

Dear NC's

My name is Sarhat Petrossian. I'm representing Armenia. I received first information about EASA in 1998 from Anton Ryseling ex-NC of Denmark. Fortunately or unfortunately Armenia has joint EASA family in 2003.

Since then We (Me) have been here more as viewer and so today for the first time I want to be an active member of this discussion. Realizing this, I want to introduce in brief the relationships of Armenian Young (Student) Architects and EASA. ☺

First let me give very short info about the country which I belong to. My country (as you will have opportunity to on map of Europe) is one of the eastest point of Europe. Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran and Turkey surround Armenia.

Armenia is the smallest post-soviet republic: 30,000 sqm, 70% of Switzerland and has only 3,000,000 populations (as traffic of Zurich airport in 2 months or half of the population of Switzerland). Moreover, we have another 4,000,000 Armenians living around the world (biggest after Jewish Diaspora). We are not rich but some "developed" countries say that we are the most progressive country in the region.

There is a rule that every Armenian when talks with any foreigner after five minutes talking must say that Armenia is the first country, which had adopted Christianity as a state religion, three years before Roman Empire. So I did it.

As an architect, I can say a lot about first Christian architectural buildings but this is not main point of this presentation. I assure you you'll have that opportunity during the National evening.

In this moment we've only one architectural school in Armenia. I, as a representative of that school, declare that we will be happy to host you in Armenia, with our Armenian "eastern" hospitality and, by me, need of contemporary visions in architecture.

Saying this I mean that we can organize both Intermediate National Contacts Meeting and general European Architecture Students Assembly's summer camp.

Organizational costs will be cheaper and we will not need to find extra sponsors and other donors. On the other side travel expenses will be higher for you and your participants. For example we paid about 400 Euros to get here.

I just want to have your opinion, can we have enough participants ready to pay that travel costs. Paris-Yerevan-Paris tickets is about 350 Euro, Moscow-Yerevan-Moscow is 150 Euro. The only way to come to Armenia by land is from Istanbul crossing Georgia.

We are going to do a little survey during National Evening to have opinion of participants. And of course for after having your draft approve I will start to prepare final project and present you in INCM in Brighton, UK.

So, let me officially say:  
Armenia is ready to host EASA summer camp in 2007.

Thank you for your attention and I'm ready to listen your opinions.