CIVVIH newsletter through July’s issue
CELEBRATES its first year of life since its creation
and wishes you a pleasant summer holiday season.
Coming back in September!!!

Message to the members of CIVVIH

Dear colleagues,

I am sending you July’s newsletter and on that occasion I would like to wish you a pleasant summer holiday season which will fill you with new ideas and a pleasant disposition to continue our work in September.

On the occasion of the first year of the creation and operation of our newsletter, I would like to thank all CIVVIH members for their warm welcome and all colleagues who contributed with sending material.

I would particularly like to thank the team of new ICOMOS-Hellenic members who have supported this work, namely Eleni Oeconomopoulou, Architect, MSc in Conservation and Restoration, for participating in the newsletters’ editing and for her artistic contribution, Marioanna Louka, PhD Archaeology, for the translations into English and French, as well as Michel Bonnette and David Logan for the linguistic editing in French and English respectively.

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CIVVIH Acting President
1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important update message - ICOMOS & World Bank cooperation

ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz had the opportunity to have an informal meeting with representatives of the World Bank. The purpose of the meeting was to explore how ICOMOS and the World Bank could cooperate, especially in the context of the priorities for collaboration defined in the recently signed cooperative agreement between the World Bank and UNESCO. In that agreement the two institutions state their intent to work on four areas that will include, but not be limited to historic cities preservation and rehabilitation; the promotion of cultural diversity; the conservation of natural heritage sites; and the economics of cultural heritage. An important role for CIVVIH is obvious on the subject of the Bank’s initiatives on Historic Towns. More ample information will circulate shortly.
We would like to inform our members that our CIVVIH Website is available. We invite our members to send papers relevant to our subjects of interest to be added in the “library”.

Furthermore, the Valetta Principles document is at the stage of the final linguistic editing. Soon the final version will be available for distribution.

We remind you about the Call for paper 2011 of Portusplus (please see the site: www.reteonline.org in the section "Portusplus" - "Call for papers"). The proposals for papers should have been sent to the Scientific Secretariat of Portusplus, following the instructions for submission, before July 15, 2011. The first issue of the magazine is consultable on the website of RETE: www.reteonline.org in the section "Portusplus". Portusplus 1-2011 is dedicated to the results of the Call for papers launched in 2010 with the aim of collecting and disseminating interdisciplinary scientific publications, focused on the themes of interest.

Euromed Heritage 4 and RehabiMed are happy to announce the 4th edition of the International Digital Photography Award “Crossing Viewpoints”. This year’s theme is: “Mediterranean cities as space of socialisation”. The towns and cities in the Mediterranean are dynamic, living places that bring together different cultures, generations and types of people. Their meeting spaces are many and varied: traditional city spaces like the rooftops of dwellings and the hammams; religious spaces, like mosques, churches or cemeteries; leisure spaces such as sports venues and gardens; commercial spaces like markets and souks; spaces of passage such as porches, spaces for family celebration like houses’ courtyards, and spaces for religious or cultural celebrations such as public squares, etc. To socialize is to celebrate life, and this act is set in a specific physical space, recreating the intangibility of the event… Send pictures of your cities. Everybody can join in. Deadline for the reception of photographs and accompanying material: 15th September 2011 - 01 p.m. Brussels time.

For further information or to enter the competition: www.euromedheritage.net/intern.cfm

CIVVIH member Joao Campos coordinates the following Seminar:

THE NEW BORDERS OF MODERN TIMES AND THE BULWARKED FORTIFICATIONS

Which will take place in CEAMA, External Gate of Santo António / Commemorations of the Almeida’ Siege, from 26 to 28 August 2011.

The theme of the Seminar, continuing the debate conducted in the European Heritage Days, which took place in Almeida last September (see the registration in the pages of the
present issue), aims to put the question of raising the Stronghold of Almeida in the category of the UNESCO World Heritage through a serial application, international and intercontinental. For further information: J.campos@netc.pt

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[new]** An announcement from the ICCROM Collections Unit
  
  **Museum collections are at serious risk**
  
  An estimated 60% of the world's collections in storage are inaccessible and deteriorating rapidly. You can help ICCROM to collect more information on this topic.
  
  - If you work in a museum, take 10 minutes to answer this survey for the chance to win a one-year subscription to UNESCO's Museum International magazine: [http://museumstorage.questionpro.com](http://museumstorage.questionpro.com) (answers are confidential).
  
  - If you don't work in a museum, help us by forwarding this survey throughout your network.

- **[new]** The 13th World Conference of Historical Cities will be held in Hue, Vietnam from 16 to 18 April 2012 (Pre-conference event will be provided on 15 April). The main theme of the Conference is "Defining Universal Heritage Challenges and Solutions".

- **[new]** Built Heritage Course: Restoration, Preservation, and Conservation will take place in Florence, Italy from October 16 to November 13, 2011.
  
  The Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation is promoting an intensive four week specialized course on the preservation, conservation, and restoration of built heritage and cultural heritage. The course is designed for young professionals, interns, and advanced students in architecture, engineering, heritage restoration, and cultural studies.
  

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- **[new]** The 24th World Congress of Architecture
  
  **Dates: Sunday, September 25 - Saturday, October 1, 2011**


- **[new]** Future Cities 2011 – International Symposium London, 15th and 16th December, Westminster London UK / Call for Papers and Delegate Registration
  
  IJNR, The International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal is pleased to announce the staging of Future Cities, a New Annual Conference Series dedicated to the sustainable development of our Cities and Urban areas. The first event is being staged in the heart of the global city of London at Westminster and overall details of the event can be found at [http://www.rantrad.co.uk/rantrad-future-cities](http://www.rantrad.co.uk/rantrad-future-cities)

  Over the 2 day event over 700 delegates from across the globe will listen to a range of presenters and discuss key issues and topics. There are eight streams to the event and Papers are welcome in the following policy themes:
To submit a paper please email here an abstract and a short summary of the Paper etc. The **deadline for submissions is 1st August 2011**. To register as a delegate please email your requirements here.

**Other E-Newsletters we recommend to visit:**

- **ICROM e-News** available online at [http://www.iccrom.org/index.shtml](http://www.iccrom.org/index.shtml)
- Newsletter forum UNESCO, university and heritage: [http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin_FUUP_html/index_eng.html](http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin_FUUP_html/index_eng.html)
- **OpenMed**, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at [www.open-med.eu](http://www.open-med.eu)

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**REMINDER**

**ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2011**

The 17th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS will be held from 27 November to 2 December 2011 in Paris, France.

You are encouraged to send us information about your activities in order to be included on Member’s Activities in the forthcoming CIVVIH Newsletters