The Asian Academy for Heritage Management is a network of institutions throughout Asia and the Pacific offering professional training in the field of heritage management. The mission of the Asian Academy is to strengthen professional capacity to sustainably manage heritage resources by providing a regional platform for institutional cooperation in training, research, and exchange. Under the guidance of UNESCO and ICCROM, the Asian Academy promotes integrated, holistic and multi-disciplinary management of heritage resources, including both tangible and intangible expressions of culture.

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Message from the Secretariat

Welcome to this year’s third edition of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management Newsletter. We would like to thank those who submitted news and articles for their contributions. Please print and post this newsletter to allow all staff and students to read it. The secretariat is now accepting articles, news, research announcements and events for our next issue. Please submit all items to asian-academy@unescobkk.org.

We look forward to continued co-operation with our members and to receiving input from our readers. Please contact us at asian-academy@unescobkk.org.

Asian Academy News

Strategy Meeting will define the future structure of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management

UNESCO Bangkok, Thailand, 2 October 2006

In order to discuss the future development of the network and to elect an AAHM Steering Committee consisting of representatives from the members, an AAHM Strategy Meeting has been scheduled for October 2006. Additional items on the agenda are the assessment of the outcomes from the activities of the working groups and the reconsideration of the network’s structure.


List of accepted abstracts

Session I  Application of Legal and Policy Frameworks for Conservation

Sharif Sharm Imon  Can public participation fill the gap of inadequate measures for protection and management of heritage places and their settings in developing countries?: Case studies from Old Dhaka

Anna Dal Maso  China policies on cultural heritage preservation - a way to understand Chinese peculiar approach to conservation

Kapila D.Silva  Conserving Asian urban heritage: The need for re-conceptualizing value-based management approach

Yahaya Ahmad  Consolidating the management & protection of cultural and natural property in Malaysia

Donruetai Kovathanakul  Legal and policy frameworks for Tha Tian, Heritage management and tourism

Syed Tauseef Ahmad  Legal framework and the conservation of historic building in Pakistan

AAHM Research Conference: Asian Approaches to Conservation

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, 3-4 October 2006

The AAHM holds a two-day research conference to foster the exchange of knowledge, information and views among researchers and experts in the field of conservation and heritage management. From the abstracts received, a thorough review process singled out 32 topics to be presented at the conference under the three sessions:

- Application of Legal and Policy Frameworks for Conservation;
- Innovative Technologies in Conservation;
- Linking Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage Management.

The conference programme will be completed with a field visit to the National Discovery Museum, a site in Bangkok that demonstrates the complexity of a conservation process.

Registration for the conference is still open until 20 September 2006. For more information on the conference and registration form, please refer to our website: http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=836.
**Session II**

**Innovative Technologies in Conservation**

- Elizabeth Moylan: A framework for cultural heritage monitoring at the world heritage site of Angkor
- Yume Yamaguchi: Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Application to world heritage site of Luang Prabang
- Walter Jamieson / Pawinee Sunalai: Visitor management for cultural/natural heritage conservation: Vat Phou world heritage site, Lao PDR

**Session III**

**Linking Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage Management**

- Siriwon Silapacharanan: Amphawa: Balance between cultural conservation and development
- Marcus Hackel: Architectural students build sustainable housing proto-types in the PR of China (A Chinese-German cooperative research project for affordable, ecological and cultural sustainable low cost - Low scale rural housing)
- Ken Taylor: Cultural mapping: Engaging with communities
- Jong Hyun Lim: Filling the gap between heritage documentation and cultural reality: Architectural survey of pre-1945's buildings for a creating heritage inventory
- Thada Sutthitham: Integrated community development: Sustainable tourism homestay and heritage conservation in Thailand
- Jusna M.Amin: Landscape heritage conservation in Indonesia
- Wittaya Daungthiima: Local belief system and identity of Thai Khaem community at Ban San Kangd Pla, Chiangmai, Thailand
- Niramon Piadena: Stakeholder collaboration and community participation in locally-based tourism development: A case study of rural communities in Nakhon Si Thammarat province, Thailand
- Nikhil Joshi: Swaraj and self-sufficiency: Transforming Asian approaches to conservation
- Rohit Jigyasu: Traditional management systems for mitigating disasters in south Asia

**Cultural Impact Assessment & Maritime Archaeology**


The UNESCO-ICCROM Asian Academy for Heritage Management is organizing its third Annual Field School entitled "Cultural Impact Assessment & Maritime Archaeology" to be held in Galle, Sri Lanka, from 1 to 9 April 2007.

The upcoming Field School will focus on integrated conservation management in an underwater context. It will provide the opportunity to study heritage conservation in real-life situations with the guidance of leading experts in this field. The curriculum will be divided into lectures, group work and field trips and address technical issues as well as legal and political frameworks, participatory models and heritage interpretation.

Please see our website for more information: [http://www.undescobkk.org/index.php?id=4944](http://www.undescobkk.org/index.php?id=4944)

**Members News**

**Exchange programme of Cultural and Natural Heritage management: ‘Sharing our Heritages’**

This provides the opportunities of exchange programme to 20 Australian Master’s students who are registered with Deakin, Charles Darwin, Curtin, or Western Sydney universities with one of the partner universities in Europe.

