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US/ICOMOS Benefit Gala



Cosmos Club in Washington, DC
Site of the Annual US/ICOMOS
Benefit Gala

2014 US/ICOMOS International Symposium

Renew Your Membership Now to Receive Your 2014 ICOMOS Card in January

Renewal notices for 2014 membership have been sent out, but you also can renew online at <http://www.usicomos.org/membership>.

US/ICOMOS Benefit Gala

Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Cosmos Club, Washington, DC

US/ICOMOS is pleased the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Senator for Vermont, will be our guest speaker at our upcoming benefit gala to be held December 11 in Washington, DC. Senator Leahy has been a strong and consistent voice in support of continued US participation in UNESCO. The US/ICOMOS Gala will be held at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to <http://www.usicomos.org/news/2013-benefit-gala-tickets-available-online>

Call for Papers - 2014 US/ICOMOS International Symposium

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Second International Congress of Architects and Technicians of Historic Monuments and the adoption of the International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites, known today as the Venice Charter. Expanding the concept of universal heritage first set out in 1931 in Athens, the Venice Charter sought to address the growing complexities of cultural heritage, partly in response to a post-war Europe and the expansion of heritage classifications. The Venice Charter attempted to provide a framework for universal value beginning with the fundamental assumption that as material culture, creative works embody various forms of human knowledge.

Contemporary conservation practice has long held to the principles of the Venice Charter while also arguing that value and significance are culturally determined, a point also clearly stated in the preamble of the original Venice Charter. In recent decades a number of principles and assumptions in the Venice Charter have been critiqued, adapted and superceded. Social, economic, technological, and cultural changes over the last fifty years demand that we critically examine the Venice Charter and its influences.

A call for papers was recently distributed. For more information, please visit the US/ICOMOS website at <http://www.usicomos.org/symposium>.

Call for Papers - 2014 ICOMOS General Assembly & Scientific Symposium

The 2014 triennial ICOMOS General Assembly will be held November 10-14 in Florence, Italy. The theme of the scientific symposium at the General Assembly is "Heritage and Landscapes as Human Values." US/ICOMOS had a large number of members attend the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly in Paris in 2011. We hope to increase that participation in 2014 so mark your



Independence Hall
World Heritage Site in Philadelphia

2014 ICOMOS General Assembly &
Scientific Symposium



Historic Centre of Florence
World Heritage Site in Italy
(Photo: Bgervais)

US/ICOMOS Archives & Library



US/ICOMOS archives and library
have been donated to the

calendars now!

The call for papers can be found at

http://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/2014/GA2014/GA2014_Callforpapers_EN_20131031GJ.pdf

The deadline is January 31, 2014. For more information, please visit the ICOMOS website at <http://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/governance/general-information-about-the-general-assembly/18th-general-assembly-florence-2014>

US/ICOMOS Archives and Library Donated to UM Libraries

US/ICOMOS is pleased to announce the donation of its institutional archives and library to the University of Maryland Libraries, Special Collections Unit, in College Park, Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. The archives document the organizational and programmatic activities of US/ICOMOS since its founding in 1965.

The US/ICOMOS archives and library consist of:

- Organization administrative records and files (125 record storage boxes) -
 - Records of the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees
 - Records of the annual US/ICOMOS Symposium (beginning 1996), including the 2003 symposium in Annapolis, Maryland
 - Records of the annual US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program (beginning 1984), including records of numerous international interns hosted by the National Park Service’s HABS/HAER/HALS programs (now Heritage Documentation Programs), including documentation projects for sites in Maryland
 - Records of US participation in the World Heritage Convention (beginning 1972)
 - Records of US participation in the triennial ICOMOS General Assemblies
 - Administrative, financial, and grant records of the organization since its founding in 1965

Books and publications (approx 1,200 items) - All facets of cultural heritage, historic preservation, materials conservation, including international studies (mostly in English, some foreign language editions).

