AAHM is a network of institutions throughout the Asia-Pacific region that offers professional training in the field of cultural heritage management. The mission of the AAHM is to strengthen professional capacity to sustainably manage heritage resources by providing a regional platform for institutional cooperation in education, training, and research. Under the guidance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage (ICCROM), AAHM 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 the first edition of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management Newsletter this year. 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 us at asian-academy@unescobkk.org.

AAHM News
Site Managers and Heritage Guides from Cambodia Will Be Trained in Siem Riep, Cambodia
11 - 17 February 2008, Siem Riep, Cambodia

UNESCAP and UNESCO will collaboratively hold a national training-of-trainers workshop in conjunction with Institute For Tourism Studies (IFT), the Authority for Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap (APSARA), and the Ministry of Tourism from 11 to 17 February 2008 in Siem Riep, Cambodia. In order to raise the institutional capacity to train both site managers and heritage guides in the sustainable management of tourism at heritage sites, this series of six GMS national training-of-trainers workshops has been undertaken since July 2007. Three workshops have been implemented in 2007, namely: (i) Hoi An Ancient Town World Heritage Site, Viet Nam from 23 to 28 July 2007, (ii) Historic City of Ayutthaya World Heritage Site, Thailand from 30 July to 3 August 2007, and (iii) Vat Phou World Heritage Site, Lao PDR from 1 to 7 October 2007.

Following the workshop in Siem Riep, Cambodia, two other workshops are planned to take place in China and Myanmar (venues and dates are to be confirmed).

For more information about the Cultural Heritage Specialist Guide programme can be found at: http://www.unescobkk.org/culture/asian-academy/heritageguides. For more information about the UNESCAP programme for training cultural tourism site managers, please contact Mr Jean-Louis Vignuda at: vignuda.unescap@un.org.

Establishment of a Capacity-Building Programme for Museum Professionals

In response to the need to develop skills and knowledge in all areas of the museum profession in the region, the AAHM Secretariat in cooperation with AAHM members and the section for Museum and Cultural Objects at UNESCO Headquarters is conducting a region-wide survey: (i) to identify training needs of institutions and professionals and (ii) to inventory training programmes in museology in the region.

For more information about the programme, please contact Mr Rik Ponne at: r.ponne@unesco.org.

AAHM Member News

Establishment of UNESCO Chair of Cultural Heritage Resource Management, Department of Architecture, University of Hong Kong

A UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Resource Management has been established at the Department of Architecture, University of Hong Kong.

The AAHM is anchored by the UNESCO Chair-holding institutions, which serve as focal points in developing various programmes and providing technical mentoring to other members of the network. Within the AAHM network, the following institutions hold UNESCO Chairs:

- UNESCO Chair on Heritage and Urbanism, at Deakin University (Australia)
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Management, at Southeast University (China)
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage Resource Management, at the University of Hong Kong (China)
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Development, at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (India)
- UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Risk Management, at Ritsumeikan University (Japan)

For more information about the UNESCO Chair programme, please contact: culture@unescobkk.org.
Short Courses in Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University

Deakin University is pleased to make available elements of the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific (CHCAP) programme via two-day modules, on-campus at the Melbourne Campus, Burwood, Victoria. These modules are ideal for people seeking professional development or wanting to know more about specific areas of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies. No assessment is required in association with these short courses. Courses will include reading materials and may include site visits and field exercises. Participants may be required to prepare a short paper for presentation during the course.

The closing date for enrolment is 14 days prior to commencement of the course. Late enrolments will be accepted at the discretion of the Course Director.

For more details about the course, please visit the website at: http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/chcap/ch-ms/short-course.php

ICCCROM News

Management Planning for Cultural Heritage

24 November - 6 December 2008, Shanghai, China

The UNESCO World Heritage Institute of Training and Research - Asia and Pacific, Shanghai, China and ICCROM will organize the course on Management Planning for Cultural Heritage, which will take place in Shanghai, China from 24 November to 6 December 2008, with financial support by Tongji University, China, Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning & Design Institute, China and Tongji National Research Centre of Historic Cities, China.

