



**International Expert Symposium
Cultural Heritage Conservation & Sustainable Tourism
&
International Cultural Tourism Charter Review +20
Workshop 2017**

Thursday 18 - Friday 19 May, Romualdo del Bianco Foundation, Florence, Italy

CALL FOR PAPERS

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS & CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE OPEN FORUM AT THE WORKSHOP
5th APRIL 2017**

Registration is open until 10 May 2017

This important two day International Expert Symposium on *Cultural Heritage Conservation & Sustainable Tourism and ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Charter Review + 20 Workshop* is a key event for ICOMOS & the International Scientific Committee on Cultural Tourism (ICTC) in 2017.

Working alongside UNESCO and UNWTO we are celebrating ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites 2017 on the theme - *Cultural Heritage & Sustainable Tourism* - chosen to coincide with the United Nations International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017(IYSTD). In addition, our meeting will further ICOMOS discussions relating to cultural tourism and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) 2030.



Our goal is to critically examine the present situation and current guidance with the aim of seeking new strategies for the next 20 years. We hope you will join us either by giving an oral presentation based on your submitted abstract or by joining in the conversation, or both. We are looking to share our expertise and place cultural heritage conservation in the forefront of thinking about the future of cultural tourism and sustainable tourism for development. Selected abstracts will be chosen for development and publication of full papers by ICTC in time for the ICOMOS General Assembly in Delhi, India, December 2017.

Peter DeBrine, Project Leader, UNESCO World Heritage Sustainable Tourism Project (WHSTP) will update us on their current initiatives. And we should recall that ICOMOS already has a distinguished record of providing leadership in this field. The first ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Charter was approved in 1976 and the second endorsed by ICOMOS General Assembly in Mexico - in 1999. ICTC's International Symposium and Workshop, Florence 2017 marks the start of the Charter Review process. Evidence in the form of current conceptual thinking, research and case studies will underpin our Charter Review and form the background to the **ICOMOS ICTC Florence Declaration 2017**.

Abstracts for oral presentations are invited on two key themes 1) the state of cultural tourism and sustainability in 2017 - current trends and challenges, and 2) recommendations for meeting the goals of the IYSTD & UNSDGs 2030. Contributions are also invited on possible revisions to the current ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Charter that will better support sustainability agendas. ICOMOS ICTC members and Expert Members of other ICOMOS International Scientific Committees are granted automatic acceptance. Abstracts from research students and non-ICOMOS members will be considered by the ICTC organising committee. Parallel sessions will be organised according to the number and nature of contributions.

Please send a 300 word abstract with a clear title and contact details as soon as possible to icomosictc.florence2017@gmail.com. (Abstracts will be published in a PDF document and circulated to all participants) **Deadline for all abstracts 5th April 2017**. You will receive confirmation and an invitation to prepare either a short PowerPoint presentation, or a five minute oral presentation to be given at the roundtable session by 26th April 2017. Further information is available from icomosictc.florence2017@gmail.com and the website of the Romualdo del Bianco Foundation - Life Beyond Tourism- www.lifebeyondtourism.org