- Periodicals and newsletters (partial runs, approx. 100 linear feet) -
 - US/ICOMOS Newsletter (beginning 1990)
 - Monumentum (ICOMOS)
 - UNESCO Chronicles
 - Association for Preservation Technology “Communique”
 - Cultural Resource Management Bulletin (National Park Service)
 - Conservation (newsletter of the Getty Conservation Institute)
 - Numerous others, including international newsletters

The Special Collections of the UM Libraries already contain the personal papers of several former US/ICOMOS Board members and US/ICOMOS Fellows, including those of William Murtagh, Ernest Connally, Richard Howland, and Charles Peterson, all of whom were very active in US/ICOMOS in earlier years. Since the mid-1980s, the National Park Service’s HABS/HAER/HALS program (founded by Mr. Peterson) hosted numerous US/ICOMOS International Interns to document US heritage sites around the country, including a number of sites in Maryland.

The institutional records of US/ICOMOS complement the existing holdings of the UM Libraries that include the records of national and state organizations, such as the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, Preservation Action, and Preservation Maryland, by adding an extensive international dimension.

The UM Libraries is in the process of preparing an inventory of the materials to the archives and will work to create a comprehensive scholarly guide to the archives. The UM Libraries will make the archives available during regular hours of the Collection Management and Special Collections Division to researchers qualified under the rules and regulations established by the Libraries. Access to the archives will be granted to the staff of US/ICOMOS and the general public, as well as the general research community.

University of Maryland Libraries, Special Collections - <http://www.lib.umd.edu/special>

University of Maryland Libraries,
Special Collections Unit, in College
Park, Maryland, just outside of
Washington, DC

National Preservation Conference



Jan C.K. Anderson, US/ICOMOS
Chair, with George Papagiannis,
UNESCO Liaison to the United
States, at the US/ICOMOS
International Breakfast



Gustavo Araoz, ICOMOS President,
at the World Heritage Booth

Through this agreement, US/ICOMOS has designated the Libraries as the official repository for its archives and all future records of the organization will be deposited there.

US/ICOMOS at the National Preservation Conference

US/ICOMOS International Breakfast

US/ICOMOS hosted its annual international breakfast at the National Preservation Conference this fall in Indianapolis. We were pleased to have as guest speaker George Papagiannis, UNESCO Liaison to the United States, who discussed the timely issue of the US withholding of dues from UNESCO and the potential impacts on US World Heritage nominations. The breakfast was held the morning of Friday, November 1.

Special Exhibit Booth on UNESCO Funding

US/ICOMOS joined with Preservation Action and others to host a special exhibit booth at the National Preservation Conference. The booth contained information on the history and the then current situation of US involvement with UNESCO and the potential impact of continued withholding of US dues. The booth was situated adjacent to the Preservation Action Foundation booth in the main exhibit hall of the National Preservation Conference on Thursday and Friday (October 31 and November 1).

International 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

"Power Panel: The U.S.'s Continued Non-Payment of UNESCO Dues - The Fallout for American Heritage Sites"

Friday, November 1, 2013, 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Panelists: Gustavo Araoz, President, ICOMOS; George Papagiannis, UNESCO Liaison to the United States; Jan C.K. Anderson, Chair, US/ICOMOS

Conferences and Other Opportunities

Call for Presentations - Historic Preservation in America's Legacy Cities, June 5-7, 2014, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland State University and the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs are convening an interdisciplinary meeting to discuss the role of historic preservation in revitalizing America's Legacy Cities. This is the first event to bring together key stakeholders and decision-makers from cities where entrenched population loss and economic decline present difficult challenges for the future of the urban built environment. Urban planners and policymakers understand that demolition is a very pressing reality and often argue that it is the best course of action, yet these cities retain astounding historic resources and significant heritage. At this crucial juncture, there are difficult questions about what role preservation can and should play in shaping the future of Legacy Cities, how to identify and leverage historic assets, what benefits and impediments exist in integrating preservation into community and economic development, and how we make decisions about what we save and what we destroy.

For more information and the call for presentations, please visit <http://urban.csuohio.edu/conference/LegacyCityPreservation>

Economics of Authenticity

April 16-17, 2014, New Orleans, Louisiana

The Tulane School of Architecture in partnership with the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans will present a conference titled the Economics of Authenticity: How US Cities Have Reversed Decline Through Historic Preservation Programs in April 2014. For more information, please visit <http://architecture.tulane.edu/event/2013/699>

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

<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2014-detroit/2014-content-development.html#.UegAol32Yto>

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”

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.

