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Membership Renewal Reminder

The 2012 ICOMOS Cards will be ready for distribution next month. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in US/ICOMOS for 2012 - you can renew online at <http://www.usicomos.org/membership>

It also is not too late to make a tax-deductible year-end donation online at <http://www.usicomos.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4>

17th ICOMOS General Assembly & Scientific Symposium

More than 50 members of US/ICOMOS attended the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly in Paris, a number of whom gave presentations during the Scientific Symposium. In all, nearly 1200 people attended the gathering representing more than 100 countries. The General Assembly included meetings of the International Scientific Committees (ISCs), which also staffed exhibit booths to provide opportunities for prospective members to talk with ISC officers about the committee activities. Both the General Assembly and the Scientific Symposium were held at the UNESCO Headquarters, just south of the Ecole Militaire and the Champ de Mars.

The full program can be found at this link - <http://www.icomos-paris2011.com/xvii-eme-assemblee-generale-icomos-2011>

More information can be found on the new ICOMOS website at www.icomos.org

Araoz Re-Elected to a Three-Year Term as ICOMOS President

Gustavo Araoz, President of ICOMOS, was elected to a second three-year term as President at the recent 17th ICOMOS General Assembly. A native of Cuba, Mr. Araoz came to the United States with his family as a child. He is a preservation architect who has worked on the management and conservation of the historic built environment for the past 30 years. From 1995 to 2008, he served as Executive Director of US/ICOMOS. In December 2002, he was elected International Vice President of ICOMOS and was re-elected for a second term at the 15th ICOMOS General Assembly (October 2005) in Xi'an, China.

At the 16th ICOMOS General Assembly (October 2008) in Quebec, Canada, Mr. Araoz was elected President of ICOMOS. Gustavo Araoz was the first president in the history of ICOMOS to be elected from the United States. He won the election with an overwhelming majority of 67% of the delegates of the General Assembly.

SCENES FROM THE
17TH ICOMOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY &
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM



View of the Eiffel Tower and the Ecole Militaire from the UNESCO cafeteria



Green roof at the UNESCO Headquarters, site of the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Paris, France



US/ICOMOS member Doug Comer (third from left) representing the International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)



Gustavo Araoz addresses the General Assembly after his re-election as President of ICOMOS



Wilfried Lipp (Austria), Kristal Buckley (Australia), and Boguslaw Szmygin (Poland) at the US/ICOMOS reception for the newly elected ICOMOS officers

Upon assuming the Presidency of ICOMOS Mr. Araoz relinquished his position as Executive Director and became a Senior Advisor to US/ICOMOS.

Following the elections, the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees honored the election of Mr. Araoz as President and the other newly elected or re-elected ICOMOS officers at a reception held at l'Automobile Club de France.

15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium in San Antonio

The 15th annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium will be held May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the conference is

“Confluence of Cultures: World Heritage in the Americas”

during which the San Antonio Missions, on the US Tentative List for nomination to the World Heritage List, will be highlighted.

More than 50 abstracts were received for consideration. The abstracts are being reviewed and the preliminary program is being compiled. Registration will open in January 2012. The El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel will be the conference hotel, with a conference room rate of \$85 per night (<http://eltropicanohotel-px.trvlclick.com/>). This reduced room rate will be available to conference attendees up to 3 days before and 3 days after the conference, so make your vacation plans accordingly! The conference rate will be available once registration opens in January.

In addition to tours of the Missions and the Alamo, the program will include a welcome dinner/40th anniversary celebration of the World Heritage Convention to be held at Mission San Jose.

For more information on the 2012 symposium, go to the US/ICOMOS website at www.usicomos.org/symposium, or go directly to the conference website at www.usicomos2012.com.

2012 US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program

Since 1984, US/ICOMOS has supported bilateral exchanges in heritage conservation for professionals who are in the early stages of their careers. The program will be reinvigorated in 2012 and expanded over the coming years, focusing on a wide range of heritage conservation activities and expanding to more countries around the world.

