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Third ICOMOS South East Europe Regional Meeting

Theme: *More Heritage Experts for the Region!*

26 – 28 September 2019, Kotor, Montenegro

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Background, scope and structure of the meeting

In 2010, the ICOMOS Regional Group for South Eastern Europe was set up to foster the active exchange of information and continuous collaboration on issues concerning the common heritage of the region. Hungary hosted the group meeting in 2010, Slovenia in 2011 and Austria in 2013. This year, Montenegro has generously invited us on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Kotor's inscription on the World Heritage List. We hope that this event, at which all Committees have confirmed their attendance, will give a fresh impulse and direction to cooperation between colleagues in the region.

In preparatory talks, the urgent need to train more heritage experts for and within the region was expressed. Several universities and NGO's of the region have started intensive cooperation in academic teaching and research, and its results can already be seen in the strong networking that exists among the ICOMOS Emerging Professionals from the countries concerned. Nevertheless, it is now time to adopt a more systematic approach and to explore further options of capacity building and training, drawing both on support from the national authorities in the region but also on external support.

The state heritage institutions in many countries in the region suffer from a severe lack of cultural heritage expertise within their staff, mainly due to the educational gap caused by the Balkan wars of the 1990s and their aftermath. Significant problems in conservation and restoration practice, as well as inadequate cultural heritage inventories, directly derive from the pressing lack of experts with up-to-date training available in the region. The announcement by the European Union that it will focus activities in the coming decade on the (Western) Balkan countries might bring improvement, but the ICOMOS network, together with the universities and other active NGO's of the region, have to plan and take action in that direction too. The main goal of this meeting is to work together on some useful scenarios and strategies.

Besides this special focus on capacity building and training, the meeting agenda will focus on other current issues of mutual concern such as the coordination of the UNESCO World Heritage national tentative lists, the evaluation and monitoring of World Heritage Sites, including problems of over- and under-tourism, and the integration of contemporary architecture within historic ensembles. Other more internal issues to ICOMOS – both structural and thematic – are also on the programme.

For the eight general topics and themes listed in the programme below, Grellan D. Rourke, ICOMOS Vice President for Europe, and Caroline Jaeger-Klein, President of ICOMOS Austria, who has a long-standing experience of university teaching and research in the region, have volunteered to act as introductory presenters. They will **launch the discussion** for each session through a short presentation of ICOMOS principles as well as current cases, with the assistance of Emerging Professionals from the region. After this introduction to the topic, all the participants are warmly invited to contribute with their own experiences and observations, in particular by presenting positive experiences and case-studies from their countries – so as to share and learn from each other's best practice.

In addition, each National Committee is asked to bring one **printed poster** (format 70/100 centimeters portrait) to present their respective National Committee, its current activities and focus points (i.e. size and work of your Committee, opportunities and challenges you are facing, activities and focus themes of your agenda – recent years and future). The posters will be displayed at the session-venue to allow exchange of information and discussion in an informal context.

Preliminary Programme

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Date	Time	Item	Introduction
25 September		Arrival of participants	
	20:00	Welcome drinks in Tivat	
26 September	9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Culture of Montenegro, Mr Aleksandar Bogdanovic Mayor of Kotor, Mr Vladimir Jokić ICOMOS Montenegro, Prince Nikola Petrović Njegoš President of ICOMOS Toshiyuki Kono
	9:30-10:15	Report on Notre Dame de Paris	Benjamin Mouton, former VP of ICOMOS and former Inspector general of historic monuments.
	10:15-10:30	Coffee break	
	10:30 – 12:30	<i>Theme 1:</i> Cooperation with Regional NGO's and Universities	Caroline Jäger-Klein
	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
	13:30 – 15:00	<i>Theme 2:</i> National Cultural Heritage Documentation and Inventories	Caroline Jäger-Klein
	15:00 – 16:30	<i>Theme 3:</i> Regional Conservation and Restoration Practice	Caroline Jäger-Klein
	16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break	
	16:45 – 18:15	<i>Theme 4:</i> Adaptive Reuse and Rehabilitation – Challenges and Opportunities	Caroline Jäger-Klein
		20:00	Dinner
27 September	9:00 – 10:30	<i>Theme 5:</i> The two pillars of ICOMOS – National Committees and ISC's	Grellan D. Rourke
	10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
	10:45 - 12:30	<i>Theme 6:</i> Capacity Building and Training with External Support	Toshiyuki Kono
	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
	13:30 – 15:00	<i>Theme 7:</i> – World Heritage Information Session	Grellan D. Rourke
	15:00 – 16:30	<i>Theme 8:</i> – Local World Heritages Issues	Dražen Arbutina (ICOMOS Croatia) Grellan D. Rourke
	16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break	
	16:45 – 18:15	Further discussion and conclusions	
		20:00	Dinner
28 September	All day	Site visit to Stari Bar	A handout with information on the site will be provided.
29 September		Departure	

Participants

- The President and Emerging Professional from the following National Committees of the Region: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Moldova, Northern Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia
- Additionally: 6 representatives of the new ICOMOS Montenegro; 2 representatives of the ICOMOS members in Kosovo, 3 representatives of ICOMOS International (Toshiyuki Kono – President, Grellan Rourke – Vice-President and representative of the Europe Group; Benjamin Mouton – former Vice-President with strong relations to the region)
- Support (Conference Assistants): young ICOMOS members from the region, organised through ICOMOS Austria (Lirjeta Avdiu-Vecsa – Montenegro/Kosovo; Ivan Vratnica – Montenegro; Marija Nakeva – Northern Macedonia)

Main venue

St Paul's Church, Kotor

Ulica 2 (sjever-jug), Mount St. John's, Kotor, Municipalité de Kotor 85330, Monténégro

<https://muzejikotor.me/en/home/saint-pauls-church/>

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