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NEWLY INSCRIBED WORLD HERITAGE SITES



**Papahānaumokuākea
(United States) - mixed natural and
cultural site**

Report of the 34th Meeting of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, Brasilia, Brazil July 25 - August 3, 2010

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The World Heritage Committee, the 21-nation governing body of the 1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention, held its 34th session in Brasilia, Brazil, July 25 - August 3. The United States is no longer a Committee member, having rotated off last year. Among the highlights from the U.S. perspective was the inscription of Papahānaumokuākea, a Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, as the first U.S. site added to the World Heritage List in 15 years.

The U.S. Observer Delegation was led by the U.S. Ambassador to UNESCO David Killion. Other members of the delegation included representatives of the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the State of Hawaii and the U.S. State Department.

Meeting Statistics

The Committee reviewed over 20,000 pages of documents and made nearly 250 decisions. 21 new properties were inscribed on the World Heritage List. There are now 911 sites on the World Heritage List: 704 cultural sites, 181 natural sites, and 26 mixed sites. Of the 187 States Parties to the Convention, 151 now have properties on the list with three (Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Tajikistan) having a site inscribed for the first time. The Committee added four sites to the List of World Heritage in Danger, including Everglades National Park, and removed the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) from this List, which now contains 34 sites.

Highlights of the Meeting

The inscription of Papahānaumokuākea as a mixed, cultural and natural site, marked the first U.S. site granted World Heritage status in 15 years.



Tabriz Historic Bazaar Complex (Iran)
PHOTO CREDIT: vathlu



The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur (India)



Prehistoric Caves of Yagul and Mitla in the Central Valley of Oaxaca (Mexico)
PHOTO CREDIT: jlroura



Convict Sites (Australia)
PHOTO CREDIT: martybugs



17th Century canal ring area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht (Netherlands)
PHOTO CREDIT: Massimo Catarinella

OTHER NEWLY INSCRIBED CULTURAL SITES

Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Tanzania, already on the World Heritage List as a natural property

Papahānaumokuākea is a vast and isolated linear cluster of small, low lying islands and atolls, with their surrounding ocean, roughly 250 km to the northwest of the main Hawaiian Archipelago and extending over some 1931 km. The area has deep cosmological and traditional significance for living Native Hawaiian culture, as an ancestral environment, as an embodiment of the Hawaiian concept of kinship between people and the natural world, and as the place where it is believed that life originates and to where the spirits return after death. On two of the islands, Nihoa and Makumanamana, there are archaeological remains relating to pre-European settlement and use. Much of the monument is made up of pelagic and deepwater habitats, with notable features such as seamounts and submerged banks, extensive coral reefs and lagoons. It is one of the largest marine protected areas in the world.

The site was inscribed by consensus with minimal discussion as it had received a strong recommendation from both of the Committee's Advisory Bodies, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

Everglades National Park was re-added to the List of World Heritage in Danger, as requested by the United States. Although the Everglades was removed from the Danger List in 2007, Interior Secretary Salazar had requested that the U.S. work towards re-listing the park on the Danger List, reflecting the Administration's concerns over the health of the park's ecosystem. The Committee recommended that a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN mission visit the park in late 2010 (likely November) to help NPS develop a "Desired State of Conservation" along with appropriate indicators to be used to gauge progress in the Everglades restoration efforts and ultimately remove the park from the Danger List. The Advisory Bodies, World Heritage Centre and even many Committee members praised the U.S. for this request, and the U.S. emphasized its hope that the move would help change the perception of the Danger List from a sanction to that of a positive tool intended to galvanize international attention and support.

Increased Politicization

This session of the Committee was decidedly more political than previous sessions and it was clear to all in attendance that lobbying and bargaining played a significant role in determining which sites were inscribed on the list. This increasingly overtly political decision making exhibited by the Committee is, according to a number of Committee members and some Observers, threatening to seriously undermine the credibility of the Convention. The United States has already approached some like-minded States Parties to discuss working together to collectively call attention to this issue.

The trend of the Committee towards "grade inflation" - almost always giving sites a more favorable decision than that recommended by the Advisory Bodies - continued. More so than in the past, the Committee overruled the recommendations of the advisory bodies, and either inscribed sites recommended for referral, or referred sites recommended for deferral. The At Turaif District in ad-Dir'iyah, Saudi Arabia, the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long in Viet Nam, the Sao Francisco Square in Sao Cristovao, Brazil, Danxia Mountain in China, and the Phoenix Islands of Kiribati, all of which had been recommended for deferral, were inscribed. Moving sites two steps up, from deferral to inscription, appears to be unprecedented in the Committee's history.

