

Session Proposal

Knowledge, Standards, Guidelines and Resources for Education and training in Architectural Conservation

(proposed by ICOMOS CIF)

Chair: Dr Cristina González-Longo, University of Strathclyde and ICOMOS CIF President

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SPEAKERS (Both for the session and Masterclass):

1. Professor Johannes Widodo, National University of Singapore and ICOMOS Singapore & Indonesia: "Heritage Competence for a Shared Future: Training Ecosystems for Sustainability, Plural Memory, and Peace in Asia"
2. Professor Claudio Varagnoli, Sapienza University of Rome and ICOMOS Italy (confirmed) Title to be confirmed
3. Dr Nivaldo Vieira de Andrade, Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA) (to be confirmed) Colleagues from US and Japan to be confirmed

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS

The Second International Congress of Architects and Technicians of Historic Monuments took place in Venice in 1964 and adopted 13 resolutions. The first one was the International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites, known today as the Venice Charter. The second resolution of the Congress in Venice, put forward by UNESCO, provided for the creation of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). During the first ICOMOS Assembly the following year in Poland, it was proposed the creation of five International Specialist Committees, one of them concerned the 'Training of Architects and qualified personnel'. In 1984 Professor Andrzej Tomaszewski created the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Education and Training - CIF (Comité International d'ICOMOS pour la Formation) and became its first CIF President. Sir Bernard Fielden was invited in 1989 to prepare the first draft for the Guidelines on Education and Training in the Conservation of Monuments, Ensembles and Sites, adopted by the ICOMOS General Assembly in Colombo in 1993, where Dr Jukka Jokilehto was elected as second CIF President. These Guidelines are used around the world as criteria for education, training and accreditation of architects in conservation, including the RIBA Conservation Register.

ICOMOS-CIF researches and promotes international cooperation in the field of education and training for the understanding, protection, conservation and management of built heritage, historic sites and cultural landscapes. It works on the advancement of greater understanding of such heritage, and the appropriate approaches, intervention criteria, technologies and management for its conservation, and to advise on the development of ICOMOS programs in this field, and at all levels of education and training. The ICOMOS-CIF Annual Symposium is designed to engage with ICOMOS members and a wider audience in a global dialogue about conservation education and training, to share good practice and plan future work.

ICOMOS-CIF has been for the last five years reviewing current practices and theories of conservation of built heritage around the world, via the presentations and discussion at the ICOMOS-CIF Symposium in Florence (2022), Athens (2023) and Venice (2024). During 2025 we are progressing projects and preparing the 2026 Symposium in Granada. The session in ICOMOS GA Malaysia will present the results so far within a panel of lead educators from different regions, so to allow for an in-depth discussion which can lead to agree appropriate education and training curricula and methodologies, at local and international levels.