International Scientific Conference

Doctrinal texts – achievements, importance and future in the protection of heritage /90th anniversary of the Athens Charter/

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1. ISSUES OF THE CONFERENCE

In 1931, the *First International Congress of Architects and Technicians of Historic Monuments* was held in Athens. More than 100 delegates representing 22 countries participated in the Congress. The Congress, which lasted for 10 days provided an opportunity for a wide exchange of views and experiences on many aspects of the preservation of monuments. Almost 40 contributions were presented in Athens. The Congress adopted a document entitled *The Athens Charter for the Restoration of Historic Monuments*. This document can be considered as the first international text formulating conservation doctrine.

In 2021 the conservation community will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the adoption of the Athens Charter. This presents an opportunity for the international conservation community to once again discuss doctrinal texts in heritage protection. In view of global developments, socio-political, economic, climatic changes there are several pressing reasons to organize discussion on this topic.

The first reason is the growing importance of doctrinal texts. Doctrinal texts have long played an important role in protecting heritage, however, in recent years they have become increasingly more important and necessary. Conservation theory develops in response to the transformation of heritage and the needs of societies. Today, modernization pressures and social change are leading to ever deeper interference with historical objects and sites. Therefore, normative documents are increasingly necessary, which define the principles and limits of the handling of cultural heritage in contemporary conditions.

The second reason is the large number of doctrinal texts that have been created in recent decades. Today, the meaning of heritage is very large and diverse, and consequently the conditions for its protection are more complex and diverse. Therefore, the conservation theory is fragmented. As a result, the usefulness of universal doctrinal texts, which were normative for the entire protection of heritage, has decreased. Numerous new doctrinal texts have been created, which concern only specific groups of objects, regional heritage or selected conservation activities. In this situation, it is necessary to examine what kind of picture of discipline these texts create, or whether it loses consistency.

The third reason is the clear increasing focus of current conservation theory on the stakeholders. Many important doctrinal documents, which have been adopted by international organizations (UNESCO, ICOMOS International), very clearly emphasise the rights of stakeholders to define heritage, forms of its protection and use. In practice, this leads to a weakening of the position of the conservation services and greater transformation of historical objects. It is therefore necessary to examine the current state of conservation theory as a result of the implementation of a stakeholder-centred approach to practice. Does current conservation theory strike the right balance between stakeholder rights and heritage rights?

Doctrinal texts are a recognized form of shaping conservation theory. ICOMOS is the world's most important international heritage protection organization, which is why it produces the most doctrinal texts that are distributed worldwide. Therefore, it is relevant that ICOMOS should have a debate on the contemporary state and prospects for the entire *corpus* of doctrinal documents in heritage protection.

2. AIMS AND THEMATIC SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The aim of the conference ***Doctrinal texts – achievements, importance and future in the protection of heritage*** is a discussion on the key issues of doctrinal documents in heritage conservation that condition and specify the future of this discipline.

The aim of the conference is to take a comprehensive look at the current situation of doctrinal documents in heritage protection and thus create a basis for identifying the main threats, problems and proposals for heritage solutions.

The aim of the conference is to articulate the problems and topics that can be discussed by the various bodies of ICOMOS.

The conference will address three groups of problems (in 3 sessions)

1. Contemporary conservation theory in the light of doctrinal documents – critical analysis of doctrinal texts

2. The importance and role of doctrinal texts in conservation practice - implementation of doctrinal texts into practice
3. Development of doctrinal texts – needs and proposals of new doctrinal texts

We invite all specialists who wish to take part in the discussion on the problems and future of doctrinal documents of heritage protection. We invite representatives of all the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS and National Committees of ICOMOS. We invite all those involved in the theory and practice of heritage protection in all its aspects.

We hope that the conference will be a forum for exchanging views and shaping opinions for the different international environments of ICOMOS.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Abstracts of the proposed papers should be sent by **1 May 2021** to the following e-mail: **isctheory@gmail.com**

Abstracts should not exceed two pages of text (the form of separate points will make it easier for reviewers to grasp the concept of presentations).

The authors of conference presentations are asked to indicate the session during which the proposed paper is to be presented (session 1, 2 or 3).

The choice of papers to be presented at the conference will be made by reviewers appointed by the Organizing Committee of the conference. Authors of the submitted papers will be informed about the decision of the reviewers by **15 May 2021**.

The conference materials will be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal "*Protection of Cultural Heritage"*, published by ICOMOS Euro Group, ICOMOS Poland, LUT.

On behalf of the Organizational Committee

Bogusław Szmygin

NOTES

Thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding signed originally in 2013 and renewed in 2019 all the ICOMOS ISCs have the possibility to hold their annual meetings in Florence, in collaboration with the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and its “Life Beyond Tourism” Movement, that prompt local communities in WHS to protect and enhance heritage for travelers inclusiveness and intercultural dialogue.

In 2014 Life Beyond Tourism has been endorsed by the ICOMOS GA Resolutions n. 1 and n. 42

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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Florence, Italy
9 to 14 November 2014

Resolutions of the General Assembly

18GA Agenda item 2
Opening of the General Assembly

Vote of thanks

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;

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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.

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