International Conference
Heritage and conflict
Lessons to safeguard Syrian Heritage
23rd - 25th April 2014

Organizers:
University of Cantabria
Heritage for Peace
Spanish National Research Council (CSIC/IMF)
The Cantabria International Institute for Prehistory Research

Venue:
Santander (Cantabria), Spain
Paraninfo de la Universidad de Cantabria
C/ Sevilla, nº 6

Date:
23rd – 25th April 2014

heritageandconflict@unican.es
www.unican.es/iipc/investigacion/HeritageandConflict.htm

Sponsors:

Conferencia Internacional
Patrimonio y conflicto
Lecciones para proteger el Patrimonio sirio
23 - 25 abril 2014
Day 1: Hands-on experiences from other conflicts.

09.00: Registration
10.00 – 10.40: Welcome
First Session:
10.40 – 11:10
Asaad Self, Coordinator of Archaeological Research and Excavations, Directorate General of Antiquities, Lebanon.
Promoting the safeguard of the Syrian Heritage from Lebanon: taking measures and suggesting advices.
11.10-11.20: Questions & Answers
11.20 – 11.50: Coffee break
Second Session:
11.50 – 12.20
Amra Hadzimuhamedovic, International University of Sarajevo, Chair Commission to Protect National Monuments, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia-Herzegovina as a case study of Heritage management in conflict situations.
12.20 – 12.50
Abdel Hamid Salah Sayed, co-founder of the Egyptian Heritage Rescue Team, Egypt. NGOs in action: Building the Capacity of the Egyptian Heritage Rescue Team.
12.50-13.10: Questions & Answers
13.30 – 14.30: Lunch
Third Session:
16.30 – 17.00
Amir Doshi, Writer and Activist in cultural heritage from Iraq. Sumer from looting to digging
17.00 – 17.30
Hafez Waela, Libyan Heritage Management Research Fellow, King’s College London, UK and advisor to the Libyan Department of Antiquities. Libyan Heritage during the conflict and subsequent political instability: lessons to take in account.
17.30-17.50: Questions & Answers
17.30 – 18.00 Discussion with all speakers.

Day 2: The Syrian perspective.

Fourth Session:
9.00 – 9.30
Emma Gonville, Durham University, archaeologist and author of the report ‘Damage to the Soul: Syria’s Cultural Heritage in Conflict’ (read by Rene Teijgeler, secretary Heritage for Peace).
The damage of Syrian heritage since the crisis.
09.30 – 10.00
Michel Attia, archaeologist, former Director of Archaeological Excavations in the Syrian General Direction of Antiquities. «L’Archéologie syrienne, frappée par l’imprécision des dieux de la guerre».
10.00 – 10.30
10.00-10.30: Questions & Answers
10.30 – 11.00: Coffee break
Fifth Session:
11.00 – 11.30
Bassem Hatabat, Syrian Heritage consultant. Heritage in conflict zones, checking the facts.
11.30 – 12.00
Mamouh Midy, former Director Awqaf Library, Aleppo. The protection of the document collections during conflicts: the collections of the Awqaf Library, in Aleppo, as a model.
12.00 – 12.30
Amr al Azmi, Shawnee State University (USA), former Director of Scientific and Conservation Laboratories in the Syrian General Direction of Antiquities and former Head of the Centre for Archaeological Research at the University of Damascus. The Role of Cultural Heritage in Assisting Post Conflict Stabilization and Reconciliation in Syria.
12.30-13.00: Questions & Answers
13.30 – 14.30: Lunch

Day 3: Expert workshop

Sixth Session:
16.30 – 17.00
Frank Braeuer, Archaeologist, Directeur de Recherche, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique. Towards a global database of Syrian archaeological sites for heritage safeguarding: how foreign teams can cooperate.
17.00 – 17.30
Isber Sabrini, Heritage for Peace, chair. Heritage for Peace, a chance to act.
17.30-18.00: Questions & Answers
18.00 – 19.00: Roundtable Syrian and international speakers

April 25

Day 3: Expert workshop

12:00 Declaration and closing session

Organizing Committee
Jesus Gonzalez Urquijo, Institute of Prehistory (IIIPC), University of Cantabria
Isber Sabrini, NGO Heritage for Peace
Rene Teijgeler, NGO Heritage for Peace
Juan José Ibáñez, Instituto Milà i Fontanals (CSIC Barcelona)
Talia Lazuén, PACEA (CNR3/University of Bordeaux)