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The VITOUR network of European World Heritage vineyards is holding its final steering committee meeting for the European project.

The results of the work already under way will be presented:

- Territorial database.
- Final report of the landscapes workshop: “Management of Outstanding Wine-Growing Landscapes”.
- Finalisation of the wine tourism routes prior to launch of the experimental stage.

- Third phase of the expert’s Planeth report on adapting sites to the international demand for wine tourism.

The steering committee will draw up an overall balance-sheet for the operation, defining the conditions for involvement of sites in an Action Plan that will bring together landscape management and development of sites in terms of wine tourism.

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16th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention · 24 - 25 October 2007. Paris, France

In accordance with Article 8.1 of the World Heritage Convention, the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention meets during the ordinary session of the UNESCO General Conference. The 34th session of the General Conference will convene from 16 October to 3 November.

During its session (24 and 25 October), the General Assembly:

- discusses strategic issues relating to World Heritage;
- determines the uniform percentage of contributions to the World Heritage Fund applicable to all States Parties; and
- elects new members to the World Heritage Committee to replace outgoing members.

The World Heritage Committee will present a report on its activities to both the General Assembly and the UNESCO General Conference.

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International Symposium on Application for World Heritage Listing of the Silk Road · 30 - 31 October 2007. Xian, Shaanxi, China

This symposium, organized jointly by ICOMOS, the Chinese State Administration of Cultural Heritage, Shaanxi province People’s Government and Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, with support from the World Heritage Centre, will mainly introduce the cultural heritage feature of the Silk Road, the concepts and methods of transnational united application for World Heritage listing. Moreover, the relevant concept for World Heritage nomination of cultural heritage sites along the Silk Road, problems of ideas, principles, techniques etc. for their conservation and management will also be discussed.

The aim of this symposium is to provide training for experts and technical consultants from China and Central Asian countries on the application of the Silk Road World Heritage nomination.

ICOMOS, the Chinese State Administration of Cultural Heritage, Shaanxi province People’s Government and Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, with support from the World Heritage Centre

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Central Europe's World Natural Heritage and the Future of Cultural Landscapes - Part VI: "Tourism Planning and Management for Natural World Heritage Sites in Central and Eastern Europe" · 31 October - 4 November 2007. International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, Germany

Are Central Europe's most precious natural values and landscapes well protected? And is their outstanding universal value reflected in the list of World Natural Heritage sites?

Within a three year series of seminars and workshops (2005-2007) on "Central Europe's Natural World Heritage Sites and the Future of Cultural Landscapes", experts from all over Central Europe will assess potential sites to be nominated as serial and/or transboundary World Natural Heritage Sites. Furthermore, the management of existing sites will be improved through training seminars. This exercise is a response to the call of the UNESCO for a "Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List". An essential part will be the harmonisation of the Central European "tentative lists", which each country is obliged to submit by 2007 to the UNESCO.

The sixth workshop aims at improving the management of sustainable tourism in World Natural Heritage Sites.

Natural World Heritage sites with their outstanding natural values are increasingly becoming priority tourism destinations. However, infrastructure development, increasing visitor pressure and various tourism activities are often connected with threats to the World Heritage properties. The challenges for site managers are manifold.

This training seminar aims at enabling staff of Natural World Heritage sites to improve the management of tourism by implementing sustainable tourism development. The workshop will include issues such as tourism management planning, visitor management and involvement of local communities. Case studies and best practice examples from Europe and worldwide will serve as a basis for discussion and group work.

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November

Awards Ceremony for the 2007 UNESCO-VOCATIONS PATRIMOINE Fellowships for World Heritage Site Managers · 5 November 2007. Paris, France

The award ceremony for the 2007 UNESCO-VOCATIONS PATRIMOINE Fellowships for World Heritage Site Managers will take place at 6pm on Monday 5 November in Room XII at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. The event is by invitation only.

Five awards will be made to young people and professionals to pursue Masters Degrees in World Heritage Management. As part of their awards, each of them will undertake a management project at a World Heritage property. The names of the winners and details of their projects will be announced at the ceremony.

