

**Report to the 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee  
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**Name of the Centre:** Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, under the auspices of UNESCO.

**Region:** Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

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**1. Updates on the management of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises) –particularly on meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted.**

The Agreement establishing the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, dated April 12, 2010, they were observed several inconsistencies and required to be modified, so that on 1 April 2014 the Amended Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and UNESCO was signed.

The Government of the State of Zacatecas, Mexico, published the Law of Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, dated August 30, 2014.

The Government, through the Permanent Mission of Mexico to UNESCO, invited the States Parties of the Region of Central America and the Caribbean, to send to the General Director of UNESCO Certificates of accession to the Agreement and manifest participate in the activities of the Institute. Once you have obtained most accessions shall be calling a meeting for the integration of the Board.

In the latest report sent to us, the Directorate General of UNESCO received 8 Certificates of Accession of the 20 states of the region.

**2. Programs and activities implemented since June 2014 and planned for the current year.**

<b>N.</b>	<b>Title of the activity</b>	<b>Reference to WHCBS<sup>1</sup></b>
01	The Institute participated in the Academic Conference "Experiences around the Zacatecas Cultural Heritage", coordinated by the National Institute of Archaeology and History. (7-May-2015)	3.6 6.3
02	The Institute hosted the XII Symposium of Students of Archaeology, entitled "Mexican Archaeology: Progress and	1.1

	Prospects" in the framework of collaboration with the Autonomous University of Zacatecas to promote scientific research. (13,14,15-May-2015)	
03	In order to spread the cultural, historical and architectural legacy of the work of the Master Builder built Zacatecano Refugio Reyes, he was presented the "Refugio Reyes: architecture, work and life to remember" Lecture given by Master. Arq. Aaron Roman Delgadillo Alaníz, before an audience of approximately 650 workers of the State Government of Zacatecas. (21-May-2015)	1.1
04	In order to inform and sensitize the population on issues related to biodiversity, as part of the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity, it was presented the Conference: Biodiversity for Sustainable Development ", by Dr. Ruben Armando Rodriguez de la Rosa, Master Researcher at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. (22-May-2015)	1.1
05	Working meeting on the Management Plan of the Historic Center of Zacatecas, Cultural Heritage, Institute Category 2, with the assistance of staff of the Ministry of Urban Development and Environment of the Municipality. (9-Jun-2015)	1.1 4.9
06	Analysis table on the topic: "The Cultural Tourism Zacatecas: institutional perspectives, academic and social". With the participation of specialists in the topic, under the coordination of the Academic Unit of History at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. (10-Jun-2015)	3.3 6.3
07	Course "Take a look at your monuments" aimed at trainers of children, adolescents and youth, in the planning and operation of training strategies, design and use of educational materials and games are taught, as well as training brigades related to capital assets, in order to ensure continuity of conservation and preservation, not only of monuments but of cultural heritage. The Training Workshop was conducted by the National Coordination of Historical Monuments of the National Institute of Anthropology and History. 18-Jun-2015)	1.1 3.3
08	Working meeting for the exchange of knowledge and experience between the historic centers of Old Havana and Zacatecas, in which he was attended by Beatriz Mora Alcorta Cuba Historic Center. (19-June-2015).	3.3 6.3
09	Symposium "Past, present and future of relations between Mexico and Spain", with the participation of specialists from the College of Mexico and the Elcano Institute of Spain, within the framework of the visit of the King and Queen of Spain to Mexico who were presented conclusions. (1-July-2016)	1.1
10	To celebrate the 4th anniversary of the start of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, various activities were carried out at the Fourth World Heritage Week.	1.1
11	Conference "The Aqueduct of Padre Tembleque" the most important work of hydraulic engineering built during the Viceroyalty of New Spain in the Americas, registered on July 5,	1.1

