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This book contains papers presented at the 1st International Conference on Islamic Heritage Architecture and Art. The papers deal with the design of many types of buildings in Islamic countries and the influence that these structural forms have had in non-Islamic countries. Coverage will also include construction materials. There is much to learn from past experiences to arrive at solutions that are environmentally sound and sustainable in the long term. As conventional energy resources become scarce, the Islamic design heritage can offer invaluable lessons on how to deal with difficult and extreme environments in an efficient manner. Traditional architecture and urban environment in most Islamic countries is now being eroded by overemphasis on global type of architecture and city planning. As a consequence, many regions are losing their identity. The Conference will aim to review these developments in the light of what the classical Islamic urban designs and architectures have to offer modern society. There will also be coverage of conservation techniques appropriate to the materials and structural forms used. Topics covered include: Architectural heritage; Archaeological studies; Historical aspects; The Islamic urban environment; Types of buildings (e. g., Mosques and minarets; Mausolea; Citadels and fortifications, Baths and caravanserais; Bridges and dams; Cisterns and quants; Earth-sheltered architecture; Irrigation systems; Wind towers); Climate adaptability; Arches and vaults; Domes and squinches; Double shell dome; Geometry and orientation; The use of light; Design and nature; Vernacular architecture; Construction materials (e.g., Masonry and mortars; Wood, Metals; Tiles, Adobe); Structural analysis; Earthquake resistant structures; Calligraphy, painting and patterns; Architectural conservation. The contents will be of interest to all researchers, practitioners and government employees actively involved with Islamic Heritage Architecture.

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