The Committee session was once again plagued by poor time management, meaning that many important issues were barely discussed, decided with insufficient discussion, or postponed until a later date.

but renominated as a cultural property)

Historic Monuments of Dengfeng (China)

Sheikh Safi al-din Khanegah and Shrine Ensemble in Ardabil (Iran)

Bikini Atoll, nuclear test sites (Marshall Islands)

Historic Villages of Korea: Hahoe and Yangdong (South Korea)

At-Turaif District in ad-Dir'iyah (Saudi Arabia)

Proto-urban site of Sarazm (Tajikistan)

Central Sector of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, Hanoi (Vietnam)

Episcopal City of Albi (France)

Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (Mexico)

Prehistoric Caves of Yagul and Mitla in the Central Valley of Oaxaca (Mexico)

Sao Francisco Square in the Town of Sao Cristovao (Brazil)

NEWLY INSCRIBED NATURAL SITES

Central Highlands of Sri Lanka

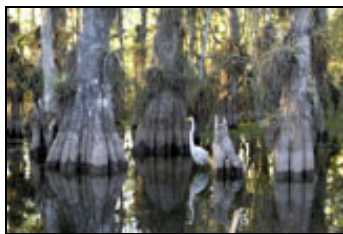
Danxia Landscape (China)

Phoenix Islands Protected Area (Kiribati)

Pitons, cirques and ramparts of Reunion Island (France)

Putorana Plateau (Russia)

NEW SITES ON THE ENDANGERED LIST



Everglades National Park (United States)

New World Heritage Nomination Course for Arabic-Speaking African Countries

September 19-30, 2010, Algeria

The African World Heritage Fund, a Category II Center in South Africa under the auspices of UNESCO, is pleased to announce the launch of the first edition of the Nomination Training Course for Arabic-speaking African countries, organized in partnership with the World Heritage Centre, the Algerian Ministry of Culture, the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation, IUCN, ICOMOS and ICCROM.

For more information and an application, visit the UNESCO website at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/698/>

For more information and an application form, go to http://www.awhf.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=67&lang=en

Final Reception for the 2010 Class of US/ICOMOS International Interns

The 2010 class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program reconvened in Washington in mid-August for the final program of the summer internships and orientation for the fall interns. On Wednesday, the group met in the US/ICOMOS conference room to prepare their presentations and share their experiences with the entire group. A reception was then held in their honor that evening at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. On Thursday, the group met with Guido Licciardi for a discussion of the World Bank's heritage development portfolio and a tour of the World Bank headquarters building. Thursday evening, the group met for refreshments at Bar Dupont before heading off to their closing dinner in Washington.

Congratulations to the 2010 class of US/ICOMOS International Interns! Their presentations will be posted on the US/ICOMOS website in the coming weeks.

- Colleen Leth (US) - conducted her internship in Cyprus to work with the Ministry of Culture (with the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute serving as host)
- Barbara Kurze (US) - conducted her internship in Paris, France to work with the ICOMOS Secretariat
- George McQueen (US) - conducted research in Ecuador and the historic city centre of Quito
- Amanda Shull (US) - conducted her internship in Ireland with the Galway County Council
- Justin Henderson (US) and Janice Medina (US) - conducted their internships in Jamaica with Falmouth Heritage Renewal
- Josslyn Stiner (US) and Christine Whims (US) - are going to India to work with the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (fall internships)
- David Hidalgo (Ecuador) and Cagin Basaran (Turkey) - conducted their internships in Charleston, SC with Clemson University's historic preservation program
- Nicolas Miño (Chile) - conducted his internship in Santa Fe, NM with Cornerstones Community Partnerships
- Monica Chialvo (Italy) is in Natchitoches, LA working with the National Center for Preservation Technology & Training (fall internship)

Save the Date - 2010 Ann Webster Smith Award Gala



**Bagrati Cathedral and
Gelati Monastery
(Georgia)**



**Tombs of Buganda Kings
(Uganda)
PHOTO CREDIT:
World Monuments Fund**

ALSO ADDED TO THE
ENDANGERED LIST

Rainforests of Atsinanana
(Madagascar)

