**YIDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY - ICOMOS ICORP**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

**CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION IN TIMES OF ‘RISK’**

**Challenges and Opportunities**

**15-17 NOVEMBER, 2012 YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY - ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

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**AIM AND CONTEXT**

In recent years natural and human induced hazards have increasingly turned into disasters of increasing frequency and intensity. These disasters pose threats to prominent cultural and natural heritage sites of the world. The aim of this symposium is to contribute towards reducing slow as well as catastrophic risks in short and long term, by sharing various case studies carried out or planned for mitigating their impacts and developing solutions with the cooperation of professionals working in this area,

The symposium aims to adopt a comprehensive approach that includes all kinds of risks of natural and human origin that threaten/might threaten cultural heritage. Various themes and topics would include all kinds of direct or indirect risks , including wars and local conflicts, large-scale projects that fail to recognize cultural heritage, effects of mass tourism, legislations and policies and their consequences which sometimes do not consider cultural heritage at all or in limited wayare within the scope of the symposium.

**SYMPOSIUM TOPICS**

In the field of cultural heritage:

- Mitigating risks from natural disasters

-Mitigating risks from human induced disasters - armed conflict, war, terrorism

-Reducing risks from urbanization pressure

-Policies and legislations for risk reduction

-Reducing risks from tourism pressure

-Responding and recovering from disasters

-Role of media in disaster risk management

-Awareness and training for disaster risk reduction

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Deadline for abstract submission | 20 March 2012 |
| Notification of abstract acceptance | 20 April 2012 |
| Deadline for full paper submission | 29 June 2012 |
| Notification of full paper acceptance | 7 September 2012 |
| Deadline for full paper submission for printing | 6 October 2012 |
| Symposium dates | 15-17 November 2012 |

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