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Two Awards for Gustavo Araoz, President of ICOMOS

Gustavo Araoz, President of ICOMOS, has recently received two awards honoring his dedication to and achievements in the field of Historic Preservation:

2009 Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award in Historic Preservation (University of Florida, Center for World Heritage Research and Stewardship)

Gustavo Araoz was awarded the University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning's 2009 Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award on 9 April 2009. The annual award recognizes an individual who, with a connection to the state of Florida, exemplifies the spirit of historic preservation and has demonstrated dedication to the field.

Read the full announcement on the website of the University of Florida:

<http://news.ufl.edu/2009/04/09/cdcp-award/>

Herencia Cultural Cubana

Gustavo Araoz was also honored by the organization "Herencia Cultural Cubana" in recognition and appreciation of his dedication to the preservation of the historic and cultural values of the Cuban nation.

Announcement in Spanish:

El pasado 13 de abril, HERENCIA CULTURAL CUBANA a invitado a sus suscriptores y amigos a la conferencia sobre Centros Patrimoniales del Mundo en Cuba, por el **Arq. Gustavo Araoz**, Presidente Mundial de ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) y Miembro Emeritus de Herencia Cultural Cubana.

En dicha ceremonia se le hizo entrega además del Diploma de Miembro Emeritus en agradecimiento a su fructífera e incansable labor dedicada a la preservación de los valores históricos y culturales de la Nación Cubana.

Website:

<http://www.herenciaculturalcubana.org/>

18th April – ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites: Additional events

The Website dedicated to the International Day for Monuments and Sites is constantly being updated even after the 18th April, as additional reports on activities organized by National Committees or other Organizations are reaching the International Secretariat.

The website can be consulted at the following address:

<http://18april.icomos.org>

Please find below a list of links to articles about activities that had not yet been included in the special edition of the e-news sent out on the occasion of the 18th April:

ICOMOS Armenia:

http://18april.icomos.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=37:icomos-armenie&catid=5:events2009&Itemid=3&lang=en

ICOMOS Macedonia:

http://18april.icomos.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=42:icomos-macedonia-activities&catid=5:events2009&Itemid=3&lang=en

ICOMOS Cyprus:

http://18april.icomos.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=38:icomos-cyprus&catid=5:events2009&Itemid=3&lang=en

ICOMOS Israel:

http://18april.icomos.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39:icomos-israel&catid=5:events2009&Itemid=3&lang=en

ICOMOS Mexico:

http://18april.icomos.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=40:icomos-mexico&catid=5:events2009&Itemid=3&lang=en

Event in China:

http://18april.icomos.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=41:icomos-china&catid=5:events2009&Itemid=3&lang=en

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ICBS: International Blue Shield Mission to Cologne Archive

27 April to 1 May 2009

Dear Colleagues,

The new Blue Shield international coordination center in The Hague received a request for support from Cologne, which we distributed among our relations and Dutch Archive institutes and professionals. We have received many responses from those who want to help.

Together with the National Archive and the Dutch Branch organization of Archive institutes (BRAIN) we made an inventory of people and institutes willing to help. Their offers keep coming in. We have received many responses from The Netherlands, but also from Belgium, France, the United States and the Czech Republic. In the first week of April a delegation went to Cologne to see how best to coordinate offers of assistance. The staff in Cologne gave us a warm welcome and we obtained detailed information and a thorough impression of the work that is in progress.

The delegation was very much impressed by the work that has been done so far. The process of searching and finding the material is taking place under extremely dangerous and difficult circumstances. It is therefore a tremendous achievement to have made such progress. It has not only surprised us it has also surprised the staff and volunteers of the Archive. The planning has been revised several times and has greatly progressed. The prognoses are that the first phase of the recovery process (separating material, storage, registration, first aid to the objects like cleaning and drying or preparing for further treatment) needs one more month, so this will end even before the summer holidays.

The delegation was also very impressed by the determination and the motivation of everyone at work. After a month of stress and extremely long working hours spirits seem unbroken, though the fatigue is showing. Firemen are still the only ones working on the slope, because of the dangerous conditions. They have a whole team working day in day out and they will stay until the slope is gone.

A coordinated mission is needed as soon as possible. It will be most helpful in this first phase of the recovery process if several teams work at the same time and on the same location. In accordance with the staff in Cologne we therefore decided to reschedule our mission for 27 APRIL TO 1 MAY. A coordinated mission will save time and energy for the Archive staff, who must make the necessary arrangements for each individual volunteer, including booking the accommodation, introduction, transport, etc.)