**US/ICOMOS
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



Final Reception (l-r):
Colleen Leth, Christine Whims, David
Hidalgo, Josslyn Stiner, Nicolas Miño,
Cagin Basaran, George McQueen,
Janice Medina, Justin Henderson,
Amanda Shull, Barbara Kurze
(Not pictured: Monica Chialvo)

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, Cosmos Club, Washington, DC

US/ICOMOS is pleased to announce that the World Monuments Fund has been selected to receive the 2010 US/ICOMOS Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement. The award will be presented at the 2010 Ann Webster Smith Award Gala, to be held the evening of Tuesday, November 9, at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. Details on tickets for the event will be announced soon.

The Ann Webster Smith Award honors an American individual, group of persons or institution, in the public or private sector, for extraordinary and sustained achievement in perpetuating Ann Webster Smith's quest to make the United States a respected partner and trustworthy pillar to support the conservation of cultural heritage in all parts of the world.

The award nomination states in part: "The World Monuments Fund, during its forty-five year history, has effectively harnessed American corporate and individual philanthropy to rescue and protect heritage sites that are treasured by the people of more than ninety countries - on all continents. The World Monuments Fund is an exemplary global citizen."

Past recipients of the Ann Webster Smith Award are Russell E. Train (2009) and Lisa Ackerman (2008).

US/ICOMOS Online and through Social Media

As part of ongoing efforts to increase participation and involvement of our members, ICOMOS and US/COMOS are utilizing new social media tools and online technologies. Through Facebook, LinkedIn, and e-news distribution, US/ICOMOS members can now network in a variety of ways. Thanks to Ed Fitzgerald and James Cocks (both former US/ICOMOS interns) for getting the initial groups up and running.

US/ICOMOS Facebook Group

Join other US/ICOMOS members and supporters by joining the US/ICOMOS Facebook Group.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=41194632342&ref=ts>

Facebook Group for the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program

Join former interns, representatives from host organizations, and other heritage preservationists interested in international exchanges.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=4693318389&ref=ts>

ICOMOS and US/ICOMOS Groups on LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a social network linking experienced professionals from around the world. Your personal LinkedIn profile enables you to keep people up-to-date with what you are doing professionally. It is also a useful tool for networking with others as well as keeping in touch with people that you deal with on a regular basis. US/ICOMOS has created a LinkedIn group to help our members connect with one another and share information. It is a subgroup of ICOMOS. Become a part of the US/ICOMOS LinkedIn group today to stay up to date on the latest issues in world heritage conservation, participate in discussions, and receive topical news updates and employment listings.

ICOMOS - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=1623567>

US/ICOMOS (a subgroup of ICOMOS) - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=2553174>

Rome Prize - American Academy in Rome

American Academy in Rome invites applications for its 2011 Rome Prize



Guido Licciardi meets the group in the atrium of The World Bank



Learning about the heritage development portfolio of The World Bank (l-r: Santiago Diaz, David Hidalgo, George McQueen, Colleen Leth, and Nicolas Miño)



Touring the The World Bank headquarters building

SCENES FROM THE FINAL RECEPTION



New and former interns (l-r): Christine Whims, Kate Stoj, Gareth Morgan, and Josslyn Stiner

Competition Deadline: 1 November 2010
Extended Deadline: 15 November 2010*

The American Academy in Rome invites applications for the Rome Prize competition. One of the leading overseas centers for independent study and advanced research in the arts and the humanities, the Academy offers up to thirty fellowships for periods ranging from six months to two years.

Rome Prize winners reside at the Academy's eleven-acre center in Rome and receive room and board, a study or studio, and a stipend. Stipends for six-month fellowships are \$13,000 and stipends for eleven-month fellowships are \$30,000.

Fellowships are awarded in the following fields:

Architecture

Design (including graphic, fashion, interior, lighting, and set design, engineering, urban planning, and other related design fields)

Historic Preservation and Conservation (including architectural design, public policy, and the conservation of works of art)

Landscape Architecture

Literature**

Musical Composition

Visual Arts

Ancient Studies

Medieval Studies

Renaissance and Early Modern Studies

Modern Italian Studies

For further information, or to apply, visit the Academy's website at www.aarome.org or contact the American Academy in Rome, 7 East 60 Street, New York, NY 10022, Att: Programs. 212-751-7200 ext. 47 info@aarome.org.

