



E-News September 2011: Letter from the New Director

Dear US/ICOMOS members, friends, and supporters,

After eight years as Director of Programs, I recently accepted the position of Director of US/ICOMOS. I have enjoyed working with you over the past years and hope that I can look to you for continued support as US/ICOMOS reinvigorates and expands existing programs and initiates new activities.



The Washington Monument sustained damage from the August 2011 earthquake

In Washington, DC, damage to the National Cathedral and the Washington Monument caused by the recent and relatively minor earthquake serves as an immediate reminder of the fragility of our built cultural heritage. It also highlights the important role of the professional heritage conservation community in protecting those resources. As Director of US/ICOMOS, I will continue to work with you to engage our members in national and international heritage conservation activities and develop new partnerships to facilitate US involvement in the global heritage community.

Over the next several weeks, we are initiating membership renewal and recruitment for 2012 (you can pay your renewal dues online at <http://www.usicomos.org/membership>). The primary purpose and benefit of international membership in US/ICOMOS is the access it provides to participation in the numerous ICOMOS International Scientific Committees (http://www.international.icomos.org/isc_eng.htm). The new ICOMOS Membership and Experts Database (<http://membership.icomos.org/login.php>) should help assist US members in gaining access to international activities. Of course, the ICOMOS membership card will continue to provide free or discounted entry to numerous heritage sites and museums around the world as a professional courtesy to card-carrying members of this highly respected international heritage organization (for a list of sites that have honored the ICOMOS card in the past, please visit <http://www.usicomos.org/free>).



US/Canadian Heritage Cooperation will be the theme of the US/ICOMOS International Breakfast, to be held October 21 in Buffalo, New York

In addition to the international activities of ICOMOS, US/ICOMOS members support and can participate in a variety of programs and activities sponsored by your own US National Committee, a number of which are highlighted below. I hope you will join us!

**US/ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011
NATIONAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

This year's US/ICOMOS International Breakfast at the 2011 National



The Getty Conservation Institute is recipient of the 2011 Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement (Photo credit: Scott S. Warren)



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

Preservation Conference in Buffalo will be held on Friday, October 21st. Taking a cue from the location, US/ICOMOS is pleased to announce a very special International Breakfast program entitled "US/Canadian Heritage Cooperation: Learning from Each Other."

The breakfast will be held in the Terrace Room of the Statler Hotel (107 Delaware Avenue). **Please note pre-registration is required for this event.**

Individuals attending the National Preservation Conference should register for the International Breakfast as part of their Conference registration at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc> Note the change in venue noted above (Statler Hotel, not the Hyatt listed in the program).

Others may purchase a ticket for the breakfast directly from US/ICOMOS online at <http://www.usicomos.org/news/2011-usicomos-international-breakfast>

**ANN WEBSTER SMITH AWARD BENEFIT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011
METROPOLITAN CLUB
WASHINGTON, DC**

Please join us this fall as US/ICOMOS honors the Getty Conservation Institute, recipient of the 2011 Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement. The award will be celebrated at the annual Ann Webster Smith Award Benefit the evening of Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC.

The US/ICOMOS award nomination for the Getty Conservation Institute states, "Since its creation in 1985 as part of the J. Paul Getty Trust, The Getty Conservation Institute has built an outstanding record as a leader in advancing conservation principles and practices and supporting projects to preserve heritage sites throughout the world. The mission of The GCI to enhance our nation's participation in global stewardship embodies Ann Webster Smith's vision for the role that American institutions and individuals should play as world citizens."

With this award, US/ICOMOS celebrates the many significant contributions of The Getty Conservation Institute to the stewardship of our world heritage.

You may purchase a ticket (or table) online at <http://www.usicomos.org/2011-ann-webster-smith-award-benefit>

**17th ICOMOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY/SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM
NOVEMBER 27- DECEMBER 2, 2011
PARIS, FRANCE**

Discounted registration has been extended until September 27, 2011. You can see the full program of presentations, meetings, and tours, as well as register, at <http://www.icomos-paris2011.com/icomos-2011-general-assembly-and-the-scientific-symposium>

US/ICOMOS ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Over the next five years, US/ICOMOS will combine the annual symposium with celebratory events marking landmark anniversaries in heritage conservation—the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention in 2012, the 50th anniversary of the Venice Charter in 2014, the 50th anniversary of ICOMOS and US/ICOMOS in 2015, and the 100th anniversary of the US National Park Service in 2016. The 2012 symposium will be held May 31-June 2 in San Antonio, Texas (see below). This fall, US/ICOMOS will be sending out a Call for Proposals to Host Future US/ICOMOS Symposia (2013-2016). For a list of previous US/ICOMOS Symposia, go to <http://www.usicomos.org/symposium>.



The Alamo, part of the US Tentative List nomination of the San Antonio Missions to the World Heritage List, will be featured at the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium, May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas



The 2010 class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program at the World Bank in Washington, DC

15th US/ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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.

Coming soon: Call for Abstracts for the 15th annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Since 1984, US/ICOMOS has supported bilateral exchanges in heritage conservation for professionals who are in the early stages of their careers. The program will be reinvigorated in 2012 and expanded over the coming years, focusing on a wide range of heritage conservation activities and expanding to more countries around the world. Updated information on the 2012 exchange program will be posted on our website this fall at <http://www.usicomos.org/intern>

Coming soon: Call for US and International Hosts for the International Exchange Program. We hope you will consider hosting a US/ICOMOS International Intern. For past internships, please visit <http://www.usicomos.org/intern/list>

For those interested in applying to become an intern, application requirements and procedures will be posted later this fall - applications will be due January 31, 2012 for summer internships.

I hope you will consider supporting and participating in a number of these activities, and hope to hear from you about other ways US/ICOMOS can engage individual and institutional members to promote US involvement in the global heritage community. As always, please visit our website regularly at www.usicomos.org for updates on all US/ICOMOS programs and activities.

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