

May Shaer

May Shaer is a conservation Architect with her main interest being in the preservation of the cultural heritage. A founding member and member of the board of directors of the Center for the Study of the Built Environment (CSBE), and board member of the Friends of Archaeology Society in 1993 and 1999. She received her Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) from the American University of Beirut (AUB) in 1988, and, a Master of Archaeology, with a specialization in Applied Sciences in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, Yarmouk University in 1997. She has recently completed a PhD dissertation on the architectural surfaces and renders in Petra, submitted to Munich Technical University, Chair for Conservation at the Department of Architecture.

Her main work experience related to stone conservation was with GTZ (German Technical Cooperation Agency) for the Petra Stone Preservation Project between 1995 and 2002. The project was being implemented by the Department of Antiquities of Jordan, with the technical assistance of GTZ. The responsibilities involved planning, supervision and execution of restoration work in Petra, as well as support in the establishment of a Conservation and Restoration Center in Petra. She was part time lecturer (Conservation Science) at Hashemite University (2003/2004 first semester), conducting a course on the conservation of monuments.

She is currently working with the Department of Antiquities, and is responsible for the international cooperation projects, involving mainly international partnership projects, as well as coordinating projects and training activities organized in coordination with international organizations.