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Looking Back on 18 April 2020 - Thank You!

On 18 April, we celebrated the International Day for Monuments and Sites with the theme of "Shared Cultures, Shared Heritage, Shared Responsibility". However, this 18 April was not like in previous years. With the world almost entirely under lockdown, no gatherings, guided tours or trips were allowed. But that did not stop heritage experts and enthusiasts from all over the planet to celebrate our monuments and sites through the organisation of online events: conferences, challenges, virtual meetings and many other innovative initiatives.

ICOMOS would like to thank you, the organisers, contributors and participants, for your enthusiasm and your resilience.

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Culture 2030 Goal Covid-19 Statement

ICOMOS and partners in the Culture 2030 Goal campaign have released a Statement on 'Culture and the COVID-19 Pandemic', framed in our commitment to the 2030 Agenda and the need to guarantee culture is at the heart of the UN Decade of Action for the SDGs. The statement is open to endorsements by all organizations, at the link provided in the document (read the full article to download the document).

#CultureCovid19 #Culture2030Goal
Sites associated with memories of Recent Conflicts and the World Heritage Convention - ICOMOS Second Discussion Paper

ICOMOS is pleased to share its second discussion paper on “Sites associated with memories of Recent Conflicts and the World Heritage Convention”. Encouraged by the World Heritage Committee to further deepen its analysis and broaden the participation of experts in this new reflection, ICOMOS prepared this second discussion paper to consider the purpose and scope of the World Heritage Convention, as well as its key concepts, and how sites associated with memories of recent conflicts relate to these.

Final Report - ICOMOS World Heritage Advisers - Expressions of Interest

Final Report by Toshiyuki Kono, ICOMOS President

As follow up to the Interim Report prepared in January 2020, I am pleased to present the final report on the Process of seeking Expressions of Interest for ICOMOS World Heritage Advisers.

First, I would like to share some general statistics as regards the applications received in response to the call for expression of interest a total of 353 applications were submitted by the deadline.

ICOMOS and COVID-19: Heritage as a cornerstone of human, social and economic recovery

Among the mass of information circulating concerning COVID-19, one hopeful message issued by credible medical publications is that an effective vaccine could probably be developed within the next 18 months. This would be the shortest development period for a vaccine in human history. Nevertheless, 18 months is still a very long way to go - a marathon race with the zero-infections stage as its finish line. To make this race sustainable, some countries are already relaxing the restrictions they have imposed and gradually allowing economic activities to resume, while others will have to maintain or introduce strict measures.

Calendar

Consult the ICOMOS Calendar of events by ICOMOS National Committees and International Scientific Committees.