To prepare the mission we needed some time. We are fully aware that all professionals who indicated their willingness to help will need some time too and may have difficulty matching a busy agenda with this unforeseen early departure. Because of this we hereby call on every professional, whether they have already indicated their interest to join us or are deciding to do so, to support our hardworking colleagues of Cologne and make this first international Blue Shield mission a success.

Further Information on the ANCBS Website:

http://www.ancbs.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=98:international-blue-shield-mission-27-april-to-1-may-&catid=14:past-news&Itemid=29

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ICOMOS Argentina: Annual Assembly and Conference on Historic Urban Landscapes

22-24 April, San Juan, Argentina

The Annual Assembly will be held in the city of San Juan on 24 April. Previous to the Assembly, ICOMOS Argentina organised a conference on Historic Urban Landscapes, to be held in San Juan in April 22-24. The conference includes lectures by national experts and the presentation of some 60 papers related to urban conservation. The Assembly will include elections for a new Directive Board of the National Committee.

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ICOMOS Brazil: General Assembly and Elections

On 28 March 2009, the XII General Assembly of ICOMOS Brazil was held in Curitiba. On this occasion, elections were held for the triennium 2009-2012.

Election Results

Participation: 79.7%

Directors:

Architect Rosina Parchen - President (Paraná),

Architect Jorge Derenji - Vice President (Pará),

Anthropologist Marcia Kersten - Secretary General (Paraná),

Architect Jussara Valentini - Director of Finance (Paraná),

Economist Henry Oswaldo de Andrade - Director of Projects (Brasília)

Architect Betina Adams - Director of Committees Topic (Santa Catarina);

Council:

Architect Jussara Derenji - North (Pará),

Architect Eugene de Ávila Lins - Northeast (Bahia),

Architect José Leme Galvão Filho - West Central Region (Brasília)

Art historian Myriam Ribeiro - Southeast (Rio de Janeiro),

Architect Brian Bicca - Southern Region (Rio Grande do Sul).

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ICOMOS France: New Website

The New website of ICOMOS France is now online and can be reached at the following address :
<http://france.icomos.org>

Message from ICOMOS France

Chers adhérents, chers amis,

Notre nouveau site, fruit de longues heures de réflexion, de recherche et de travail est enfin en ligne!

Merci à tous ceux qui nous ont aidés à le constituer par leur aide financière : la Région PACA, l'Ecole d'Avignon, Neteor, par leurs conseils ou leurs photos, et notamment Olivier Poisson, Samir Abdulac, Michèle Prats...

ainsi qu'à Victoire Dorise, Marc Simon de Neteor et Michèle Prats, qui l'ont réalisé!

Vous pouvez dès à présents accéder au nouveau site internet d'ICOMOS France à l'adresse suivante: <http://france.icomos.org> Nous espérons qu'il nous permettra des échanges encore plus fructueux que par le passé. N'hésitez pas à nous aider à le faire vivre et évoluer.

Bien cordialement

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ICOMOS Korea: 10th Anniversary

On 17 April 2009, ICOMOS Korea celebrated its 10th Anniversary in the presence of ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz.

During the Anniversary Event, ICOMOS Korea presented a new long-term strategy called "Vision 2020", consisting of five main points:

1. Advancing International Activities
2. Enhancing National Activities
3. Improving Conservation and Management Systems
4. Expanding General Understanding of the World Heritage
5. Invigorating Research and Development Activities

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ICOMOS Peru: General Assembly and Elections

The Election Committee, elected on 20 January 2009, consisted of:

- Arq. Eulogio Tapia Urioste
- Arql. Pedro Novoa Bellota
- Abog. Fabricio Valencia Gibaja

The list of candidates was announced on 23 March 2009. Elections were held on 2 April 2009, with the following results:

Presidenta:	Ruth Shady Solis
Vice-presidente:	Fernando Rosas Moscoso
Secretaria:	Edna Quispe Loayza
Vocal:	Edgar Santa Cruz Arana
Vocal:	Julio Vargas Neumann
Vocal-Tesorero:	Jorge Orrego Vargas

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Finn VERNADOC 2009: The international documentation camp of vernacular architecture

30 July – 13 August 2009, Pekkala manor, Ruovesi (Finland)

Draft programme as of 02.04.2009

Aims

- To learn the method by working it throughout the process
- To become acquainted with the expertise of the participants and to create international contacts for further work in the field
- To develop a method and models for international cooperation
- To produce high quality measured drawings and to exhibit them in the exhibition and to publish at the end of the camp

