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## US/ICOMOS at Work

November 2017 E-News



Marie-Laure Lavenir (left), Director-General of ICOMOS, will present at the US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum on November 29. On November 30, we will honor Irina Bokova (right), outgoing Director-General of UNESCO. Register for both events by November 23!



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 —



### [Help Support the ICOMOS General Assembly](#)

In January 2017, [ICOMOS](#) was awarded a generous grant of 80 000 € by the [Getty Foundation](#) for the [General Assembly](#) taking place this December in Delhi. This international gathering is one of the most important in the heritage conservation field and under the ICOMOS policy of non-political involvement and non-discrimination, the meeting is open to all.

For unforeseen reasons related to compliance with U.S. sanctions regulations, this grant must be revoked because of the participation at the General Assembly of a young Syrian architect, teaching part-time at a Syrian state-funded university. Since ICOMOS has chosen to remain non-political and non-discriminatory, it is now relying on the financial support of members and friends to help raise the 80 000 € that has been forfeited.

We encourage you to donate here: <http://www.chuffed.org/project/help-icomos-remain-open-and-non-political>.



## [Call for Participants, Host Organizations and Sponsors: 2018 International Exchange Program](#)

Bill Pencek, Executive Director of US/ICOMOS, joined Paul Kapp and the distinguished U.S. heritage preservation educators of the [National Council for Preservation Education](#) (above) at [PastForward 2017](#) in Chicago to announce the call for applications for participants, hosts and sponsors for the 2018 International Exchange Program (IEP).

US/ICOMOS seeks graduate students and those new to the heritage profession (1-3 years of experience) specializing in historic preservation and heritage conservation to participate in the 2018 IEP. Participants will be assigned practical working internships, under professional supervision, with a public or private nonprofit preservation organization. Internships for U.S. citizens are in other countries, organized in many cases in cooperation with the local ICOMOS National Committee. Internships for non-U.S. citizens are placed throughout the United States.

US/ICOMOS is also seeking hosts and sponsors for the 2018 IEP. More information on the 2018 IEP can be found [here](#). Support for the program can be made either through a host placement, a sponsor donation, or both. More information will be available at the upcoming [US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit](#) from 29-30 November in Washington, DC, and at the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly in New Delhi, India, from December 11-15.

For more information, visit our Internship pages at <http://www.usicomos.org/internship>. The deadline for applications for participants is January 15, 2018. The deadline for applications for hosts is February 5, 2018. Should you wish to support the IEP, donations can be made at [www.usicomos.org/donate](http://www.usicomos.org/donate): select 'Contribute directly to the International Exchange Program.'

## *12 New Members Elected to the World Heritage Committee*

The 21st General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention convened the 193 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention on November 15-16, 2017, in Paris. During the session, the General Assembly elected twelve new members to the World Heritage Committee: Australia, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Guatemala, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Spain and Uganda.

[Click here for more information and a complete list of member states.](#)





## *Kansas City, San Antonio and Seattle Designated UNESCO Creative Cities*

UNESCO announced 64 new additions to its [Creative Cities Network](#) on October 31. This Network highlights its members' creativity within seven fields: Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts and Music. It now counts a total of 180 cities in 72 countries. Kansas City is now included in the Music category; San Antonio in Gastronomy; and Seattle in Literature.

According to UNESCO guidelines, all Creative Cities commit to develop and exchange innovative best practices to promote creative industries, strengthen participation in cultural life, and integrate culture into sustainable urban development policies. UNESCO Creative Cities in the United States are:

- Crafts and Folk Art: Paducah, KY; Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Design: Detroit, MI
- Gastronomy: San Antonio, TX; Tucson, AZ
- Literature: Iowa City, IA; Seattle, WA
- Media Arts: Austin, TX
- Music: Kansas City, KS

Paducah, renowned for its quilting heritage, hosted the First Annual Meeting of UNESCO Creative Cities of Crafts and Folk Art in September. [Learn more and follow a link for more photos here.](#)



## **US/ICOMOS Trustee Darwina Neal wins Penn State Alumni Fellow award**

Darwina L. Neal ('65 B.S. Landscape Architecture) received a 2017 Penn State Alumni Fellow award, the most prestigious honor given by the Penn State Alumni Association. Neal has served as a Trustee of US/ICOMOS for many years and is a longtime National Park Service (NPS) administrator who retired as chief of cultural resource preservation services, National Capital Region (NCR), in 2009. The first woman elected president of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), she has been a leader within the NPS and the landscape architecture profession overall, serving as an advocate for women and applying her expertise to projects throughout the Washington metropolitan area.



### **LEADERSHIP FORUM AND BENEFIT**

November 29-30, 2017  
Washington, DC

*Registration Deadline for the 2017 [US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit](#) is Wednesday, November 23!*

*Sign up today if you haven't already.*

[Read the entire tentative schedule here.](#) The [2017 US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum and Benefit](#) will take place in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of the Interior Headquarters and at the Cosmos Club, November 29-30.

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