

## WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

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## February

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An international Symposium on “Sharing Our Heritages: New Challenges for Site Conservation and Protection, and for Tourism Management” will be organized by UPV (Universidad Politécnica de Valencia) in Valencia, Spain, from 7 to 10 February 2008.

The idea is to celebrate the end of the Sharing Our Heritages (SOH) exchange programme (2005-2008) sponsored by the EU and the Australian Government through a special event. Speakers from all 8 SOH universities (namely Charles Darwin University (CDU), Curtin University of Technology (CUT), Deakin University and University of Western Sydney (UWS) in Australia, and the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation at the Catholic University of Leuven (RLICC / KUL, Belgium), Brandenburg Technical University (BTU, Cottbus, Germany), University College Dublin (UCD, Ireland) and the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV, Spain) in Europe) and their students will participate in this event. Other heritage professionals, academics and students are also invited to this event.

The interventions will address issues such as “World Heritage in a time of globalization”, “Public-private partnerships for conservation”, “Conflicting visions between donors and conservationists”. The Symposium will also count contributions on “How to conciliate conflicting interests between international conventions strategies and local communities’ policies”, “How may sustainability match strategies for World Heritage sites commercialization”, “Preventive conservation as an innovative strategy for sustainability” and “Heritage interpretation and its limits”.

A publication will follow.

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## March

UNITAR’s ‘Conservation for Peace’ Workshop · 30 March - 4 April 2008. Hiroshima, Japan

Since 2003, the UNITAR Series on the Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites has employed a “values-based approach”, investigating not only the physical, “tangible” structures of heritage sites, but also their values and significance, their “intangible” aspects. In the four annual workshops held to date, participants have discussed and learned about specific means to evaluate, interpret and conserve the values and significance of potential World Heritage sites. The 2008 workshop will focus on the potential implications and roles of heritage in post-war reconstruction and as a contribution towards peace and reconciliation.



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#### Objectives

The objectives of the workshop will be to:

- Review the basics of the World Heritage regime and its implications for peace, incorporating available information, updates and current trends;
- Elucidate the underlying principles of “values-based heritage management”, with a particular focus on peacebuilding;
- Consider the role of heritage in war-torn, post-conflict or post-disaster situations;
- Examine leading policies and strategies, identifying best practices and lessons learned;
- Create long-term management plans for sites, using nomination dossier or periodical-reporting formats;
- Enhance long-term peer learning and exchange among the participants.

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## More news about World Heritage Convention

### Great explorer and Humanitarian far welled in New Zealand

Renown environmentalist, explorer and humanitarian, Sir Edmund Hillary passed away this month sparking a week of mourning in New Zealand.



*Sir Edmund Hillary & fellow climber, Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay*

The first person to successfully climb the world's highest peak – Mt Everest - Sir Edmund was to dedicate his life to preserving the Himalayas and enhancing the qualify of life of locals . Even towards the end of his own life – Sir Edmund focused upon the Himalayas, and specifically the Sagarmatha National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to the highest peak in the world, several rare species (such as the snow leopard and the panda) and is also the ancestral homeland of the Nepalese Sherpa people. Only two years ago Sir Edmund wrote to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee to support a bid to protect the Himalayan peaks against climate change...

*UNESCO. New Zealand. Newsletter. January 2008.  
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### Numismatic jewel evokes 25 anniversary of Havana as Heritage of the Humanity

In 1982 the Historical Center of Havana and its system of fortifications was nominated as Cultural heritage of the Humanity by UNESCO. In order to celebrate



*medalla conmemorativa realizada por el diseñador Ernesto Javier Marimón*

the 25 anniversary of this declaration, the Office of the Historian of the City coins in three metals –gold, silver and copper – the commemorative medal made by designer Ernesto Javier Marimón, which shows on one side, the map of the city, with rays of light that emphasize its later development and on the other, the identification of the UNESCO and the Office of the Historian. This medal was presented in December 2007 by the Historian of the City, Eusebio Leal Spengler. For more information read the article by Marjorie Peregrín of the Directorate for Cultural heritage of the Office of the Historian of the City of Havana by clicking on this text.

*Cultural Heritage. News. Cuba. Published: 16-1-2008*

## France-UNESCO Convention



### Chandigarh, India: South Workshop the urban Conservation of Chandigarh, 18-21 December 2007

TheworldheritageCenter within the framework of the Nederland's Fund and the France-UNESCO Convention, in association with the office of the New Delhi UNESCO, the School of architecture of Chandigarh and the Administration of Chandigarh has organized a Workshop on the urban conservation of Chandigarh from 18 - 21 December 2007.

