

Call for Papers

"Die Wille" gGmbH is a parish enterprise and is busy with international projects on earth building in the frame of foreign aid. To enhance the international co-operation and the transfer of knowledge about earth construction "Die Wille" gGmbH organizes from 24 to 26 October 2003 the 4th international conference *Modern Earth Building 2003* in Berlin.

Modern Earth Building 2003 will be presenting a wealth of experiences gained in earth building in various countries. At the international conference renowned speakers will be speaking on current issues in earth building. The conference will be promoting the idea of working together and learning from one another in an international context. The aim of the conference is to discuss recent and future developments on earth building, exchange information and enhance dissemination of earth building. Following central topics are planned for the conference:

- Values of materials and building elements
- Sustainable refurbishment
- Learning modules on earth construction
- New projects and new methods of earth construction
- Earth building in the frame of foreign aid
- Future of international co-operation in earth building.

On the international conference we have two days of conference (24 and 25 October 2003) and one day of excursions (26 October 2003) to actual sites on earthen architecture. Parallel to the conference you can visit the exhibition "Sustainable flat construction - future ecological construction". On the exhibition you will see innovative earthen architecture and you will be informed about sustainable building products.

Also the conference place is ideal for such an event. It is a church which was refurbished with ecological building materials. It symbolizes the combination of sustainability and the converting of an underused church into an ecological resource and conference centre.

We have a favour to ask you to send us an abstract which illustrates one of the central topics of the conference (1 DIN A4 page max.). The final date for reception of abstracts is the **31st January 2003**. It is important for us that only recent and new projects and research results will be presented. From the incoming papers will we put together the final agenda of the conference. After selection of the contributions for presentation, the authors will be asked by the conference committee – earth building experts from Germany - to submit a final draft suitable for publication. The conference reader will be printed as a registered publication. The submission date of final papers is **31st May 2003**. If you still have questions or need further information phone us at ++49-30-61776243 or send an email to peter.steingass@diewille.de