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UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO OPEN AIR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

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WHAT IF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND PARKS WERE ACCESSIBLE TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE?

This question seems obvious, but it is not yet. It is now recognized that everyone should have access to culture, regardless of their social status, cultural background or mobility possibilities. It is also considered that the process of inclusion brings added value to the institutions that are committed to putting it into practice. However, it is still extremely difficult for a large part of the population, such as people with disabilities and senior citizens, to access certain cultural experiences, especially those at open-air archaeological sites. ICOMOS-ICAHM therefore set up a working group with two main objectives:

- 1 To work on a resolution concerning the need to address “disabilities and access” in the management plan of the World Heritage sites that will be submitted to the World Heritage Center;
- 2 To publish a practical handbook for the management planning of universal accessibility on World Heritage sites.

This conference aims to answer a first series of questions concerning universal access to archaeological sites. The definition of universal access and the overview of existing methods of analysing the situations in cultural heritage institutions will be addressed in particular. These subjects will be accompanied by case studies from throughout the world.

The conference will be in presence in Xanten as well as virtual. The authors of the presentations will be asked to publish their papers in a peer-reviewed publication on Universal access to archaeological sites and parks.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST 2022

TIME ZONE: UTC +2 / CEST

Welcome speeches

9.30 - 10.00 am

John Peterson, President ICOMOS-ICAHM

Christoph Eger, LVR-Römer Museum

01 SESSION

Definition and assets of handicap & universal access

10.00 - 12.15 am

Introduction to the session:
The Present and Future, but also the Past, of
Access to Archaeological Sites.

Elizabeth Riorden et al. ICOMOS-ICAHM
working group

When accessibility meets open archaeological
sites.

Frédéric Reichhart, National Higher
Institute for Training and Research on
Special Needs Education (France)

Break

From taboo to key factor for sustainable
management. Accessibility of open-air
archaeological sites as a multi-scale and
multidimensional goal

Maria Luisa Germana, Dipartimento di
Architettura, Università di Palermo

Defining disability: Thinking practically
about contributions, inclusion, and support.

Cameron Crawford, Eviance
Ottawa Office (Canada)

Discussion, Lunch

02 SESSION

Methodology for the analysis and development of universal access to heritage and open-air archaeological sites

1.15 - 3.30 pm

Introduction to the session: Guidelines as an
instrument to make archaeological sites
accessible to all.

Miquel Àngel Salvà Cantarellas, ICOMOS-
ICAHM working group

Equitable outdoor recreation to promote a
sustainable Nature based Tourism in National
Parks - Improving the experience for People
with Disability.

Maria José Aguilar-Carrasco,
Transportation and Territory Infrastructures
in the Urbanism Department of the
Universitat Politècnica de València (Spain)

Break

Interpretation as key to preservation of cultural heritage – Interpretation of archaeological heritage through myths and folktales.

Accessibility in archaeological World Heritage sites, transdisciplinary lessons from Casa Batlló in Barcelona.

Discussion, break

Verena Vidrih Perko, Heritage doctoral studies at the University of Ljubljana; Lucija Perko, Design Department at the Italian Academy in Bangkok (Slovenia)

Amilcar Vargas, Casa Batlló WHS (Spain)

03 SESSION

Case Studies

3.30 – 5.15 pm

Introduction to the session

Anne Comer et al., ICOMOS-ICAHM working group

Universal access – a perspective from Africa.

Olga Bialostocka, Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) in the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), (South Africa).

Universal Accessibility to Archaeological sites: challenging the natural fortress. The case of Rincón Chico, Catamarca, Argentina.

Leticia Raffaele, Instituto Nacional de Antropología y Pensamiento Latinoamericano (Argentina).

Discussion

FRIDAY, 12TH AUGUST 2022

04 SESSION

Case Studies

8.00 – 10.00 am

Exploring Japan's Heritage – From the Perspective of a Traveler with a Disability.

Josh Grisdale, TabiFolk and Accessible Japan (Japan).

Universal Accessibility to Open-Air Sites within an Australia Cultural Context.

Matt Whincop, Whincop Archaeology Pty Ltd (Australia).

Case study of universal accessibility of UNESCO WH sites in India.

Anjlee Agarwal, Samarthyam (India).

Discussion, break

10.00 – 11.15 am

“Heritage for All” – A message from Tyre World Heritage Site.

Assaad Seif, Art Archaeology, Lebanese University; Maya Hmeidan, heritage management specialist (Lebanon)

Heritage management and accessibility to World Heritage Sites in Jordan: a field work analysis study of Petra.

Abdelkader Ababneh, Tourism & Travel, Yarmouk University (Jordan).

Discussion, Lunch

12.30 am – 2.15 pm

Improved access? Presentation and accessibility in the LVR-Archaeological Park Xanten.

Stephan Quick, LVR-Archaeological Park Xanten / LVR-RömerMuseum (LVR-APX) (Germany).

Composing a patchwork of effective actions for an inclusive experience in the Archaeological Park of Paestum and Velia.

Antonella Manzo, Parco Archeologico di Paestum (Italy)

Challenges around accessibility at archaeological excavations and examples from open air archaeological sites in Sweden

Birgitta Larsson, Stiftelsen Kulturmiljövård (Sweden)

Discussion, break

05 SESSION

Round-Table

2.30 – 3.30 pm

Presentation of the ICOMOS-ICAHM working group and results.

Visit

From 4.00 pm

Visit of Xanten archaeological Park and aperitif.

INFO

Online: Upon registration the Zoom link will be sent on 8. August 2022.

Onsite: LVR-Archaeological Park Xanten/LVR-Römer Museum
Bahnhofstrasse 46-50, 46509 Xanten, Germany

Contribution: Participation online is free of charge, for onsite is 35 EUR.



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