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TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ICOMOS ISC on Theory and
Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration

TO ALL THE MEMBERS National and International Scientific
Committees of ICOMOS

SUBJECT: invitation to the VI Annual Meeting of the ICOMOS ISC Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and
Restoration ***“Paradigm Shift in Heritage Protection: Tolerance for Changes, Limits for Changes”*** –
Florence (Italy) 4th-6th March 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Doubtlessly, all members of our committee have already heard about our great loss. On the 25th of October our Chairman, professor Andrzej Tomaszewski passed away. Andrzej remained active until his very last days planning publications and organizing the conferences. Among other things, he schemed the conference of our committee, which was supposed to take place on 4th-6th March 2011 in Florence.

Having consulted this matter with colleagues (Wilfried Lipp, Michael Petzet, Paolo del Bianco, Gustavo Araoz) we have decided, that the best way to commemorate Andrzej's work, is to continue his intention and hold this conference according to the agreement with the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation, officially signed by Andrzej and Paolo last 2008 (at the presence of the representatives of UNESCO in Florence and the City). Paolo Del Bianco on his side, as President of the Foundation and as person, confirms the signed agreement and his invitation and the attendance of Foundation in organization of the conference.

We have resolved that the subject of this year's conference should be ***“Paradigm Shift in Heritage Protection: Tolerance for Changes, Limits for Changes”***. This corresponds directly with the motto “Tolerance for changes”, which in the terms of necessity of changes in both theory and practice of preservation, is recently discussed by the members of ICOMOS.

Organizing a conference “Paradigm Shift in heritage conservation” in Prague in May 2010, our Committee showed its will to be a part of this discussion. Long debate during the meeting has clearly showed that the tolerance for change in preservation theory should be accompanied by exact recommendations about the acceptable range of the changes. That is why, these two subjects: “Tolerance for Change” and “Limits of change” ought to be an integral part of the issue.

Moreover, materials from conferences in Prague (May 2010) and in Florence (March 2011) will be published together.

Meeting in Florence will be also an opportunity to discuss the future activities of our Committee. Here below you will find a tentative program and the other details for your participation.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Bogusław Szmygin
Secretary ISC Theory and Philosophy of Conservation

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VI Conference
ICOMOS International Scientific Committee
Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (TheoPhilos)
In Memoriam Andrzej Tomaszewski

TITLE: *Paradigm Shift in Heritage Protection: Tolerance for Changes, Limits for Changes*

PERIOD: Arrival: Thursday 3rd March 2011; departure: Monday 7th March, 2011
Working days: Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March, 2011

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: **Thursday, 3rd March, 2011: arrival**
Friday, 4th March, 2011: opening

- Morning-early afternoon (until h.16.00): cultural program to be confirmed
- h.17.00: **Remembrance of Prof. Andrzej Tomaszewski (speeches by 4-5 members of the committee, while a CD is displaying some photos)**
- h. 18.00: welcome speeches, introductory lectures
- h. 21.00: dinner

Saturday, 5th March, 2011: working sessions

- h.10.00 – 12.00 - Session 1: ***“Limits for change – theoretical point of view”***
 - 4 papers (20 min for paper)
 - Discussion (10 min for speaker)
- h.14.00 – 16.00 - Session 2: ***“Limits for change – social context”***
 - 4 papers (20 min for paper)
 - Discussion (10 min for speaker)

Sunday, 6th March, 2011: working sessions

- h.10.00 – 12.00 - Session 3: ***“Limits for change – urban scale”***
 - 4 papers (20 min for paper)
 - Discussion (10 min for speaker)
- h. 14.00 – 16.30 - Session 4: ***“Limits for change – different categories of heritage”***
 - 4 papers (20 min for paper)
 - Final discussion:
- h. 16.30 – 18.00 - Annual Meeting of ISC TheoPhilos (members only)
 - call for papers for the Conference 2012
 - tentative title of the Conference 2012
 - others

Monday, 7th March, 2011: Departures

DEADLINES: **Presentation abstracts: January 10th, 2011**
Please submit your abstract (and specify the session chosen) **no later than January 10th 2011** to icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org. The abstract should not be longer than 5.000 characters (without images). The first-order headings should be in Times New Roman 12, bold, upper/lowercase letters with the text in Times New Roman 11, 1.5 spacing.
Among all the abstracts received:
a. 16 of them will be selected by January 10th 2011 by the ISC Theory Commission Members for the oral presentation during the conference in Florence;

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- b. the ISC Theory Commission reserves the right to select other abstracts whose authors will be invited to submit final reports; those reports will be included in the virtual proceedings of the conference and visible on the official ISC Theory Commission's web site. The authors will also have the opportunity to take part in the conference in Florence as speakers or auditors.

