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Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates, the Ruler of Sharjah*

ICCRUM-ATHAR SHORT COURSE SERIES

AN INTRODUCTION TO PREVENTIVE CONSERVATION FOR MUSEUM COLLECTIONS AND PREPARATION OF RISK PLANS

Dates: 18 – 22 October 2015

Place: ICCROM-ATHAR Regional Conservation Centre in Sharjah, UAE

Course Partners

- ICCROM-ATHAR Regional Conservation Centre
- UCL-Q: University College London, Qatar
- Government of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Background and Aims

ICCRUM-ATHAR Regional Conservation Centre in partnership with UCL-Qatar is starting a short course series titled “*Informed Conservation*”, aimed at professionals who are looking to expand their working knowledge and experience in the field of cultural heritage conservation.

This course, “*An Introduction to Preventive Conservation for Museum Collections and Preventive Conservation for Museum Collections and Preparation of Risk Plans*”, aims to introduce participants to principles of preventive conservation practices in museums by investigating the theoretical, methodological and practical aspects of collections management.

Course Objectives and Expected Results

The objective of this course is to strengthen the capacity of participants in preventive conservation measures to safeguard culture heritage collections. By the end of this course, participants will be able to identify and assess disaster risks treatments of museum buildings and collections affected by natural and/or human hazards.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to apply latest preventive conservation measures for the safeguard of collections within their environment, and will be able to undertake practical measures for emergency response in museums.

Course Structure

Participants in the “*An Introduction to Preventive Conservation for Museum Collections and Preventive Conservation for Museum Collections and Preparation of Risk Plans*” course will be exposed to a range of issues that affect the preservation of cultural heritage by focusing on:

- the basic international principles of preventive conservation, in order to devise informed conservation strategies for museums and collections;



- evaluation of agents of deterioration that damage museum collections, as well as appropriate treatments for their preservation;
- preventative procedures that avoid damage to collections in both storage and exhibition areas inside museums;
- natural and human risks that threaten collections, such as fire, floods, theft and vandalism, and practical tools for monitoring and preventing damage;
- practical measures for mitigation, emergency preparedness, response and recovery; and,
- disaster management plans that can be applied to a variety of collections in order to achieve adequate preservation.

Participants and Admission

The course is intended for 15 - 20 participants with varied profiles (archaeologists, architects, art historians, collections and site managers, conservators-restorers, conservation scientists, curators, directors of museums, galleries and archives, etc.) from the Arab states. Admission to the course will be subject to selection criteria including:

1. **Professional background:** at least a BA in a relevant field of study.
2. **Letter of intent:** candidates are requested to provide a letter stating clearly the reasons for applying to the course, what they hope to learn from it, and how it will benefit them and their institution, country, or future employer.
3. **Employment:** priority is given to government employees or government affiliated professionals.
4. **Work experience:** those who have already gained at least 3 years of practical or research experience in the field will have priority.
5. **Working languages:** the working languages will be both Arabic and English. Proficiency in English will be required particularly for research work and reading of reference materials.
6. **Insurance:** all participants should also have health and accident insurance. Upon selection, they should return to ICCROM a signed medical and accident participant's release form.
7. **Applications:** please use the **application form** available on this web site. Applications should be endorsed by the relevant ministry or entity in the candidate's home country. The carefully completed forms should be sent to:

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PO Box: 48777 Sharjah, UAE,
Tel: +971 (0)6 5552250 I Fax: +971 (0) 6 5552213
E-mail: fm@iccrom.org

Financial Resources / Support

A request for **financial support**, or the availability of other sources, should be indicated in the application form. ICCROM-ATHAR will provide a few scholarships only upon request (subject to evaluation), to cover accommodation, meals and travel during the course.



Course Fees: 450 US Dollars

Payments will be accepted in cash or bank transfer to ICCROM's account details below:

ICCROM
INTESA SANPAOLO S.P.A.
F.A.O. Branch N. 06825 - Rome
Via delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 – Rome - Italy
Bank Coordinates (ABI) (C.A.B.): 03069 03356
Account #: 130109604345 in USD
Swift Code (BIC): BCITITMM
European Bank Coordinates (IBAN): IT14 N030 6903 3561 3010 9604 345

Application Deadline: 17 September 2015

Please note that **any applications received after this deadline will not be considered** in the selection process of candidates for this course.