Organizers seek participants who have a wide range of experience and expertise in conservation of cultural heritage in the region. The course builds on the success of past ICCROM training activities on management planning and will address the principles, methodology, analysis and procedures for preparing appropriate management plans.

For the application form and more details about the course, please contact Ms Kong Ping at: +86 21 6598 7687.

UNESCO Asia-Pacific News

2008 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation – Call for Entries

Entries are now being accepted for the 2008 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. The awards programme, in its ninth year, recognizes the achievement of individuals and organizations within the private sector, and public-private initiatives, in successfully restoring structures of heritage value in the Asia-Pacific region. The deadline for receipt of materials is 31 March 2008.

Entries for the 2008 awards programme must be submitted with an official entry form, drawings, photographs and project description to the UNESCO Bangkok. Complete programme information, including an entry form, is available on the web at: http://www.unescobkk.org/culture/heritageawards. Winners will be announced in June 2008, with a selected number of entries receiving the “Award of Excellence”, “Award of Distinction”, “Award of Merit”, “Honourable Mention” and “Jury Commendation”.

For more information please contact: Ms Montira H. Unakul by phone: +66 2391 0577 ext. 509 or by email: h.montira@unescobkk.org.

‘Conservation for Peace’ Workshop, Hiroshima, Japan

30 March – 4 April 2008, Hiroshima, Japan

The UNITAR Hiroshima Office, in close collaboration with UNESCO, the Getty, ICOMOS, and IUCN will organize a series on the Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites aims to facilitate a better utilization of the 1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention through providing support to national policy making and planning, and information exchange on best practices and case studies. Newly-developed “values-based management” methodologies are applied in all the aspects of natural and cultural heritage management.

The workshop will focus on the potential implications and roles of heritage in the promotion of peace, reconciliation and reconstruction in war-torn, post-war and post-disaster societies. Study tours to the two World Heritage sites in Hiroshima – the A-Bomb Dome and Itsukushima Shinto Shrine – will provide a living laboratory and direct learning opportunities.

For downloading the application form and more information about the workshop, please visit the UNITAR website at: http://www.unitar.org/hiroshima/programmes/whs08/index.htm, or contact Ms Hiroko Nakayama at: hiroko.nakayama@unitar.org, or Mr James Short at: james.short@unitar.org.

Opportunities for Students and Professionals

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts - Fellowship Programmes

This Fellowship Programme provides up to 10 highly motivated, disciplined, and creative artists and arts managers from the United States and other countries with the instruction and experience they need to succeed in today’s complex arts environment. Fellows work full-time at the Kennedy Center for 9 months starting in September 2008 and ending in May 2009, and take part in classes, seminars, and practical work experiences in at least three Kennedy Center departments. Stipend, materials, and reimbursement for health coverage are provided to participants. Application deadline is 1 April 2008.

For more information, please visit their website at: http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/artsmanagement/fellowships/home.html, or contact Ms Jennifer Bowman at: jmbowman@kennedy-center.org.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts - International Summer Fellowship Programme

The International Summer Fellowship Programme provides practical experience and instruction to up to 20 managers currently working in international non-profit performing arts organizations. This full-time, four-week intensive programme
According to reports, billions of dollars are being spent for development ahead of the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Chinese archaeologists are working tirelessly to save as many artefacts as possible as they are unearthed by construction crews."


Asia-Pacific Calendar of Events

Grants for the ICOM-CC 15th Triennial Conference

22 - 26 September 2008, New Delhi, India

The International Council of Museums (ICOM) is offering a limited number of bursaries to museum and/or conservation professionals from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Eastern Europe, and Latin America to attend the 15th Triennial Conference of ICOM’s International Committee for Conservation (ICOM-CC).

Grant application forms and further information about the conference are available at the Conference website: http://www.icom-cc2008.org and at the ICOM-CC website: http://www.icom-cc.org and also by request from the ICOM-CC Secretariat at: secretariat@icom-cc.org.


