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### 2014 US/ICOMOS International Symposium

### Last Day for Pre-Registration for the 2014 US/ICOMOS 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/civcrm/event/register?reset=1&id=23>

### 18th ICOMOS General Assembly Program and Hotel Information Available

The preliminary program schedule and information on hotel accommodations is now available on the ICOMOS website at <http://icomos.org/en/about-icomos/governance/general-information/about-the-general-assembly/18th-general-assembly-florence-2014>

### Francine Berkowitz Retires from the Smithsonian Institution's Office of International Relations

Last month, Francine Berkowitz retired from her position as Director of International Relations at the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian's Office of International Relations (OIR) provides logistical and diplomatic support for all aspects of the Smithsonian's research and museum programs abroad, international exchanges of objects and personnel, and serves as the Smithsonian's formal liaison with international organizations and foreign institutions and individuals.

For years, Francine worked diligently each spring to help secure J-1 Visas for interns from abroad to participate in the annual US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program. US/ICOMOS is grateful for all of her support of US/ICOMOS, including her service as the ex-officio representative of the Smithsonian Institution to the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees.

All of us at US/ICOMOS, and all of the foreign alumni of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program, wish Francine the best in her retirement years. US/ICOMOS is also pleased that the Smithsonian Institution's Office of International Relations will continue to serve as the visa-sponsor for the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program.

### University of Arizona Continues its Work with Afghanistan and Iraq

The Drachman Institute and the Arizona State Museum are leading the second of two workshops for Iraq's professional heritage conservation community in Erbil, Iraq beginning Sunday, March 30th. The workshops are funded by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

More than 60 Iraqi conservation specialists are learning how to care for artifacts from Iraq's rich cultural heritage in workshops taught by Arizona



Independence Hall  
World Heritage Site in Philadelphia



Florence, Italy, site of the 18th  
ICOMOS General Assembly  
(Photo: Bgervais)

State Museum Head of Preservation, Dr. Nancy Odegaard, and Curatorial Specialist, Mr. Arthur Vokes, who traveled to the Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage earlier this week.

Last fall, the University of Arizona hosted professors from Afghanistan to learn about historic preservation. At the conclusion of the program, Dr. Suzanne Bott of the University of Arizona and Professor Muzghan Hamraz of Afghanistan attended the US/ICOMOS Gala in Washington, DC, where Professor Hamraz met Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO, and Jonathan Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, among other leaders in the cultural field.

More information can be found at  
<https://www.azpm.org/s/16283-professors-from-afghanistan-visit-university-of-arizona-to-learn-historic-preservation/>

### **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 plaques, or public squares whose toponym commemorates a historical event or individual.

For more information, please visit  
<http://www.icomos.org/en/what-we-do/focus/18-april-international-day-for-monuments-and-sites>

### **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 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>



Francine Berkowitz receives a gift at her retirement party at the Smithsonian Institution's Office of International Relations

## 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.

Submit a Proposal

<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2014-detroit/2014-content-development.html#.UegAol32Yto>



L-R: Dr. Suzanne Bott, Professor Muzghan Hamraz, and NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis at the 2013 US/ICOMOS Gala

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