Object

- Measuring and drawing the tradition of the stone cow sheds

Participants

2 persons per country from different parts of the world, the max size of the group is 16, including the organizers and specialists

- They are used to making building drawings and know the basics of measuring work
- All the participants have to be ready to work and live in rather harsh conditions.
- Everyone in the camp works in practice, no idling is accepted
- Min one member in the "country group" is competent to teach the method in the home country and competent to arrange an international documenting camp in the home country

Preliminary timetable:

24.04.2009 Entering
30.04.2009 Choice of participants
30.07.-13.08.2009 the Finn VERNADOC 2009 camp period in Ruovesi
- One week for the measuring and basic drawing
- One week for the finishing of the drawings in ink
- 6 working days a week
- Some days for local excursions
13.08.2009 the exhibition and presentation of the results

Daily program:

- Working days are max. 8 hours long
- Everyone produces her/his own measure drawing,
- In the evening's free performing programme, for example performing of each own projects, having a sauna...

Accommodation and meals:

- Living and eating in local lodgings

Language:

The official language of the camp is vernacular English

Insurances:

The participants will take care of their own insurances

Certificate:

The participants will be certified by Helsinki University of Technology

The principles of the costs:

The participants are in charge of the travel costs. The organizer will pay the costs of the accommodation and the meals at the site during the camp period.

More information:

For further questions and information; please feel free to ask, even on the practical arrangements.

Deadline for Application

24 April 2009

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Weblinks

Pekkala Manor: www.pekkalankartano.fi (unfortunately in Finnish)

Ruovesi Municipality: www.ruovesi.fi/matkailu/info/ruovesi/englanti/engmenu.htm (in English)

VERNADOC information: <http://vernadoc.multiply.com/> (home pages of assistant Professor Sudjit Sananwai of ICOMOS-CIAV Thailand)

The First Workshop on Traditional Structures and Cultural Heritage

9 May 2009, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Isfahan, Isfahan (Iran)

Organized by:

University of Isfahan, Bam Recovery Project Office, Mie University, Kokushikan University, Iran
ICOMOS, Japan ICOMOS

Speakers include **Prof. Yasuyoshi Okada**, Kokushikan University, Japan, member of the ICOMOS Executive Committee and **Prof. Mehrdad Hejazi**, University of Isfahan, member of ICOMOS Iran and the International Scientific Committee on the analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage

Website

University of Isfahan: <http://www.ui.ac.ir/index.php>

Program (PDF)

<http://www.ui.ac.ir/conferences/poster/program.pdf>

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Fondazione Romualdo del Bianco: International Conference: “Domes in the World”**Second half of 2010, Florence (Italy)**

All participants to the network of the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco are invited to participate; those who are interested can get further information on the new portal/community:

http://www.lifebeyondtourism.com/workshop/dett_workshop.asp?tipologia=&id_work=137#top

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European Federation of Landscape Architects (EFLA): Calendar of Events April 2009

The calendar of events of the European Federation of Landscape Architects (EFLA) can be downloaded at the following address :

http://www.efla.org/eflaweb/main/UncludePdf.aspx?url=EFLAcalendar_April2009.pdf

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Centro Internacional de la Conservacion Del Patrimonio (CICOP) Courses

Curso de Perfeccionamiento 2009: Gestión y Difusion del Patrimonio Cultural

El Centro Internacional para la Conservación del Patrimonio, Argentina, organiza su Programa Máster en Conservación del Patrimonio en tres ciclos formativos complementarios:

Perfeccionamiento, Especialización y Maestría.

La formación integral que propone está ordenada en 10 Áreas y más de 90 Módulos.

Su estructura abierta ofrece una respuesta actualizada y cambiante para dar respuesta a variadas necesidades y a las diversidades regionales.

El curso Gestión y Difusión del Patrimonio Cultural capacita para

- Manejar las herramientas básicas de la gestión para el desarrollo sustentable del patrimonio
- Entender y abordar el significado de obras de valor patrimonial
- Abordar informes para la difusión y puesta en valor del patrimonio cultural
- Encarar acciones de fomento e impulso al patrimonio
- Detectar desajustes generales y activar propuestas de intervención sobre el patrimonio

Dirigido a

Graduados de Carreras Terciarias o Universitarias de distintas disciplinas.

Plan de Cursado

El aspirante deberá cursar y aprobar los siguientes módulos:

M. 2.2. Teoría e Historia de la Conservación del Patrimonio

M. 2.7. Metodología de la Investigación

M. 6.1. Economía

M. 6.2 Políticas de Intervención en Centros Históricos

M. 6.3 Tecnología y Gestión

M. 6.5 Políticas en Conservación y Sostenibilidad del Patrimonio

M. 7.2 Legislación para la Conservación del Patrimonio

M 9.1 Turismo y Patrimonio

M 9.4 Comunidad, Desarrollo y Participación

El curso concluye con una Monografía o Proyecto de Perfeccionamiento.

