



US/ICOMOS at Work

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Welcome to "US/ICOMOS at Work," a monthly update on US/ICOMOS actions to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters. Image: Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pennsylvania, is celebrating three years as a World Heritage Site. The site is hosting International Exchange Program intern Hewan Goitam, who took this photo.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

US/ICOMOS Urges Full U.S. Funding of the World Heritage Fund, UNESCO and UN-Related Accounts



Photo credit: Architect of the Capitol

US/ICOMOS and 17 heritage organizations signed on to a letter requesting the Senate to fund the World Heritage Fund, UNESCO and UN related accounts fully. U.S. support of the World Heritage Fund advances the preservation of our shared heritage. [Read the letter here.](#)

Join us in this advocacy by writing to your Senators and

Representatives.

Have You Registered Yet? [White Sands World Heritage Webinar](#), 21 July at Noon EDT

Join us this Thursday, 21 July, for a free [World Heritage Webinar dedicated to the human and natural history of White Sands National Park](#).

Park and U.S. Geological Survey experts will primarily discuss the ancient human footprints in the park. How have they completely shifted our understanding of human habitation in the Americas? How have we come to understand them? What do they mean to their indigenous descendants?

We will be hearing from many of the scientists, conservationists, and Native American populations

involved in the discovery and protection of the trackways.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about this important site on the U.S. World Heritage Tentative List.



[Register Now](#)

Call for [Desk Reviews](#) for 2023 World Heritage List Nominations: Deadlines 8 and 12 September

ICOMOS has published a list of World Heritage nominations for 2023 and now seeks desk reviews from qualified members in order to obtain a broader range of opinions. Expert reviewers should either know the nominated property in question or be able to comment on its significance at the global level; should have some knowledge of the World Heritage Convention; and preferably understand the criteria for the inscription of a World Heritage property.

[Learn more about becoming a desk reviewer and how to request a list of the sites under review here.](#) The deadline for completed desk reviews is Monday 12 September, so please don't delay. You must contact ICOMOS by Thursday 8 September to be considered. Thank you!

[Learn More about Desk Reviews](#)

Monuments Toolkit Project: Upcoming Events and Surveys

Free webinar

"Oppressive Monuments in the Museum Space," Friday 29 July, 1PM EDT. [Register here.](#)

Look for sessions hosted by the Monuments Toolkit team at these upcoming conferences

- [Association for the Study of African American Life and History \(ASALH\) 107th Annual Meeting and Conference](#), 29 September - 1 October, Montgomery, Alabama
- National Trust for Historic Preservation [PastForward National Preservation Conference](#), online, 1-4 November

Monuments Conference 2023

The Monuments Toolkit team is planning a 2023 conference. Please assist in planning by filling out this short survey: <https://questionpro.com/t/AVCN2ZtUSG>

Advocacy Training Materials Survey

Please share your opinions on monuments and your insights on advocacy training materials:

<https://www.questionpro.com/t/AVCN2ZrqSA>

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2022 International Exchange Program (IEP) Updates

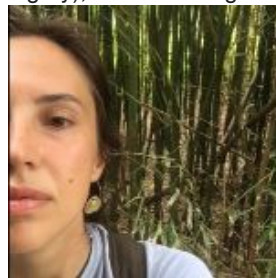
Our nine 2022 IEP interns are all in the field and sending updates about their activities. We can only share brief details here, so please follow along on Facebook, Instagram and/or LinkedIn to read all of what the interns have to say and to enjoy their numerous photos. Our accounts are linked at the bottom of this email if you need to subscribe!

Below are the names of our interns, their countries of origin and the organizations they're affiliated with, followed by photos:

- Hewan Berhane (Ethiopia), Fallingwater – Pennsylvania
- Séverine Collard (Belgium), San Antonio Mission Heritage Partners – Texas [right]
- Naka Mishina (Brazil), National Trust for Historic Preservation – Washington, D.C.



- Allison Huchko (USA), Fixus Mobilis – Lithuania
- Jelena Krivokapic (Serbia), Preservation Institute Nantucket – Massachusetts
- Fernanda Maes (Brazil / Hungary), World Heritage Office, City of San Antonio – Texas [left]



- Kaitlin Paecklar (USA), ICOMOS Secretariat – France [3rd from right, back row]
- Danielle Wolfson (USA), American Center of Research - Jordan [Front right]



- Shinjini Saha (India), ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals Working Group – Virtual, Washington, D.C. [on a site visit to the Taj Mahal, India]

— OF NOTE —

In Case You Missed it: Monumental Project Podcast and Video Recordings of Past Webinars

The Monuments Toolkit Program produces a podcast entitled "The Monumental Project." Please [follow it here](#) or search on "Monumental Project" in your preferred podcast provider to tune in.

Video recordings of our past World Heritage and Monuments Toolkit webinars are also available online on [our Youtube channel](#). Our most recent webinars are:

- [Controversial Monuments in Spaces of Regional Conflict](#) [Monuments Toolkit]
- [Transnistria Between Peace and War](#) [Heritage at Risk]
- [Cahokia Past, Present, and Future](#) [World Heritage Webinar]



ICOMOS Annual and Extraordinary General Assemblies: 28 October 2022

The ICOMOS Annual General Assembly and Extraordinary General Assembly will take place in Bangkok, Thailand on 28 October 2022 in hybrid format. [Details and documents are available here](#).

If you plan to travel to Thailand, visit <https://icomosthai.org/> to register, find information on the meetings, and to plan your stay. Committee meetings and the Scientific Symposium will take

place 25-30 October 2022, on the generous invitation of ICOMOS Thailand. The meetings will take place in hybrid format (ie. in-situ and online in part).



440 Water-Mist Fire Extinguishers Delivered to Ukraine to Protect Historic Wooden Churches



The Foundation to Preserve Ukraine's Sacral Arts and ICOMOS, in partnership with World Monuments Fund, delivered 440 water-mist fire extinguishers for the protection of historic wooden churches, or *tserkvas*, in war-ravaged Ukraine.

Ukraine is home to more than 2,500 wooden churches, the largest number in the world, eight of which are included on the UNESCO World Heritage List of [Wooden Tserkvas of the Carpathian Region in Poland and Ukraine](#).

Wooden churches are often located in remote rural communities and are particularly vulnerable to fire, especially in extreme conflict situations. The project will allow for the protection of up to 200 historic wooden churches in Ukraine, in the most dangerous areas. Water-mist fire extinguishers are suitable for the interiors of wooden churches as they atomize the pressurized water into a fine mist, which evaporates, minimizing potential damage to fragile painted surfaces, authentic fabrics, frescoes, icons and iconostases, and other artistic objects in the interior of churches.

As part of an international support effort, the water-mist fire extinguishers were sourced by ICOMOS and the *Foundation to Preserve Ukraine's Sacral Arts* from the fire safety provider [Safelincs](#) in the UK, thanks to the support from *World Monuments Fund's Ukraine Heritage Response Fund*. [The Polish Committee for Ukrainian Museums](#), through the [Warsaw Rising Museum](#) and [Instytut Pawła Włodkowica](#), supported transport logistics and provided warehousing in Warsaw, Poland, and organized onward transport by truck to Lviv, Ukraine.

Image: *Pyrohovo Open-Air Museum* © *Kateryna Goncharova*

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