Students will gain international experience and develop cross-cultural and transnational expertise; clearer perspective of issues relevant to heritage conservation in the different along with the contrasting approaches to management; strategic and more concrete idea for planning and its action; ‘heritage management in different socio-context’.

Details of the programme and contacting persons are available at [http://www.uws.edu.au/about/acadorg/cste/heritage/soh](http://www.uws.edu.au/about/acadorg/cste/heritage/soh)
Asia-Pacific News

Japan’s contributions towards the development of culture

"While successfully scoring diplomatic points on the cultural front, culminating in the election of Koichiro Matsuura, former Japanese ambassador to France, as the UNESCO director general in 1999, Japan had long been far from serious about cracking down on illicit trade in foreign cultural assets at home. It was not until 2002 that Japan ratified a key international treaty banning illicit traffic in statuettes, paintings, manuscripts, books and other objects of historical or archeological value."

OymyNews, 18 August 2006:
http://english.oymynews.com/articleview/article_view.asp?no=311744&rel_no=1

2,500-year-old figurines found in China

"Archaeologists have unearthed two 2,500-year-old terra cotta figurines that are possible predecessors to the statute the army buried with China’s first emperor, state media reported. The 4-inch-tall figurines were made by the nation of Qin before its ruler unified China in 221 B.C., the China Daily newspaper and the Xinhua News Agency said this week. The figurines “are believed to be the original forms” of the style used to make the terra cotta army, the China Daily said, Xinhua said they might have been used to decorate homes."

Yahoo Asian News, 16 August 2006:
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060816/ap_on_re_as/china_an-coemt_figurines

China's world heritage sites prepare for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

“To prepare for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, famous Beijing sites that are inscribed to be World Cultural Heritages are undergoing maintenance work, including areas in Beihai Park, the Hall of Supreme Harmony in the Forbidden City, the Long Corridor and Buddhist Incense Tower at the Summer Palace, Echo Wall in the Temple of Heaven Park, the Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, the Beijing Man Site in Zhoukoudian, and part of the Great Wall in the outskirts of Beijing.”

China View Xinhua, 15 August 2006:
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-08/15/content_4962840.htm

UNESCO Asia-Pacific News

Awarded Top Prize in the 2006 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards

Shigar Fort Palace (Skardu, Northern Areas, Pakistan)

Shigar Fort Palace (Skardu, Northern Areas, Pakistan) has been honoured with the Award of Excellence in the 2006 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation. The two Awards of Distinction went to Bund 18 (Shanghai, China) and the Uch Monument Complex (Punjab, Pakistan). Three Awards of Merit were given to St. Andrew’s Church (Hong Kong SAR, China), Sir JJ School of Art (Mumbai, India), and Han Jiang Ancestral Temple (Penang, Malaysia). Three Honourable Mention awards were conferred upon Liu Ying Lung Study Hall (Hong Kong SAR, China); and Arakkal Kettu (Kerala, India); and Leh Old Town (Ladakh, India).

A total of 36 entries were received this year for the Heritage Awards from 11 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. A variety of types of projects were submitted for the Awards. The UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards recognize the efforts of private individuals and organizations that have successfully restored and conserved structures and buildings of heritage value in the region.

A total of six entries were received this year for the 2006 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards Jury Commendation for Innovation from four countries. The Jury Commenda-
tion recognizes newly-built structures which demonstrate outstanding standards for contemporary architectural design which are well integrated into historic contexts. No Com-
mendations were awarded this year.

More information about each of the projects can be found at http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=4109

ICCROM News

Formal declaration of accession by the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the Statutes of ICCROM

On 22 May 2006, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic deposited with the Director-General a formal declaration of accession to the Statutes of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), in conformity with Article 2 paragraph 2, of the Statutes. In accordance with the terms of Article 2, paragraph 4, of the above-mentioned Statutes, the membership of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic in ICCROM will take effect thirty days following receipt by the Director-General of the formal declaration of accession, i.e. on 21 June 2006.

For more information, please visit: http://www.iccrom.org/eng/news_en/archive_en/2006_06june_en.shtml

Opportunities for Students

Southeast Asian archaeology studies at the University of Washington

Deadline: 15 January 2007

This fellowship programmes offered by the University of Washington cover: three years of tuition, stipend and health insurance, and pilot research funding and opportunities to participate in archaeology field training programmes in Southeast Asia during the summer.

Details of information are available at:
http://depts.washington.edu/anthweb/programs/grad_admissions.php

Fellowships/Grants to individuals for East Asian archaeology and early history

Deadline: 15 November 2006

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) announced several types of fellowships and grants to individual residents in East Asia for the archaeology and early history of East Asia. There are: study and research fellowships, summer field-school scholarships, translation grants, advanced train-
ing grants, and summer dissertation seminar scholarships.

