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The Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre, Banffy Castle, Bontida, Romania

We would like to introduce you to the **Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre (BHCT)** at Bánffy Castle, Bontida, which was established by the **Transylvania Trust Foundation** (Romania) and the **Institute of Historic Building Conservation – IHBC** (United Kingdom). The main objective of the Centre is to re-introduce traditional building craft skills, and encourage the use of locally sourced materials. The training project is designed for students and craftsmen of different levels and experience.

The Centre's teaching modules have been organized since 1999. The Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre had been based at **Bánffy Castle, Bontida** since 2001. This year we are specifically organizing courses for students of architecture and structural engineering. The students will have the chance to improve their knowledge in historic building conservation.

The courses are offered in two parts; a formal teaching element and practical workshops teaching conservation skills directly on the buildings of the castle. The formal teaching element of the course will be delivered by qualified lecturers from the United Kingdom, Hungary and Romania. The training workshops will cover skills related to Consolidation and Rendering, Carpentry and Stonemasonry, and will be led by specialists from the United Kingdom, Hungary and Romania, who will work together with our own specialists at the Centre. At the end of the teaching modules participants will receive a certificate of participation.

The dates for this year's teaching modules of the BHCT Centre are:

Modul I.: 3 – 17 July, 2010 (rendering, carpentry and stonemasonry)

Modul II.: 24 July – 7 August, 2010 (rendering and carpentry)

This year the students attending the courses will come from Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia, USA, Norway, Sweden, The Czech Republic, France and UK.

We are looking forward to welcoming your students to our teaching modules.

Full details of our courses and our work at the Centre can be found at www.heritagetraining-banffycastle.org. Students can register through the website or acquire a registration form at office@heritagetraining-banffycastle.org.

The **deadline** for applications is **15 April 2010**. The Registration fee is **150 EURO** per student for each module, to cover accommodation and catering expenses. Details can be found on our website.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely:

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