*France-UNESCO Convention. Newsletter. N° 8. France.  
Published: 9-1-2008*

**France-UNESCO Convention: Val de Loire, France: Training Mediations for guides, 28-30 November 2007**

This training, organized by the Val de Loire Mission and the UNESCO's world heritage Center and started by the international Institute rivers and heritage, was directed at guides, entertainers and mediators of the castles, monuments, natural sites, Maisons de Loire, museums, urban sets and cities of art and history of the world heritage site Val de Loire.

*France-UNESCO Convention. Newsletter. N° 8. France. Published: 9-1-2008*

**Algiers, Algeria – Zabid, Yemen: support to requests of the world heritage Center**

Funds of the France-UNESCO Convention reserved to emergency situations or to programmed requests of the world heritage Center have not made available of the Union of the central Arab States, specially for:

- **Algeria:** Organise an urgent mission to evaluate the draft of construction of the underground in Algiers, which will happen under the property inscribed in the world heritage List.
- **Yemen:** “the house of Zabid, outbreak and smooth-

ness in decoration”. This work attempts to document by means of images and drawings the decorative heritage of the city. Considering the current conservation conditions of the building, the book is also a valuable means of documentation for professionals and students and can be used as conservation/restoration handbook.

*France-UNESCO Convention. Newsletter. N° 8. France. Published: 9-1-2008*

**Heritage mediation training for guides in the Val de Loire: a successful first event**

The course ran from 28 to 30 November 2007 and offered the 16 participants the opportunity to understand and assimilate the concepts and values that underpin the World Heritage label and the specific characteristics of the Val de Loire site, helping them to incorporate these elements more effectively into their mediation activities with the general public.

*Val de Loire Mission. International rivers and heritage institute. France. Published: 11-1-2008*



## UNESCO Office Windhoek

### ANNUAL REPORT

#### Achievements and Highlights 2007

##### Bravo! Namibia for your first World Heritage Site!



Ms. Trudie Amulungu, the Secretary General of the Namibia National Commission for UNESCO, planning the next phase

International recognition of the outstanding prehistoric and historic imagery of Twyfelfontein, legacy of Namibia's "hunter-gatherers".

Powered by the Namibia National Commission for UNESCO, the successful nomination of Twyfelfontein as a World Heritage site was achieved through the painstaking and highly

technical hard work of the National Committee on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention of 1972 and collaboration with regional and international rock-art specialists.

*UNESCO Office Windhoek. Annual Report 2007 (page 18). Culture. Namibia. Published: 9-1-2008*

##### Promoting and preserving Lesotho's cultural and natural heritage



Ha Baroana Interpretation Centre

The Protection and Presentation of the Ha Baroana Rock Art site project – implemented with Norway extra-budgetary funding - included historical research, archaeological, geographical topographical and integrity survey, capacity building, study

tours; production of educational materials including a documentary; development of an interpretation centre; artistic painting on walls of the interpretation center, community diagnosis; and participatory consultative and awareness raising meetings on Cultural, Natural Heritage and Biosphere Reserves...

*UNESCO Office Windhoek. Annual Report 2007 (page 14). Culture. Lesotho. Published: 9-1-2008*

##### Mbanza Kongo-the city to be unearthed and preserved (ANGOLA)

UNESCO provided support for the elaboration of Angola's tentative list for the World Heritage List, directly linked to the International Round Table on Mbanza Kongo and the 3rd conference on the General History of Angola. Both events were extensively covered in the Angolan media. The Mbanza Kongo round table took place from 19 to 21 September 2007...

*UNESCO Office Windhoek. Annual Report 2007 (page 6). Culture. Angola. Published: 9-1-2008*



Church ruins at Mbanza Kongo

##### Safeguarding Natural Heritage in Central Asia

Despite its unique and very rich resources, the natural heritage of Central Asia is under-represented on the World Heritage List. Over the past years, a number of sites have been considered for World Heritage nomination, for example Saryarka – Steppes and Lakes of Northern Kazakhstan. UNESCO is now also supporting preparation of the nomination of West Tien-Shan as a transboundary natural heritage site involving Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan...

*UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty. New Year's Letter (page 7). Kazakhstan. Published: 9-1-2008*

##### World Heritage sites: Human Origins at Olduvai Gorge

Olduvai Gorge, dubbed the 'cradle of mankind', is part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in northern Tanzania. The site was designated as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1979 for its outstanding ecological and geological value.

*EarthWatch Institute. Newsroom. Expedition Focus Archive. United Kingdom. Publication: 8-1-2008*





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