	2015 in the World Heritage List by UNESCO, supported by Antonio Mateo Linaza and Guillermina Barrera Acosta, directors of the Board who cares and protects that property. (17-Aug-2015).	
12	Conference "Franciscan Missions in the Sierra Gorda of Querétaro", the five missions built between 1750 and 1760, are an example of an architectural and stylistic unity with tempera paint, novohispano examples of popular baroque. Taught by David Jimenez Guillen. (17-Aug-2015).	1.1
13	Conference "Xochicalco Archaeological Zone", an example of the time known as Epiclásico (700-900 AD), inscribed on the World Heritage List of UNESCO in 1999 and supported by archaeologist Jose Romero Cuauhtli Alejandro Medina, Cultural Site Manager . (18-Aug-2015).	1.1
14	Conference "Criteria for the Restoration of a Monument: The Zacatecas Cathedral" example of Baroque art in Mexico, located in the Historic Center of the City of Zacatecas, inscribed on the List of World Heritage in 1993 by Raul Lara Quintanar. (18-Aug-2015).	1.1
15	Conference "Category 2 Centres under the auspices of UNESCO" developed by Francisco Vidargas, Deputy Director of World Heritage National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico. (19-agosto.2015).	1.1
16	Conference "Magical Towns", aimed at creating awareness of the urgent need to protect and save its cultural, architectural and historical wealth. Hosted by Peter Jimenez, researcher at the National Institute of Anthropology and History. (19-Aug-2015).	1.1
17	Conference "Cultural Heritage Tourism Cities" conceptual reflections in the search for a model of management of heritage as a tourism resource. Presented by Arch. Carlos Alberto Hiriart Pardo, Vice President of ICOMOS Mexico. 20-Aug-2015).	1.1
18	Reflective table on Natural Heritage: What is the Natural Heritage? by biologist Daniel Hernandez Ramirez; "Challenges for the Conservation of Cacti in Zacatecas" by biologist Fabian Fernandez Candelas and a film series "The Red List of World Heritage". (20-agosto.2015).	1.1
19	Conference "Restoring the Theban Tomb 39 located in the city of Luxor, Egypt", supported by Manuel Villarruel Vazquez, a member of the Mexican Society of Egyptology. 20-Aug-2015).	1.1
20	On the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, the Institute presented the conference "The 70th Anniversary of the United Nations: building a more inclusive world," given by Monica Villela Grayley, Director of Information Center. United Nations for Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, in the Auditorium of the Museum of Abstract Art "Manuel Felguérez" City of Zacatecas. (12-Oct-2015)	1.1
21	Conference "The iconography in the Cathedral" supported by Erika Renteria, Technical Secretary of the Center Category 2, within the framework of the celebration of the fourth anniversary	1.1

	of the School of Restoration "Refugio Reyes". (22-Oct-2015)	
22	Conference "World Heritage Convention 43 years later" (Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean), given by Francisco Vidargas, Deputy Director of World Heritage National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico. (12-Nov-2015)	1.1
23	With the representation of the Regional Institute attended the event was "Mexico and UNESCO, UNESCO and Mexico. History of a Relationship ", organized by the UNESCO Office in Mexico, on the occasion of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of this Organization. The event took place in the Palace of Chapultepec Castle. (17-Nov-2015).	1.1
24	The "First National Meeting of Managers of Archaeological World Heritage Sites" was held in the town of Loreto, Baja California Sur, by the National Coordination of Archaeology through its Directorate of Operations Site and the Directorate of World Heritage National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico. At the event attended by the Manager of the Directorate General and the Technical Secretariat of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, Category 2. The meeting brought together professionals from research, conservation and management of World Heritage sites in Mexico, which specialists shared their lines of work, its conservation and protection tasks and scientific research of such sites. (23 to 27-Nov-2015).	1.1 3.3 6.3
25	To celebrate the XXII Anniversary of the inscription on the World Heritage List of UNESCO, the Historic Center of the City of Zacatecas, it was held in the House of Municipal Culture Conference "World Heritage in Mexico at the speed of tourism" supported by Alma Pineda, Master of the University of Guanajuato. (11-Dec-2015)	1.1
26	The Institute Category 2 participated in the "First State Meeting of the UNESCO Red PEA, Zacatecas 2016".	7.5
27	Working meeting and analysis of research studies conducted by various writers and professionals of Archaeology and Anthropology, on the proposal seeking to introduce the INAH regarding the inclusion of new sites in the Cultural Route of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. (15 24-Feb-2016).	1.1 1.3 3.3 6.3
28	Conference "Introduction to World Heritage and the establishment of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas", by Erika Renteria, Technical Secretary of CC2, aimed at college students majoring in Tourism of the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. (3-Mar-2016)	1.1
29	Presentation of the Conference "Management and Conservation Plan of Historic Monuments Zone of Querétaro" supported by Joel Perea Quiroz, Coordinator of World Heritage Cities. (15-May-2016).	1.1
30	The Institute opens exhibition: "Sacred Art" by Audi Guerrero and "Sculpture in stone" by Felix Muro Arenas, in collaboration with the Secretariat for Artisan Development. (15-May-2016).	1.1
31	In order to promote awareness about the diversity of cultural	1.1

	heritage, its vulnerability and the efforts required for their protection and conservation, as part of the celebration of the International Day of Monuments and Sites two conferences they were presented: "The archaeological site of Tikal", by Monica Pellicer Alecio and "Iconology franciscana, agustina y dominica" by Dolores Elena Alvarez Gasca. (18-Apr-2016).	
32	Within the framework of the celebration of International Day of Monuments and Sites, the "Photographic Exhibition of Archaeological Zone Quemada" opened and the conference "Architectural evolution of the Cathedral of Zacatecas" was held by Victor Hugo Ramirez Lozano, aiming to strengthen the link between the people and their cultural heritage. (19-Apr-2016).	1.1
33	With duration of six months, it carried out the Course: Plazas and Squares in Zacatecas: Evolution and context; in order to raise public awareness on the importance of its history, culture and heritage. (April-September-2016)	1.1

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