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Sustainable Connections
for Cultural Heritage

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Panama City, PANAMA
June 30 to July 4, 2025

UPDATES ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

APOYOnline-Association for Heritage Preservation of the Americas, Inc., is proud to share updates about the **APOYOnline 5th Regional Conference & Workshops** from **June 30th to July 4th, 2025** with the theme "**Sustainable Connections for Cultural Heritage**". The event will take place at the *Ciudad del Saber* Conference Center in Panama City, PANAMA. The conference will be in hybrid format (in person and virtual) and it is co-organized in collaboration with the Museo del Canal and the Museum Association of the Caribbean (MAC) and other local and regional institutions. The program includes panels with experts, oral presentations and posters, networking opportunities, a sponsors and manufacturers exhibit hall, technical visits to significant cultural institutions in Panama City, the 35th anniversary closing celebration, and much more. For more information:

<https://apoyonline.org/programs/apoyonline-regional-conferences/2025-panama-city-panama/>

For 35 years, APOYOnline 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.

We are very pleased that a record number of applications have been accepted by the Selection Committee to present papers and posters: **170 applicants from 24 countries**¹. They represent a broad range of universities, libraries, museums, archives, cultural and scientific institutions, historical societies, and private practice. Over 60% are students and emerging professionals, many attending the APOYOnline conference and training for the first time. APOYOnline continues to work diligently to offer partial grants, especially to students and emerging professionals to attend the conference and workshops (both in person and virtual).

The **APOYOnline 5th Regional Conference** will focus on critical topics for the region, with four major themes, which will foster dynamic discussions and collaborative approaches, advance strategies for sustainable preservation of our common patrimony, and emphasize the essential connections within our regional and global heritage community.

¹ Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United States, Uruguay.

1. Climate Change and Collections at Risk
2. Community Engagement and Connections
3. Innovation and Trends
4. Education & Training

The **onsite workshops** about photographic conservation and risk management/disaster management will include theoretical modules, practical exercises, and emergency drills. The **virtual workshops** will cover a variety of subjects ranging from how to write scholarly papers, to leadership skills, communication and team building, and community engagement, among others. APOYOnline will continue the tradition of supporting a local institution in need in the city that welcomes our regional conference with care activities through our community-led volunteer-based initiative **MANOS A LA OBRA**.

APOYOnline is very grateful for the support of the current Sponsors and Collaborators.

(The final list will be provided prior to the conference)

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