



CLARENCE HOUSE

Although I was, very sadly, unable to attend the launch of I.N.T.B.A.U. Deutschland, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all how delighted I am to see its creation.

It is splendid to know that the great cultural traditions of German cities and architecture are to find a champion in I.N.T.B.A.U. National and regional traditions must have national, regional and local support; although tradition is universal, traditions themselves are local. Tradition takes on its past critically as a lesson for the future, not as a blind reproduction of all that went before.

It may be a feeling that one's traditions do not matter or are being ignored that makes a person isolated and turns them against society - a dangerous state of affairs. Is it any wonder that disaffected people fill this vacuum with a futile search for novelty or, much worse, anger? If a person feels part of a group that has its own special history and recognized place in the world, then one is secure in that place and in the community that occupies it. Place and community are always known by their traditions. I feel that those who are secure in their own traditions are more likely to develop and grow harmoniously, respecting the traditions of others.

As Patron of I.N.T.B.A.U., I have watched with pride the growth and spread of the Network. I.N.T.B.A.U. supports this vital and universal human need for continuity and a feeling of belonging. It has an important part to play amongst professions that seem to be obsessed with a trivial and temporary kind of newness.

I.N.T.B.A.U. Deutschland will, I am sure, become one of the major participants in a growing community of I.N.T.B.A.U. branches around the world. We now have I.N.T.B.A.U. Scandinavia, I.N.T.B.A.U. India, I.N.T.B.A.U. Romania and we are soon to have I.N.T.B.A.U. Oceania and I.N.T.B.A.U. Nigeria. I am so pleased to have this opportunity to welcome I.N.T.B.A.U. Deutschland, congratulate its founders on their dedication and hard work and encourage you all in your excellent efforts for a better future.