

**XI WORLD CONGRESS
OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF WORLD HERITAGE CITIES
(OWHC)**



*World Heritage Cities
and Climate Change*

**November 22-25, 2011
OLGA CADAVAL CULTURAL CENTRE
SINTRA | PORTUGAL**



Dear Friends,

I could repeat the words of joy of the hosts of former Congresses. I could invite you to visit Sintra, because it is truly an architectural jewel, having been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as the first Cultural Landscape of Europe.

I could also express great pleasure in your presence in this extremity of Europe and encourage you to visit other magnificent works of man and nature classified by UNESCO such as the Douro, the Pico, Evora or the Alhambra, just next door in Spain.

Yes, indeed, I could.

But my awareness as a citizen of the world, triggers my senses, to focus on the consecutive summits that have taken place since the 80's - Rio, Kyoto or more recently, Copenhagen and Cancun.

We are bound to the reality which impacts the entire planet and that will affect our lives and our children's lives.

Thus, it is legitimate to question which legacy we are passing on to the next generations and what action we will take, or can take, to protect a heritage which is, in fact, ours.

Therefore, I invite you all to share, in Sintra, land of artists and poets, your ideas, your proposals, your projects and your successes within the scope of the theme of the 11th World Congress of the Organization of World Heritage Cities "World Heritage Cities and Climate Change" which will take place from the 22nd to the 25th of November 2011.

Fernando Roboredo Seara

Mayor of Sintra



The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) offers its members a variety of activities that provide opportunities for exchange. At the pinnacle of these activities is the OWHC World Congress. Held every two years, it constitutes an international platform for Mayors, decision-makers and experts to discuss vital issues in the field of heritage conservation and management.

One such issue is the theme of the OWHC World Congress to be held in Sintra which will address the question of "World Heritage Cities and Climate Change". World Heritage cities are perhaps some of the most vulnerable to this phenomenon which is of universal concern and has the potential to impact humankind in many ways.

On behalf of the OWHC, I express our heartfelt appreciation to Sintra for hosting the World Congress. The City has made every effort to seek out world experts to facilitate our deliberations on one of the most crucial issues facing the world today.

In addition, Sintra has endeavored to plan an artistic program, representative of Portuguese culture that will enable us to have a better understanding of the country and its people. The meticulous preparations will no doubt ensure that our meeting will be a great success.

A successful Congress to all of us!

Harry Brinkman

Mayor of Beemster (Netherlands)
President of the Organization of World Heritage Cities



Few cities would be more appropriate than Sintra to host the debate on “World Heritage Cities and Climate Change” which is the theme of the OWHC World Congress in 2011. As a World Heritage Cultural Landscape with urban components, Sintra is in a unique position to contribute to the understanding of how climate change can impact our urban environment.

The Congress is an endeavor which involves the City of Sintra under the leadership of Mayor Seara and his team, the Scientific Committee composed of experts from all over the world and chaired by Professor Filipe Duarte Santos as well as the international institutions that provide expertise and financial support. Sincere thanks must go to all those who are working on the preparations for the Congress which promises to offer very interesting and especially relevant discussion.

Denis Ricard

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denis Ricard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary General of the Organization of World Heritage Cities

ORGANIZATION OF WORLD HERITAGE CITIES (OWHC)

Founded in 1993, the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) brings together the cities from around the globe that have on their territory a site that has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Within the Organization, these cities are represented by their Mayors with the active participation of their heritage management specialists.

It has been said that the OWHC is the only international platform allowing Mayors, decision-makers and heritage experts of these cities to meet and discuss issues of mutual concern. Each member city represents a distinctive heritage value.

In the face of the global challenge of sustainable development in cities, the OWHC represents a unique capital of values, know-how and experience.

In its activities the OWHC is pleased to have as its partners the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, the Council of Europe, the Getty Conservation Institute, ICOMOS, ICCROM and the World Monuments Fund.

SINTRA, WORLD HERITAGE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

The World Heritage Committee of UNESCO deservedly inscribed Sintra as the first Cultural Landscape in Europe in 1995, in recognition of the harmony it displays between landscape and architecture. The monumentality of the landscape results from a healthy interaction between its physical and human elements and the pleasant juxtaposition of buildings from various historical periods and architectural styles.

