

CIVVIH Newsletter
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

On the following links are available **UNESCO** and **Blue Shield** (of which ICOMOS is a founding member) **Statements** regarding **the situation of cultural heritage in Egypt**:
http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/unesco_director_general_launches_heritage_and_press_freedom_alert_for_egypt/
<http://www.blueshield-international.org>



OWHC Project “Historic Cities in Development: Keys for Understanding and Acting”

The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) **is launching the third phase** of its project *Historic Cities in Development: the Keys to Understanding and Action*, a COMPILATION OF CASE STUDIES on the conservation and management historic cities.

Since 2008, the OWHC and the city of Lyon, in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and UNESCO within the framework of the Cities Programme and with the financial and technical support of the France-UNESCO Convention, the Netherlands Funds in Trust, the Council of Europe, the Getty Conservation Institute and ICOMOS, have worked for the development of a Compilation of case studies which will ultimately allow the sharing of knowledge and expertise unparalleled in the world of historic cities.

Thus, in view of the increased contribution of the Regional Secretariats in OWHC activities, the Organization is encouraging member cities to take part in this project of sharing experiences. Cities, by submitting one (or more) exemplary achievement(s), will contribute to the concrete understanding of the operational process of urban development projects.

For further information visit OWHC site at:

http://www.ovpm.org/en/compilation_case_studies_conservation_and_management_historic_cities

Contribution of CIVVIH to the OWHC project

Within the framework of the OWHC project, CIVVIH contributes by supporting the cities are mentioned as case studies elaborated by the World Heritage Center. Are on one hand the historic cities inscribed in the World Heritage list and on the other the World Heritage sites in an urban context.



The Jean-Paul-L'Allier Prize for Heritage-Edition 2011

The OWHC is proud to present the members of the jury of the 2nd edition of the Jean-Paul-L'Allier Prize for Heritage. These members are:

- Ms. Bénédicte Selfslagh, Secretary General of ICOMOS
- Mr. Ron van Oers, Responsible for the World Heritage City Program of UNESCO
- Ms. Régina Wiala-Zimm, Executive Chief of International Relations for the City of Vienna, a city that is a member of the Board of Directors of the OWHC
- Mr. Bruno Delas, Project Manager at the Lyon mayoralty, another city that is a member of the Board of Directors of the OWHC
- Mr. Denis Ricard, Secretary General of the OWHC.

The City that will be the recipient of this prestigious international prize will be honored at the opening ceremony of the OWHC World Congress that will be held in Sintra, Portugal, from November 22 to 25, 2011.

The cities' candidacies must be filed with the OWHC **not later than August 31, 2011**. For any additional information, we invite you to visit the OWHC Web Site (www.ovpm.org) or to contact the coordinator of the Jean-Paul-L'Allier Prize for Heritage, Ms. Chantale Émond (cemond@ovpm.org).

1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIVVIH ANNUAL MEETING 2011

The CIVVIH annual meeting will be held on **December 2, 2011 in Paris**. Following the decision of the board meeting will be a statutory part and a thematic section. The number of participants is estimated to be approximately 30 people.

International Symposium on Social and Economic Development in Old Cities

Damascus (Syria), 26-28 April 2011

The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) is organising an International Symposium jointly with the European and Syrian Program for Decentralisation and Local Development (MAM II).

This Symposium will present examples of projects and practices contributing to Old Cities Sustainable Social and Economic Development in Syria and in different parts of the world. This is a rare opportunity for professionals and academic from Syria, Arabic, European and other countries to share their experiences and concerns.

It will be held from 26 to 28 April 2011 in Damascus (Syria) and will include working sessions and a field visit to the Old City of Damascus. The sessions will be held in a XIXth century villa built by the emir Abdelkader of Algeria. Working languages will be Arabic, English and French with simultaneous translation. A to the Historic City of Aleppo on 29 and 30 April will be additionally proposed by MAM to International participants, according to conditions to be specified later.

CIVVIH acting President is Professor Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias (Greece) and MAM Programme Director is Eng. Kinda Muhanna (Syria). CIVVIH Scientific Committee include Dr. Samir Abdulac (France), Dr. George Zouain (Lebanon) and Dr. Pierre Laconte (Belgium).

Registration:

Registration to the Symposium requests from CIVVIH members and from other international participants are to be addressed rapidly and **before 30 March** to the President of CIVVIH, in order to receive an invitation. Please add a recent CV, mention your full whereabouts, specify if you wish to present a paper and indicate the expected dates of your stay. Paper proposals should be sent directly to the Scientific Committee.

