



## Natural Stone and Architectural Heritage

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The aim of this issue is to spread awareness of architectural heritage around the world, and the natural stones that have been used in its construction. Also the need to preserve historical quarries that once provided the source of such stones. Historical quarries are linked to regional culture and traditions. Today very often, due to improved transportation and infrastructure, or globalization that leads to imports of exotic ornamental stones, they lie idle. Because the specific technical and aesthetical characteristics of heritage stones, that have lasted for centuries, these historical quarries should be preserved to be able to use the stone for proper restoration of monuments and historical buildings to avoid negative actions that can be observed in many places in the restoration of buildings, some times part of World Heritage sites.





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