The Sintra Range reveals a surprising wealth of cultural imprints, covering several centuries in the history of Portugal. The town was chosen as the location for a medieval royal palace by virtue of its singular microclimate (which is quite unique in the Mediterranean region): cool summers and mild, sunny winters. The nation's court and nobles settled in Sintra and on the northern reaches of the range, along which were built sumptuous villas and estates, surrounded by beautiful gardens and parks brimming with luxuriant vegetation. On the other hand, the solitude of the hills and their forests attracted monks and hermits who enriched the area with convents and hermitages, adding a religious element to the local culture.

The apogee of this extraordinary landscape development was reached during the reign of King Fernando II of the Saxe-Coburg-Gotha dynasty (1836-1885). This artist-king had close ties to Sintra and introduced Romanticism in splendid and unique fashion, developing a singular cultural landscape of great value across the Sintra range. Mediterranean and Northern European species of plants were blended with hundreds of exotic trees and flowers in an array of truly unique gardens, parks and forests.

WORLD HERITAGE CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

World Heritage Cities are vibrant living environments with cultural heritage of outstanding universal value. In the face of climate change, however, World Heritage Cities are among the most vulnerable places on Earth to experience rapidly occurring changes.

In recent years, the World Heritage Committee has continually alerted the international community that “the impacts of Climate Change are affecting many and are likely to affect many more World Heritage properties, both natural and cultural in the years to come”. The XI World Congress aims to create a platform for dialogue and exchange of state-of-the-art knowledge on the issue of World Heritage Cities and Climate Change and its transfer into policy and action.

City governments are at the heart of the action. The site-specific nature of climate change impacts make World Heritage Cities ideal laboratories for monitoring changes and testing adaptation and mitigation measures to enhance their socio-economic well-being while ensuring the conservation of their heritage. As guardians of the world's heritage, World Heritage Cities face an additional challenge - any action taken at these iconic places can attract considerable attention and influence the adoption of good management practices elsewhere.

Having conserved their rich heritage over time, World Heritage Cities hold the keys to understanding longterm evolution of a place from the past and on to the future. Also, World Heritage Cultural Landscapes with urban components such as the host city, Sintra, can play a crucial role in understanding how climate change impacts our urban environment. Research, communication and educational activities aim to build public awareness and knowledge of climate change, its potential impacts on World Heritage Cities and their values.

The World Congress shall bring together stakeholders from political, practitioners', academic and media backgrounds to support awareness-raising, networking and exchange of experience in World Heritage and Climate Change in the urban context, capitalizing on each stakeholder's strengths and role in society.



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	Saturday Sunday	Monday, 21 Nov	Tuesday, 22 Nov	Wednesday, 23 Nov	Thursday, 24 Nov	Friday 25 Nov	Saturday Sunday
Morning			Registration (all day)	Opening Remarks	World Heritage Cities and Climate Change: Key note 3 and panel discussion	General Assembly	
			Mayors' Workshop	Journalists' Workshop			
			In parallel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth Forum ◦ Participants' Site Visit 	World Heritage Cities and Climate Change: Key note 2 and panel discussion	World Heritage Cities and Climate Change: Key note 4 and panel discussion		
Lunchtime	Pre - Congress Tours (The cost is not included in the registration fee)	Arrival of Participants					Post-Congress Tours (The cost is not included in the registration fee)
Afternoon			Mayors' Site Visit	Journalist' Workshop + Site Visit	Candidates to the Board of Directors and next Congress Host City 2013	UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes	General Assembly (cont'd)
			In parallel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth Forum+ Site Visit ◦ Participants' Site Visit 	Poster Session + J.P. L' Allier Prize candidates	Case Studies Project: Urban Project in World Heritage Cities		
				Regional Meetings	Concluding Remarks+ Youth message		
Evening			Opening Ceremony	Evening Event	Evening Event	Closing Ceremony	



PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

Mayors' Workshop

An Introduction to the Role and Responsibilities of Mayors and Elected Representatives

Participants in the Mayors' Workshop will examine the roles and responsibilities of local government decision-makers in the conservation and management of a World Heritage City. Based on their experiences, participants will discuss the justification of the inscription of their site on the World Heritage List and its implications on the management of the city and the conservation of heritage. The workshop will rely on an open dialogue and the exchange of experiences between participants. The workshop is a collaborative undertaking between the Getty Conservation Institute and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.



