



**Association for Heritage Preservation of the Americas
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**APOYOnline 4th Regional Conference:
“Connect, Empower, Transform: A Virtual Conference for Students and
Emerging Professionals in Cultural Heritage”
November 12-15, 2021**

CALL FOR PAPERS and POSTERS

APOYOnline- Association for Heritage Preservation of the Americas, Inc., is pleased to announce the **APOYOnline 4th Regional Conference** from November 12-15, 2021, **in virtual format**. The theme of the event is *“Connect, Empower, Transform: A Virtual Conference for Students and Emerging Professionals in Cultural Heritage.”*

For more than 30 years, APOYOnline (formerly Apoyo) has worked to strengthen communication networks among cultural heritage professionals in Latin America, the Caribbean, and other Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries, and to promote professional development in the field through improved access to specialized training and updated technical information in Spanish and Portuguese.

The APOYOnline 4th Regional Conference will cover a variety of themes important to the region and to students and emerging professionals. Students in cultural heritage preservation have been integral to the success of recent regional conferences, contributing unique research and promoting lively discussion. APOYOnline looks to encourage and empower emerging professionals across cultural heritage fields by organizing this first ever regional conference that looks to bring together emerging professionals, students, and future students of the region.

The virtual conference will take place **November 12th-15th**, and there will be three components to the program: 1) oral presentations and posters, 2) panels with experts and invited students on pertinent topics in cultural heritage, and 3) professional development workshops offered by a team of international experts. The conference will also include time for networking in breakout sessions to encourage cultural exchange and discussion as well as a virtual exhibition hall of preservation supplies manufacturers and virtual technical visits.

A limited number of grants will be available to cover registration fees.

The panels, papers, and posters will address the following topics:

1. Vision & Trends in Cultural Heritage
2. Diversity/Equity/Inclusion/Accessibility in the Cultural Heritage Sector
3. Global Connections & Opportunities
4. Sustainability in Cultural Heritage

About Workshops:

Practical sessions will be offered in various topics. The program for the workshops as well as the registration form are available by [clicking here](#).

Special Initiative: The Conference pre-session will include the APOYOnline special initiative **"MANOS A LA OBRA"** ("Helping Hands"). This is a volunteer-based community-focused initiative that aims to assist a local cultural institution with its preservation needs in the city that welcomes our regional conference. Conference participants may volunteer time and expertise to carry out basic collections care activities. For this edition of the event, volunteers will **virtually work** with the *Ateneo Amantes de la Luz*, a public library in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic.

This event will require a separate registration. More information: [click here](#).

Languages:

The Conference and Workshops will be offered in Spanish, Portuguese, and English, with simultaneous interpretation when possible.

Call to submit papers/posters:

Participants interested in sharing their work through presentations or posters may submit an abstract related to one of the four themes of the Conference:

1. Vision & Trends in Cultural Heritage
2. Diversity/Equity/Inclusion/Accessibility in Cultural Heritage
3. Global Connections & Opportunities
4. Sustainability in Cultural Heritage

Abstracts can be submitted in Portuguese, Spanish or English. Deadline for abstract submission: **July 31, 2021**. More instructions below.

Candidates may select the option of presenting a paper or poster. An international scientific committee consisting of professionals from the field of cultural heritage preservation will make the final selection.

Poster authors will have an opportunity to briefly present their work during virtual poster sessions throughout the Conference.

Selected candidates for papers/posters will be informed by email by **August 31, 2021**.

Required materials for abstract submissions:

- **Submission form:** All candidates must submit a completed call for paper/poster submission form (Link below).
Submit **abstract** for oral presentation or poster of 500 words or less related to one of the topics of the Conference. Abstracts must contain a brief description of the topic, objectives, methodology used, and advances/conclusions obtained or expected. The file submitted should not exceed 1MB and must be uploaded via the link in the submission form.

- **For students only:**
 - A. Must submit a signed letter from the institution in which they study.
 - B. Curriculum vitae (CV): submit curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages), which can be uploaded through the link of the submission form. (The file should not exceed 1MB, please do not include photographs).
 - C. Letter of interest: Demonstrate in 500 words or less how your participation in the Conference will contribute to your career and how you will share and disseminate the knowledge obtained during the Conference. Also added via the submission form

PAPER/POSTER SUBMISSION FORM: [CLICK HERE](#)

Grants

A limited number of registration grants are available. Priority will be given to students. The application for grants can be found with the submission form. Grant recipients will be notified by August 31st.

Important dates:

Deadline for paper/poster submissions	July 31, 2021
Notification of selected papers/posters	August 31, 2021
Notification of grant recipients	August 31, 2021
Conference Panels, Paper Presentations, and Poster Sessions	November 12-14, 2021
General Conference Registration	September 1-October 31, 2021

For more information on the Conference, Workshops, Registration Fees, and the “*Manos a la Obra*” Initiative visit our website: http://apoyonline.org/en_US/4th-regional-conference/

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APOYOnline Conference Organizing Committee