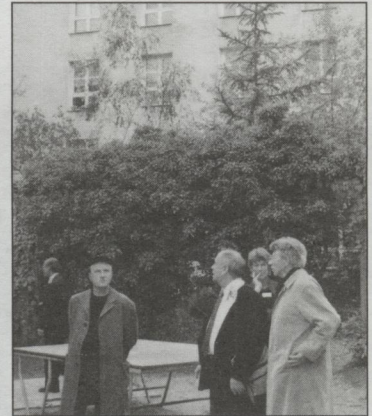


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In addition to the other opportunities that participants had to visit the wonders of the city individually or in groups, the program provided an organized coach tour with expert guid-

ance on the afternoon of Thursday, 25 October with stops at places of interest, and in anticipation of a lecture by Dr Hans Stimmann.



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Hans Stimmann

Dr Stimmann, an Engineer and Architect, is Assistant Secretary for Planning at the Ministry of Urban Development, Environmental Protection and Technology, Berlin, and also Director of Urban Development at the same Ministry. His professional experience as architect and urban planner includes his involvement in industrial, housing and school construction and he has been Technical Advisor and Director of the Ministry of Building and Housing in Berlin, Urban Planning Department. He has been a member of the academic staff of the Technical University (TU) Berlin, Institute for Urban and Regional Planning; Lecturer at the TU Hamburg-Harburg carrying out research on urban renewal and the preservation of values. He has also done free-lance work for the Office for Urban Construction and Urban Research in Berlin and has been Director of Urban Development at the Ministry of Building and Housing, Berlin. He is a member of the Social-Democratic Party (SPD) of Germany. He has published numerous articles in journals and books on urban planning and architecture, and has taken part in several urban planning exhibitions.

Following the last part of the tour to key sites in Berlin with the personal guidance of Dr Hans Stimmann, the group ended up at a major exhibit on New Berlin with a very large number of models, maps, plans, designs and photographic

material, covering a wide spectrum of themes. Dr Stimmann referred to the first phase of reconstruction that proved necessary for the transfer of the Government to Berlin and the redevelopment of the city following the fall of the Berlin Wall. A number of other issues were addressed while the displays and interactive models at the exhibition gave us great insight into the extent of change and development that has occurred in Berlin in the 20th century in general and more directly as a result of World War II and the division of Germany and the city of Berlin into east and west.

The extended discussion that followed – by far exceeding the planned time – continued during a light meal reception provided by the WSE on the site.

Dr Stimmann was offered a volume on recent excavations for the establishment of the subway of Athens, *A City Below a City*, as a token of gratitude and admiration for the very rewarding experience he so generously provided.

At the time of going to press we did not have a written text on the contents of this presentation. We are therefore limited here to the reproduction of a selection of photographs as a reminder of the warm ambience that prevailed during this event. We hope to include a paper by Dr Stimmann in a future issue of *Ekistics*.



From left to right: Bjørn Røe, Hans Stimmann, Wu Liangyong, Amos Rapoport, Alexander Papageorgiou-Venetas, Serge Antoine, Phil Reid, Udo E. Simonis, John Reid and John Docoumetzides.



