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Re-installation of Aksum Obelisk to begin soon

Works to begin the re-installation of the Aksum Obelisk, also known as Stele 2, in its original location will start June 4th at the World Heritage site in Aksum, Ethiopia. The three pieces of the stele, which stands 24.3 metres high and weighs 152 tons, will be reassembled and mounted before the end of July 2008, a year after the start of this exceptional project.

The inauguration ceremony will take place on September 10th, the last day of the Ethiopian millennium celebrations.

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Aksum positioning of stele (01/03/2008) © UNESCO / Lattanzi SRL

New Master Course in “World Heritage at Work” Accepting Applicants

A Master Course in “World Heritage at Work” has been created by the Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy) and the Politecnico di Torino in collaboration with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. It is intended to contribute to improved management of World Heritage sites through preparing managers and site practitioners to be cultural entrepreneurs, creative agents of their local systems and promoters not only of conservation but also of income generation and job creation. The programme is intended for professionals involved in the management of a World Heritage site. The course will take place from 15 June 2008 to 14 June 2009, and is divided into three cycles. Candidates who are interested should fill in an application form (available on the website below) and submit it by e-mail or fax no later than 10 June 2008.

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Iran (Islamic Republic of), Persepolis, © UNESCO / F. Bandarin

The biodiversity of the Seychelles shown in Paris

The Museum of natural history will host an exhibition on the Aldabra atoll, biodiversity paradise. On the occasion of the world Day of biodiversity, May 22nd, visitors will be transported to the heart of the islands, as described by the Museum, by means of an initiation route through at a life-size scale, interactive terminals, sound recordings and samples of the fauna and flora, among them five giant tortoises. The coral atoll of Aldabra, presented to the Humanity by the republic of the Seychelles as UNESCO’s World heritage site in 1982, has never undergone colonization of men...

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<http://www.aldabrafoundation.org/>