Selection and preparation of the conference schedule: January 15th 2011

Deadline for hotel reservation: January 30th, 2011

Presentation of the final paper: February 20th, 2011

Within February 20th, 2011, all the papers selected must be:

- uploaded directly by the participants in the conference website, so that we can publish on the Internet page of our Committee
- sent by e-mail as "a .doc file format" to the "ICOMOS ISC Theory Secretarial Office" c/o Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation e-mail address icomos.theory@fondazione-delbianco.org, and they will be recorded on a CD Rom which participants of the conference will all receive.

ECONOMIC CONDITION

ICOMOS National Committees and International Scientific Committees Members will benefit of reduced Participation fees as below:

PARTICIPATION FEES

(including welcome dinner, 4 coffee breaks, free pass for museums, conference kit, digital proceedings, organisational staff)

Participation fee for ICOMOS Members and FRDB Members	€ 140,00
Participation fee for NON ICOMOS/FRDB Members	€ 190,00

Following accommodation options are offered for the participants in the conference. Booking procedures are managed by PromoFlorenceEvents organizational agency:

PACKAGE FOR 4 NIGHTS

(in 4th, out 7th of March 2011: prices per room with breakfast and tax included)

	Single room (4 nights, breakfast and tax included)	Double room (4 nights, breakfast and tax included)
Romagna Hotel (2*, city centered, 90 meters far from conference room)	€ 280,00	€ 380,00
DISCOUNT EARLY BOOKING before 20th of January 2011		
Pitti Palace Hotel (3* Superior, city centered, 850 meters far from the conference room)	€ 395,00	€ 495,00
Pitti Palace Hotel (3* Superior, city centered, 850 meters far from the conference room)	€ 495,00	€ 595,00
Laurus Hotel (4*, city centered, in the same place as the conference room)	€ 820,00	€ 920,00

HOTEL RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

Reservation is managed by PromoFlorenceEvents organisational agency and payment can be done:

- By credit card - [click here](#) (We accept the payments by credit card when the name of the Credit card holder is the same as the name of registered participant)
- By bank transfer

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- STEP 1. Registration - [click here](#)
- STEP 2: Payment by the bank transfer: IBAN code: IT 91 I 06160 02821 000915509C00, SWIFT code: CRFI IT 3F XXX Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, Agenzia 21, Via Mugello 27 50 127 Firenze made out to: Fly Events srl "ICOMOS ISC Theory 2011, Name, Reg. Nr." (please indicate the registration nr.) Via del Giglio n. 10 – 50123 FIRENZE – ITALIA.

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PLEASE NOTE: all paid fees shall be net of all bank costs and commissions

WEB SITE:

The promotion of the conference through an apposite web page by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation on www.fondazione-delbianco.org and www.lifebeyondtourism.org, where all the infos of the conference will be displayed, together with the abstracts of the participants.

[Easy Rec System® \(slides-sound registration of the speeches\)](#) used in 2009 will not be used again, due to the lack of interest by the conference speakers.

Speakers and participants will be request to subscribe the authorisation for the use of the texts (abstract and paper) and images.

LANGUAGE:

Working language: English / Italian (with slides in English for the audience)

PARTICIPANTS:

- by ICOMOS ISC TheoPhilos Members (both "Experts" and "Associated")
- ICOMOS International Scientific and National Committees
- by Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation's International Network of Experts, as auditors. They could have the possibility of a 10 minutes-presentation of their papers at the conclusion of each sessions (abstracts selected by the ICOMOS ISC TheoPhilos Executive Committee)
- Other participants interested in the topic as auditors.

PROCEEDINGS: proceedings of Florence 2009 will presume to be presented during the VI edition of the conference.

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