22 - 24 September 2008, Dunhuang, China

The International Symposium on the Conservation of Ancient Sites (ISCAS-2008) will be held in Dunhuang, China from 22 – 24 September 2008, jointly organized by the Commission on Heritage and Key Laboratory of Mechanics on Disaster and Environment in Western China, Lanzhou University (China), and Dunhuang Academy (China). The overall objective of the symposium is to demonstrate the latest advances and achievements over the past years and to provide a forum for discussions on future development in this field.

For more information about the symposium, please visit the website at: http://www.csrme.com or http://www.dha.ac.cn, or contact Mr Ma Jianhong at: miajianhong@163.com, and Mr Guo Qinglin at: gqinglin@yahoo.com.

International Disaster and Risk Conference (IDRC Davos 2008)

25 - 29 August 2008, Davos, Switzerland

In order to strategically manage and reduce the risks and disasters facing today’s society, IDRC Davos 2008 is welcoming over 1,300 interested individuals, policy makers, risk managers, scientists and other experts.

The conference will allow for dialogue between stakeholders in the different risk areas, but also serve as a bridge between the fields of science, risk governance, technology perspectives,
problem solving and capacity building.

For more information about the conference, please visit the website at: http://www.idrc.info.

Third Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia - Call For Papers

24 - 25 July 2008, Singapore

The Asia Research Institute (ARI) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applications from postgraduate students who are engaged in research on Southeast Asia to attend the 3rd Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies from 24 to 25 July 2008. The Forum provides a platform for communication and cooperation among the postgraduate students. Postgraduate students working on Southeast Asia are invited to submit abstracts based either on work in progress that is at an advanced stage (i.e. already completed data collection and analysis), or on completed work.

Conference organizer asks interested students to submit their abstracts no later than 16 May 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by 2 June 2008.

To learn how to submit abstracts and for more details about the forum, please visit their website at: http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=747, or contact Ms Yeo Ee Lin Valerie at: ariyeov@nus.edu.sg.

Workshop on “Cultural Heritage and Impact Assessment” at the Annual International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) Conference

4 - 10 May 2008, Perth, Western Australia

A workshop on “Cultural Heritage and Impact Assessment” has been included in the programme of the annual conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA), that will be held from 4-10 May 2008 in Perth, Western Australia.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) are intended to provide an integrated analysis of the biophysical, social and cultural heritage impacts of development projects or strategies. Methods for identifying and considering biophysical and social conditions and impacts are established. However, in many parts of the world, the cultural heritage aspect of EIA and SEA is considerably less well developed.

The organizer invites interested individuals/parties to participate in the conference and in particular in the session on “Cultural Heritage and Impact Assessment”. Submission of papers should be done online until 7 February 2008 – additional information appears on page 9 of the Preliminary Programme.


Regional Workshop on “From Risk Assessment to Conservation: Safeguarding Archaeological Complexes in the Mekong Subregion”

9 - 22 March 2008, Champasak, Lao PDR

Department of Museums and Archaeology, The Lao Ministry of Information and Culture along with the Getty Conservation Institute, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Center for Archaeology and Fine Arts (SPAFA), and the Lerici Foundation are collaborating to present a workshop, entitled “From Risk Assessment to Conservation: Safeguarding Archaeological Complexes in the Mekong Subregion.” The workshop will be held at Vat Phou World Heritage site from 9 to 22 March 2008.

The purpose of the workshop is to address the common conservation issues which heritage professionals encounter at their sites throughout the region. The workshop is designed to enhance participants’ existing heritage conservation skills and practices and to provide them with new techniques for conserving and managing their sites. The workshop will be open to young heritage professionals from Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar.

For more information about the workshop, please contact Ms Jay Tunprawat at: +66 2280 4022-9 or by email: patchy@seameo-spafa.org.

Want to join the AAHM?

Signing up for the AAHM is easier than you think. Simply go to the “Members” page of the AAHM website and download the documents your institution requires. Upon acceptance your institution will be eligible for all the benefits of the AAHM. Contact the AAHM at asian-academy@unescobkk.org for more information.

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