

ICOMOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: GA2023 SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM - AUSTRALIAN CO-CHAIRS (4 POSITIONS) AND CROSSCUTTING TOPIC COORDINATORS (3 POSITIONS)

Expressions of interest are invited for four (4) volunteer positions as Australia Theme Co-Chairs and three (3) volunteer positions as Crosscutting Topic Coordinators for the Scientific Symposium to be held between 4 and 8 September 2023 as part of the 21st Triennial General Assembly of ICOMOS (GA2023) in Sydney, Australia. The overarching theme of GA2023 is **HERITAGE CHANGES**.

Expressions of Interest are encouraged from energetic, experienced, and engaged Australia ICOMOS members who have suitable personal attributes, skills, and experience, including: a mix of appropriate practice-based and academic credentials; good connections within the heritage sector; experience in conducting similar events and processes; a combination of creative and critical skills, team leadership, and demonstrated commitment to inclusiveness, ethical conduct and the principles of the Burra Charter; as well as the necessary time and energy. Previous roles as part of the GA2020 Scientific Symposium organisation will be taken into account.

THEME CO-CHAIRS

The four (4) subject areas for which *Australian Theme Co-chairs* will be appointed are:

- **RESILIENCE:** Vulnerability – Adaptability – Flexibility. What are the links between resilience and change management? In what ways can heritage be a positive force for change, including for climate change?
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Leadership – Sharing – Accountability. What role(s) does each actor play in responsible heritage management, climate change adaptation, and social justice? In what ways can sectorial collaboration engage with heritage as a force for change?
- **RIGHTS:** Politics – Ethics – Justice. Rights to heritage are deeply enmeshed in politics, ethics, and social (or cultural) justice. Can stand-alone codes of ethics for heritage practice be effective? Can ethical action be separated from the complex realities of practice? If ethics are to be seen as integral to all heritage practices, in what ways can heritage ethics be a positive force for change?
- **RELATIONSHIPS:** Connection – Kinship – Respect. To what extent are Indigenous and mainstream faiths and religions interconnected and to what extent separate? In what ways can the knowledge and practices of Indigenous communities and mainstream faiths be a force for change?

Within each Theme, a range of sessions will be offered in a variety of formats, and of varying lengths. Some sessions will be traditional ‘conference-style’ presentations whereas others may be less formal workshops or facilitated discussions. The Theme Co-chairs will be responsible for designing a series of coherent and dynamic sessions, as well as incorporating commitments made to GA2023 patrons and sponsors, through a wide-ranging consultative process.

The **role of each Australian Theme Co-chair** position will include:

1. Work collaboratively with the Australian and International Co-chairs of the GA2023 Scientific Symposium (Steve Brown and Ona Vileikis Tamayo).
2. Work collaboratively with the corresponding International Theme Co-chair to organise, develop, and implement symposium sessions.
3. Work collaboratively with the corresponding Theme International Co-chair to coordinate the review of proposals for sessions, papers, and posters;
4. Recommend to the Australian and International Co-chairs on selection of sessions, papers, and posters; matters relating to timetabling; and development of symposium publications and documents.
5. Develop a scholarly paper for *Historic Environment* in collaboration with the corresponding Theme/Stream International Co-chair (to be published in 2023, possibly in advance of the GA2023 Scientific Symposium).
6. Advise on and contribute to publication processes and outputs following the GA2023 Scientific Symposium.

CROSSCUTTING TOPIC COORDINATORS

The three (3) subject areas for which *Crosscutting Topic Coordinators* will be appointed are:

- **INDIGENOUS HERITAGE**
- **CULTURE-NATURE JOURNEY**
- **DIGITAL HERITAGE**

It is intended that these topics (as well as two others – *Heritage for Climate* and *Heritage as Sustainability*) will crosscut (weave through) the four Themes in such a way as to create a coherent and engaging program of sessions on each of the topics.

The **role of each Crosscutting Topic Coordinator** position will include:

1. Work collaboratively with the International and Australian Co-chairs of the GA2020 Scientific Symposium (Ona Vileikis Tamayo [ICOMOS Belgium] and Steve Brown [ICOMOS Australia]).
2. Work collaboratively with the Theme Co-chairs to coordinate an engaging and coherent program for each topic;
3. Advise on and contribute to publication processes and outputs following the GA2023 Scientific Symposium.

Terms

The Australian Theme Co-Chairs will commence as soon as possible and will be expected to work consistently throughout the period from mid-2022 into early-2024. These positions are voluntary. Successful applicants are required to attend and register for GA2023, as well as cover personal travel and accommodation costs during GA2023.

Enquiries

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Application information

Expressions of interest of no more than three (3) pages to include:

- Nominate the Theme Co-chair position to which the EOI relates;
- Reasons why the applicant seeks appointment;
- Relevant skills and experience in relation to conference organisation and the Theme topic;
- Indicate commitment to the roles and terms outlined above;
- A one-page summary CV; and
- Be sent by 17:00pm Friday 11 March 2022 to the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat by email: austicomos@deakin.edu.au

Depending on the applications received, online interviews may be held and/or additional information may be sought from shortlisted applicants.

Note that a parallel process is being undertaken through the ICOMOS Advisory Committee to recruit four International Co-chairs for each of the Themes. The roles of Crosscutting Topic Coordinators will be selected from all Australian and International EOIs received.