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Message from the Director

After almost 20 years in the National Building Museum, US/ICOMOS is moving! Although the notification that several long-term tenants were losing their space was unexpected, we are excited that our new office headquarters will be in the Heurich House Museum (also known as the Brewmaster's Castle) in Washington’s Dupont Circle neighborhood. US/ICOMOS has leased the third floor and will share it with our subtenants, Preservation Action and Scenic America. Among the benefits of relocating to this landmark building are the outstanding spaces for current programs and new initiatives. You can learn more about the Heurich House museum at [http://www.heurichhouse.org](http://www.heurichhouse.org).

Although our official occupancy will begin September 1, our first event at the Heurich House will be the annual exhibition and reception that celebrates our annual US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program. This program represents the most significant international program supporting research by emerging scholars focused on issues related to heritage conservation. Our 2013 exchange program includes interns from and internships in Australia, Ecuador, France, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Paraguay, and Spain! The reception will be held Wednesday, August 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We hope you will join us.

While we are working carefully toward the successful conclusion of the summer exchange program, US/ICOMOS also is providing ongoing financial support of ICOMOS president Gustavo Araoz, initiating planning efforts for our 2014 symposium in Philadelphia, and raising funds to meet the expenses of the move to new office space. However, this has presented unplanned expenses. In addition to the costs for the actual move, rent for the new space will be higher than what was paid the federal government and a significant security deposit is required in advance. To keep our momentum, US/ICOMOS has set a short-term fund raising goal of $50,000 that we hope to reach by September 30. To meet this, we need your help.

At this time this appeal has full support of the board and we are well on our way. Please give serious consideration to a tax-deductible donation to US/ICOMOS this summer when you renew your membership. As always, your membership and support of US/ICOMOS is deeply appreciated.

Renewal notices for 2014 membership will be sent out soon - you can renew online now at [http://www.usicomos.org/membership](http://www.usicomos.org/membership). And while you’re at it, please consider making an unrestricted donation to help US/ICOMOS cover the costs of our move to the Heurich House! To make a donation online, please go to [http://www.usicomos.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4](http://www.usicomos.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4)

Sincerely,

Donald G Jones, PhD
US/ICOMOS Breakfast and ISC Session at the National Preservation Conference this Fall

US/ICOMOS will be hosting its annual international breakfast at the National Preservation Conference this fall in Indianapolis. In addition, US/ICOMOS is holding a session titled “A World of Preservation Solutions: An Introduction to the ICOMOS international network of preservation experts.” The breakfast will be held the morning of Friday, November 1, and the session will be held later that morning from 10:15 to 11:45am. The session will focus on ICOMOS International Scientific Committees (or ISCs). Pamela Jerome (ICOMOS Scientific Council) will moderate the session; the panelists will include Jan Anderson (Chair, US/ICOMOS) and US/ICOMOS members Kathleen Crowther, Gunny Harboe, James Reap, and Neil Silberman.

To register for the National Preservation Conference, please go to http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/

For more information on ICOMOS International Scientific Committees, please go to http://www.icomos.org/en/network/international-scientific-committees/list-of-international-scientific-committees

US/ICOMOS Joins Preservation Partners for a Meeting with Secretary of Interior Sally Jewel

US/ICOMOS together with representatives of other partners in preservation met with Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell to discuss the Department’s historic preservation programs. The meeting provided an opportunity to share information about the Secretary’s official relationship with our partner organizations, as well as to discuss the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act in 2016.

The Department of Interior and the National Park Service have been vital partners of US/ICOMOS for decades, particularly involving an annual programmatic support grant from NPS, hosting international exchange participants with the NPS Heritage Documentation Program, and working with the NPS Office of International Affairs to support US participation in the World Heritage Program.

In 2012, for example, Secretary of Interior Salazar chose the US/ICOMOS International Symposium in San Antonio to announce he had approved the nomination of the San Antonio Franciscan Missions to the World Heritage List (May 31, 2012 - see the program here http://www.usicomos.org/usicomos2012/us_icomos_2012_schedule.pdf)

As an example of cultural exchanges, US/ICOMOS recently hosted two Afghan architects in Washington with funding from the State Department to receive training from NPS in heritage documentation techniques (see press release here http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2013/04/207190.htm).

