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## US/ICOMOS at Work

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Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work” e-news blast, a monthly update on what US/ICOMOS is doing to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters.

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### *2017 International Exchange Program Kicks Off May 31st*

Thanks to you, our members, host organizations and donors, the 2017 International Exchange Program kicks off on Wednesday, May 31st. [Please make plans to join us for the Opening Reception at US/ICOMOS headquarters in Washington, DC.](#)



This year's program sponsors thirteen participants, seven of whom hail from the USA who will be heading to sites around the world to work on projects aligned with their skills and interests:

Name	Home Nation	Host	Host Nation	Project
Joana Arruda	USA	ICOMOS	France	Support to the ICOMOS International Secretariat and World Heritage Units
William Canup	USA	Lietuvos paminklai	Lithuania	Birstonas Special Plan for Cultural Heritage Preservation
Kathryn Clarke	USA	ICC - Città di Roma	Israel	International Conservation Center - Città di Roma
Charmaine Ledesma	USA	ACOR	Jordan	Baseline Assessment of TVET Needs within Jordan's Cultural Heritage Sector
Rosaura Ramos	USA	Beyond Built Pvt. Limited	India	Riverfront development projects in historic towns of Northern India
Natalia Sanchez-Hernandez	USA	National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago	Victoria Square Historic District Survey
Ashley Wheeler	USA	Space Matters	India	Bhopal Gas Tragedy Memorial

Six participants will be hosted in the United States, where they will undertake projects addressing local and global topics:

Name	Home Nation	Host	Host Nation	Project
Vilta Janusauskaite	Lithuania	NTHP	USA	Farnsworth House; Chesterwood; Belle Grove
Estegenet Kebede	Ethiopia	Preservation Institute- Nantucket	USA	Preservation Institute- Nantucket
Richa Pandey	India	NCPTT	USA	Restoring Purpose Website
Komal Potdar	India	Preservation Institute- Nantucket	USA	Preservation Institute- Nantucket
Maryam Rabi	Pakistan	Historic Preservation Office, San Antonio, Texas	USA	Comprehensive Program for Sustaining San Antonio's Cultural Heritage
Rebecca Ramsay	New Zealand	Office of Historic Preservation, Annapolis, Maryland	USA	Keeping History Above Water

The Opening Reception is a highlight of three days of Orientation activities for the participants in Washington, DC, after which they travel to their posts to begin work. We hope that you will join us at the Heurich House in order to meet them, exchange information, and connect with US/ICOMOS memberships and program sponsors. The event is free to attend, but we request that you [RSVP by May 31st at this link](#).



## 2017 #WorldHeritageUSA Celebration a Success

On April 18, 2017, US/ICOMOS went live with a new microsite, [www.worldheritageusa.org](http://www.worldheritageusa.org), and launched a 24-day social media campaign featuring World Heritage Sites in the United States. The #WorldHeritageUSA campaign culminated on May 12th, with a day of posts devoted to Tentative List sites.

We're happy to report that the campaign was very successful, netting US/ICOMOS many new followers and friends and garnering thousands of impressions per day. If you're on social media and not yet following US/ICOMOS, [click here to follow us on Facebook](#) and [here to read our posts on Twitter](#). We also encourage you to track #WorldHeritageUSA and to use this tag when you post World Heritage material relevant to the United States.



## How to Join an ICOMOS International Scientific Committee

International members of US/ICOMOS who work in the heritage field may participate in one or more [International Scientific Committees \(ISCs\)](#). To join an ISC, we recommend that you work directly with the top officers of the committee to request membership. Each committee works somewhat differently, but sending your resume and describing your qualifications briefly in an email is a good place to start.

Here is a link that will help you determine who to contact and how to reach them:  
<http://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/Adresses/adresses-csi.pdf>

If you do join an ISC, please [let us know at US/ICOMOS](#). The ISCs do not typically communicate this information to us, so we greatly appreciate when our members do!

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*Membership support is crucial to our mission.*



US/ICOMOS is a U.S. historic preservation nonprofit whose mission includes both supporting the UNESCO World Heritage program and promoting international exchange in the cultural heritage field. You can learn more about us at [usicomos.org](http://usicomos.org).