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**Themes**

**Theme 1: Heritage Inventories and Studies**
- Local building cultures
- Cultural sites and landscapes
- Urban heritage

**Theme 2: Heritage Conservation and Management**
- Archaeological sites
- Living heritage
- Historic urban areas

**Theme 3: Local Culture and Development**
- Valorisation of building cultures as related to housing
- Risk and resilience situations
- Local development / urban development

**Theme 4: Research, Experimentation, Innovation**
- Matter and materials science
- Engineering, building techniques and structures, seismic resistance
- Energetic efficiency and performance
- Regulations

**Theme 5: New Dynamics**
- Urban development
- Heritage revitalisation and valorisation
- Contemporary architecture

**Theme 6: Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building**
- Formal programs and certifications
- Informal education and information sharing
- Innovative pedagogy
- Reinforcement of institutions, collectivities and networks
- Public initiatives and sensitisation

During the congress, 140 oral presentations will be held, from which 80 in plenary sessions and 60 during the thematic sessions. You will also have access to the exhibition of about 100 posters and have the possibility to meet with the authors, as well as to demonstration workshops (amical). Two thematic evenings are foreseen (Mali and Armenia), and debates and exchange of ideas will be held, from which 80 in plenary sessions and 60 posters presentations.

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**Programme**

Monday, July 11 – Morning
Registration of participants
Opening Speech

Tuesday, July 12 – Morning
Plenary sessions Theme 1
Debates and exchange of ideas

Wednesday, July 13 – Morning
Plenary sessions Theme 4
Discussion and exchange of ideas

Thursday, July 14 – Morning
Plenary sessions Themes 5 and 6
Nomination of candidates for the XIIIth Congress
Presentation of the results of the First International Prize for Contemporary Earthen Architecture: “TERRA Award”

Inscription Fees

- Professionals: 620 €
- Accompanying Person: 120 €
- Students (with Lunch): 110 €
- Students (without Lunch): 100 €

Documents, entrance fee to the monument and lectures included.

**Post Conference Tours**

Several tours will be organized around the Rhône-Alpes region.

- Day 1: Lyon
  - Visit of the Old Town, of the exhibitions and the prototype Terra Nostra
  - Visit of the historical town centres and protected monuments

- Day 2: Ain-Rhône (Beaulieu)
  - Visit of the historical town centres and protected monuments

Combined visit of renowned earth cultural heritage, restoration projects and the Domaine de la Terre.

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**Inscriptions**

- www.terra-award.org
- terralyon2016.com
- terra2016.sciencesconf.org

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