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Second session of the conference-workshop Journalism and World Heritage · 10 - 17 November 2007. Luxembourg

A conference-workshop for French-speaking journalists 'Journalism and World Heritage: a new look at heritage', is being organised following the success of the first session in May 2005 in Quebec.

The session is being organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in association with:

- the City of Luxembourg, World Heritage City and 2007 European capital of Culture;
- the University of Luxembourg (Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education);
- Laval University (Canada), UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage;
- the Greater Transboundary Region of Luxembourg and neighbouring regions in Germany, Belgium and France;
- the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC).

The conference-workshop will have two principal objectives:

- to improve participating journalists' knowledge about the conservation and protection of World Heritage;
- to deepen participants' understanding of heritage as a holistic and interdisciplinary concept, using the historic richness and distinctive features of Luxembourg and the Greater Transboundary Region as the basis.

Participants will also learn more about the European network of heritage journalists launched on 24 September 2007.

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December

6th International meeting on Management of Historical Centers "Innovation and Diversity. The challenge to generalize successful experiences" · 4 - 6 December 2007. Havana, Cuba

The Master Plan for the integral rehabilitation of Old Havana, assigned to the Office of the Historian of the City of Havana, is pleased to announce the 6th International meeting on Management of Historical Centers considered a space of a singular and necessary reflection for those of us who have undertaken the challenge to rehabilitate Historical Centers. This

year the Historical Center of Havana City will celebrate the 25 anniversary of being declared UNESCO's Cultural Heritage of the Humanity and the sixth encounter will be dedicated to this anniversary. The event includes in this edition the endorsement of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (COSUDE), the Development Program of the United Nations (PNUD) and UNESCO, among other agencies that show again their willingness to be an active part of this space of thought with clear integrating samples for the region.

The event will last three days and its dynamics will be developed from the presentation, the first day, of a series of lectures followed by a panel of discussion in plenary. In the following days two thematic workshops will be carried out in parallel: Determination of the hard nuclei that allow "producing" the transference of successful experiences to other contexts and the evaluation of the capacity of transference of at least two regional experiences considered successful at a regional and international scale.

In the preceding week, from 26 to 30 November, a pre-event course will take place, where the following topics will be approached: Preparation of a Urban Diagnosis previous to the formulation of an Integral Urban Plan, the performance of urban marketing to foster actions in favor of urban development, Presentation of the Management Model of OHCH, Analysis of the Tourist behavior in urban sites declared as heritage.

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International Conference "HERITAGE 2008 – World Heritage and Sustainable Development" · 7 - 9 May 2008. Vila Nova de Foz Côa, Portugal

The deadline for the submission of abstracts for the International Conference "HERITAGE 2008 has been extended until 31 October 2007

HERITAGE 2008 aims to gather in an International Conference several worldwide experts on the relationships between Heritage and Human Development,

Natural Environment and Building Preservation. One of the main goals of the Conference is to promote significant discussion on these relevant issues. More and more Heritage must be addressed in innovative-sustainable ways, underlining the role of human and natural heritage as one of the contra-hegemonic trends in a more and more global world. In this sense, also non-tangible heritage will be one of the issues of the conference and a subject for an event to be promoted in the next few years by the Greenlines Institute.

Presenters are encouraged to address these main issues on their presentations, making evidence of innovative undergoing approaches and research. The Conference also will come papers that evidence cultural differences on Heritage preservation and use.

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More news on World Heritage Convention

Provisional list of candidates for the elections to the World Heritage Committee

During the 16th General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention (24-25 October 2007), 9 new members of the World Heritage Committee will be elected. In conformity with existing Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly of States Parties, one of these 9 seats will be reserved for a State Party with no properties inscribed on the World Heritage List. The World Heritage Committee is composed of 21 States Parties to the Convention. The General Assembly will be called upon to replace the outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee and to determine the amount of the States Parties' contributions to the World Heritage Fund in the form of a uniform percentage applicable to all States. At each of its previous sessions, the General Assembly decided that this amount would be one per cent of the contribution of those States to the regular budget of UNESCO.

