. Dr. Udo E. Simonis

Lecturer : Prof. Dr. Demosthenes Agrafiotis

Theme : "Knowledge and interdisciplinarity as socio-cultural uncertainties"

The lecture was delivered in the main lecture hall of the Science Center Berlin (WZB) and was followed by a lively discussion and thereafter a reception.

The WSE President, Prof. Udo E. Simonis, offered the speaker the four books by C.A. Doxiadis which were presented one year after his death by the then President of WSE, Professor R. Buckminster Fuller, at the Plenary Session of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements – Habitat I – in Vancouver in 1976.



Refreshments prior to the C.A. Doxiadis Lecture



Reception/Cocktails after the C.A. Doxiadis Lecture