



International Scientific Conference

Religious and Pilgrimage sites – Conservation challenges

11th edition in Florence, Italy

Florence (Italy), February 28-March 1, 2019

Auditorium al Duomo (via de' Cerretani 54/r)

Palazzo Coppini (via del Giglio 10)

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TOPIC OF THE CONFERENCE

'Places of religion and pilgrimage' are sites with specifically high sensitivity, carrying tangible as well as high non-tangible significance.

Some are still in use for religious practices, while others are archaeological ruins or places no longer used for their original function. In some religions they still have religious significance, in others they do not, but continue to carry religious importance.

Some of these sites are mainly places of memory, where structural significance is of secondary importance, many others have buildings which meet several criteria of historical, architectural, social and other significance.

Many important sites of religious meaning serve regularly as places of religion and ritual, to some there is regular pilgrimage, yet many are at the same time tourism attractions.

Very few active religious sites are managed by cultural heritage authorities – most are managed by religious authorities.

All the above issues make sites of religious and ritual significance a specific category, with big challenges to the conservation community.

Both scientific committees, TheoPhilos and PRERICO have never discussed these issues and the coming conference is the first opportunity for both.

Three different areas need to be discussed for theoretical and practical purposes:

- Definition of the religious and Pilgrimage sites, from the perspective of heritage protection - is it a category worth specific ethics, rules and consideration? Does it require different conservation considerations and Practices?
- Specific theoretical and practical challenges facing the conservation and users communities regarding religious and pilgrimage sites.
- Tourism to religious and Pilgrimage sites – conflicts of functions, respecting the different uses and users. Conservators' challenges.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Organizers:

- ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration
- ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Places of Religion and Ritual
- Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco-Life Beyond Tourism

Wednesday February 27, 2019	Morning	Arrival of participants
	Afternoon	
	Evening 19.00-21.00	Meeting of the ISC TheoPhilos Board (place to be defined)
Thursday February 28, 2019	Morning 9.00-13.00	Auditorium al Duomo, Anfiteatro Andrzej Tomaszewski (via de' Cerretani, 54/r) 9.00 – 10.00 REGISTRATIONS 10.00 - 10.50 – OPENING SESSION Greetings and introduction to the topics and goals of the conference Paolo del Bianco, <i>Building Peace through Heritage</i> Rii Hae Un, <i>Introduction to the topic of the conference</i> Bogusław Szmygin <i>Religious Monuments – Problem More Complex Than Others</i> 10.50-11.40 – 1st SESSION Giora Solar, Israel

		<p><i>Specific issues regarding the conservation of sites of religious importance</i></p> <p>Nigel Walter, UK <i>The narrative approach to living heritage</i></p> <p>Maurizio Davolio, Italy <i>Religion sites and responsible tourism</i></p> <p>11.40-12.10 - COFFEE BREAK AT FOYER</p> <p>12.10 -13.00 – 2nd SESSION</p> <p>Georgios Toubekis, Jörg Haspel, Manfred von Holthum, Michael Jansen, Germany <i>Preserving the immaterial values of religious monuments and sites. The Aachen recommendation regarding sacred World Heritage and tourism (2018)</i></p> <p>Piotr Krasny, Poland <i>Blasphemy, scandal, impropriety? Perception of the adaptation of old churches to secular functions and its impact on the protection of these monuments</i></p> <p>John Hurd, UK <i>The Mobilisation of Civil Society for the maintenance of places of religion and ritual.</i></p> <p>13.00-14.30 FREE LUNCH BREAK</p>
	Afternoon 14.30-18.00	<p>Palazzo Coppini, Komech Room, 1st floor (via del Giglio, 10)</p> <p>14.30- 16.00 – 3rd SESSION</p> <p>Adam Arnoth , Hungary <i>The renewal of the basilica of the Benedictine Archabbey, Pannonhalma</i></p> <p>Hila Keren-Steinmetz, Israel <i>The entrance portal to the Holy Sepulcher</i></p> <p>Bartomeu Deya, Spain <i>Lluc Monastery. Spirituality and tourism at the cultural landscape Serra de Tramuntana – Mallorca</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Follows Final Report on ERASMUS+ project S.U.R.E. INFODAY</p> <p>Palazzo Coppini, Beglaryan Room, 1st floor 16.00 - 18.00 - Meeting of the ISC PRERICO</p> <p>Palazzo Coppini, Fanta Room, ground floor 16.00 - 18. 00 - S.U.R.E. (Sustainable Urban Rehabilitation in Europe) meeting</p>
	Evening	Conference Dinner (upon registration and payment)
Friday March 1st, 2019	Morning 10.00-13.00	<p>Palazzo Coppini, Komech Room, 1st floor</p> <p>10.00-11.00 – 4th SESSION</p> <p>Louise Noelle Gras, Mexico <i>Specific theoretical and practical challenges facing the conservation and users communities</i></p>