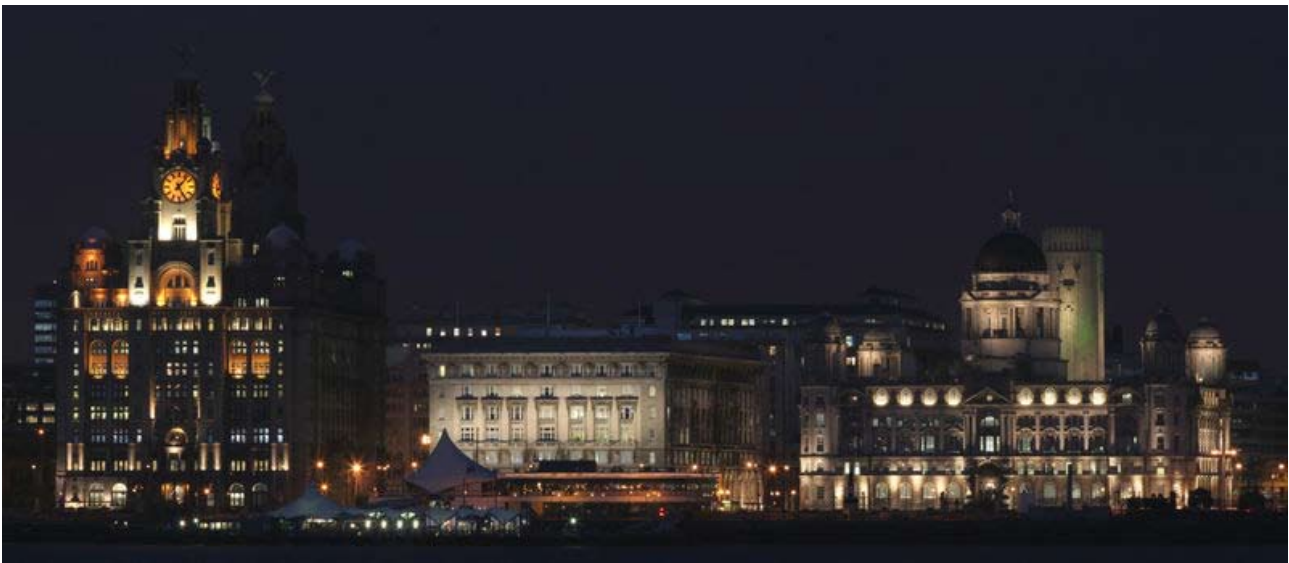


Fire damages recently restored Liverpool landmark

A fire tore through the Bluecoat Art Gallery in Liverpool, United Kingdom early Tuesday morning, just two months after extensive renovation works. The building is the oldest in Liverpool and part of the Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City World Heritage site, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2004. The extent of the damage must still be assessed but seems to be concentrated in the kitchen and café area.

Six areas in the historic centre and docklands of the maritime mercantile City of Liverpool bear witness to the development of one of the world's major trading centres in the 18th and 19th centuries. Liverpool played an important role in the growth of the British Empire and was a pioneer in the development of modern dock technology, transport systems and port management. The listed sites feature a great number of significant commercial, civic and public buildings.

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Liverpool Pier Head by night: the 'Three Graces'. Taken by Chris Howells, January 2006. © Wikipedia

Publications



New Publication on Frozen Tombs of the Altai Mountains

This publication marks the end of the Preservation of the Frozen Tombs of the Altai Mountains Project, which was launched in 2005 and carried out by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre with financial support from the UNESCO/Flanders Funds-in-Trust. The booklet sheds light on the historical, anthropological, archaeological and art-historical aspects of the Altai Mountains, the Russian part of which was inscribed on the World

Heritage List in 1998. It also deals with the background and various technical aspects of the UNESCO project, along with future challenges for research and conservation, including how to safeguard the research material contained in the frozen tombs.

Agenda

UNESCO Sub-regional Workshop on the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads

2 - 5 June 2008

Xi'an, China

In spite of its remarkable historical background and numerous historic and cultural sites in the region, Central Asia and western China remain one of the most under-represented regions on the World Heritage List, with no cultural or natural heritage properties from Kyrgyzstan or Tajikistan inscribed on the List.

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS have been assisting the States Parties in identifying new types of properties for World Heritage nomination, such as the Silk Roads for serial and/or transnational World Heritage nomination. Spanning a quarter of the globe, the Silk Road includes several routes of integration, exchange and dialogue between East and West that have contributed greatly to the common prosperity of various civilizations over more than two millennia. Their location across so many countries with different legal and administrative systems, however, makes it very difficult to ensure their conservation for future generations.

Previous consultation meetings were held in Turpan (August 2006, China), Samarkand (October 2006, Uzbekistan) and Dushanbe (April 2007, Tajikistan), where the "Concept Document for the Serial Nomination of the Silk Roads in Central Asia and China" was adopted. The present workshop will bring together relevant authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and China to further develop the preparation of Tentative Lists for cultural heritage sites along the Silk Road. The workshop will also invite representatives and experts from other countries such as Afghanistan, Iran, Italy, Japan and Mongolia to review potential cooperation on the serial World Heritage nomination of the Silk Roads. The meeting will address issues relating to World Heritage Tentative Lists harmonization, statements of Outstanding Universal Value, and management mechanisms for the serial and transnational World Heritage nomination of the Silk Road. The meeting will also include field visits to some cultural heritage sites around the Xi'an city of

Shaanxi Province of China.

This meeting is jointly organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and China's State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH), in collaboration with the Xi'an Municipal Government of Shaanxi Province, with financial support from the Netherlands Funds-In-Trust and the Italian Funds-In-Trust.

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Pacific Islands World Heritage Workshop

14 - 19 October 2008

Cairns, Australia

This workshop was planned in the framework of the World Heritage Pacific 2009 Programme, which was approved by the World Heritage Committee in 2004, and aims at capacity-building among cultural and natural heritage experts from Small Islands Developing States of the Pacific. It is co-organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, together with the Australian Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts and the New Zealand Department of Conservation.

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