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### Registration is Open for the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium in San Antonio

The 15th annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium will be held May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the conference is

#### “Confluence of Cultures: World Heritage in the Americas”

during which the San Antonio Missions, on the US Tentative List for nomination to the World Heritage List, will be highlighted.

The 2012 symposium will feature keynote presentations, four panel discussions, field tours of the Missions, including the Alamo, and three receptions, including the 40th anniversary celebration of the World Heritage Convention during the opening reception at Mission San Jose, all included in the single registration fee. In addition, a pre-conference tour of the Modern Movement in San Antonio also is being offered at an additional cost.

#### Program

The program schedule is available the symposium website at <http://www.usicomos2012.com>. Invitations are being sent to the selected speakers and presenters. Speakers and abstracts will be added soon.

#### Registration

For more information, go to <http://www.usicomos2012.com/registration.html>

To register online, go to <http://www.usicomos.org/civcrm/event/register?id=17&reset=1>

Early registration ends March 31 (after which registration fees will increase).

#### Conference Hotel

The El Tropicano Riverwalk is the conference hotel and will be the location of all plenary sessions. The hotel is offering a rate of \$85.00 per night (single or double occupancy) plus tax. The conference rate is available up to 3 days prior and 3 days following the dates of the conference.

For more information and reservation information go to <http://www.usicomos2012.com/hotel.html>

### US/ICOMOS Supports National Archaeology Day October 20, 2012

US/ICOMOS recently signed on as a supporting organization for the Archaeological Institute of America's 2012 National Archaeology Day, which will be held October 20. Through this program, the AIA celebrates events and programs across the United States and Canada that promote archaeology and the “thrill of discovery.”



Mission San Jose will be the site of the welcome dinner/40th anniversary celebration of the World Heritage Convention during the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium, May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas



US/ICOMOS member Doug Comer (third from left) representing the International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)



Visit the National Archaeology Day website at <http://www.archaeological.org/NAD> to learn more.

### **ICAHM Protests Television Programs That Encourage Destruction of Archaeological Heritage**

In an open letter, the International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) denounces two new television programs “that will encourage destruction of our common archaeological heritage.”

With this letter, ICAHM joins the Society for American Archaeology and the Register of Professional Archaeologists in calling for Spike TV and the National Geographic Channel to stop broadcasting “American Digger” and “Diggers,” respectively, “which celebrate and in that way encourage looting artifacts from battlefields and historic sites.”

A link to the full letter (as a pdf file) can be found on the US/ICOMOS website at <http://www.usicomos.org/news/icahm-protests-television-programs-encourage-destruction-archaeological-heritage>.

The letter, by ICAHM co-chairs Douglas C. Comer, Ph.D., RPA and Prof. Dr. Willem J.H. Willems, encourages people to participate in the protest by signing online petitions (links provided at the end of the letter).

A direct link to the letter is <http://www.usicomos.org/files/icahm%20protest.pdf>

### **ICOMOS Open Archive**

The Open Archive of ICOMOS has been operational for several months. During the General Assembly in Paris, an information and demonstration desk was made available in order to raise the profile of the tool. Now, we warmly encourage you to deposit your scientific works in the system, in order to share the results of your research with your colleagues all over the world. All practical information (presentation, user guide, features...) is available on the web site at <http://openarchive.icomos.org>

### **National Park Service Preservation Brief #3 “Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings” Updated**

The National Park Service’s (NPS) Technical Preservation Services (TPS) announced its newly updated publication, renamed Preservation Brief #3, “Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings,” replaced the older publication. “The new brief incorporates input from leading experts in building science, engineers, and historic preservation professionals and offers guidance on making informed decisions about energy efficiency improvements to historic buildings,” according to TPS. View the new brief at <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/03Preserve-Brief-Energy.pdf>

### **Terra Conference: Call for Expressions of Interest**

A call for expressions of interest in hosting the next Terra conference on the Study and Conservation of Earthen Architectural Heritage has been announced. Deadline for the first stage of Expressions of Interest is 15 April 2012.

Statement of Purpose: The International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH) is issuing this Call for Expressions of Interest to find organizations and countries to promote, host, run and administer the next international conference known as “Terra”. The Terra conference, which occurs every three to five years approximately, is an international conference whose theme relates to the study and conservation of earthen architectural, archaeological and cultural landscape heritage.

Terra 2012 will take place in Lima, Peru over four days, 23-26 April, followed by post-conference tours, and is expected to have an attendance of 500 people. The main theme of Terra 2012 is focused on conservation of earthen architectural heritage against natural disasters and climate change. It is being held in collaboration with the Ibero-American Seminar on Earthen Architecture and Construction (XII SIACOT) and SismoAdobe 2012, as well as under the banner of the 40th anniversary of UNESCO’s World Heritage Convention.

Proposed Conference Schedule: The next Terra conference will be scheduled for 2015 or 2016, depending on the host country's preference.

For more information in ISCEAH, go to <http://isceah.icomos.org>  
For more information on the call for expressions of interest, contact Submit all responses to John Hurd, [john.hurd@icomos.org](mailto:john.hurd@icomos.org) or Pamela Jerome, [pamela.jerome@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.jerome@gmail.com).

### **Call for Abstracts: Preservation Education Conference**

The School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation at Roger Williams University is hosting a Preservation Education Conference in Bristol, Rhode Island (USA), September 8 to 9, 2012. The goal of the conference is to bring higher education leaders in historic environment programs (e.g., historic preservation/heritage conservation) together from across the globe to present their research and address issues in pedagogy and curriculum development.

Preservation Education: Sharing Best Practices and Finding Common Ground, September 8 and 9, 2012  
School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2012. For more information and a full description of the call for abstracts, contact Jeremy Wells, conference chair, at [jwells@rwu.edu](mailto:jwells@rwu.edu).

### **Call for Abstracts: Cultural Heritage Protection in Times of Risk**

Yıldız Technical University and ICOMOS-ICORP (International Committee on Risk Preparedness) are organizing an international symposium on "Cultural Heritage Protection in Times of Risk: Challenges and Opportunities" to be held November 15-17, 2012 in Istanbul Turkey.

The aim of this symposium is to contribute towards developing solutions on an international platform by sharing planned and realized works on defining and mitigating slow as well as catastrophic risks, especially natural and human induced disasters and conflict situations, that threaten cultural heritage in short and long terms.

Deadline is March 20, 2012.

Detailed information can be found by visiting the webpage at <http://www.har.yildiz.edu.tr>

For further information, please contact the Secretariat at [har@yildiz.edu.tr](mailto:har@yildiz.edu.tr)

### **Rutgers Conference on Cultural Landscapes: Preservation in the 21st Century listed as a 40th Anniversary World Heritage Convention Anniversary Activity**

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on Cultural Landscapes, this conference will bring together scholars and professionals from around the world to address the debates over the interrelationship between culture and nature, the challenges of preservation within historic urban landscapes, the development of an integrated approach to identifying and assessing cultural landscapes, and the challenges of developing conservation strategies that reflect the complexities of world cultures and sites and respect their multiple stakeholders.

The conference is sponsored by the Program in Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies at Rutgers University with the participation of the Center for Art and Cultural Policy Studies, the Woodrow Wilson School (Princeton University), Penn Cultural Heritage Center (University of Pennsylvania), the Bloustein School of Public Policy and Planning (Rutgers University), and the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences/Landscape Architecture (Rutgers University).

The conference will be held October 12-14, 2012 at Rutgers University. More information can be found at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/812/>

