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Membership Renewal Reminder

US/ICOMOS has begun distributing the 2012 ICOMOS Cards to those who have renewed membership. 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>

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.

An editorial published recently in the Houston Chronical supports nomination of the San Antonio Missions to the World Heritage List. The editorial (January 27, 2012) can be found online at <http://www.chron.com/opinion/editorials/article/San-Antonio-missions-deserve-World-Heritage-2758553.php>

Registration will be announced soon. 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!

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.

UNESCO Launches 40th Anniversary Celebration of the World Heritage Convention

The official ceremony for the launch of the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention was held January 30, 2012, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. UNESCO has developed a webpage that lists all official events related to the 40th anniversary celebration. <http://whc.unesco.org/en/40years/>

ICCROM's New Director-General Takes Office

At the ICCROM XXVII General Assembly in November 2011, Dr. Stefano De Caro was appointed ICCROM's new Director General. He started his new position in January 2012 at ICCROM's headquarters in Rome, Italy. Biographical information on Dr. Stefano can be found on ICCROM's website at http://www.iccrom.org/eng/news_en/2012_en/various_en/01_09DeCaro_bi_o_en.shtml

US Department of Interior to Announce Process for Selecting



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



Possible Future US World Heritage Nominations

According to the National Park Service's Office of International Affairs, the Department of Interior will begin the process of selecting possible future U.S. World Heritage nominations by issuing a First Notice in the Federal Register, as required by Federal regulations for the World Heritage program. The notice is expected to be published by the end of February 2012. As required, the notice will invite public comments on which properties on the Tentative List should be nominated next. The public comment period will be shorter than last year's, in recognition of the fact that NPS already has a great deal of first-hand information on the activities of most properties on the Tentative List. The text of the notice will be more, in that it will ask for comments that specifically address the readiness of each property to prepare a viable World Heritage nomination.

Federal Regulations regarding US participation in the World Heritage Convention can be found at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_03/36cfr73_03.html

George Wright Society Forum Fulfilling the International Mission of the National Park Service Stephen Morris and Jonathan Putnam, Guest Editors

The recent issue of the George Wright Society Forum (Volume 20, no 23, 2011) focuses on the international mission of the National Park Service. The volume includes an article by Peter Stott on the history of the National Park Service's involvement in developing the World Heritage Convention 1962-1972.

The article "Linking NPS to the World: The Role of the National Park Service Office of International Affairs" by Mr. Morris and Mr. Putnam can be found at <http://www.georgewright.org/283morris.pdf>

The contents for the entire issue can be found at <http://www.georgewright.org/forumcurrent>

China-World Bank Partnership Publication Available Online

The World Bank recently made available online a new publication titled *Conserving the Past as a Foundation for the Future: China-World Bank Partnership on Cultural Heritage Preservation* (published September 2011 as No. 12 in the World Bank's Urban Development Series Knowledge Papers). The publication's authors are Katrinka Ebbe, Guido Licciardi, and Axel Baeumler with a forward by Klaus Rohland, Country Director, China, East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank.

A pdf file of the publication is available at http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2011/12/06/000333038_20111206003331/Rendered/PDF/658990WP00PUBL0na0text0110140110web.pdf

New ICAHM Publication on Petra

The first publication in the ICAHM Springer Series, Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Archaeological Heritage Management, is now available. Entitled *Tourism and Archaeological Heritage Management at Petra: Driver to Development or Destruction?*, the publication by Douglas Comer can be found at <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/archaeology+%26+anthropology/book/978-1-4614-1480-3>

Call for Abstracts: Preservation Education Conference

The School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation at Roger Williams University is hosting a Preservation Education Conference in Bristol, Rhode Island (USA), September 8 to 9, 2012. The goal of the conference is to bring higher education leaders in historic environment programs (e.g., historic preservation/heritage conservation) together from across the globe to present their research and address issues in pedagogy and curriculum development.

Preservation Education: Sharing Best Practices and Finding Common Ground, September 8 and 9, 2012
School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, Roger Williams



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

University, Bristol, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2012. For more information and a full description of the call for abstracts, contact Jeremy Wells, conference chair, at jwells@rwu.edu.

Call for Abstracts: Cultural Heritage Protection in Times of Risk

Yıldız Technical University and ICOMOS-ICORP (International Committee on Risk Preparedness) are organizing an international symposium on "Cultural Heritage Protection in Times of Risk: Challenges and Opportunities" to be held November 15-17, 2012 in Istanbul Turkey.

The aim of this symposium is to contribute towards developing solutions on an international platform by sharing planned and realized works on defining and mitigating slow as well as catastrophic risks, especially natural and human induced disasters and conflict situations, that threaten cultural heritage in short and long terms.

Deadline is March 20, 2012.

Detailed information can be found by visiting the webpage at <http://www.har.yildiz.edu.tr>

For further information, please contact the Secretariat at har@yildiz.edu.tr

Rutgers Conference on Cultural Landscapes: Preservation in the 21st Century listed as a 40th Anniversary World Heritage Convention Anniversary Activity

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on Cultural Landscapes, this conference will bring together scholars and professionals from around the world to address the debates over the interrelationship between culture and nature, the challenges of preservation within historic urban landscapes, the development of an integrated approach to identifying and assessing cultural landscapes, and the challenges of developing conservation strategies that reflect the complexities of world cultures and sites and respect their multiple stakeholders.

The conference is sponsored by the Program in Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies at Rutgers University with the participation of the Center for Art and Cultural Policy Studies, the Woodrow Wilson School (Princeton University), Penn Cultural Heritage Center (University of Pennsylvania), the Bloustein School of Public Policy and Planning (Rutgers University), and the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences/Landscape Architecture (Rutgers University).

The conference will be held October 12-14, 2012 at Rutgers University. More information can be found at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/812/>

