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New Office Space for US/ICOMOS September 1

After almost 20 years in the National Building Museum, US/ICOMOS is moving! 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).

The new address will be 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1531.

Renew Your Membership for 2014

Renewal notices for 2014 membership are being sent out, however you can renew online now at http://www.usicomas.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.usicomas.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4

US/ICOMOS Breakfast and Sessions 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. The breakfast will be held the morning of Friday, November 1.

In addition, US/ICOMOS is hosting or participating in several sessions.

"Rights Based Approaches to Cultural Heritage"
Thursday, October 31, 1:15 - 2:45pm. Panelists: Neil Silberman, Larry Zimmerman, and James Reap

“A World of Preservation Solutions: An Introduction to the ICOMOS international network of preservation experts”
Friday, November 1, 10:15 - 11:45 am. Moderator: Pamela Jerome (ICOMOS Scientific Council). Panelists: Jan Anderson (Chair, US/ICOMOS) and US/ICOMOS members Kathleen Crowther, Gunny Harboe, James Reap, and Neil Silberman

“The US World Heritage Tentative List - Can It Be Made More Effective and Representative?” Friday, November 1, 1:15 - 2:45pm
Moderator: Jan C. K. Anderson. Panelists: Stephen Morris, Gustavo Araoz, James Reap

To register for the National Preservation Conference, please go to http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/
Reception for the 2013 Class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program

For 2013, US/ICOMOS placed nine interns (5 US interns and 4 from overseas). In addition, during January - March US/ICOMOS hosted two interns from Afghanistan (in partnership with the US Department of State and the National Park Service) and during the summer, US/ICOMOS and Preservation Action hosted an undergraduate American intern to assist with efforts to renew US funding to UNESCO.

In May, the 2013 class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program came to Washington, DC for orientation and spent several days meeting with various preservation organizations. The program began with a meeting at US/ICOMOS in the National Building Museum and a presentation by John Larue of Preservation Action. Following lunch, the interns had several hours of free time before reconvening for a welcome dinner in Washington’s Union Station. On Thursday, the interns met with Steve Morris, Jonathan Putnam, and Linda Bennett of the National Park Service’s Office of International Affairs to learn about US participation in the World Heritage Convention. The interns then met with John Fowler of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to learn about the federal preservation system. After a trip to the top of the clock tower in the Old Post Office building for its sweeping views of the National Mall, the group had a late lunch at the Hamilton.

Orientation concluded on Friday with a meeting with Ashley Wilson at the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Upon completion of their 10-week internships, the interns returned to Washington in mid-August for the final program, which included presentations, a meeting at the World Bank, and a final reception. The interns gave oral presentations to the entire group of interns and posted their presentations for viewing and discussion at the final reception. The final reception was held the evening of Wednesday, August 14, at the Heurich House (Brewmaster’s Castle), which will become the new home of US/ICOMOS as of September 1!

Below is the final list of US/ICOMOS International Interns for summer 2013:

- Nityaa Iyer (India) - Preservation Design Partnership, Philadelphia, PA
- Lia Farin Kerlin (Paraguay) - Historic Charleston Foundation, Charleston, SC
- Julia Crimmins (Ireland) - Clemson University, Charleston, SC
- Laura Matarese (Australia) - Presidio Trust Archaeology Laboratory, San Francisco, CA
- Maria Llanos Martinez (Spain) - National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, DC
- Beth Miller (USA) - Volunteer South America, Ecuador
- Erin White (USA) - Falmouth Heritage Renewal, Jamaica
- Crystal Gates (USA) - World Heritage Unit, ICOMOS Secretariat, Paris, France
- Eduard Krakhmalnikov (USA) - Galway County Council, Galway, Ireland
- Parker Jean (USA) - US/ICOMOS and Preservation Action, Washington, DC

The powerpoint presentations prepared by each intern will be posted on the US/ICOMOS website over the coming months.

Preservation Action Lobbies Congress on UNESCO Funding

From Preservation Action’s Legislative Update - Preservation Action has been lobbying for a waiver that would allow the United States to stay current on its UNESCO dues - to prevent the loss of the country’s vote and mitigate potential negative perceptions towards current US World Heritage List nominations.

After partnering with US/ICOMOS in researching the issues, in July Preservation Action hit the Hill with the National Parks Conservation Association and others. Last month, Sen. Mary Landrieu (LA), whose community has a stake in UNESCO because of the tentatively nominated Poverty Point site, put forth an amendment for a World Heritage-specific waiver that was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Rep. Rodney Alexander (LA) is working on a similar amendment in the House.

