



ADVANCED COURSE ON CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TECHNIQUES OF TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION 2014

Application Deadline:15 June 2014

Dates: 24 October – 2 November 2014

Places: Suzhou , P.R.China

Organizers:

The course is organized by:

- World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP)
- Sapienza University of Rome

In collaboration with:

- Traditional Architecture Conservation Union of World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and Pacific Region(TACU-WHITRAP)
- Suzhou World Heritage and Traditional Architecture Conservation Institute(SACI)

Background

WHITRAP together with Sapienza University of Rome are pleased to announce that the Advanced course on Conservation and Restoration Techniques of Traditional Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region 2014 will be held in 24 October – 2 November 2014.

WHITRAP has been organized a series of training courses since 2008, with the cooperation of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO(Nara) (ACCU Nara), the International Understanding Education Center, the Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation of University of Leuven, the Shanghai Tongji University and other international organizations and research institutions.

This advanced course on Conservation and Restoration Techniques of Traditional Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region has been successfully held four sessions. The course aims at establishing an academic platform where experts can share their professional knowledge in conservation and restoration of historic buildings, providing an overview of the various aspects of conservation and restoration of historic buildings in the Asian-Pacific Region.

For this year, the main topics are on (Tentative):

- Trends and developments on conservation of historic buildings in a global context

- Standards/principles/regulations on restoration and conservation of historic buildings in Italy and Asia
- Administration management and maintenance work of Asian monument
- Construction materials and restoration methods of historic buildings in Italy and Asia
- The impacts of natural on conservation of historic buildings
- Case studies of restoration and conservation of historic buildings in Italy and Asia
- A study trip: historic buildings in Suzhou

Objectives

- To have a better understanding of critical processes in conservation in order to apply them at the macro/micro levels;
- To promote strategic planning skills relevant to heritage management;
- To expand awareness, knowledge, and understanding of current principles and practices in conservation and restoration of the historic buildings;
- To promote the exchange of experiences and information among participants and the institutions.

Methodology

Training will be based on a multiple activity model including lectures, case studies, practical hands-on exercises, site visits, group work, and classroom discussions. During the course, participants will be considered as key resources by sharing their own knowledge and experiences, presenting case studies, participating in course discussions, and participating in group work and hands-on exercises.

Participants

The international course is designed for a maximum of 25 participants from the Asia-Pacific region. Priority is given to :

- Professionals directly involved in management and conservation of World Heritage Sites;
- Researchers and technicians from institutes involved in the conservation and restoration of Historic Architecture;
- Professional staff from companies involved in the conservation and restoration of Historic Architecture;

Participants should be proficient in English including reading, writing, making presentations, and joining in discussions.

Teaching team

Teaching staff will be composed of recognized heritage conservation professionals having both practical and theoretical experience. They will represent the broadest possible international perspectives in their fields of expertise, and at the same time will be able to bring specific knowledge in order to fulfill each of the course components. In addition they will represent excellence covering a wide geographical scope.

Language

English & Chinese are the working language of the course. Candidates must have strong communication and writing skills in English. A certificate of language will be requested, if English is not your first language or if you have not carried out graduate studies in English.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance authorized by WHITRAP will be awarded to participants who successfully complete the course. Participants are expected to attend all lectures and activities over the full length of the course.

Course fee: \$900

The payment of the course fee (\$900) will be divided in two parts namely the registration fee (\$300) and the participation fee (\$600). In view of the large number of applications and limited number of participants for this course, if the application is accepted successfully, each candidate should pay \$200 Registration Fee for reserving the position.

WHITRAP will cover the costs for all the candidates in Suzhou, including tuition fees, teaching materials, accommodations, insurance and transportation fees. But the candidates should pay for their airfare (round-trip ticket to Suzhou, CHINA) by themselves.

Scholarship

Candidates are encouraged to seek financial support from all possible sources such as governmental institutions, employers, and other funding agencies. WHITRAP is only able to offer a limited number of scholarships to selected candidates who can't secure funding.

Application

Please fill the **Application Form** and send it together with the documents listed below by mail to the contact address below before **15 June 2014** (Email applications are welcome. In the event that it is not possible to provide a scanned version of the necessary photographs and signatures, it will also be necessary to send a paper copy.):

- the application form;
- A full professional curriculum vitae (in English);
- a copy of valid passport and other materials required for the visa
- a copy of highest academic certificate;
- an recommendation letter from the applicant's organization (sign/seal is needed);

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Application deadline

Applications should reach WHITRAP before **15 June 2014** to ensure inclusion in our selection process. The selection results will be directly informed to the applicants and their organizations, institutions or companies before 30 June 2014.