Participants' Site Visits

Site visits will be organized for the participants in the morning and afternoon of 22 November.

Journalists' Workshop

This workshop seeks to include and involve the media in the theme of the Congress, as well as develop the concept of heritage as an interdisciplinary field.

This will be the 3rd time such an initiative is organized. It is aimed at Portuguese journalists, foreign correspondents in Portugal and journalists from Portuguese-speaking countries currently developing in terms of culture, environment and tourism.

On the first day, the workshop will be organized around concepts, ethics and content related to the theme of the Congress, delivered by various specialists. In the remaining sessions, the journalists will follow the Congress proceedings before delivering a final assessment on the last day.

This activity will give the media access to the various Congress sessions and will allow them to witness firsthand the sharing of information between some of the most renowned experts on the theme of the Congress.



SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS



📍 Performance *AmarAmália*



📍 *Mariza* Concert



📍 Performance *José Barros e os Navegantes*



TOURS

A variety of tours will be arranged with a view to acquainting visitors with some of the sites recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage sites in Portugal and Spain:

- ⦿ during the Congress for accompanying persons;
- ⦿ before and after the Congress for participants and accompanying persons. **(Through an accredited travel agent, the cost is not included in the registration fee).**

Tours for Accompanying Persons:



- ⦿ 1 day each:
Sintra | Cascais (Estoril) | Lisbon

Pre and post-Congress tours:

(The cost is not included in the registration fee).



- ⦿ 2 days (1 night)
Alto Douro Wine Region



- ⦿ 2 days (1 night)
Évora



- ⦿ 3 days (2 nights)
Madeira
Laurisilva Forest



- ⦿ 3 days (2 nights)
Granada



- ⦿ 4 days (3 nights)
The Azores
Pico and Terceira Islands

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation on offer includes a range of categories and also takes into account the proximity of the hotels to the Congress venue, the Olga Cadaval Culture Centre.

Official hotels:

- ⊙ Penha Longa & Golf Resort ★★★★★
www.penhalonga.com
- ⊙ Pestana Golf & Spa Hotel ★★★★★
www.pestana.com
- ⊙ Tivoli Sintra ★★★★★
www.tivolihotels.com
- ⊙ Lawrence's Hotel ★★★★★
www.lawrenceshotel.com
- ⊙ Hotel Arribas ★★★
www.hotelarribas.com
- ⊙ Hotel Vip Inn Miramonte ★★
www.viphotels.com
- ⊙ Hotel Nova Sintra ★★
www.novasintra.com

Transportation to and from the Congress venue and events will only be available from the official hotels.

A wide and varied selection of hotels is also available online at www.sintrainn.net. *Sintra Inn* is a project of the Sintra Municipal Council that involves all the tourism operators in the municipality through a platform that brings together and classifies the accommodation available in the area: Hotels, guesthouses, apartments, villas, campsites, country houses, rural tourism, inns and historic hotels

REGISTRATION

Registration for the XI World Congress of the OWHC will be through the official Congress website: www.sintraovpm2011.com

Registration Fees

Category

- ⊙ OWHC Members-in-good-standing, Journalist, Accompanying Persons

UNTIL 30 JUNE, 2011	400 €
UNTIL 31 AUGUST, 2011	450 €
AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER, 2011	475 €

- ⊙ Other Participants

UNTIL 30 JUNE, 2011	450 €
UNTIL 31 AUGUST, 2011	500 €
AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER, 2011	500 €

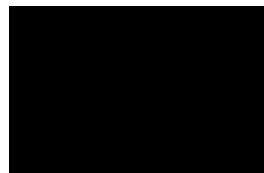
The Registration Fee covers:

- ⊙ Admittance to all sessions;
- ⊙ Congress documentation and Congress Proceedings;
- ⊙ Certificate of Attendance;
- ⊙ Coffee, refreshments and lunches during official Congress breaks;
- ⊙ Opening and Closing Ceremonies, dinners, receptions and cultural events;
- ⊙ Accompanying persons programme;
- ⊙ Transportation to and from the congress and all events.



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ORGANIZAÇÃO DAS CIDADES DO PATRIMÓNIO MUNDIAL



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International Council on Monuments and Sites
Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites



ICCROM



The Getty Conservation Institute



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