El Curso 2009 se desarrollará en tres encuentros

Abril 15-16-17
Julio 22-23-24
Octubre 21-22-23

El Dictado de clases es de jornada completa

Tanto los módulos como las fechas pueden sufrir alteraciones por razones de organización

Requisitos para la inscripción

El aspirante deberá presentar para la inscripción: Nota de admisión al curso; fotocopia del título; currículo sintético; fotocopia de documento identidad; una foto.

Aranceles

Matricula de inscripción: \$ 362.-

1 pago de \$ 384 o 3 pagos de \$ 148.-

Los certificados son de carácter académico, no oficiales ni habilitantes.

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http: www.sinectis.com.ar/u/cicop

Algunas problemáticas alrededor del urbanismo y de la arquitectura de las Misiones Jesuíticas

Profesor Norberto Levinton

Lunes 27 de abril, 4, 11 y 18 de mayo de 2009, 19 hs

Programa

1. La Micro-Región: espacio y tiempo en la cartografía producida por la interacción jesuítico-guaraní.
2. Presencia indígena en el ruralurbanismo de las Misiones Jesuíticas
3. Los templos misioneros: la estructura antropológica y los cambios históricos
4. Fecha cierta para la construcción de la iglesia de San Ignacio Mini

En todas las clases se entregará a los participantes el texto básico de las mismas.

Mantenimiento del Patrimonio Construido

Profesor José Ignacio Barasi

Jueves 7, 14 y 28 de mayo. 19 hs

Contenidos:

- El crecimiento de las ciudades.
- Reconocimiento del edificio existente, diagnóstico y tratamiento / aproximación
- Metodología de Análisis: Ubicación entre el entorno físico y el construido ante el entorno socio-económico y humano.
- Detección de causales de patologías: Emplazamiento, tipos de suelo; cambios en la tensión del suelo. Entorno urbano y sus cambios; Asoleamientos, sus cambios, sombras; Dilataciones; Microclimas, urbanos y dentro de un mismo edificio. Cambios de destino.
- Métodos y criterios de aproximación: Conservación del valor. Noble envejecimiento. "materiales nobles" y "no nobles".
- Mantenimiento de la estructura; de la carcasa; de las instalaciones. Diseño. Mantenimiento y patologías. Mantenimiento y colapso parcial y total.
- Mantenimiento "caro" y "barato"; obras de mantenimiento.
- Políticas de mantenimiento. Prioridades y secuencias de intervención. Plazos de intervención en el tiempo, mantenimiento como actividad sistematizada. Casos de análisis de tipologías a mantener.
- Materiales y técnicas de intervención.
- Ejemplos y casos de intervenciones en inmuebles de distintas épocas.
- El perfil del operario; higiene y seguridad; herramientas.
- Intervenciones según tipología arquitectónica.
- La Ley 257 y la cultura del Mantenimiento.

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La moda en el siglo XX.

Marcelo Marino

Lunes 5, 19 y 26 de mayo de 2009, 18.30 hs

La moda supone cambio y novedad y refleja las condiciones históricas en que se desarrolla. Este curso propone un análisis de las prácticas del vestir durante el siglo XX y trata de definir de qué forma la moda es un reflejo de los cambios culturales, políticos y económicos además de constituir una expresión de modernidad y el símbolo de un momento. Desde el comienzo del siglo, con la aparición de un nuevo sistema de la moda que se conoce como Alta Costura, la creación de indumentaria fue cambiando década a década. La Historia de la moda, anteriormente de procesos más estables y de ciclos más longevos, de repente ingresa en un momento de cambios acelerados y profundos. Estos cambios reflejan poderosamente los gustos, los adelantos tecnológicos, los roles social de varones y mujeres, los procesos creativos y artísticos, las ideas sobre la sexualidad, las diferentes concepciones del cuerpo y de la belleza. En la primera parte del curso se definirán las principales características de estas variaciones, los perfiles de los principales creadores que les dieron forma y el surgimiento de otros sistemas de la moda que plantean nuevas vías de consumo y circulación de la indumentaria. La perspectiva del análisis pondrá en diálogo las condiciones sociales de cada momento y su relación con los fenómenos de moda. Las prendas de vestir se estudiarán en contexto y se dedicará especial atención a los discursos sobre el cuerpo y la belleza con los que la moda está en estrecha relación. En la segunda parte del curso se abordarán algunas de las condiciones por las que los fenómenos de moda e indumentaria cobran interés a lo largo del siglo XX como objeto de análisis para las disciplinas de estudio más variadas. La historia, la antropología, la psicología, la historia del arte y de las imágenes, la sociología y otras ramas del saber, indagan cada vez más, con sus instrumentos de análisis en los procesos relacionados con la moda, la indumentaria, el vestir y la apariencia. En este sentido también se abordarán los cambios de la indumentaria como objeto material que, también durante el siglo XX, se decide conservar y exhibir en colecciones y museos especializados. Finalmente, los tres módulos plantean un instancia permanente de actualización bibliográfica sobre los temas antes consignados.

