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

**International Scientific Conference**

‘Religious and Pilgrimage sites – Conservation challenges’

Florence (Italy), 28 February - 1 March 2019
Auditorium al Duomo, via de’ Cerretani 54/r
Palazzo Coppini, via del Giglio 10

**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

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Susana Mora, Spain, Calogero Bellanca, Italy  
“Campus Stellae”

Rosa Anna Genovese, Italy  
Pilgrimage Cultural Routes, Conservation Challenges

11.00-11.30  COFFEE BREAK

11.30 -13.00  - 5th SESSION

Henrik Lindblad, Sweden  
Living or (un)Dead? – The Wellbeing of Swedish Ecclesiastical Heritage

Dinu Bumbaru, Canada  
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

Nina Stevanovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Heritage Protection of Secular Spiritual Places: Perspectives and Challenges in Preservation of Transcendental Spirit of Bogdan Bogdanovic’s Memorials

Stsiapan Stureika, Belarus  
Synagogues in Post-Soviet Belarus: Overcoming Abandonment Through an Appropriation (example of Ashmiany)

13.00-14.30  FREE LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon 14.30-18.00  

Abel Assefa Girmay, Ethiopia  
Adoption of conservation principles and guidelines for the preservation of religious sites: A case study of Ankobar Medhane-Alem Archeological Heritage Site; Ankober/Ethiopia.

Riichi Miyake (Tokyo University of Science), Melva Rodrigeuz Java (University of San Carlos)  
Remain of a Jesuit House in Argao, Cebu Island in the Philippines

Joanna Gil-Mastalerzyk, (Poland)  
About contemporary problems of religious heritage - on the example of the monastery of the Norbertine Sisters in Imbramowice

Emma Mandelli, Marcello Scalzo (Italy)  
A Video clip as a tool of knowledge in the survey

Final discussion

Palazzo Coppini, Beglaryan Room, 1st floor

16.00-18.00  -  Annual Meeting of the ISC TheoPhil /open for non-members
After the conclusion of the conference, the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco (Institutional partner of the ICOMOS ISC Theophilos) 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 February 8th, 2019)

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<td>A brass plate will be positioned in the Palazzo Coppini main hall to commemorate the Friends of the Foundation: Gen Roberto Conforti, Tamaz Kandareli, Yurj V. Petrov, Cesare Piccini, Vadim N. Semenov, Mzia Tsereteli</td>
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<td>Music by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, Chopin, Tchaikovsky</td>
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**Afternoon 14.00-18.00**

- **“Giuliano Borselli” Hall at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de’ Cerretani, 54, Florence)**
  - h. 14.00: preview of the exhibition “*Bahrain Meets Europe in Florence*”, by Mounir Bouchenaki
  - h. 14.30-15.00: departure for ICLAB-Intercultural Creativity LABoratory from Auditorium al Duomo, participants will move to the “Unità” tram stop to get the tram to “Novoli-Palazzi Rossi” tram stop

**ICLAB-Intercultural Creativity LABoratory (Viale Guidoni, 103, Florence)**

- h. 15.00: opening of the Exhibition of the Cultural Expressions (Italy and other countries):
  - discover the know-how of the territories by the Life Beyond Tourism Movement
  - Group photo
- h. 15.30: Buffet
  - meeting and talks with the exhibitors
- h. 16.00: Awarding ceremony of the final winners of the Foundation’s photo contest “Heritage for Planet Earth 2018”

- Raising-awareness about the importance of safeguard cultural heritage and health of the Planet Earth
- h. 17.00: closing

**Evening**

Free time

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**Sunday March 3rd, 2019**

**Morning 9.00-14.00**

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “Heritage as a Builder of Peace 2019”

Parallel sessions

- h. 9.00-13.00: Presentations in pecha-kucha format
  - (list of speakers to be detailed soon on the symposium web site)
  - Anfiteatro “Andrzej Tomaszewski” Hall at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de’ Cerretani, 54, Florence)
  - Session B: “World Heritage Sites for Dialogue 2019”
    - Palazzo Coppini building – “Arest Beglaryan” room (Via del Giglio, 10, Florence)
    - Session B: “World Heritage Sites for Dialogue 2019”
      - Palazzo Coppini building – “Bohumil Fanta” room
      - Session C: “World Heritage Sites for Dialogue 2019”
        - Palazzo Coppini building – “Aleksej Komech” room
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**Afternoon 14.00-18.00**

- **Anfiteatro “Andrzej Tomaszewski” Hall at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de’ Cerretani, 54, Florence)**
  - h. 14.30: Opening of the Exhibition of the Bahrain Guest Country 2019 “Bahrain Meets Europe in Florence”
    - Forewords and greetings by Authorities
    - Greetings by H.E. Sheika Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities
    - Culture talk by H.E. Sheika Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, Director General of Culture and Arts, Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities

- **“Giuliano Borselli” Hall at Auditorium al Duomo (Via de’ Cerretani, 54, Florence)**
  - h. 15.30: Exhibition of the Bahrain Guest Country 2019 “Bahrain Meets Europe in Florence”
Ribbon cutting and group photo

Anfiteatro “Andrzej Tomaszewski” Hall at Auditorium al Duomo
(Via de’ Cerretani, 54, Florence)

h. 17.30: Final remarks of the Assembly of the 21st Assembly of the Foundation’s Life Beyond Tourism Movement and International Symposium Heritage as a Builder of Peace
- Short report by each Symposium Panel Co-ordinators
- Presentation and approval of the Foundation’s Appeal “Building Peace through Heritage”
- Approval of the first draft 22nd Assembly/Symposium 2020
- Conclusions and final greetings

Evening
18.00-21.00
Foyer at Auditorium al Duomo
(Via de’ Cerretani, 54, Florence)

h. 18.30: Farewell snack

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.

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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 Final Resolution of the 18th General Assembly in ICOMOS recognizes the operating of the Foundation's Life Beyond Tourism Model and considers the Foundation as a partner for promoting conferences and meetings with Foundation's university network and ICOMOS.

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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;

Acknowledges with gratitude the support of partners and sponsors, in particular: Life Beyond Tourism – Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco; The Getty Foundation, P.T.I. Progetti Territoriali Integrati S.p.A., UniCredit, Carso Technologies, Fibre NET, De Feo Restauri, Officina Farmaceutica Santa Maria Novella, Acqua Fonte dei Medici, Consorzio Gragnano Città della Pasta, Fattoria Casa Sola, Consorzio Terra e Oli; and of the Scientific Partners: Università degli Studi di Firenze, CNR Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, PAU – Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria, IULM Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione, Istituto universitario di Architettura di Venezia, Giambo Association, Fondazione Spadolin Nuova Antologia, FICLU Federazione Italiana Club e Centri UNESCO

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.