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Message from the Chair

To our members:

We recently returned from Dublin. It was gratifying to witness first-hand the important work that our members are doing at the International Scientific Committee level. Congratulations to all and a big thank you for your contributions. It was also rewarding to get very positive feedback from numerous delegates on the work that Gustavo Araoz has been doing as President of ICOMOS. His work at the international level is also helping our own national committee in a number of tangible and intangible ways.

On the home front, planning and organization for the 2011 and the 2012 symposia is well under way creating a bright outlook for our future.

At our November 10 Board Meeting, Kak Slick, our Executive Director, submitted her resignation. Kak has been a member of US/ICOMOS and the Board for a number of years, with her last post being that of the Treasurer, before becoming Executive Director. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her work, financial support and contributions over the years and wish her the best for her new endeavors.

Our Board is working hard to make a successful transition and create the structure that is needed for US/ICOMOS to perform its duties at the highest level possible.

As we are coming to the close of this year, I would like to thank all of you who have supported US/ICOMOS in the past, urge you to continue your support into the future and invite you to join us in the existing and new programs we are planning for our members. The health of any organization, such as ours, is based on the participation of and support by
members like you. Our Board is committed to engaging more of you in both our national and our international programs; working on our strengths and creating new opportunities for all of you to benefit from your membership in our organization. In the next two months, we will be presenting to you the work of our Board and the programs we are planning to put in place, programs that would help make US/ICOMOS a stronger organization poised to fulfill its mission.

To all of you, best wishes for the holidays and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Our year end drive for your financial support is currently and I hope that you will consider making an additional gift to our organization before the end of the year - you can donate online at http://www.usicomos.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4

Best,
George C. Skarmeas, AIA, NCARB
Chair, US/ICOMOS

Membership Renewal Online

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership soon in order to obtain your 2011 ICOMOS Card in January. To renew online, go to our membership page at http://www.usicomos.org/membership and click on "Join US/ICOMOS today!"

Members who have used the online payment system in the past and have an account can simply log-in with their user name (or email address) and password. The system will recognize that they are renewing and information they submitted in the past will populate the form fields.

Just complete the form and pay by credit card through PayPal. If you prefer NOT to pay online, you may print out the completed forms and send with payment to US/ICOMOS at 401 F Street, NW, Suite 331, Washington, DC 20001, or you may fax the completed form with credit card information to US/ICOMOS at 202-842-1861.

2011 US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program - Call for Applicants and Host Organizations

US/ICOMOS expects to support a number of internships overseas and within the United States in historic preservation during the course of 2011. This program provides unparalleled opportunities for preservationists early in their careers to gain hands-on experience in a country other than their own. The program is geared toward those nearing the end of graduate school or with 1-3 years of professional experience. Placements are made by matching the skills/experience of each applicant with the needs of each host organization.

Prospective Interns

Applications from prospective interns are due January 31,
Prospective Host Organizations

US/ICOMOS also seeks host organizations, such as non-profits, government agencies, and private firms, who are potentially interested in hosting a US/ICOMOS intern, whether in the United States or overseas. Information on hosting US/ICOMOS interns and a letter of interest form can be found on the US/ICOMOS website at http://www.usicomos.org/intern/hosts.

2011 Program Schedule

The general schedule for the 2011 program is as follows, with most internships taking place during the summer months but some internships occurring during the fall as well. US/ICOMOS is willing to work with host organizations to accommodate different schedules and durations of internships where necessary.

January 31
Applications from prospective interns due
Letters of interest from prospective host organizations due

May 31 - June 3
Intern orientation in Washington, DC

June 6 - August 15
Duration of summer Internships

August 17 - 19
Final program for summer Interns and orientation for fall interns

Program Overview

Since the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program was created in 1984, more than 600 young preservation professionals and over 70 countries have participated. The aim of the program is to promote an understanding of international preservation policies, methods, and techniques and to enable interns to make professional contacts and form personal friendships that will ensure a continuing dialogue between countries.

The program began with a one-time exchange between US/ICOMOS and ICOMOS United Kingdom. It since has expanded to involve between 10 and 20 preservation professionals annually depending on the level of funding available. US/ICOMOS is always looking for preservation organizations both in the U.S. and abroad to host interns and participate in this exciting program of cultural exchange. The program is made possible through generous grants from many U.S. foundations, government agencies and individual contributors, and ICOMOS National Committees of participating.

For more information, visit our website at http://www.usicomos.org/intern or contact Donald Jones,
2010 Class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program at The World Bank

2011 ICOMOS General Assembly
November 27 to December 2, 2011

From the ICOMOS Secretariat -

The Scientific Symposium which will accompany the ICOMOS General Assembly taking place from 27 November to 2 December 2011 will explore the theme "Heritage: Driver of Development" as briefly illustrated below. Without claiming to cover the entire field, it is proposed to work according to four sub-themes whose boundaries we can possibly expand if deemed necessary.

The Symposium will be open to the public. The papers, among which 65 presentations of 20 minutes each and around one hundred brief 10 minute interventions during round tables, will form the scientific basis of the Symposium, and will feed into the discussions and resulting recommendations.

