

**12TH CONFERENCE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MOSAICS
27-31 October 2014, Sardinia**



Conservation and Presentation of Mosaics: At What Cost? First Circular

The 12th Conference of the International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics (ICCM) will be held in Sardinia (Italy), **October 27-31, 2014**, at the invitation of the Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici per le province di Sassari e Nuoro (Ministero dei Beni, delle Attività Culturali e del Turismo); with support from the University of Sassari, The Getty Foundation and the University of Cyprus.

Conference theme and Call for Papers and Posters

The theme of the 12th Conference is:

Conservation and Presentation of Mosaics: At What Cost?

The cost of conservation and presentation of mosaics is usually defined in financial terms. This may entail preventive measures such as maintenance, or remedial ones such as stabilisation. In fact, the act of conservation and presentation exacts many different costs, which may be beneficial or detrimental to mosaic heritage:

- o Aesthetic costs through intervention: appearance and authenticity
- o Human costs of management, training and staffing
- o Socio-political costs, such as the impact of excavation, development and tourism

Conservation decisions are heavily influenced by the financial resources available, requiring some degree of compromise, which may affect the display of mosaics and their original context, as well as the implementation of preventive conservation measures. What types of approaches mitigate these compromises to reach ethical and sustainable solutions? What is the acceptable limit of such compromises?

There are no exemplary models for costing mosaic conservation, particularly for mosaics in situ on archaeological sites, where monetary costs are often unrecorded, making budgeting and planning very difficult. This hampers good site maintenance. The conference invites presentations of the financial planning and execution of conservation and maintenance of mosaics on sites, in storage and in museums. It also aims to explore how social and political decisions may have a positive or a negative impact on the conservation of mosaics.

In addition, papers are invited to address the following sub-themes:

- o Methods of survey and documentation
- o Conservation and management of mosaics
- o Presentation and display
- o Education and training
- o Best practice case studies

Language and Translation

The official languages to be used during the conference will be English, French and Italian. Papers and posters will be accepted only in these three languages for presentation and publication. Papers in other languages will not be accepted.

Simultaneous translation in these languages will be provided. Translation into Arabic will be considered if funds are available.

Venues

The opening ceremony will take place at the University of Sassari.

Formal sessions will be held at Alghero, as well as Sassari.

The organisers will provide transport between Alghero and Sassari for all participants.

Presentations

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes discussion. There will also be short presentations lasting a total of 15 minutes, and a poster session. Guidelines will be sent in due course to the authors whose papers or posters have been accepted for presentation.

Conference visits and tours

There will be organised visits to Sassari, Alghero, Porto Torres, the nuraghe of Saint' Antine and Sant' Andrea Priu, Tharros and Bosa. In addition, an optional two/three day, post-conference tour in central and southern Sardinia will be organised at an extra cost. The exact price will be announced in the Second Circular.



Organising Committee

The conference is organised by the ICCM in collaboration with and under the auspices of the Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici per le province di Sassari e Nuoro (Ministero dei Beni e delle Attività Culturali e del Turismo) and the University of Sassari.

Organising Committee

Demetrios Michaelides: President of ICCM, University of Cyprus, Nicosia;

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Attilio Mastino: Rector, University of Sassari;

Antonietta Boninu: Former Director of Archaeology, Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici delle Province di Sassari e Nuoro; Former Director of the Museo Archeologico Nazionale Turritano of Porto Torres (Sassari);

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Roberto Nardi: Vice-President of ICCM, Centro di Conservazione Archeologica (CCA), Roma;

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and ICCM Board Members:

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Jeanne Marie Teutonico: The Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles.

Abstracts & Submission

The deadline for submission of the abstracts is **April 30, 2014**.

Please use the online submission facility:

http://webapps.leventis.ucy.ac.cy/iccm/material_pkg.pre_registration_form

If this is not possible, send your abstract to:

Demetrios Michaelides: dmichael@spidernet.com.cy

and Skevi Christodoulou: christodoulou.paraskevi@ucy.ac.cy

Abstracts (1000-1500 characters) should include full name, affiliation, and contact details (postal and email addresses, phone and fax numbers). If there is more than one author, please indicate who the corresponding author is. The abstracts should clearly state how the theme of the conference will be addressed.

Authors will be contacted in May 2014, about acceptance of their papers and posters for presentation at the conference.

Interest Form

The expression of interest form should be completed and submitted online, by **April 30, 2014**, using http://webapps.leventis.ucy.ac.cy/iccm/registration_pkg.registration_form

If this poses problems, please send your form via email to:

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The Second Circular will be sent only to those who have expressed interest in attending the conference.

Registration Fees and Deadlines

| Registration | Fee | Deadline |
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| Early Registration | €200.00 | May 30, 2014 |
| Late Registration | €230.00 | September 30, 2014 |
| Accompanying guest | €120.00 | September 30, 2014 |
| Student Registration | €100.00 | September 30, 2014 |

The Registration Fee covers:

ICCM Membership for one year; the right to put up candidature and to vote for the ICCM Board at the elections that will take place during the conference; conference transfers between Alghero and Sassari; a booklet of Abstracts and all other conference material; receptions; guided tours; as well as coffee breaks and working lunches during the conference.

Accompanying guest rate includes: the opening reception at Sassari, guided tours, and other eventual social activities.

Registration fees can be paid online at
http://webapps.leventis.ucy.ac.cy/iccm/registration_pkg.pre_registration_form

or deposited by money transfer into the following account:

Demetrios Michaelides, International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics (ICCM)

Acc. No.: 00173-01-030258-00

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P.O.Box 21472, 1599 Nicosia, Cyprus

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When paying, please indicate: Registration 12th ICCM Conference, Sardinia 2014.

Free admission to the sessions will be granted to local authorities and students.

NB: Full or Partial Support might be available for a limited number of participants.

Those interested should send their request together with a CV to :

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Accommodation

Negotiations are under way with a number of hotels for preferential prices. Information on the recommended hotels will be sent in the Second Circular. Participants will be responsible for making their own reservations and payments.

Further Information

A draft of the conference programme, a list of speakers and poster presenters, information on hotels, and tour itineraries will be provided in the Second Circular, expected by the end of April 2014.

Information will also be posted on the ICCM website, at
<http://www.iccm.ac.cy/index.php?link=sardinia.php>

