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Happy 18th April! International Day for Monuments and Sites

The International Day for Monuments and Sites was created on 18th April, 1982, by ICOMOS and later approved at the 22nd UNESCO General Conference in 1983. This special day offers an opportunity to raise public awareness concerning the diversity of the world's heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as to draw attention to its vulnerability.

Each year, ICOMOS proposes a general theme, this year's theme being "Religious Heritage and Sacred Places". The organizers of events are invited to reflect upon this theme, but it is not obligatory to follow it. Please find below a calendar of events sorted by country which includes events organized first and foremost by ICOMOS National Committees, but also by independent organizations that wish to mark the International Day for Monuments and Sites with a special event.

Introduction by Dinu Bumbaru and Calendar of Events (PDF):

http://www.international.icomos.org/18thapril/2008/18_april_calendar_events.pdf

Joyeux 18 Avril! La Journée Internationale des Monuments et des Sites

La journée internationale des Monuments et des Sites a été instituée le 18 avril 1982 par l'ICOMOS et approuvée ensuite par la Conférence Générale de l'UNESCO en 1983. Cette journée particulière offre une occasion de sensibiliser le public à la diversité du patrimoine dans le monde et aux efforts que requiert sa protection et sa conservation, et permet également d'attirer l'attention sur sa vulnérabilité.

Chaque année, l'ICOMOS propose un thème général – le thème de cette année est « Patrimoine religieux et lieux sacrés ». Les organisateurs sont invités de réfléchir sur cette thème, mais ne sont pas obligés de le suivre. Veuillez trouver ci-dessous un calendrier d'événements classé par pays qui recense non seulement des activités organisées par les comités nationaux de l'ICOMOS, mais aussi des événements d'autres organisations afin de marquer la Journée Internationale des Monuments et des Sites.

Introduction par Dinu Bumbaru et calendrier d'événements :

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ICOMOS Ireland: Celebration on 10 April 2008



Pictured: Donald Hankey, President ICOMOS UK, Grellan Rourke, President ICOMOS Ireland, Minister John Gormley, John Hurd, President of the Advisory Council ICOMOS International and Peter Cox, Vice President ICOMOS Ireland.

ICOMOS Ireland was established in 1984 and has enjoyed active periods and not so active periods during that time, however it has been an increasing force since the mid 1990's and it is now a very recognisable and enthusiastic unit with more than a hundred members. Last year the Irish committee secured a three year funding package from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government on the basis of a business plan submission. The business plan set out set objectives to publish our document on education and training within the conservation sector, to work with the department to increase the number of World Heritage Sites inscribed in Ireland, to increase the awareness of ICOMOS Ireland nationally and to allow ICOMOS Ireland to become a major contributor to International events within the Heritage sector.

A celebration was organised for the 10th of April to announce the successful incorporation and charitable status of ICOMOS Ireland, to launch our first web site and to announce that ICOMOS Ireland has been requested by the Minister for Environment Heritage and Local Government Mr. John Gormley to set up a sub-committee to carry out a research study on the effects of Climate Change on our Built Heritage and in particular on our World Heritage site at Skellig Michael.

ICOMOS Ireland was delighted to welcome national and international guests to our celebration John Gormley TD, Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, his Excellency Mr. Patrick Binns, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. John Hurd, President of the Advisory Council of ICOMOS International, Mr Jukka Jokilehto from ICOMOS Finland, Mr. Donald Hankey President of ICOMOS UK and the Knight of Glin Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald. The evening was a wonderful success with a maximum number attending and enthusiastic speeches from Mr. Grellan Rourke President ICOMOS Ireland, Minister Gormley and Mr. John Hurd.

Discussions held around this celebration with the international guests and the Department has led to a new initiative to protect Tara from any accumulative development threat and there will be a more detailed announcement on this matter in the very near future.

Website

<http://www.icomos.ie/>

ICOMOS ISC on Vernacular Architecture (CIAV): Newsletter #9 online

The 9th Newsletter of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Vernacular Architecture can now be downloaded at:

<http://www.icomos.org/ciav/Newsletter%209th%20CIAV%20FINAL.pdf> (PDF format)

Website

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ICOMOS ISC on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues (ICLAFI): Call for Papers for E-Journal

ICOMOS-ICLAFI announces a new E-Journal in Heritage conservation. The first issue will be published on September 1st, 2008.

Call for Papers in English:

<http://tinyurl.com/6ysx9k>

Call for Papers in Spanish:

<http://tinyurl.com/5l22ao>

Website:

<http://www.icomos-iclafi.org/>

ICOMOS France: International Colloquium on the Preservation and Restoration of Wooden Structures; practical application to Built Heritage. 29-31 May, Metz, France

The upcoming technical colloquium of ICOMOS France takes place in Metz and will be held from 29 to 31 May 2008. It has been previously announced in the ICOMOS e-news.

The program of the colloquium and the registration documents are now available in English and can be downloaded on the website of ICOMOS France:

<http://www.archi.fr/ICOMOS-FR/>

With the international technical days 2008, ICOMOS France aims to offer an overview of state-of-the-art preservation and restoration techniques for wood structures (timber framing and panels, windows and doors, specific wood structures) for historical buildings in France and abroad. Working languages are English and French.

The meeting will bring together scientists, curators, restorers, firms (those involved in frameworks, manufacturers for the various products, materials and diagnosis tools), representatives of public authorities and local communities.

This event will address assessment, consolidation and protection methods, professional standards and regulations (or lack of), and current day expertise. The problem of parasites will be examined: detection, diagnosis and treatment. Related themes concerning finish and dendrochronology will also be explored.