Updated information on the 2012 exchange program has been posted on our website this fall at <http://www.usicomos.org/intern>

Call for US and International Hosts for the International Exchange Program.

We hope you will consider hosting a US/ICOMOS International Intern. For more information on hosting a US/ICOMOS international intern, go to <http://www.usicomos.org/intern/hosts>.

Call for Applications to become a US/ICOMOS International Intern

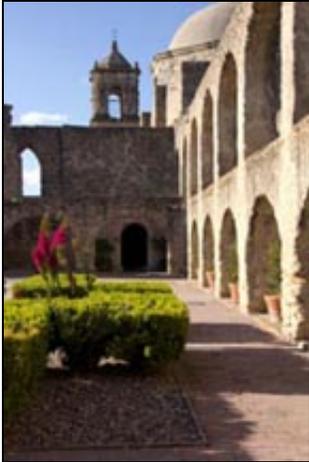
The deadline for intern applications is January 31, 2012. For application procedures, please go to <http://www.usicomos.org/intern/apply>

For a list of past internships, please visit <http://www.usicomos.org/intern/list>

Call for Proposals - National Underground Railroad Conference

June 20-24, 2012, St. Augustine, Florida

The National Park Service, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program is proud to present the 6th annual National Underground Railroad Conference in St. Augustine, Florida, June 20-24, 2012. This conference will explore how freedom seekers seized opportunities to escape slavery into Spanish Florida, the Caribbean Islands, Indian Territory, Texas, and Mexico and how this helped to shape and transform new cultural identities in the region. Other conference topics include preservation and interpretation of stories of southern freedom seekers during the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, in commemoration of the 200th and 150th anniversaries, respectively.



Mission San Jose will be the site of the welcome dinner/40th anniversary celebration of the World Heritage Convention during the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium, May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas



The 2010 class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program at the World Bank in Washington, DC

The conference brings together scholars, site stewards, community researchers, student artists, and enthusiasts from across the nation for five days of renowned speakers, panel discussions, an exhibit hall, and tours of local museums and historic sites. The conference will end with a cultural festival highlighting traditional crafts, language, music and foodways of the Gullah Geechee and Black Seminole whose descendants are invited to attend and share their history and culture.

SER national parks and staff are particularly invited to participate in the conference. Conference partners include CASA, the National Park Foundation, African American Experience Fund, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and the Organization of American Historians.

The call for proposals is now available on the Organization of American Historians website at: <http://www.oah.org/programs/nps/2012ugrr/index.html>. The submission deadline for proposals is January 15th.

For more information on the National Underground Railroad Network, visit <http://www.nps.gov/ugrr>. For more information about the Network to Freedom Program and National Underground Railroad conference, see <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/community/annual-conference.htm> or contact Turkiya L. Lowe, Ph.D., at turkiya_lowe@nps.gov, 404-507-5830.

Call for Abstracts - Preserving the Historic Road 2012

September 20-23, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana

The CALL FOR PAPER ABSTRACTS for the 2012 Preserving the Historic Road conference to be hosted in Indianapolis this coming September is now in progress. The deadline for paper abstracts is 12:00 midnight (Pacific Time) January 31, 2012.

Long known as the Crossroads State, Indiana has notable historic roads and scenic byway corridors including the Historic National Road, the Ohio River Scenic Byway, Indiana Historic Pathways, the Lincoln Highway, the Whitewater Canal, the Dixie Highway and the Michigan Road. Founded in 1821, Indianapolis was designed by Alexander Ralston, an apprentice of Pierre Charles L'Enfant. Nicknamed the Circle City, Indianapolis is centered on historic Monument Circle. In the 1900s, as a part of the City Beautiful movement, the noted landscape architect George Kessler created a plan for parklands and boulevards throughout the City. Today, after forty years of progressive planning, Indianapolis is one of the most dynamic and walkable cities in the United States.

Information on the conference and submitting an abstract is available at: www.historicroads.org

