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The Fara holiday seaside settlement of Chiavari: 1935-2005. Possible perspectives for the maintenance

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We have chosen to deal with the holiday seaside settlement, given to the children of the Ligurian Appennino mountains, projected and built in 1936 by the ing. Camillo Nardi Greco, creater of other two holiday mountain settlements in Savignone and Renesso, because it seems unbelievable to us that such a unique building, in such a privileged landscape and with such wide potentialities, at a mere stone's throw from the sea and with a view that embraces the whole Tigullio gulf, was left in such a state of abandonment.



The search departs from the treatment of the phenomenon of the holiday settlements in Italy, to understand both architectural aspects (form, style, constructive characters) and the social value, paying particular attention to the progress of social tourism (promoted by public and private corporate bodies) and to the evolution that these estates have had. Analyzing what has been done in Tuscany and Emilia Romagna, the regions with the largest patrimony of holiday seaside settlements in Italy, we began to understand tools of protection employed in the last years and new uses, deemed consistent with pre-existences.

The following step has been to treat the territorial circle and the Ligurian architectural context during the Fascist règime, characterized by a strong presence of innovators and followers of the rationalist and futurist artistic current.

The history of the building has been reconstructed thanks to the documents found in the files of the municipality of Chiavari, thanks to information drawn from

bibliographical searches (magazines of the epoch, photos, news found inside publications possessed by libraries in Genoa, Chiavari and the Italian Touring Club) and thanks to investigation on the building. Such information allowed us to recognize functional changes and architectural stratifications.

To the choice of functional changes suggested by us, we based our self on Chiavari's Town-planning Scheme and on Liguria's Territorial-planning which point out receptive or residential destination.



Particularly the municipality has asked us for the project of a luxury hotel with conference rooms, lacking this types of structures which assure a constant flow of congressional tourism throughout the whole year.

In any case, the Assessor of Public Works was interested in a comparison among different planning solutions, considering costs of realization.

So we have written out metric calculations of the three proposed uses (hotel, residence and social centre) and we have supposed possible economic sceneries with different types of public-private arrangements: sale of estate with private investment, public investment with private management to profit or with management from no profit corporate bodies. We have foreseen the practicable economic action to notice the feasibility and positive or negative aspects of projects in relationship to compatibility level of new uses in relation to estate.



With regard to restoration problems and to material choices, thanks to professor Negro, we have been able to enjoy Chemical and Material Engineering Laboratory of Turin Polytechnic: x-rays diffraction has furnished us concrete and plaster composition. Holiday settlement's external form, as foreseen and prescribed by the Superintendence (in fact until 1996 Fara was under protection), has not been modified, excluding the restoration of entries and openings' original form. We hope that our project may lead to real restoration of the Fara Holiday Settlement, which has been going to ruin since 1997.

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