

THE 10TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MOSAICS



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International Committee for
the Conservation of Mosaics



Centro Regionale per la
Progettazione e il Restauro

First Announcement

The 10th Conference of the International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics (ICCM) will be held in Palermo (Italy), October 20-26, 2008, at the invitation of the Centro Regionale per la Progettazione e il Restauro -CRPR- (Regional Centre for Planning and Restoration) of the Sicilian Region. The conference is being organized by the ICCM and the CRPR.

Conference Theme and Call for Papers and Posters

The theme of the 10th conference is *Conservation: An act of Discovery*.

It aims to stress how through a systematic and full documentation during the process of conservation, one has the occasion to make observations that deepen one's understanding of a mosaic, the technique or techniques involved in its execution, the archaeological context in which it was found and the historical vicissitudes it has experienced.

Three sub-themes address issues that are very much on the frontline today: a/ the cost of maintenance of mosaics conserved in situ; b/ the large-scale projects of mosaic and site conservation; and c/ the training of mosaic conservators.

It is also planned to organize two round-tables on related issues during the conference.



Languages and translation

The official languages to be used during the conference will be Italian, English and French. Papers and posters will be accepted only in those languages for presentation and publication.

Simultaneous translation in the three official languages will be provided. Papers in other languages will not be accepted.

Venues

The opening session will take place in the magnificent Palazzo dei Normanni, and the formal sessions will be held in the Albergo dei Poveri in Palermo, an imposing 18th century building, presently under restoration.

Presentations

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes discussion. There will also be short presentations, lasting a total of 15 minutes, and a poster section. Guidelines for presentations and posters will be sent to authors whose papers or posters are accepted for presentation.

Conference visits and tours

At the end of the opening session, there will be a working luncheon and a guided tour of the Palazzo dei Normanni.

The CRPR will also organize, for all participants:

- a half-day visit to mosaic sites in Palermo during the conference
- a full-day excursion to ancient Morgantina and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Roman Villa del Casale at Piazza Armerina. At the Villa, participants will be able to observe and discuss the results of a large-scale conservation and roofing project, actually in progress, which involves an area of about 3500 sq.m. of floor mosaic.

In addition, an optional full-day tour after the conference will be offered. It will include:

- Visits to the Duomo of Cefalù, the site of ancient Tindari and the Roman Villa at Patti.

Organizing Committee

The Committee is composed of the following: Patrick Blanc, Atelier de conservation et de restauration du Musée de l'Arles et de la Provence antiques, Arles; Gael de Guichen, honorary president ICCM, Guido Meli, Centro Regionale per la Progettazione e il Restauro, Palermo; Demetrios Michaelides, Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus, Nicosia; Roberto Nardi, Centro di Conservazione Archeologica, Roma; John Stewart, English Heritage, London; and Jeanne Marie Teutonico, Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles.



Abstracts

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **December 31, 2007**. Abstracts (1000-1500 characters) should include full name, affiliation, and contact details (address, phone number, fax number, email). If there is more than one author, please indicate who is the corresponding author. The abstracts should clearly state how the theme of the conference will be addressed.

Authors will be contacted no later than **January 31, 2008**, about acceptance of their papers and posters for presentation at the conference.

Full texts and illustrations must be submitted by September 15, 2008, to enable the production of a volume of Pre-Acts that will be handed out during the conference. Authors will have the chance to make final corrections/additions for the definitive volume of the Proceedings, which will also include the discussion following each paper.

Interest Form

An expression of interest form is attached to this announcement. Please complete it and return it, by **December 31, 2007**, to

Guido Meli: iccmpalermo2008@centrorestauro.sicilia.it

FAX + 39 0916376088

The second announcement will only be sent to those who have expressed interest in attending the conference.

Registration fees and deadlines

Registration	Feed	Deadline
Early Registration	€ 120,00	March 30, 2008
Late Registration	€ 150,00	September 30, 2008
Registration during the conference	€ 170,00	
Accompanying guest	€ 100,00	September 30, 2008
Student Registration	€ 80,00	September 30, 2008
Optional tour after the conference	€ 30,00	September 30, 2008

Free admission will be granted to officials from the Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali and to members of the Assessorato Regionale dei Beni Culturali ed Ambientali e della Pubblica Istruzione, working in the field.

Accompanying guest rate includes: gala-luncheon, guided tours, and other eventual social activities.

NB: There will be a possibility for inviting about 10 participants who cannot otherwise come to the conference. Those interested should send their request together with a CV to iccmpalermo2008@centrorestauro.sicilia.it



Please send a copy of your payment by fax to
D. Michaelides: +357 22674101 and the CRPR: +39 91 6376088

The full amount of the registration fee (taxes etc to be paid by the participant)
can be deposited by money transfer into the account below:

Demetrios Michaelides (for A/C of ICCM)

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Bank of Cyprus

Ayios Antonios Branch

POB 21472

1599 Nicosia Cyprus

Swift Code: BCYPCY2N

IBAN: CY51 0020 0173 0000 0001 0173 4000

When paying please indicate: Registration 10th ICCM Conference, Palermo
October 2008

It will also be possible to pay the fee directly in Palermo, immediately before or
during the conference but at an increased cost.

Your registration will be confirmed only after payment of the registration fee.

Please send a copy of your payment to CRPR by fax: +39 091 6376088

The Registration fee covers:

ICCM membership for the next 3 years, the right to put up candidature and to
vote for the ICCM Board, at the elections that will takes place during the con-
ference; a volume of the Pre-Acts; receptions; half-day visit to sites in Palermo;
full-day tour to Morgantina and to the Villa at Piazza Armerina (transportation
and lunch included), as well as coffee breaks and working luncheons during the
conference.

Accomodation

Complete information on recommended hotels will be sent in the second confe-
rence announcement. Participants will be responsible for making their own
reservations and payments.

Transportation

Information on ground transportation available from Palermo airport to the city
centre will be available in the second announcement.

Next Announcement

Conference programme, speakers, information on hotels, methods of payment,
and tour itineraries will be provided in the second announcement, expected by
the end of March 2008.

Information will also be posted under "Forthcoming Events" on
www.iccm.pro.cy



Contact information

Abstracts, expressions of interest in attending the conference, and changes of address since the last ICCM conference should be sent by post, fax, or e-mail to:

Guido Meli

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Expression of interest form

Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms First Name:

Last Name:

Organization:

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City:

Province/State:

Postal Code Country:

Telephone:

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Email:

Please mark your choices / Veuillez indiquer vos choix :

- I wish to attend the conference / Je souhaite participer à la conférence
 - I intend to submit a paper / Je compte proposer une présentation
 - I intend to submit a poster / Je compte proposer un poster
 - I intend to participate in the post-conference tour / Je compte participer à l'excursion post-conférence
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