		<p><i>regarding religious and pilgrimage sites</i></p> <p>Susana Mora, Spain, Calogero Bellanca, Italy <i>"Campus Stellae"</i></p> <p>Rosa Anna Genovese, Italy <i>Pilgrimage Cultural Routes, Conservation Challenges</i></p> <p>11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK</p> <p>11.30 -13.00 - 5th SESSION</p> <p>Henrik Lindblad, Sweden <i>Living or (un)Dead? – The Wellbeing of Swedish Ecclesiastical Heritage</i></p> <p>Dinu Bumbaru, Canada <i>Religious, Sacred, Spiritual or Ritual? Definitions and values in documenting, conserving and converting heritage buildings, sites and ensembles in a metropolitan landscape: case of Montreal (Québec), Canada</i></p> <p>Nina Stevanovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>Heritage Protection of Secular Spiritual Places: Perspectives and Challenges in Preservation of Transcendental Spirit of Bogdan Bogdanovic's Memorials</i></p> <p>Stsiapan Stureika, Belarus <i>Synagogues in Post-Soviet Belarus: Overcoming Abandonment Through an Appropriation (example of Ashmiany)</i></p> <p>13.00-14.30 FREE LUNCH BREAK</p>
	<p>Afternoon 14.30-18.00</p>	<p>Palazzo Coppini, Komech Room, 1st floor</p> <p>14.30- 15.30 – 6th SESSION</p> <p>Abel Assefa Girmay, Ethiopia <i>Adoption of conservation principles and guidelines for the preservation of religious sites: A case study of Ankobar Medhane-Alem Archeological Heritage Site; Ankober/Ethiopia.</i></p> <p>Riichi Miyake (Tokyo University of Science), Melva Rodriguez Java (University of San Carlos) <i>Remain of a Jesuit House in Argao, Cebu Island in the Philippines</i></p> <p>Houda Ben Younes, Tunisia <i>The Ghriba pilgrimage synagogue on the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage: A tool of encouraging a process of national appropriation linked to an international project</i></p> <p>Final discussion</p> <p>Palazzo Coppini, Beglaryan Room, 1st floor 16.00-18.00 - Annual Meeting of the ISC TheoPhil /open for non-members</p>

Moreover the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco is glad to invite you to the initiatives in the framework of the:

21st ASSEMBLY OF FONDAZIONE ROMUALDO DEL BIANCO®

AND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

HERITAGE as a BUILDER OF PEACE[®] 2019

h. 19.00, 1 March 2019, Auditorium al Duomo

h. 9.00 -18.00, 2 March 2019, Auditorium al Duomo and Palazzo Coppini

h. 9.00 -19.00, 3 March 2019, Auditorium al Duomo, Palazzo Coppini and ICLAB (Intercultural Creativity Laboratory)

Program at a glance

(updated in January 24, 2019)

Friday March 1 st , 2019	Morning Afternoon	<p>Arrival of the participants</p> <p>Foyer at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de' Cerretani, 54r)</p> <p>REGISTRATION of participants and delivery of the pecha-kucha presentations</p>
	Evening 18.00-20.00	<p>Anfiteatro A. Tomaszewski Hall at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de' Cerretani, 54r)</p> <p>h. 19.00: Cultural Opening of the 21st Assembly and Symposium</p> <p>Piano Concert by Valerian Shiukashvili</p> <p>Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Tbilisi State University</p>
Saturday March 2 nd – Sunday 3 rd March 2019	<p>Morning 9.00-14.00</p> <p>Afternoon 14.00-19.00</p>	<p>Anfiteatro A. Tomaszewski Hall at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de' Cerretani, 54r)</p> <p>9.00: OFFICIAL OPENING of the 21st ASSEMBLY OF THE LIFE BEYOND TOURISM MOVEMENT</p> <p>The final program is under construction and will be available soon on www.lifebeyondtourism.org. It will comprehend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the International Symposium <i>Heritage as a Builder of Peace</i> includes three scientific sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>"Cultural Expressions of Territories"</i> o <i>"World Heritage Sites for Dialogue 2019"</i> o <i>"Heritage for Planet Earth 2019"</i> (over 130 abstracts presented, by 183 authors from over 150 organisations of 85 cities in 42 countries of the 5 continents) - Exhibition of cultural expressions and traditions dedicated to a Guest Country: the 2019 is dedicated to Bahrain, thanks to the collaboration with H.E. Shaika Mai Bint Mohammed Al Khalifa (President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (Manama) and H.E. Hala Bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, Director General of Culture and Arts at BACA; both the Authorities will be present on 3rd March 2019 - Exhibition of the cultural expressions (Italy and other countries) by the Foundation's Life Beyond Tourism Movement - presentation of the publication <i>"World Heritage for building Peace"</i> by Mounir Bouchenaki, Special Adviser to the Director General of UNESCO and Adviser to the Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities - presentation of the Appeal <i>"Building Peace through Heritage"</i> prepared by the Foundation and the ICOMOS International Scientific Interpretation and Communication Committee, to be presented to the UNESCO and the whole international community, to launch the vision of the Heritage Sites not only as tourist destinations but as real "training" ground for dialogue between different cultures - Final Report on ERASMUS+ project S.U.R.E. INFODAY <p>Life Beyond Tourism enters in an European Curricula for Sustainable Urban Rehabilitation"; presentation of the new ERASMUS+ Project "UNINET-University Network for Cultural Heritage: Integrated Protection, Management and Use"</p>

INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATION

The delegates are kindly invited to use the *Best Practice* Reservation Portal www.vivafirenze.it that is a practical application of the **Life Beyond Tourism philosophy**. You can choose among over 200 accommodation facilities to get the option that better suits you in terms of prices (the same hotel fares as in the other international reservation portals), location, category, etc.