World Heritage Centre. News. Published: 26-09-2007

16 General Assembly of the States Parties to the world heritage Convention

On October 24 2007, UNESCO's director-General inaugurated the 16 General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, which from now on has 185 States Parties.

UNESCO. Office of the Spokeswoman. Flash Info N° 155-2007. Published: 25-10-2007

Nine new members elected to World Heritage Committee

Nine new members have been elected to the 21-member World Heritage Committee in charge of implementing UNESCO's Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, China, Egypt, Jordan, Nigeria and Sweden were elected for four-year terms. The election took place during the General Assembly of the 184 States Parties to the Convention who meet every two years, when their representatives come to UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris to attend the Organization's General Conference.

The new members were elected to replace nine States Parties whose term on the World Heritage Committee had expired: Benin, Chili, India, Japan, Kuwait, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, and the Netherlands.

The World Heritage Committee meets every year to inscribe properties on the World Heritage List which currently numbers 851 sites in 141 States Parties. The Committee also reviews the state of conservation of inscribed properties and determines actions to support their safeguarding.

The General Assembly of the States Parties was opened by the Director-General of UNESCO, Koïchiro Matsuura, who described World Heritage as one of UNESCO's flagship activities. He went on to invite Member States to work for harmonious synergy among the Organization's three main legal instruments for cultural diversity: the World Heritage Convention of 1972; the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage of 2003; and the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, adopted by UNESCO in 2005.

The Director-General also emphasized plans to increase the involvement of the Science Sector of UNESCO in the operations of the World Heritage Centre. The Assistant Director-General for Natural

Science, Walter Erdelen, later spoke of the need to develop the complementarity of science and culture, notably in the 80 sites which carry the twin labels of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and World Heritage.

On the same subject, the Assistant Director-General for Culture, Françoise Rivière told States Parties of the need to reinforce the link between biodiversity and cultural diversity and to improve interdisciplinarity which, she pointed out, already exists, notably when space technology is used to monitor the state of World Heritage Sites.

UNESCO, Press Release No.2007-133. UNESCOPRESS. Published: 25-10-2007

Recent WHC Meeting on the Rift Valley

A scientific workshop was convened on 26-29 March 2007 at the UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya to discuss the possibilities of nominating the Great Rift Valley (GRV) for World Heritage status. The workshop recognised the outstanding universal value of the GRV, the cradle of humankind, with its cultural and natural heritage, its cultural landscapes, its biodiversity and its importance as a flyway for migratory birds...

AEWA - African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement. News & Events. Germany. Published: 15-10-2007

Call for projects for the 2008 International Gardens Festival

The Conservatoire International des Parcs et Jardins et du Paysage (International Conservation Centre for Parks, Gardens and Landscape) is planning an international competition for the 17th International Gardens Festival in Chaumont-sur-Loire (from 30 April to 19 October 2008). Twenty-six plots, each of 210 sq.m have been set aside for the competition. *Val de Loire Mission. What's new. Projects in the Loire. France. Published: 1-10-2007*

Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI)

The Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative is the result of a long consultation between the World Heritage Center of UNESCO and its various partners. This Initiative aims to improve the management of protected areas of the Congo Basin that could be recognized of "outstanding universal value" and to improve their integration in the ecological landscape encompassing them.

World Heritage Centre. Activities. France. Published: 28-09-2007



Dja Faunal Reserve

The Loire comes to life

The Regional Conservation Centre for the banks of the Loire and its tributaries (CORELA) is showing an educational animated film on its website to help visitors explore the Loire landscapes of the Pays de la Loire region: the Loire and its levees, the Loire and its promontories, and the Loire as a meeting-point (the estuary).