These subjects will be illustrated by examples of operations accomplished in the preservation-restoration field.

International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA): News brief 02/2008 now online; World Landscape Architecture Month

You can download the IFLA news brief in PDF format at:

<http://www.iflaonline.org/uploads/File/IFLA%20NEWS%20BRIEF2.pdf>

April 2008 was designated "World Landscape Architecture Month" by the International Federation of Landscape Architects. You can download a calendar of activities at

http://www.iflaonline.org/uploads/File/WORLD_LA_MONTH_pdf2.pdf

Website

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University College London Centre for Sustainable Heritage: New short courses

The UCL Centre for Sustainable Heritage has opened registration for the following courses:

- **Managing Collections in a Changing Climate** (offered in partnership with English Heritage); 23 - 25 July 2008; Kenwood House, London.
- **You've monitored the environment, now what?;** 29 October 2009; CPD Seminar at University College London.

A booking form can be downloaded from:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/sustainableheritage/short_courses.htm

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Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation: 12th International Conference on Sustainable Development of Historical Cities, Florence, Italy, 11-14 July 2008

The **Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation** and **AGH Open University, Krakow, Poland** are promoting the 12th International Conference on Sustainable Development of Historical Cities, based on Sound-Tourism and Education, which will be held in Florence from July 11th till July 14th 2008.

Deadlines

The deadline for registration is 10 May 2008

Website

All further information is available at the conference website:

http://www.fondazione-delbianco.org/seminari/progetti_prof/progview_PL.asp?start=1&idprog=91

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International Workshop SMW 08: In Situ Monitoring of Monumental Surfaces Florence, Italy, 27-29 October 2008

The conservation and preservation of monumental cultural heritage has become one of the main concerns within Europe today. In particular, the introduction of the concept of planned maintenance has highlighted the need to adopt suitable procedures to monitor the state of conservation of Cultural Heritage assets. Monitoring is here taken to mean systematic and periodical surveillance and is based on the assumption of cause and effect; the results will help in damage assessment, and will aid in the identification of potential threats and development trends in order to define possible risks and to facilitate maintenance management decisions. The typologies of artefacts involved in this workshop are focused on: monumental buildings, painted facades and archaeological remains, whilst the materials to monitor are: stones, mortars, plasters, bricks, ceramics, tesserae, wooden structures and metals.

The main objective of this workshop is to **illustrate the ultimate state of the art of portable diagnostic technologies for monitoring cultural heritage** and their general and specific uses. Furthermore, during two round tables there will be the opportunity to debate their possible future technological developments and to discuss the need of establishing common "on site monitoring" recommended protocols (parameters, devices, time steps etc.) and proposing the creation of data treatment infrastructures in order to link historic surfaces data to geographical positioning and climatic conditions of the monitored structure.

On-line registration closing date is **October 1st 2008**; pre-registration is necessary for admission to the conference.

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In situ Monitoring of Monumental Surfaces - SMW08

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Reseña del libro / Book review: Oswaldo Paéz: Sólo Cenizas Hallarás

Oswaldo Páez Barrera: SOLO CENIZAS HALLARÁS. Ensayos sobre el patrimonio arquitectónico de Cuenca y su región.

Editorial Puño y Letra. Impreso en los talleres Gráficos de la Universidad de Cuenca.

Cuenca de los Andes fue incorporada por la UNESCO a la Lista de Ciudades Patrimoniales de la Humanidad, pero, las administraciones municipales y otros actores que inciden en la conservación del patrimonio construido, no están actuando para mantener este delicado encargo cultural. El libro contiene cuatro ensayos que critican los factores dañinos que afectan el patrimonio tangible e intangible de la ciudad y su región. Lo hace desde una perspectiva teórica que busca rescatar y tratar el pasado y sobre todo la memoria, como dinamizadores del cambio social..Lo hace en una línea de pensamiento que propone su conservación del patrimonio como el resultado de la organización y conciencia de los pobladores en clara oposición a las políticas y prácticas del neoliberalismo y la globalización.

El libro tiene 120 páginas, algunas ilustraciones del autor y un prólogo de Wilson Herdoíza, Vicepresidente por Ecuador del ICOMOS. El precio en Ecuador es de \$ 10.00. El precio fuera del país, se incrementaría dependiendo de la tasa postal por correo certificado hasta el destino final solicitado. El envío se realizará una vez hecho el depósito bancario. Los datos para esta transacción pueden ser solicitados directamente al autor:

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Otros datos y textos de Oswaldo Páez Barrera, se los puede encontrar en la red.

Oswaldo Páez Barrera: SOLO CENIZAS HALLARÁS. Essays on the architectural heritage of Cuenca and its region.

Cuenca in the Andes was incorporated by the UNESCO to the List of Hereditary Cities of the Humanity, but, the municipal administrations and other actors that impact in the conservation of the built heritage are not acting to maintain this delicate cultural asset. The book is comprised of four essays that criticize the harmful factors that affect the tangible and intangible heritage of the city and its region. It does so from a theoretical perspective that seeks to rescue and to treat the past and above all the memory, as revitalizing of the social change does it in a line of thought that proposes its conservation of the patrimony as the result of the organization and conscience of the settlers in clearly opposition to the politics and practices of the neoliberalism and the globalization.

The book is 120 pages long and features some illustrations by the author, as well as a prologue by Wilson Herdoíza, Vice President of ICOMOS Ecuador. The book is available in Ecuador for the price of \$ 10,-. The international price is higher depending on the shipping address. The book can be ordered directly from the author. Orders will be shipped after pre-payment to the author's bank account. Details for the transaction can be directly requested from the author:

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