



APOYONLINE 2018
2nd REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS ON HERITAGE PRESERVATION
“Managing Emergencies in cultural heritage:
sharing experiences and strengthening networks in the Americas”

2-5 October, 2018
Antigua, Guatemala

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

APOYOnline – Association for Heritage Preservation of the Americas Inc., is pleased to announce the **2nd Regional Conference and Workshops on Heritage Preservation, organized by APOYOnline**. It will be held in Antigua, Guatemala from October 2nd to 5th, 2018. The theme of the conference is: ***“Managing Emergencies in Cultural Heritage: Sharing Experiences and Strengthening Networks in the Americas.”***

APOYOnline’s main objective is to strengthen knowledge and skills of professionals in charge of heritage collections (museums, archives, libraries and other institutions), focusing on the importance of risk management, planning, and response and recovery in the context of emergencies related to natural phenomena. The natural disasters that have taken place recently in various Caribbean, Central American, and North American countries bear witness to the threat that these natural disasters pose to the conservation of cultural heritage in these vulnerable regions. Furthermore, they highlight the importance of communication networks among preservation professionals working to mitigate the damage to cultural heritage.

This event will strengthen and foster professional networks through presentations that invite to reflection, posters on projects related to the management of disasters in cultural heritage, and group discussions that promote the exchange of experiences. Additionally, it will foster communication among these professionals, resulting in better prepared and more skilled professionals who will work efficiently to manage the threats posed by natural disasters.

The topics selected for the four-day event are: risk assessment, emergency preparedness, and post-disaster response and recovery. There will be two components to the program: 1) The presentation of selected works by participants as oral presentations or posters, and 2) Training workshops, which will include theoretical modules, practical exercises, and emergency drills. These workshops will be offered by a team of instructors from Brazil, Colombia, and the United States. Additionally, guest speakers will discuss the importance of emergency management in cultural institutions



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in Latin America and the role of stakeholders, as well as the formation of international alliances.

The conference will be open to attendees as well as speakers and poster presenters. The recommendations resulting from the discussions and presentations will be shared by APOYOnline through the organization's website and social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter). The use of social media will facilitate the dissemination of the topics discussed during the event.

The conference reflects APOYOnline's mission to build communication bridges among professionals in the Americas. It is based on the experience that APOYOnline (formerly Apoyo) has accumulated during the past 28 years organizing international events in the region, conducting bilingual workshops, and publishing technical material translated into Spanish and Portuguese, which have become reference tools for conservators in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Languages Used at the Conference

The program will be offered primarily in Spanish, with the exception of some presentations in English and Portuguese, depending on the provenance of the participants. APOYOnline will provide translation when necessary. Likewise, learning materials and technical notes will be provided in said languages.

Exhibitors of Preservation Materials and Services

The conference will include a space dedicated to the exhibition of preservation materials and services, where participants will have access to samples of conservation materials, information about services offered by companies, and will be able to establish direct contact with their representatives.

Location

The conference will take place in Antigua, Guatemala.

Call for Papers

APOYOnline invites professionals to share their work and experiences in the field of preservation of cultural heritage through oral presentations and posters in the topics of risk assessment and emergency management. These include preparation and planning as well as response and recovery after emergencies. The abstracts for the presentations and posters (500 words) may be sent in Spanish, Portuguese, or English.



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Requirements

Inscription Form: All candidates must submit a completed inscription form available at <https://goo.gl/forms/CDC0sykS8TaEdL9U2>

- **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Candidates must submit their Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages), which can be uploaded through the inscription form link. (File should not exceed 1MB).
- **Photo ID:** Candidates must digitally submit a copy of their photo ID, which can be uploaded through the inscription form (File should not exceed 1MB)
- **Abstract:** Candidates that wish to apply for a speaker position or wish to present a poster must submit an abstract (500 words maximum), and specify their mode of presentation (oral or poster). The presentation **MUST BE ON THE TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE**. The file can be uploaded though the same inscription form link (File should not exceed 1MB).

Selection Process and Criteria for Presentations and Posters

The selection of the candidates for speakers and poster authors will be made by an international selection committee of professionals who are active in the field of conservation and restoration in libraries, archives, museums, and built heritage.

Applicants must:

- Be qualified professionals in the area of heritage conservation with a minimum of **two years of experience**, and must be currently employed in a position of leadership, teaching, decision-making, or work in private practice. These criteria must be reflected in the Curriculum Vitae (CV) of each candidate.
- Submit work related to the theme of the conference.
- Demonstrate, in writing, how their participation in the conference will contribute to his/her work, and how he/she plans to share and disseminate the knowledge obtained during the conference/workshops with colleagues when returning to his/her country of origin.

Important Dates

December 8, 2017	Call for papers
February 18, 2018	Deadline for paper and poster presentation proposals
End of March 2018	Final selection of speakers and poster authors. Selected candidates will be informed by email.



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Costs

Registration fee: **US\$ 150**. This amount can be paid through the link [here](#) or the following website:

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/MakeDonation.aspx?ORGID2=263676026&vIstratCode=eRICiRtNcKXhjf6kZOafQCPAogrm%2fQnpUjWw5vlhMgolVdzqNKcZK8xXknHOn4>. When carrying out the donation, indicate your name and the name of the

conference in the designation box. Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Scholarships

APOYOnline is working with sponsors in various countries to offer partial scholarships to cover some of the expenses of the candidates selected to speak or present a poster.

In order to apply for financial assistance (partial scholarships) through APOYOnline, the candidate will be asked to state their financial needs in writing. Candidates are encouraged to seek financial assistance from their institutions or other sources such as personal contributions or local foundations.

Sponsors

This conference has been made possible by the following private and corporate organizations: *Tru Vue* ® (USA), Universidad de los Andes (Colombia), Casa K'ojom (Guatemala), Lax Travel (Guatemala), and Avianca. APOYOnline will continue to work in securing additional sponsorships to assist selected speakers and poster authors.

Access to the inscription form where candidates may upload the requested documents and information for application: Click on the following links: [Click here](#) or through the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/CDC0sykS8TaEdL9U2>

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