Call for Papers: “Heritage: Driver of Development”
Deadline for abstracts: 31 January 2011

The ICOMOS members who wish to propose a paper for one of the four sub-themes, should submit a concise half-page summary (max. 1500 characters, please indicate the full title of the paper and the chosen sub-theme), in French or English, by email to AG2011_symposium@icomos.org at the latest by 31 January 2011 (18:00, Paris time). Please note that this deadline will be strictly adhered to. The abstracts should be accompanied by a short 5-line curriculum vitae and the author’s full contact details (postal address, phone, fax, email).

Successful proposals will be selected anonymously by the Scientific Committee of the Symposium, which will determine the form in which the paper will be given (full presentation or brief intervention); to which sub-theme it is finally allocated, and will inform the authors by 1 March. Successful authors will be asked to provide a more developed proposal (3 pages or max. 9000 characters) by 1 May.

For more information, go to (pdf file) http://www.international.icomos.org/publications/e-news/2010/E-news_61_20101222.pdf

Pierre Antoine Gatier
President of ICOMOS France

Benjamin Mouton
Symposium Coordinator

Call for Comments on US World Heritage Nominations and Tentative List

Deadline is January 12, 2011

The information below is being transmitted to US/ICOMOS members, friends, and supporteres to solicit comments on US nominations to the World Heritage List and the possible
addition of sites to the US World Heritage Tentative List. Please read the Federal Register Notice in its entirety. In accordance with the FR Notice:

“Please provide all comments directly to Jonathan Putnam, Office of International Affairs, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW. (0050), Washington, DC 20005 or by email to: jonathan_putnam@nps.gov. Phone 202-354-1809. Fax 202-371-1446. All comments will be a matter of public record. Before including an address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in a comment, please be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made public at any time. While you can request that personal identifying information be withheld from public review, it may not be possible to comply with this request.”

The following message is from Steve Morris, Chief, Office of International Affairs, National Park Service -

As someone who in the past has expressed views regarding properties that should be considered for nomination by the United States to the UNESCO World Heritage List, you may have an interest in submitting a comment to the National Park Service as per the announcement published today in the Federal Register (see link below). The 30-day comment period concludes on January 12, 2011.


Best regards,

Stephen Morris
Chief
Office of International Affairs
National Park Service

National Trust Calls for Award Nominations and Session Proposals

The following announcements came from the National Trust for Historic Preservation -

Call for Award Nominations

Each year the National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates the best of preservation by presenting National Preservation Awards to individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate excellence in historic preservation.

We invite you to nominate a deserving individual, organization, agency, or project for a National Preservation Award. The nomination deadline for all awards is February 17, 2011.

In 2011 we are pleased to announce that we will be selecting the first American Express Aspire awardee. This award will recognize an emerging leader in preservation. Other awards include the Trustees’ Awards, National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award, National Trust/HUD
Secretary's Award, the Peter H. Brink Award for Individual Achievement, and the National Preservation Honor Awards. Those nominations not selected to receive a special category award will automatically be considered for an Honor Award.

Go to http://www.preservationnation.org/awards to access the 2011 nomination information and view video highlights of last year’s award winners. The entire application must be completed online.

If you have questions or need additional information about the awards or the nomination process, please call 202.588.6315 or e-mail awards@nthp.org. We look forward to receiving your nomination. Spread the word!

Call for Session Proposals

We at the National Trust for Historic Preservation invite you to submit a session proposal for the National Preservation Conference, happening this year in Buffalo, New York, on October 19-22, 2011.

The conference theme Alternating Currents reflects the push and pull that the forces of heritage, economics, and community opinion have on the work of preservationists across the U.S. -- and asks if the current slate of debates and tools are still relevant.

Help us make the case for preservation -- how it revitalizes cities, combats sprawl, creates jobs, saves energy, preserves landscapes, and builds community. Send us session ideas about the critical issues that challenge communities across the country, and share the cutting-edge historic preservation strategies and models that address them.

Symposia and Other Opportunities

International Conference: Why Does the Past Matter?

University of Massachusetts Amherst May 4-7, 2011
The UMass Amherst Center for Heritage and Society www.umass.edu/chs
Registration is now open -
For more information about the conference, including conference themes, and tentative program information, go to http://www.umass.edu/chs/news/conference2011.html

To submit an abstract or organized session, go to http://www.whydoesthepastmatter.org/

To register, go to https://regstg.com/Registration/Introduction.aspx?rid=2926b708-195d-47c8-9ef1-52d0dc8ff7cc

First Conference of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Mural Painting
January 25 - January 30, 2011 in Florence, Italy
http://www.fondazione-delbianco.org/seminari/progetti_prof/progview_PL.asp?start=1&idprog=196
Third International Conference on Travelers' Philanthropy
San Jose and Monteverde, Costa Rica, July 20 - 23, 2011

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Join the Center for Responsible Travel and the Monteverde Institute for the Third International Travelers' Philanthropy Conference, which will take place in San Jose and Monteverde, Costa Rica, July 20 - 23, 2011. The conference will open in San Jose on Wednesday, July 20th and then continue, Thursday, July 21 - Saturday, July 23, with plenary sessions, workshops & site visits in the cloud forest destination of Monteverde.

Conference registration, other details, and updates are posted at www.travelersphilanthropy.org/conference