Conservatoire régional des rives de la Loire et de ses affluents. Actualités. France. Publication: 1-10-2007

Tragic accident at Kilwa Kisiwani World Heritage site

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre sends its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Ruzna Amlu, a young Tanzanian woman from Songo Mnara, who had worked with the UNESCO restoration project of the Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara Ruins, a World Heritage Site in Tanzania. The young mother of three died of the consequences of a tragic accident during the restoration works. We deeply regret that all medical, personal and financial efforts undertaken by the people around her could not help save Ms Amlu's life. Our thoughts are with her family and friends in this moment of grief.

World Heritage Centre. News & Events. France. Published: 28-09-2007

World Heritage Forthcoming Events

24 to 25 October 2007: 16th General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention. UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France. Information: wh-info@unesco.org

5 November 2007: Awards Ceremony for the 2007 UNESCO-VOCATIONS PATRIMOINE Fellowships for the World Heritage Site Managers. UNESCO Headquarters, room XII, Paris, France. Information: l.patchett@unesco.org

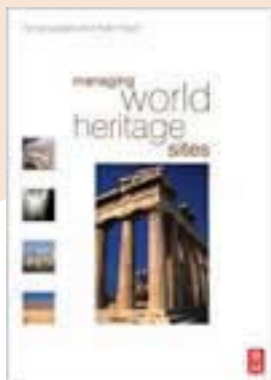
3 to 5 December 2007: First meeting for the exchange of experience in managing and executing the integral conservation and development plan of the historic centres of the cities Coro and La Vela, Venezuela. Information: n.sanz@unesco.org

World Heritage Centre. Events. Published: 26-09-2007

Kilwa Kisiwani site



Publications



Managing World Heritage Sites

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World Heritage Sites are some of the most recognised locations around the world. They include natural sites such as the Grand Canyon and the Great Barrier and cultural ones such as the Pyramids at

Giza, the Walled City of Baku in Azerbaijan and the Historic Centre of Riga in Latvia. The responsibility to manage them successfully and ensure that the resources are not damaged by visitors, war or environment is therefore vital. Managing World Heritage Sites covers the management issues encountered at cultural and natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites).



(in spanish) Publicación sobre patrimonio cultural y arqueológico de la Isla de Pascua

La Oficina Regional de Educación de la UNESCO en Santiago publica el libro "Rapa Nui. Pasado, Presente, Futuro", que da cuenta del cierre del proyecto sobre restauración y conservación del patrimonio

cultural y arqueológico de Isla de Pascua, así como de la experiencia del Curso de Capacitación para guías de turismo y guardaparques. Esta publicación pretende ser un aporte significativo para difundir y dar a conocer los numerosos esfuerzos por mantener vivo uno de los sitios patrimoniales más importantes del planeta, así como expresar nuestro reconocimiento a la cultura Rapanui y su gente.

OREALC. UNESCO Santiago. Biblioteca. Publicado: 8-10-2007



The Loire Fleet in the 18th century

After the success of the exhibition on the Loire Fleet in the 18th century during the Remontée du Sel event in 2005, the Val de Loire Mission, in association with Editions Loire et terroirs, is publishing an album containing all the displays from the exhibition.

This publication is the outcome of research and donations from both public and private sources in the Val de Loire. Much of it is devoted to visual representations and the work as a whole focuses on four main themes to give a wide-ranging picture of the subject: The people involved; Commerce.

New needs, new perspectives; How people lived

Mission Val de Loire. What's new. Books. France.

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Plaisirs de Loire

(in french) Qui pourrait penser que la Loire a été aussi fréquentée par le passé ?

Du milieu du 19e siècle jusqu'à la fin des années 60, le fleuve a été au centre de nombreux loisirs. Partout on se baignait, on canotait, on pêchait...

... quand on ne se bornait pas tout simplement à assister à un spectacle ou à contempler le fleuve. Plongez-vous avec « Plaisirs de Loire » dans l'univers particulier des guinguettes, des gloriettes et autres lieux de vie au bord du fleuve. Découvrez dans cet album richement illustré combien on savait profiter de chaque moment de détente.

Mission Val de Loire. Lectures au fil de l'eau. France.

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