



US/ICOMOS at Work

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Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work” e-news blast, a monthly update on what US/ICOMOS is doing to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

US/ICOMOS Celebrates the Conclusion of the 2017 International Exchange Program



US/ICOMOS hosted a symposium and closing reception on August 16th to share and celebrate the achievements of our 2017 IEP class (shown in the masthead above). The symposium, entitled "Sustaining Cultural Heritage in the 21st Century" featured poster and individual presentations by the IEP participants along with three topical panels moderated by heritage experts.



The first panel "Managing Cultural Heritage: Designations and Beyond" featured Joana Arruda, Kathryn Clarke, Maryam Rabi, and Rosaura Ramos who shared their learnings from France, Israel, the United States, and India. US/ICOMOS Fellow and Trustee and U.S. Department of State Program Specialist Ellen Delage moderated this heritage management panel.



William Canup (in absentia), Charmaine Ledesma, Richa Pandey, Natalia Sanchez-Hernandez, and Ashley Wheeler spoke to "Heritage as Pillar of Sustainable Development," which was moderated by Jeff Soule, FAICP, immediate past US/ICOMOS Treasurer and Director of Outreach and International Programs of the American Planning Association. Participant projects in India, Jordan, Lithuania, the United States, and Trinidad and Tobago were highlighted.



A third panel presentation of the symposium was "Rising Tides and Eroding Shores: Approaches to Adapting Heritage Buildings." The discussion included Vilte Janusauskaite, Etsegenet Kebede, Komal Potdar, and Rebecca Ramsay. It was expertly moderated by Lisa Craig, US/ICOMOS trustee and Chief of Historic Preservation, Annapolis, Maryland, and IEP host of Rebecca Ramsay. Rebecca assisted in organizing and preparing for [Keeping History Above Water Annapolis](#), a conference scheduled for October 2017, devoted to documenting and distributing best practices, promoting dialogue, and engaging new audiences as rising sea levels impact historic resources and communities.



Goodbyes were shared and certificates awarded at a closing reception held in the beautiful garden of the Heurich House Museum.



US/ICOMOS would like to thank the many people and organizations that make the International Exchange Program a reality. The complexity and cost of bringing this year's 13 IEP participants to Washington, sending them across the world to their varied posts, and bringing them back again for the final symposium and reception, would not be possible without the many volunteers, donors and host programs that believe in international education, cooperation and exchange in the heritage field. We are thankful for your ongoing support and look forward to following the careers of these inspiring young professionals as they embark on heritage careers and engaging them as IEP alumni ambassadors for US/ICOMOS.

Call for Nominations: 2017 US/ICOMOS Ann Webster Smith Award

Members and friends of US/ICOMOS are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2017 Ann Webster Smith award by October 15th, 2017. 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 the cultural heritage in all parts of the world. [Please visit this page on our website to learn more about the selection criteria and how to submit a nomination dossier.](#)

Make Plans to Attend the US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit



LEADERSHIP FORUM AND BENEFIT

November 29–30, 2017
Washington, DC

The 2017 [US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit](#) will take place in Washington, DC on November 29th and 30th. The Leadership Forum will provide conferees a common understanding of the World Heritage Program and the principal activities of U.S. actors engaged in world heritage stewardship. Conferees will help refine the strategic path and priorities for US/ICOMOS in 2018 and beyond, and provide a clearer picture of the U.S. role in world heritage in this time of global transition. Registration information will be emailed soon.

Training Opportunities



The National Preservation Institute offers professional training seminars throughout the United States on a wide range of historic preservation and cultural resource management topics. [To learn more about their 2017-18 offerings, follow this link.](#)

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