Other information:

Further announcements will soon include a Call for papers, information about lodging in Damascus and the participation to Aleppo visit. Registration is free. Hotel reservations through MAM may probably be available to a limited number of participants only. It is advised to get information about visa requirements from Syrian Arab Republic embassies as early as possible.

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Websites of the two Symposium Partners:

<http://civvih.icomos.org> and <http://www.mam-sy.org>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme:

Today, old cities are sometimes just neighbourhoods inserted in much wider modern metropolises. This is however where is concentrated architectural cultural heritage and is to be found a deep feeling of identity. Interventions for old cities conservation are much more difficult than the restoration of individual historical monuments, not only because of the quantity of physical structures to be restored or rehabilitated, but mainly because cities are living organisms, with a complexity of human and functional, social and economical aspects.

A diversified population that is sometime fragile, often ill known inhabits Old Cities. Many trades, sometime traditional, often small-scaled, are practised there. Cultural Heritage within is not built only. It may encompass crafts, art works and may be intangible. All this complexity contributes to the charm of Old Cities. However, mighty processes are at work to turn them into monofunctional areas: slum or gentrified, tourist or commercial neighbourhoods, museum towns, etc.

Social Development and equity imply to keep local communities into places, to preserve their balance and diversity, to improve their housing, their neighbourhood, their environment, their services and public facilities. Their information, their participation, their dynamics and their possible investment abilities are to be enhanced.

Economic Development implies the safeguard of non-harmful activities. An excessive pressure from tourist and commercial activities is to be avoided. Crafts and knowledge activities are to be encouraged. The conservation of heritage should support energy saving, promote local jobs and regenerate some construction processes.

There are probably no ready-made solutions, but we do know that the Social and Economic Development of Old Cities relies on revitalisation as well as on conservation and that its implementation has often to be comprehensive and always sustainable. The safeguard of Old Cities may include series of successive projects that ensure its visibility and credibility for the population. As a whole they do however generally participate in a long-term process and a strategy where the roles of public and private stakeholders should be complementary and harmonious.

Papers:

Presented communications should deal with Old City Social or Economic aspects (or both). This may include examples of good practices or presentations of case studies at different scales. They could be comprehensive or just focus on raising the awareness of the public or the training of craftsmen for example. They should however indicate the policy, strategy, regulation, institutional and/or budget framework that make them possible. The Symposium papers will be published by MAM II as CD-Rom and presented on the CIVVIH website.

Timetable:

CIVVIH members and international participants wishing to submit a paper should write a concise half page summary (1,500 signs) mentioning the title, in English or in French, with a brief 5 lines curriculum vitae. They should send it to the Scientific Committee (at abdulac.sa@gmail.com) **on no later than 10 March 2011**. The Scientific Committee will answer before 20 March. A final version of 3 to 6 pages with illustrations should be sent no later than 12 April.

2. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

- **[new]** CIVVIH member **Prof. Olga Sevan** acts as scientific curator for the exhibition having as subject : The historical monuments from the book "Buildings in Wood". The duration of the exhibition will be from February 22 to March 21, 2011.
- **[new]** CIVVIH member **Prof. Danuta Kłosek-Kozłowska** is active participating in the following conference:

**ICOMOS Poland and its Commission for The Protection of City Heritage
invite to participate in the international conference**

**THE LIFE QUALITY IN CITY CENTRES –
CONDITIONS FOR RESIDENCE AND TOURISM
which will be held in Toruń (World Heritage City) - Poland, 12-15 of May 2011**

The conference is planned as the event which ought to reach conclusions from scientific theory and research to practical implementation such as urban plans and strategies for historic towns and its centres. The conference provides an opportunity for presentations and discussion of urban problems connected with cultural anthropology, sociology, health and environmental issues, spatial planning, protection and management of the city heritage, historical and aesthetic aspects concerning urban life transformation. We propose papers presentation for three thematic sessions:

Session 1. TOURISM IMPACT ON EVERYDAY LIFE

Investment opportunities created by tourist development often lead to uncontrolled market-led forces that displace ordinary residents, increase housing costs, and drive the businesses required for everyday life out of the city center. We are interested in case studies and other analyses of these and other questions about the effects of tourism on everyday life.

Session 2. CREATING CONDITIONS FOR EFFECTIVE TOURISM IN THE HISTORICAL CITY CENTERS

According to the concept "Life Beyond Tourism" by Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation in Florence, the transformation of tourism should emerge from an intercultural and interpersonal communication, cognition, awareness of urban economic problems, issues of environment protection, revitalization of neglected districts.