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AHSS Conference 2009 : Mirror of Modernity: The Post-war Revolution in Urban Conservation

1 and 2 May 2009, Main Lecture Theatre, Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh (Scotland)

The AHSS National Conference, held jointly with DOCOMOMO International and hosted by the Scottish Centre for Conservation Studies, will be held on Friday and Saturday, 1-2 May 2009 in the Main Lecture Theatre, Edinburgh College of Art, 74 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9DF. The conference will begin by sketching out the broad international context of the shift towards urban conservation, including the post-war reconstruction of cities, as well as urban conservation in the 60s. The day will open with post-war reconstruction in Poland, moving swiftly to touch on 1960s-70s cases in Canada, France, Italy, England, and concluding with contemporary challenges in China.

Booking Form (PDF)

<http://www.rias.org.uk/content/mediaassets/pdf/AHSS%20National%20Conference%20Booking%20Form.pdf>

Website

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Call for Abstracts: 2009 Conference of the Association for Preservation Technology International (APTI): Preservation in the City Without Limits

2-6 November 2009, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles (USA)

The theme of the 2009 conference is "Preservation in the City Without Limits." Los Angeles represents the quintessential American city of the late 19th and 20th centuries. Technological and social changes allowed an interconnected, yet scattered, collection of towns and villages to grow (sprawl) into one of the world's major metropolitan regions comprising five counties; more than 200 towns, cities, and municipalities; and more than 15 million residents. At the hub of this metropolitan agglomeration, Los Angeles invites rigorous debate between those seeing an urban utopia—complete with fast cars, movie stars, high-tech jobs, surf boards, fruit orchards, and mountain resorts—and those who envision a dystopian nightmare of race riots, air pollution, traffic jams, endless sprawl, and rapidly increasing density. Somewhere in the middle, for better or worse, lies the real Los Angeles, the model for the post-war 20th century American metropolis and (jaded) blueprint for the World City.

Now that we have moved into the 21st Century, both philosophical and pragmatic questions arise regarding the conservation and management of the World City...

- How do we wisely use and improve a now historic built environment that was conceived under a set of assumptions that are no longer sustainable?
- How do we evaluate decisions as to whether and, if so, how to preserve materials that were not designed for permanence?
- What constitutes appropriate technology in a world where the pace of technology development is increasing and where technological tools that once took generations to change now evolve day-by-day?

The APT LA 2009 Conference in Los Angeles will address the scientific, engineering and technical ramifications of preserving the modern metropolis and its expansive body of historic resources through the four conference tracks in the program.

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1st International Meeting European Architectural History Network (EAHN)

Guimarães, Portugal, June 17-20, 2010

Call for papers and Discussion Positions.

Submission deadline: October 30, 2009.

The time has come for scholars who share research and teaching objectives in architectural history to gather at a single pan-European meeting. In accordance with the EAHN mission statement, this meeting proposes to increase the visibility of the discipline, to foster transnational, interdisciplinary and multicultural approaches to the study of the built environment, and to facilitate the exchange of research results in the field. Though the scope of the meeting is European, members of the

larger scholarly community are invited to submit proposals related not only to Europe's geographical framework, but also to its transcontinental aspects.

The main purpose of the meeting is to map the general state of research in disciplines related to the built environment, to promote discussion of current themes and concerns, and to foster new directions for research in the field.

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The call for papers can also be read at www.eahn2010.org

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Museum International: Underwater Cultural Heritage (Volume 60, n° 4, 2008), N° 240

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Attention is also given to the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: its benefits along with the challenges still to be met.

Finally, this issue explores some new perspectives opened up by underwater cultural heritage on the theory and practice of protection itself.

Note: Several of the Authors of this Volume are members of ICOMOS' International Scientific Committee for Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICUCH) <http://www.icuch.org/>

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