As a clearing house and news source on the issue, Preservation Action has published a page on its website intended for all audiences, professional or
those new to the issue, members of Congress, etc - please share it with your networks! Much of the work included in this website was compiled by Parker Jean, US/ICOMOS summer intern with US/ICOMOS and Preservation Action.

Go to [http://www.preservationaction.org/priorities/unesco](http://www.preservationaction.org/priorities/unesco)

**Cahokia Mounds Welcomes 10 Millionth Visitor Since Achieving World Heritage Status**

Press Release, August 13, 2013, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site COLLINSVILLE, ILL. - Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site on Tuesday welcomed its 10 millionth visitor since achieving the rare distinction of being designated a world heritage site.

Visitor No. 10,000,000 was Michelle Miller of Waterloo, Ill. She was accompanied by her mother, Lorraine Novak; daughter Gabrielle Miller; and her daughter’s friend Keira Schmitz. Miller received a personal tour of the site and a $100 gift certificate from the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society. Miller couldn’t quite believe she was the 10 millionth visitor. “Is this for real?” she asked. Miller and her family are huge fans of Cahokia Mounds and visit the site often from their home about 25 miles away. She said her daughter practically knows the exhibits by heart.

Cahokia Mounds was declared a world heritage site in 1982 in recognition of its unique role in history. The site once served as the civil and religious center of the sprawling Mississippian Culture. Thousands of people fished, farmed, worshipped and traded with other cultures.

The site is dotted with mounds - including 10-story Monks Mound - that Native Americans built for burials, religious ceremonies and other activities. Operated by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the site welcomes visitors from every state and about 80 foreign countries each year. After being named a world heritage site, it took Cahokia Mounds five years to reach its one millionth visitor. It hit five million after 16 years and 10 million after 31 years.

“Walking and climbing among the mounds helps visitors connect with a civilization that resembles our own in some ways and yet was very different. It’s a unique experience,” said Amy Martin, director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. “No wonder it attracts people like the Millers and others from across the world.”

Cahokia Mounds is just eight miles from St. Louis, in Collinsville, Illinois, off Interstates 55/70 (Exit 6) and I-255 (Exit 24) on Collinsville Road. For details and hours, call 618-346-5160 or go to [http://www.cahokiamounds.org](http://www.cahokiamounds.org).

**Scotland’s CRAIGIEVER CASTLE Available Now as a Holiday Ornament**

US/ICOMOS is partnering with the National Trust for Scotland Foundation in a new fundraising endeavor. Scotland’s best preserved and one of its most loved tower houses, CRAIGIEVER CASTLE in Aberdeenshire, is the subject of the first annual collectible holiday ornament from the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA in partnership with US/ICOMOS. The purchase of each individually hand-blown and hand-painted ornament, crafted exclusively for the Foundation by European artisans, equally benefits the NTSUSA’s Preservation Fund and US/ICOMOS.

Since 2001, NTSUSA has facilitated more than $6.7 million in tax-deductible donations from Americans wishing to participate in the care of heritage monuments protected by the National Trust for Scotland. With the help of the members of US/ICOMOS, we can even do more!

Quantities of our inauguaral ornament are limited and only available this year. Once the 2013 orders are filled we will not produce the Craigievar Castle© ornament ever again. Your order must be placed by September 15th to ensure delivery by December 6th, 2013. [http://www.usicomos.org/files/USICOMOS-Scotland_Trust_order_form.pdf](http://www.usicomos.org/files/USICOMOS-Scotland_Trust_order_form.pdf)

**Conferences and Other Opportunities**

**Association for Preservation Technology Annual Conference**

APTs 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](http://www.aptconference.org). Rates increase on August 9 and again on September 6.

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.


For more information, please contact: conference@icomos.nl. Stay informed through the Protecting Deltas Newsletter: [www.icomosconference.nl](http://www.icomosconference.nl).

We hope to welcome you to this conference organized by ICOMOS Netherlands.

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.


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
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”

ORGANIZED BY
National Conservation Area “St. Sophia of Kyiv”
National Kyiv-Pechersk Historical Cultural Preserve
Charitable organization “Charitable Fund St. Sophia”

For more information, please go to http://proconf2013.kiev.ua/

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.