Session 3. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN URBAN, ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSERVATION DETERMINANTS

The examples of historic centres revitalization and architectural and urban renewal should point out to the methods of effective coordination between old cities functions and their contemporary roles, the quality of their residents' lifestyle and tourism pressure. Which solutions already implemented could become a sustainable model for cultural tourism? Is the role of urban historians significant for changing the present day situation, mostly controversial?

All necessary information (Application Form and payment, paper submission, post-conference tour to Bydgoszcz and scientific publication of papers: www.flo-tor.byd.pl)

[Further details of the conference, its programme, paper submission guidelines, publication of papers will be available successively at www.flo-tor.byd.pl and sent to individuals and institutions interested in participating after they have completed the Application Form, at the: www.flo-tor.byd.pl]

- **[new]** CIVVIH V. President **Michel Bonnette** was invited by the Haiti State University to travel to Port-au-Prince from February 15 to 22, to teach *Architectural Heritage and Reconstruction* to students doing Post Graduate Studies in History, Memory and Heritage. At the same time he will holding a one day workshop in Jacmel in the presence of representatives from the National Institute for the Safeguarding of Haiti's Heritage and from the town of Jacmel which was on the Haitian World Heritage Tentative List before the earthquake. The town's historic center was heavily hit by the quake.

3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[new] Call for papers: The NED Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning is working on a biannual publication. Articles are invited for the two issues 2011, on the following themes: "Towards Sustainable Architecture" (issue 1) and "Vernacular Architecture" (issue 2). Research papers/ articles submitted will go through a peer review process before selection for the publication. Contents of the previous issues can be reviewed at the following weblink: <http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/index.htm> while articles can be send to the following e-mail address: crd@neduet.edu.pk

- **[new]** The International Association of World Heritage Professionals e.V. (IAWHP e.V.) is organising a WHS Alumni conference on **"World Heritage and Sustainable Development"** to be held in BTU Cottbus, Germany, from **June 16 to 19, 2011**. This WHS Alumni Conference is the first of a series of events and activities being planned by IAWHP e.V. since its official recognition as a non-profit organisation by German Law in 2010. Moreover, the conference is being organised as part of the celebrations being held at BTU Cottbus on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary and in close co-operation with BTU's WHS Master's Program. Further details about the aims of the conference, scientific sessions and abstract submission requirements is provided in the accompanying **Call for Papers** and the deadline for submitting the abstracts is **28th February 2011**.

More information on the conference programme and other related aspects will soon also be available on our association's website. In the meantime, for queries related to the conference and IAWHP e.V.: whs.conference2011@tu-cottbus.de and info@iawhp.com

- **[new] Change of dates:** World Congress of the OWHC Sintra 2011 - The Organization of World Heritage Cities announces that its next World Congress to be held in Sintra, Portugal, has been postponed by two weeks and will now take place from **22 to 25 November 2011** [For more information: secretariat@ovpm.org / OWHC Website: www.ovpm.org]
- **[new]** The **"First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflict"** will be held from September 26 to October 28 2011 (5 weeks), in Rome. Organizers are ICCROM in cooperation with UNESCO, Blue

Shield Network and specialized international and national agencies. Objectives are to explore the values associated with cultural heritage and the impact that conflict has on them, to assess and manage risks to cultural heritage in conflict situations, to secure, salvage and stabilize a variety of cultural materials, to take peacetime preparatory action to improve response in times of conflict, to critically examine the applicability of international legal instruments, and of conservation ethics and principles in times of conflict, to communicate successfully with the various actors involved, and work in teams. [For more information and application form

http://www.iccom.org/eng/01train_en/forms_en/applfrm_en.doc / aidinconflict@iccrom.org]

Other E-Newsletters we recommend to visit:

- Australia ICOMOS E-Mail News available online at <http://australia.icomos.org/category/e-news/>
- Newsletter of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee of Vernacular Architecture (CIAV) available at <http://ciav.icomos.org/>
- The new ICOMOS International Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) newsletter available at http://www.icomos.org/icahm/articles/ICAHM_News_07-10.pdf
- ICCROM e-News available online at <http://www.iccrom.org/index.shtml>
- Newsletter forum UNESCO, university and heritage:
http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin_FUUP_html/index_eng.html
- International Union of Architects – UIA E-newsletter available at <http://www.uia-architectes.org>
- OpenMed, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at www.open-med.eu
- The **Réseau Art Nouveau Network** which aims to preserve and promote Art Nouveau all over Europe www.artnouveau-net.eu (available in seven languages)

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