Two primary items of concern raised by US/ICOMOS at the meeting were:

1. Maintaining continued programmatic support from NPS in light of the current economic climate, and

2. Continued participation of the United States in UNESCO and the World Heritage Convention (the US is currently withholding dues from UNESCO and stands to lose our vote this fall if dues payments are not reinstated).

The meeting was held on Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00am in the Secretary’s office.

World Heritage Meeting - 19 New Sites Inscribed

The opening session was a celebration of cultural heritage, which kicked off June 16 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Director-General Irina Bokova spoke of the success of international cooperation saying that “Angkor stands, indeed, as testimony to the power of solidarity and political will. We need the same leadership today, to protect cultural heritage under attack in regions across the globe -- in Mali, in Syria, in Central African Republic and elsewhere.”

With the closing ceremony in Angkor, participants were given a window to what international cooperation can accomplish. The site demonstrates not only how national treasures can be saved after neglect and war but also how...
Poverty Point (Louisiana) is being nominated to the World Heritage List.

Nineteen new sites were inscribed on the World Heritage List.

To read more about the meeting http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/37COM/ and to learn about the 19 newly inscribed World Heritage Sites: http://whc.unesco.org/en/newproperties/

Decisions and Findings at can be found at http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2013/whc13-37com-20-en.pdf

Preservation Action Lobbies Congress on UNESCO Funding

From PA’s Legislative Update - Preservation Action Interim Director John C.B. LaRue and Parker Jean, our joint intern with US/ICOMOS, headed to Capitol Hill the week of July 8 in coordination with the National Parks Conservation Association to lobby Congress on funding for UNESCO. Meetings were held with various members of the Senate Appropriations Committee including Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Dan Coats (R-IN), Patty Murray (D-WA), and Mike Johanns (R-NE). John and Parker also accompanied activists from Texas on a visit to Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX). While feedback from these offices was mixed, we continue to hope that Congress will issue a waiver and allow UNESCO dues to be paid this year. As previously reported, if the United States does not pay its dues in the coming months, our membership in UNESCO will expire and could place prospective World Heritage Sites in Texas, Ohio, and Louisiana in jeopardy. Preservation Action has compiled a UNESCO One Pager for our members. We encourage you to review the information and contact your members of Congress to urge them to support paying our UNESCO dues and a waiver to allow the dues to be paid. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Preservation Action staff!


Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu Supports World Heritage

The Senate Committee on Appropriations approved a bill that included an amendment proposed by Senator Landrieu to pay U.S. dues to the World Heritage Fund, keeping the possibility open that Poverty Point [in Louisiana] may be recognized as a World Heritage Site. The bill now moves to the full Senate for a vote.

For more information, see Senator Landrieu’s announcement at http://www.landrieu.senate.gov/?p=blog&id=3889#.UfGuewAER-A.facebook

Conferences and Other Opportunities

Association for Preservation Technology Annual Conference

APT’s 45th Annual Conference in New York City, “Preserving the Metropolis,” focuses on urban preservation, including presentations with international relevance to cities of all sizes, with the opportunity to showcase lessons learned from one of the oldest global metropolises.

If you’re saving the buildings and spaces that make your city unique, APT NYC 2013 is for you.

- 70+ technical papers
- Workshops on Disaster Recovery/Preparedness, Masonry Materials Testing, Conservation of Finishes on Metals and Guastavino Vaults
- More Field Sessions than ever - including some usually closed to the public
- NYC nightlife and APT networking
- Earn up to 30.5 CEUs

Register today or review the comprehensive list of Sponsors and Exhibitors at http://www.aptconference.org. Rates increase on August 9 and again on September 6.

Scholarships for the Advanced masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historic Constructions
Applications for the Advanced Masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions, approved by the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Programme, are opened up to August 20, 2013 (call 3).

This Master Course is organized by a Consortium of leading European Universities/Research Institutions in the field, composed by University of Minho (coordinating institution, Portugal), the Technical University of Catalonia (Spain), the Czech Technical University in Prague (Czech Republic), the University of Padua (Italy) and the Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Czech Republic). The course combines the most recent advances in research and development with practical applications.

A number of scholarships, ranging from 3500 to 13000 Euro, are available to students of any nationality.

