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Last Day for Discounted Registration for the 2014 US/ICOMOS International Symposium in Philadelphia

You can see the general schedule of the symposium, field sessions, and evening events at http://www.usicomos.org/symposium

You can register online at http://www.usicomos.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=23

Rates will increase March 1.

ICOMOS Youth Forum Call for Papers

18th ICOMOS General Assembly, 11 November 2014, Florence, Italy

Call for papers: Facilitating entry into working life for young professionals

On behalf of ICOMOS Italy, ICOMOS has the pleasure of launching the call for papers for the ICOMOS Youth Forum “Facilitating entry into working life for young professionals” taking place in the context of the 18th General Assembly on 11 November 2014 at the Auditorio al Duomo, Florence, Italy. The Youth Forum will discuss the questions: What specific training is needed and what technical contribution can young professionals make to meeting the challenges of heritage conservation and emergency situations? What organisational, technical and scientific responses are needed?

For all further details, please download the call for papers.

Deadline for abstracts: 20 March 2014 (age limit for authors: 40 years).

18 April 2014 - Celebrate the International Day on Monuments and Sites: "Heritage of Commemoration"

Monuments and sites, including those more complex and diversified forms of heritage places such as living landscapes, are tangible carriers of the memory of a part of the human experience. Thus, through their authenticity and integrity, they contribute, in their way, to the commemoration and transmission of values which include history.

The theme provides an opportunity to present those constructions that have been intentionally created with the purpose of commemorating an event, a person, an idea, etc. This choice of theme is partly inspired by the centennial in 2014 of the beginning of the Great War of 1914-1918.

The heritage of commemoration takes a variety of forms: engraved inscriptions, mausoleums of exceptional architecture or works of monumental sculpture, more modest elements reflecting vernacular traditions or dedicated landscapes such as cemeteries or memorial gardens. This heritage also includes elements that were given a commemorative value; for example, ruins or industrial vestiges accompanied by dedication
Independence Hall
World Heritage Site in Philadelphia

Ghazni Towers Documentation Project

One of the Ghazni Towers (Afghanistan)

Monuments Men and the US State Department’s Cultural Heritage Center

Representatives of the US State Department’s Cultural Heritage Center recently attended a White House screening of the film “Monuments Men,” which tells the story of attempts to protect and recover art and heritage objects during World War II. US/ICOMOS has worked with the Cultural Heritage Center on a series of exchanges, first with the US-Russia Volunteer Initiative in 2004 and more recently with the Ghazni Towers Documentation Project (Afghanistan) in 2013. Laura Tedesco, featured in a recent newspaper article, was instrumental in organizing the Afghan internships with the National Park Service and US/ICOMOS in winter 2013.

For real ‘Monument Woman,’ saving Afghan treasures is unglamorous but richly rewarding (Washington Post, February 14, 2014)


Modern-Day Monuments Men: The State Department’s Cultural Heritage Center (Huffington Post, February 24, 2014)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/evan-ryan/modern-day-monuments-men_b_4849155.html?utm_hp_ref=fb&src=sp

Ghazni Towers Documentation Project

http://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center/gallery/ghazni-towers-documentation-project

Please visit (and “like”) the US/ICOMOS Facebook page for our photo albums on the Afghan internships and our trip to Fallingwater - https://www.facebook.com/USICOMOS?ref=hl

Conferences and Other Opportunities

Call for Presentations - Historic Preservation in America’s Legacy Cities, June 5-7, 2014, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland State University and the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs are convening an interdisciplinary meeting to discuss the role of historic preservation in revitalizing America’s Legacy Cities. This is the first event to bring together key stakeholders and decision-makers from cities where entrenched population loss and economic decline present difficult challenges for the future of the urban built environment. Urban planners and policymakers understand that demolition is a very pressing reality and often argue that it is the best course of action, yet these cities retain astounding historic resources and significant heritage. At this crucial juncture, there are difficult questions about what role preservation can and should play in shaping the future of Legacy Cities, how to identify and
US-Russia Volunteer Initiative

In Red Square, Moscow (l-r): Mayya Semina, Katya Borissova, Kathryn Emmitt, Olga Polstyankina and Michael Tornabene

In Washington, DC: Kathryn Emmitt, Katya Borissova, Michael Tornabene, Jon Buono, Natalie Perrin, Christina Olson, Olga Polstyankina, Evgeny Aksenov, Anastasia Zinyuk and Mayya Semina

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Historic Centre of Florence

leverage historic assets, what benefits and impediments exist in integrating preservation into community and economic development, and how we make decisions about what we save and what we destroy.

For more information and the call for presentations, please visit http://urban.csuohio.edu/conference/LegacyCityPreservation

Economics of Authenticity
April 16-17, 2014, New Orleans, Louisiana

The Tulane School of Architecture in partnership with the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans will present a conference titled the Economics of Authenticity: How US Cities Have Reversed Decline Through Historic Preservation Programs in April 2014. For more information, please visit http://architecture.tulane.edu/event/2013/699

National Main Streets Conference
May 18-21, 2014, Detroit, Michigan

When we talk about Main Street®, we are talking about real people doing real work in real places to revitalize communities and preserve the character of their downtowns and neighborhoods. The 2014 National Main Streets Conference will celebrate, learn from and share ideas to help and empower those that make Main Street work: program managers, entrepreneurs, volunteers, business owners, students, teachers, and artists. Main Streets across the country – from small downtowns to mid-size cities to urban neighborhoods - share similar challenges. The conference is looking for sessions, courses and workshops that look at new ways to solve persistent problems; share experiences - good, bad and ugly - to help other Main Streets succeed; offer new perspectives on current trends; and provide examples of the projects and strategies used by managers, volunteers and other stakeholders to revitalize their unique communities.

World Heritage Site in Italy
(Photo: Bgervais)