



**APOYOnline 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Workshop in Heritage Preservation**  
*30 Years Building Bridges and Pathways for the  
Preservation of Cultural Patrimony in the Americas*

September 23-27, 2019  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

APOYOnline - Association for Heritage Preservation of the Americas, Inc., is pleased to announce the **APOYOnline 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Workshop in Heritage Preservation** from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The theme of the event is *"30 Years Building Bridges and Pathways for the Preservation of Cultural Patrimony in the Americas."* This event is co-organized with the Casa de Oswaldo Cruz/Fiocruz and Casa de Rui Barbosa Foundation (Brazil) and in collaboration with the University of Delaware (United States).

For 30 years, APOYOnline (formerly Apoyo) has worked to strengthen communication networks between cultural heritage professionals in Latin America, the Caribbean, and other Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries, and to foster professional development in the field of preservation of cultural patrimony by improving access to specialized training and current technical information. The **APOYOnline 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference** program will cover a variety of themes important to the region concerning networking, preventive conservation, risk management, professional development and education in conservation, digitization and digital preservation. The program format includes panel discussions with national and international experts, papers and poster presentations.

In addition, the program will include an APOYOnline 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, technical visits to local cultural institutions, exhibition of preservation materials, and the APOYOnline volunteer-based initiative *"Manos a la Obra"* (*"Helping Hands"*), where attendees will assist one local cultural institution with its preservation needs.

The **Workshop on Photographic Conservation, Fundraising and Advocacy** will be offered by Debbie Hess Norris, Chairperson at the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation. This workshop is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of including photograph conservation, fundraising, and advocacy in the management plans of cultural institutions.

Additional details about the conference and a call for papers will follow soon. We look forward to an exciting event celebrating 30 years of APOYOnline and highlighting the important work of cultural heritage professionals throughout the Americas, the Caribbean, and Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries around the world.

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