Greetings from San Antonio

More than 170 people are converging at El Tropicano Hotel in San Antonio, Texas for the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium. The pre-conference tour of the Modern Movement in San Antonio was sold out, and more than 300 people are attending the welcome reception and dinner Thursday evening at Mission San Jose to hear remarks from Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention.

Over the next 3 days, participants will hear from a renowned roster of speakers on the Confluence of Cultures: World Heritage in the Americas.

Program

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

2012 US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program

The 2012 class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program is attending the US/ICOMOS Symposium for its orientation, assisting with registration and other logistics, and attending the plenary sessions, field sessions, and receptions.

The 2012 class is listed below:

1. Emily Klassen (Alexandria, VA USA) will be working with the State Department’s Overseas Building Operation in Arlington, VA;

2. Jesse Lattig (Philadelphia, PA USA) is going to Falmouth Heritage Renewal in Jamaica;

3. Daniel Watts (Charleston, SC USA) is going to Falmouth Heritage Renewal in Jamaica;

4. Ann Nguyen (Savannah, GA USA) is going to the Mediterranean Centre in Split, Croatia;

5. Milton Perry (Athens, GA USA) is going to the Mediterranean Centre in Split, Croatia;

6. Mesut Dinler (Turkey) is going to the Historic Charleston Foundation, South Carolina;

7. Fabiana Aguiler Yambay (Paraguay) is going to Clemson University, Charleston, South Carolina; and

8. Mohammed (Nabil) Ali (Egypt) is going to the Presidio in San Francisco, California.

The final program will be held in mid-August in Washington, DC with the

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 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 website 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 Andalucía, 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.transsylvanianostra.eu or you may request them at: e-mail address hs@transsylvanianostra.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 jwellis@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.
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/