The SAHC leaflet can be downloaded at http://www.msc-sahc.org/upload/docs/Leaflet_low.pdf

Please find full details on the MSc programme, as well as electronic application procedure, on the website http://www.msc-sahc.org

University Partnership Sought for the National College of Arts, Rawalpindi - Architecture and Heritage Conservation

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad announces an open competition for a cooperative agreement to establish an Academic Partnership in Architecture and Heritage Conservation & Management between a U.S. educational institution and the National College of Arts, Rawalpindi Campus (NCA Rawalpindi) in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

Accredited U.S. four-year colleges and universities meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to pursue institutional or departmental objectives in partnership with the National College of Arts, Rawalpindi Campus. U.S. schools of architecture should be accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and preservation programs should meet the membership standards of the National Council for Preservation Education (NCPE).

The goal through this partnership with NCA is to help train the next generation of Pakistani experts in Heritage Conservation and Management and to build institutional capacity in this important field in Pakistan. Full details: http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=v6qJRG5FyPhDppYCXHXVnjG8wzp26bdtG18whVV4qIMrTgQZVoW5yl-488397891?oppId=233136&mode=VIEW

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ICOMOS Netherlands Conference

From 23 to 28 September 2013 ICOMOS Netherlands will be organising the conference ‘Protecting Deltas, Heritage Helps’ in Amsterdam. Examples from Venice, Amsterdam, Cambodia and many other places will show that heritage can be an inspiration for a sustainable future for delta cities and other areas facing water challenges.

The conference promises to be very interesting. Highlights include:
• A keynote address from President of ICOMOS International Mr. Gustavo Araoz
• UNESCO and World Bank speakers linking water and heritage
• Opportunities for discussion with experts from around the world
• A celebratory dinner at the splendidly renovated Rijksmuseum

Registration is now open! Early bird discount is applicable until 1 June 2013. The conference fee includes all conference program elements. Please note that there is a limited amount of places for this conference. To register, please visit: ICOMOS Conference.
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

16th International Course On Wood Conservation Technology - ICWCT
2014: A course on the conservation of cultural heritage made of wood

21 May - 27 June 2014, Oslo, Norway (premises of Riksantikvaren)

Partners -
ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property)
Riksantikvaren - The Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norway
NTNU - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

The ICWCT was initiated as a response to a recommendation from UNESCO's General Conference in 1980, and it has been organized in Norway every second year since 1984. It is directed towards professionals who have been working for some years within the field of wood conservation. The ICWCT covers a wide range of interdisciplinary topics. Theoretical and practical aspects of wood conservation are given equal consideration throughout the course. Some of the most interesting cultural heritage sites constructed in wood in Norway will be visited during the course, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Exercises and demonstrations are organized during the excursion.

Participants
Applicants should be mid-career professionals with a minimum of three years work experience in wood conservation. It is of great importance for the success of the course that the participants have relevant experience to contribute to and benefit from the mutual exchange of ideas. The number of participants is limited to 20.

Applications - Please fill the ICCROM application form (obtainable from ICCROM web site) and send it to the contact address below. (Email applications are welcome. In the event that it is not possible to provide a scanned version of the necessary photographs and signatures, it will also be necessary to send a paper copy.) Together with the application you are also required to send
- A full professional curriculum vitae (in English)
- One page report describing a conservation project related to wood for which you are or have been actively involved and can be shared with the other participants.

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Application deadline
Applications should reach ICCROM by 30 September 2013 to ensure inclusion in our selection process. Please note that the implementation of the course is subject to the approval of the ICCROM Programme and Budget 2014-2015 by the General Assembly of ICCROM to be held in November 2013.

Call for Abstracts: Conference by the National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO
November 5-7, 2013 in Kyiv, Ukraine

“Problems and experience of the engineering protection of the urbanized territories and a safeguarding of the heritage under conditions of the geo-ecological risk”

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Charitable organization “Charitable Fund St. Sophia”

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CALL FOR PAPERS - SHA Québec 2014
47th Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology

Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) and Advisory Council for Underwater Archaeology (ACUA), 47th Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology to be held from January 8-12, 2014, in Québec City, Canada, on the theme “Questions That Count: A critical evaluation of historical archaeology in the 21st Century”. The call for papers is available on the conference web page: www.sha2014.com. Follow us on Twitter #sha2014.