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Rome, 26 April 2013

TO ALL ICCROM MEMBER STATES

Dear Sir/Madam,

ICCROM is pleased to announce the training course on Conservation of Built Heritage that will be held in Rome from 28 February to 30 April 2014.

The course aims at serving a wide range of conservation practitioners and decision makers to help address technical issues and at the same time placing them within the broader conservation context in order to link them to planning and management concerns.

The course announcement is included with this letter.

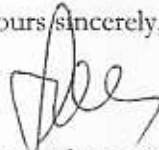
We are interested in inviting applications from mid-career professionals and other decision makers in conservation, with at least four years of experience, from different disciplines (architects, archaeologists, engineers, planners, site managers, etc.), either in a position to influence practice or having the potential to do so in the short or medium term.

We would be grateful for your assistance in finding appropriate candidates, and inviting them to follow the application procedure included in the announcement. Thank you also for disseminating widely this information to the relevant networks.

Applications should reach ICCROM by the 1 July 2013 to ensure inclusion in our selection process.

For any further information, please send an e-mail to builtheritage2014@iccrom.org.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Stefano De Caro
Director-General

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Course on Conservation of Built Heritage 2014

Application deadline: 1 July 2013

Dates: 28 February – 30 April 2014

Place: Rome, Italy

Background

ICCRUM is pleased to announce the fifth training course on Conservation of Built Heritage in Rome. ICCROM has been a pioneer in organizing courses in heritage conservation since 1965 including the Architectural Conservation Course (ARC) and many other regular courses and most recently the course on Conservation of Built Heritage for four consecutive intervals since 2007. In designing this course, ICCROM has drawn from this experience, evaluation results and considered the most recent international trends and thinking related to conservation of the built heritage, including buildings, sites, historic centres and cultural landscapes.

The course aims at serving a wide range of conservation practitioners and decision makers by placing technical issues within the broader conservation context in order to link them to planning and management concerns. The first part of the course will consist of an overview of the current practices of defining heritage, evolution of different concepts and key approaches currently used in built heritage conservation. The second part of the course will focus on the planning and management issues pertaining to the conservation decision making process. The third part of the course will focus more closely on technical issues including documentation, conditions assessments and various treatments plus interpretation and public access. The final week of the course may be devoted to one-week seminar looking at management practices at cultural and natural heritage sites, assessing similarities and differences, as well as trying to develop ways for better collaboration in the future between cultural and natural heritage professionals.

Objectives

At the conclusion of the course, participants will have a better understanding of critical processes in conservation in order to apply them at the macro/micro levels; improve their strategic planning skills relevant to heritage management; expand their awareness, knowledge, and understanding of current principles and practices in conservation of the built heritage; and enhance skills, judgments, and experience.

Methodology

Training will be based on a multiple activity model including lectures, case studies, practical hands-on exercises, site visits, group work, and classroom discussions. Participants will need to be active and involved during three stages: pre-course preparation, course attendance, and post-course follow-up, networking, and monitoring. During the course, participants will be considered as key resources by sharing their own knowledge and experiences, presenting case studies, participating in course discussions, and participating in group work and hands-on exercises.

Participants

The course is open to a maximum of 20 participants with at least four years of experience actively involved in the conservation of built heritage. Mid-career professionals and other decision makers in conservation from different disciplines (architects, archaeologists, engineers, planners, site managers, etc.), either in a position to influence practice or having the potential to do so in the short or medium term, are eligible. Those in a position to carry the messages of the course to a broad audience (for example, trainers who are able to reach a large audience over time) are encouraged to apply.

Teaching Team

Teaching staff will be composed of recognized heritage conservation professionals having both practical and theoretical experience. They will represent the broadest possible international perspectives in their fields of expertise, and at the same time will be able to bring specific knowledge in order to fulfill each of the course components. In addition they will represent excellence covering a wide geographical scope.

Language

English is the working language of the course. Candidates must have strong communication and writing skills in English. A certificate of language will be requested, if English is not your first language or if you have not carried out graduate studies in English.

Course fee: € 900

Travel, Accommodation and Living Expenses

Participants will be responsible for their round trip travel costs to and from Rome. In order to cover accommodation and living expenses in Rome during the course, participants should plan for a minimum amount of 2,000-3,000 Euros for two months. Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek financial support from sources such as governmental institutions, employers and funding agencies. In cases of proven financial need, and depending on the availability of funding from external sources at the time of the course, a limited number of partial scholarships may be granted.

Certificate of Attendance

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance upon successful completion of the course. Participants are expected to attend all lectures and activities over the full length of the course.

Application

Please fill the ICCROM application form (obtainable from ICCROM's web site) and send it together with the documents listed below by mail to the contact address below. (Email applications are welcome. In the event that it is not possible to provide a scanned version of the necessary photographs and signatures, it will also be necessary to send a paper copy.)

- A full professional curriculum vitae (in English)
- A brief report (3-5 pages) answering the following questions:
 1. Describe a conservation project for which you are or have been actively involved. Include the appropriate contextual background (objectives, partners, support, etc.), a description of difficulties encountered, and the strategic responses developed.
 2. In addition to the project described above, what other case studies might you be able to share during your participation in the course?
 3. What do you consider as your major achievement in the field of conservation of immovable cultural heritage?

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Application deadline

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(Implementation of the course will be subjected to the approval of the ICCROM General Assembly that will be held in November 2013)