Selection criteria, application forms, and additional information are available at http://www.acls.org/eaah.htm or by contacting the ACLS office in New York at grants@acls.org

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Member Profile of the Month

**Department of Architecture, Southeast University, Nanjing, China PR**

Founded in 1927, SEU’s eminent Architecture Department (SEU-ARCH) is the cradle of modern architecture education in China. SEU-ARCH started as the Department of Architecture of National Central University, and then evolved into the Department of Architecture of Technology Institute of Nanjing University, and then of the Nanjing Institute of Technology. At present, the Architecture Department, the Research Institute of Architecture, and the Architectural Design and Research Institute are three parallel and complementary units of SEU-ARCH, which work together to bring architecture teaching, research and design into a common focus.

In SEU-ARCH, two disciplines - Architectural Design and Theory as well as Architectural History and Theory - have maintained their national leading position throughout the history of the department. Both are designated as the national key disciplines by the central authorities, and of which, the discipline of Architectural History and Theory is the only one of the kind in China. SEU-ARCH has won the National Sciences Congress Award, the National Architectural Design Awards, and more than 10 provincial or ministerial Science and Technology Progress Prizes, in addition to more than 60 other prizes from the province and ministry levels. SEU-ARCH currently is in charge of over 20 research projects from the Natural Science Foundation of China.

SEU-ARCH offers both post-doctoral as well as PhD programmes for Architectural Design and Theory, Architectural History and Theory, Urban Planning and Architectural Technology and Science. In this respect, the Faculty has all the facilities for students to achieve the highest level of knowledge and for the scientific force to advance their expertise and to conduct continuous research. Amongst the facilities available are: the State Specialized Laboratory of Computer Aided Architecture Design, the SEU-UNESCO GIS Center, and the Urban Virtual Reality studio, all parts of an ambitious development programme for key disciplines in “Project 211” which aims to support the country’s economic and social development.

More information can be found at: http://www.seu.edu.cn/~seue/academics/dept/1.htm and also refer to http://arch.seu.edu.cn/, available in Chinese only.

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**Asia-Pacific Calendar of Events**

**10th World Conference of the League of Historical Cities**

Victoria, Australia, 29 October - 1 November 2006

League of Historical Cities was established in 1994 in Kyoto, Japan, and has 65 member cities from 49 countries. This conference in Ballarat Victoria from 29 October to 1 November 2006 will provide delegates the opportunity to discuss how the heritage and history of cities is conserved and reconciled with the need for them to operate as modern livable cities.

International presenters include the UNESCO Regional Advisor for Culture in Asia and the Pacific, Dr Richard Engelhardt and Australian presenters include Prof Elizabeth Vines from Deakin University.

Details of the conference can be found at website: http://www.leaguehistoricalcities-ballarat.com or contact: Brenton.thomas@ballarat.vic.gov.au

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**“Our modern”: Re-appropriating Asia’s Urban Heritage**

Tokyo, Japan, 1 - 5 November 2006

mAAN will launch the conference which focuses on: development and revitalization, disaster and built heritage, memory and rebirth, and the concept of city and urban void, which are divided into three sessions. Not only the professionals in these field, but also all citizens from all over the world are encouraged to participate in the conference.

For more information please visit: http://www.m-heritage.org/maan2006/

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**SAHC’2006 - 5th Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions**

New Delhi, 6 - 8 November 2006

The main aim of the conference is to promote an exchange of knowledge, information and views among researchers and experts in the field of preservation, protection and restoration of historical constructions, including monuments and urban compounds. A second aim is to discuss case studies in emblematic historical constructions at international level, stressing the diversity and cultural context.

For more information, refer to the website: http://www.sahc2006.org

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**Challenge and change in ports, their town and cities**

Fremantle, Australia, 9 - 11 November 2006

Australia ICOMOS’ 2006 national conference will explore challenges and changes in the context of historic port cities. As an isolated island nation ports have played a significant role in the development of Australia that has endured through changing political, economic and social fortunes.
Details of conference can be found at: http://www.promaco.com.au/2006/icomos/

Hyper-Traditions: 10th IASTE Conference
Bangkok, Thailand, 15 - 18 December 2006

The conference explores globalization’s role in destabilization of tradition as a repository of authentic ideas and customs. The process, which intensified de-linking identity and place, poses challenge for tradition as an authentic expression of a geographically specific, culturally homogenous, coherent group of people.

Please visit website: http://www.arch.ced.berkeley.edu/research/iaste for more information

New Members
University of Malaya - Faculty of the Built Environment (Kuala Lumpur)

We would like to welcome our new institutional member from Malaysia. Faculty of the Built Environment at University of Malaya runs the Centre for Conservation Studies and Records (CORE), Masters and PhD specializing on Conservation Studies.

The AAHM has 43 institutional members.

Want to join the Asian Academy?

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Staff News

We would like to say good-bye to Ms Liubov Kemenova who is leaving her post in the Asian Academy Secretariat to return to her studies in Germany. At the same time, we are welcoming Mr Takahiko Makino who recently joined our team. Mr Makino is nearing completion of his study course World Heritage Studies, M.A. and is currently working in support of the Asian Academy Secretariat and its activities.

Internship Opportunities

The AAHM internship programme is open to all students with relevant educational background. The internship applications and other relevant information is available on our website: http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=923.

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