Information Meeting of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

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World Heritage in 2002

Main Objectives

Assessing 30 years of implementation of the WH Convention

Promoting the WH Convention

Strengthening Partnerships for WH conservation

Launch of the WH Partnerships Initiative
30th anniversary events included:

26th SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
24-29 June 2002, Budapest (Hungary)

WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
World Heritage in Africa and Sustainable Development
26 August – 4 September 2002, Johannesburg (South Africa)

WORLD ECO-TOURISM SUMMIT
Launch of WH Programme to engage Tourism Industry to conserve WH sites
19-22 May 2002 in Quebec (Canada)

REGIONAL SEMINAR TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION
Protecting Cultural and Natural Heritage in the Western Hemisphere
5-7 December 2002, Harvard University Graduate School of Design (USA)
30th anniversary events included:

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION
6-9 June 2002, Potsdam (Germany)

THE POLITICS OF WORLD HERITAGE
2-4 September 2002, University of North London (UK)

THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL DOCOMOMO CONFERENCE
16-21 September 2002, Paris (France)

SPACE APPLICATIONS FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION
5-8 November 2002, International Space University, Strasbourg (France)
30th anniversary events included:

US-ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
Heritage Preservation as a Tool for Social Change
17-20 April, Santa Fe (USA)

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MOUNTAIN CITIES
20-22 June 2002 in Chambéry (France)

BISHKEK GLOBAL MOUNTAIN SUMMIT
29 October – 1 November 2002, Bishek (Kyrgyzstan)

CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN IN HISTORIC URBAN AREAS, 5-7 December 2002, Riga (Latvia)

ICOMOS 13th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
December 2002, Madrid (Spain)

WORLD HERITAGE IN THE FUTURE
18 December 2002, Stockholm (Sweden)
30th anniversary events included:

Virtual Congress on World Heritage Management

WORLD HERITAGE AND DECENTRALISATION: THE ROLE OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
16 October 2002, Paris (France)

ARCHITECTURE, WORLD HERITAGE AND TOURISM
15-17 October 2002, Beijing (China)

TEACHING WORLD HERITAGE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN AFRICA
15-17 October 2002, Dakar (Sénégal)

HERITAGE MANAGEMENT MAPPING: GIS AND MULTIMEDIA
21-23 October 2002, Alexandria (Egypt)
30th anniversary events included:

Virtual Congress on World Heritage Management

GREAT WORLD HERITAGE RIVERS: FROM CRISIS TO A RISK MANAGEMENT CULTURE
21-24 October, Tours (France)

HERITAGE MANAGEMENT OF HISTORIC SITES: PLANNING FOR MIXED USE AND
SOCIAL EQUITY, 5-8 November 2002, Mexico City (Mexico)

Related events:

WORLD HERITAGE POSTER CAMPAIGN, CITY OF PARIS UNDERGROUND, RATP
12-18 October 2002, Paris (France)

BELIZE BARRIER REEF COMMEMORATIVE EXPEDITION
1-10 November 2002, Belize

8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIRTUAL SYSTEMS AND MULTIMEDIA (VSMM2002)
25-27 September, Gyeongju (Republic of Korea)
2002 was also:

UN YEAR FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ECOTOURISM

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOUNTAINS

WORLD HERITAGE 2002: SHARED LEGACY, COMMON RESPONSIBILITY

International Congress and Associated Workshops
Venice, Italy, 11-16 November 2002
9 Thematic Workshops
Italy, 11-12 November 2002

400 experts participated in the following workshops:

- The Legal Tools for World Heritage Conservation
- Cultural Landscapes: the Challenges of Conservation
- Towards Innovative Partnerships for World Heritage
- Partnerships for World Heritage Cities
- Monitoring World Heritage
- Partnerships to Conserve Nature and Biodiversity
- World Heritage University Training
- World Heritage Site Management
- Mobilizing Youth for World Heritage

Summary reports available in English and French at:
http://whc.unesco.org/venice2002
• 12 thematic sessions
• 77 speakers
• Over 650 participants
• 44 supporting partners
• Keynote by Wole Soyinka
• New patrons for WH
• Relevant documents online at: http://whc.unesco.org/venice2002
Participation in Plenary

650 Participants
99 States Parties participated
33 SP’s requested assistance for 48 experts
28 Requests granted
2002 Results

- Increased Network of Partners
- Renewed Partnerships
- Successful Promotion of the WH Convention
- $15 million committed for WH

Mr Tim Wirth (UNF), Mr Matsuura and Ms Vardinoyannis