Please state specific field of interest when requesting information.

The Rome Prize competition is underwritten in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

* Additional fee applies

**Awarded by nomination through the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Symposia and Other Opportunities

REGISTER NOW

Preserving the Historic Road Conference

September 9-12, 2010 in Washington, DC

The conference will consist of four days of education sessions, special events and field workshops to provide you with the latest best practices, theories and methods for the identification, preservation and management of historic roads. The Call for Papers has been distributed; abstracts were due January 31, 2010—visit <http://www.historicroads.org> for details.

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



Serra Akboy (former intern from Turkey) with Dana Lockett (NPS) and Serra's parents



George McQueen talks about his internship in Ecuador) talks with Joe Shull and Eugenio de Anzorena



Amanda Shull describes her internship in Ireland to Susan Cahill (ASLA) and Darwina Neal



Sally Stokes and George Siekkenen at the final reception



Relaxing start to their final evening in Washington at Bar Dupont

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE 2010 CLASS
OF THE US/ICOMOS
INTERNATIONAL

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

Travelers' philanthropy is a relatively new concept, but it is rapidly growing into a worldwide movement and becoming part of the definition of responsible travel. At its core, travelers' philanthropy is about tourism businesses and travelers 'giving back' to tourism destinations by providing financial support, volunteer expertise, and material contributions to local projects and community initiatives. CREST hosted previous International Travelers' Philanthropy Conferences at Stanford University, California, USA in 2004 and in Arusha, Tanzania in 2008.

They are seeking co-sponsors for the 2011 Costa Rica Conference. Please contact David Krantz at 202.347.9203 ext 417 and dkrantz@responsibletravel.org for sponsorship details.

Call for Papers - Domes in the World

International Congress, November 3-6, 2011, Florence, Italy

Deadline for submission of abstracts is July 31, 2010

For more information, go to <http://domesintheworld.wordpress.com/>

Call for Abstracts - Conference in Thailand

ICOMOS Thailand is pleased to announce the International Conference under the theme World Heritage-Shared Heritage: Nomination Value and Management to be held October 2010. For more information, visit the ICOMOS Thailand website at <http://www.icomosthai.org>

Call for Papers - Future Anterior "Preservation and Globalization"

Deadline for submission: September 15, 2010.

Future Anterior approaches the field of historic preservation from a position of critical inquiry. A comparatively recent field of professional study, preservation often escapes direct academic challenges of its motives, goals, forms of practice and results. Future Anterior seeks contributions that ask these difficult questions from philosophical, theoretical, and practical perspectives. Articles on all topics relevant to historic preservation are accepted on a rolling basis.

For further manuscript guidelines, please visit:

http://www.upress.umn.edu/journals/futureanterior/fa_msguidelines.html

Acceptance or rejection of submissions is at the discretion of the editors.

ICOMOS France Conference, in partnership with Euromed Heritage



The US/ICOMOS Secretariat is located in Washington, DC

Heritage : A Model for Sustainable Towns. Which energy performance for European architectural and urban heritage?

October 21-22, 2010, Paris

For more information, visit the website at

<http://www.france.icomos.org> or email icomos.france@wanadoo.fr

1st International Conservation & Restoration Exhibition of Environmental and Architectonic Heritage, November 3-5, 2010, Santiago, Chile

STGO & P+ARC invite you to attend the above exhibition, which will be taking place in conjunction with the 10th International Congress on the Rehabilitation of Architectonic and Building Heritage on November 3-5, 2010 at the Extension Centre of the Catholic University in Santiago, Chile. For more information please see the attached flier, or visit the website <http://www.stgoparc.cl/>.

Heritage Recording and Information Management in the Digital Age (SMARTdoc) International Symposium

November 19-20, 2010, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

PennDesign, the R. Lemaire International Centre for Conservation at the University of Leuven and the University College St Lieven are pleased to announce an international symposium titled, "Heritage Recording and Information Management in the Digital Age (SMARTdoc)," which will be held on November 19-20, 2010 at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Supporting institutions include UNESCO World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Chair for Preventive Maintenance, Monitoring and Conservation, ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Heritage Documentation (CIPA) and the International Society on Virtual Systems and Multimedia.

Please find enclosed the event announcement postcard and the call for posters, more information about the symposium:

<http://www.smartdocheritage.org>