This is a way to better know how the [Life Beyond Tourism Model](#) operates on the territory and for the territory interpreting and communicating it to the visitors. Booking your stay with Vivafirenze you will contribute to support a crowdfunding campaign for 4 special restoration projects in Florence as with the Model you can do on your territory:

- **“Stories in the woods”**, The aim of the project is to create a free and accessible thematic itinerary within the Monte Ginezzo Regional Forestry Agricultural Complex in Cortona. Cortona is one of the most famous tourist resorts of Tuscany and the province of Arezzo. Its mountain territory is untouched, but almost unknown.

- **“Facto, Tuscany Creative Factory”**, The project wants to offer artists and creative spaces to imagine, design, experiment, create, share by providing a welcoming structure in the heart of Montelupo Fiorentino, the city of ceramics. A place designed for anyone who needs to express their inner world and their potential.

- **“The Medicean Aqueduct of Pisa and its territory”**, Project for the recovery and enhancement of the Medicean Aqueduct - commissioned by Cosimo I de' Medici to supply the city of Pisa with the water of Monte Pisano, currently in an advanced state of degradation - with an environmental requalification of the neighboring areas, thanks to the technical contribution of a group of designers coordinated by the architect Massimo Gasperini and assisted by the Association in question.

- **“Tosca's bells on the way of the springs and the ancient wash houses”**, Project aimed at the realization of hydraulic intervention works and reconstruction of the ancient washtubs built numerous along the various springs that characterize this territory.

For these reasons, the reservation portal www.vivafirenze.it has been selected by the Organizing Committee as the official one for the Conference.

[ABOUT VIVAFIRENZE.IT](#)

Born from the Life Beyond Tourism philosophy, it is the first non-profit booking portal for hotels in Florence and its surroundings and proposes an innovative model of sustainable tourism that connects the traveler, tourist operators and the heritage of the territory. By booking in one of the structures of Vivafirenze.it the traveler can contribute to conservation projects and development of the area and of the culture of Florence, UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The traveler books his room for free with direct payment at the hotel, after the stay. What differentiates Vivafirenze.it is the direct relationship between each booking made and the financing of projects in support of the heritage of Florence, at no extra cost to our guests.

Vivafirenze.it is not responsible for prices and rates published directly by the hotels and accommodation facilities that have joined the booking portal sharing our approach to enhancing the territory.

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the 18th General
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Foundation's
Life Beyond
Tourism Model
and considers
the Foundation
as a partner for
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conferences and
meetings with
Foundation's
university
network and
ICOMOS*

18th General Assembly of ICOMOS
Florence, Italy
9 to 14 November 2014

Resolutions of the General Assembly

18GA Agenda item 2 Opening of the General Assembly

Vote of thanks

Resolution 18GA 2014/01

The 18th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Congratulates with gratitude ICOMOS Italy for the successful hosting of the 18th General Assembly;

Thanks The President of the Italian Republic, the President of the Council of the Italian Republic, the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and UNESCO; as well as the Region of Tuscany, the Province of Florence, the Municipality of Florence, the ITA Italian Trade Agency, the Italian National Commission UNESCO, for their support;

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Resolution 18GA 2014/42 – Travel beyond sustainable tourism: Life Beyond Tourism, Travel for Dialogue

The 18th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling that the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco signed on 4 March 2013 a Memorandum of Understanding with ICOMOS regarding collaboration on scientific activity related to heritage conservation for intercultural dialogue;

Noting that the Fondazione has implemented the "Life Beyond Tourism" philosophy and model for promoting the presentation, interpretation and enjoyment of local cultural identities in order to promote sustainable development;

Noting that the Fondazione established the International Life Beyond Tourism Institute in October 2013 for the implementation of its philosophy and model;

Noting that the Fondazione develops initiatives for intercultural dialogue including "Life Beyond Tourism: Travel for Dialogue"; which advocates travel as personal outreach, and travel as a gift to share with others, to know and to be known, to be open to dialogue, to appreciate and to respect diversity;

Recognising with gratitude that the implementation in Florence of the Life Beyond Tourism Model has allowed a financial support to the Italian National Committee of ICOMOS for organising the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Florence;

Considers the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco - with its International Life Beyond Tourism Institute - as a partner for familiarising young people in the Fondazione's network with ICOMOS;

Supports the notion and activity of travel to promote dialogue among international youth.