



## **ADVANCED COURSE ON CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TECHNIQUES OF TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION - 2015**

**Application Deadline: April 15th, 2015**

**Duration: July 3-12, 2015**

**Place:** Suzhou, P.R.China

### **Organizers:**

The course is organized by:

- World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP)
- 'Sapienza' University of Rome, Post Graduate School in Architectural Restoration

In collaboration with:

- Traditional Architecture Conservation Union of World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and Pacific Region (TACU-WHITRAP)
- Suzhou World Heritage and Traditional Architecture Conservation Institute (SACI)

### **Background**

WHITRAP together with the Post-Graduate School in Architectural Restoration of 'Sapienza' University of Rome are pleased to announce that the Advanced course on Conservation and Restoration Techniques of Traditional Architecture in the Asia-Pacific Region 2015 will be held from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.

WHITRAP has been organizing a series of training courses since 2008, with the cooperation of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU Nara), the International Understanding Education Center, the Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation of University of Leuven, the Shanghai Tongji University and other international organizations and research institutions.

The course aims at establishing an academic platform where experts can share their professional knowledge in conservation and restoration of historic buildings, providing an overview of the various aspects of conservation and restoration of historic buildings in the Asian-Pacific Region.

In the forthcoming edition of the course, the main topics are:

- Trends and developments on conservation of historical buildings in the global context;
- Standards/principles/regulations of historical buildings restoration and conservation in Europe and Asia;
- Construction materials and restoration methods of historical buildings in Europe and Asia;
- The impacts of natural on conservation of historical buildings;
- Case studies of restoration and conservation of historical buildings in Europe and Asia
- Study trip to a historical district;
- Administration management and maintenance of cultural heritage.

### **Objectives**

- Acquire a knowledge of principles and methodologies for the restoration of world cultural heritage;
- Help participants understand principles and methodologies for conservation and restoration of world cultural heritage;
- Have a better understanding of critical processes in conservation and of their application to macro/micro scaled monuments;
- Improve strategic planning skills relevant to heritage management methodology;
- Expand awareness, knowledge and understanding of current principles and practices in conservation and restoration of historical buildings;
- Promote the exchange of experiences and information among participants and institutions.

### **Methodology**

Training will be based on various methodologies including lectures, case studies, hands-on practices, site visits, group work and discussion. During the course, participants will be instructed to share their own knowledge and experiences, study cases, discuss in group and practice presentation.

### **Participants**

The international course is designed for a maximum of 25 participants from the Asia-Pacific region.

Priority is given to :

- Professionals directly involved in management and conservation of World Heritage Sites;
- Researchers and technicians from institutes involved in the conservation and restoration of historic architecture;
- Professional staff from companies involved in the conservation and restoration of historic architecture.

Participants need to be proficient in English including reading, writing, reporting and engaging in discussion.

### **Teaching Team**

Members of the faculty include experts and professors from 'Sapienza' University of Rome, Post Graduate School in Architectural Restoration, WHITRAP, UNESCO and other well-known heritage conservation institutions. All experts have both academic and practical experience to introduce broad international perspectives, classic study cases and up-to-date expertise and information.

### **Language**

English is the working language of the course. Candidates need to have strong communication and writing skills in English.

### **Certificate of Attendance**

A certificate of attendance authorized by WHITRAP and by the Post-graduate School in Architectural Conservation of 'Sapienza' University will be awarded to participants who successfully complete the course. Participants are expected to attend all lectures, site visits and reporting during the course.

### **Relevant fee \$800**

The payment of the course fee (**\$800**) will be divided in two parts, namely the Registration Fee (\$200) and the Participation Fee (\$600). In view of the large number of applications and limited number of participants for this course, if the application is accepted successfully, each candidate will pay \$200 Registration Fee for reserving the position.

WHITRAP will cover relevant costs for all candidates during the course, including tuition fees (plus site visits), teaching materials, accommodations, insurance and transportation fees. The candidates will pay for their own airfare (round-trip ticket to the course venue).

### **Scholarship**

Candidates are encouraged to source financial support by all possible means such as governmental institutions, employers and other funding agencies. WHITRAP is only able to offer a limited scholarship to selected candidate in need.

### **Application**

Please fill the **Application Form** and send it together with all the soft copies listed below by mail to the contact address below before **April 15th 2015** (handwriting signature and photograph are required in the soft copy):

- the application form;
- a full professional curriculum vitae (in English);
- a copy of valid passport and other materials required for the visa;
- a copy of the highest academic certificate of the applicant;
- a recommendation letter from the applicant's organization (with company chop/official signature).

WHITRAP reserves the rights for all application documents and presentations from participants.

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### **Application deadline**

Applications should be available at WHITRAP Suzhou by **April 15th 2015** to meet our pre-evaluation schedule. The Admission feedback after pre-evaluation will be released to the applicants and their organizations, institutions or companies.