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15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium in San Antonio

Register now - rates increase after April 30 and hotel conference rates are only guaranteed through April 30!

Please note the pre-conference tour is sold out.

Space is limited for the welcome dinner at Mission San Jose so seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The welcome reception is the centerpiece of the official US/ICOMOS hosted event for UNESCO’s 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention.

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.

Program

The program schedule is available the symposium website at http://www.usicomos2012.com.

Registration

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

To register online, go to http://www.usicamos.org/civicrm/event/register?id=17&reset=1

ICOMOS Appoints Philippe Allard to the Post of Director-General L’ICOMOS

The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) announced the appointment of Mr Philippe Allard to the position of Director-General of the ICOMOS International Secretariat, based in Paris.

Philippe Allard comes to ICOMOS well qualified for the post. He brings the experience of 15 years of managerial work in France in three different sectors of activities, followed by appointments as General Manager for the Italian Volvo Truck Centres with headquarters in Bergamo, and prior to that, for Midas in Italy and Austria. Mr Allard is confident about the challenge of transferring his extensive dominion of management and team work in the...
Board Member Gina Haney introduces the UVA Studio on Cape Coast, Ghana

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

for-profit sector to the non-profit work of ICOMOS, and applying them to advance its work for cultural heritage. Mr Allard is a French national, and fluent in English, German and Italian.

For more information, please see the full announcement on the ICOMOS website at http://www.icomos.org/en/what-we-do/disseminating-knowledge/newsletters/454-philippe-allard-new-dg-icomos

**UVA Studio for Interventions in the Historic Core of Cape Coast, Ghana**

A group of 4th-year undergraduate students from the University of Virginia recently presented the results of a studio for various interventions in the historic core of Cape Coast, Ghana. The studio built upon a relationship with Cape Coast begun by US/ICOMOS in 1995 when the first US/ICOMOS internship was held there. Three years later, US/ICOMOS managed a portion of a two-year project funded by USAID focusing on the conservation and development of tourism within Cape Coast and around established World Heritage sites. In 2006, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation sponsored a follow-up assessment of that work conducted by Gina Haney (former US/ICOMOS Intern and former US/ICOMOS Board member) and Theresa Coolahan (US/ICOMOS International Intern), with a follow-up internship by Kaci Kepferle working on Gothic House in Cape Coast.

The proposed architectural, landscape, and urban planning interventions were presented by the students at the National Building Museum April 17, 2012. Several past program directors of US/ICOMOS, along with representatives from the US Department of State and other agencies were in attendance. A small group of UVA students will travel to Cape Coast this summer for fieldwork.

**Article on an ICAHM Meeting in Menorca, Spain**

An article on the recent meeting of ICAHM in Menorca “Archaeologists Blast Hasty World Heritage Listings” was posted by Jonathan Tourtellot of National Geographic Traveler (April 18, 2012). The posting can be found at http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2012/04/18/archaeologists-blast-hasty-world-heritage-listings/

**World Heritage Video Challenge**

To help mark the 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, the National Park Service, HISTORY, and the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO announce a video challenge “Why do you think U.S. World Heritage sites are important to the world?” Selected video submissions may be chosen for broadcasting on the HISTORY network as part of their focus on World Heritage. Submissions will be accepted until October 15, 2012.

For more information, including instructions on submitting a video, please go to http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/184012.htm

For more information on the US World Heritage Program, please visit the NPS Office of International Affairs 40th Anniversary website at http://www.nps.gov/oia/topics/worldheritage/World_Heritage_Anniversary.htm

**ICAHM’s Annual Meeting in Cuzco**

The ICOMOS International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) is pleased to announce its international conference on archaeological heritage management, to be held in historic Cuzco, Peru on November 27-30 of this year. http://www.icomos.org/icahm/cuzco_home.html

Among the worldwide issues for consideration at this meeting are local stakeholder claims on archaeological heritage; sustainable development and community sustainability; tourism pressures and site preservation; heritage and rights; challenges to the validity and value of the World Heritage List as it quickly approaches 1,000 inscribed sites; the World Heritage List decision-making process; impacts of war, civil disorder, and natural disasters on archaeological sites; technical advances in archaeological heritage management.
Ample opportunities exist for tours of Cuzco, Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley before and after the conference. Contact Happy Tours at: tours@happyperu.com.

ICAHM will publish the best papers from this annual meeting in its publication series with Springer Press, “Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Archaeological Heritage Management.”

**New Opportunity with the US Fulbright Program in Kosovo**

The U.S. Fulbright Program in Kosovo (entering its 7th year) announces a new opportunity in Kosovo focusing on teaching Theory and Practice of the Restoration of Cultural Monuments. For more information, please visit http://catalog.cies.org/viewAward.aspx?n=3271

**Seeking Nominations for the 2012 World Monuments Fund/Knoll Modernism Prize**

World Monuments Fund invites nominations for the 2012 World Monuments Fund/Knoll Modernism Prize. Awarded in fall 2012, the Prize is given to a design professional or firm in recognition of an innovative design solution that preserves or enhances a Modern landmark. A “Call for Nominations” flyer describing the steps and requirements for submissions is attached.

The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2012. Please write to modernism2012@wmf.org with any questions or to submit a nomination.

**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.”

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

**Conference and Workshop Opportunities**

**Cultural Heritage Management and Indigenous Cultures**
by the University of Queensland, Australia
July 1 - July 8 in Florence, Italy

The University of Queensland will be in Florence, Italy in 2012 conducting a course in cultural heritage management and Indigenous cultures. Students and professionals are welcome to attend.

The a course will explore the fundamental concepts underpinning cultural heritage management within the context of Indigenous cultures. The course will take a strongly practical approach, exposing participants to the statutory frameworks and heritage challenges of Australia and the Pacific, North and South America, and South Africa.

For more information see our link below or contact Andrew Sneddon at a.sneddon@uq.edu.au or visit the web site at http://www.lifebeyondtourism.org/wp-content/themes/k2/workshop/dett_workshop.asp?id_work=373

**International Workshop on Stone Conservation and Urban Regeneration**
Organized by DIADRASIS
August 8 - 9, 2012 at Martos, Andalusia, Spain

Application deadline is 20 May 2012.

The workshop is organized by DIADRASIS in agreement with the Junta de Andalucia, under the patronage of ICCROM and in collaboration with the University of York, the council of Martos, the ADSUR, and the IPCE. For further information: http://www.diadrasis.org/projects/martos/general_description.html

You may find detailed information by accessing the website.
www.transylvanianostra.eu or you may request them at: e-mail address hs@transylvanianostra.eu

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.

School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

For more information, contact Jeremy Wells, conference chair, at jwells@rwu.edu.

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

Rutgers Conference on Cultural Landscapes: Preservation in the 21st Century

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/