

# THE 10<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MOSAICS



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### 2nd Circular

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

After 30 years of activity, the ICCM brings together professionals in mosaic conservation (archaeologists, restorers, architects, art historians, scientists and managers) from 35 countries. The ICCM has been supporting the exchange of information on methodologies, practices and techniques in the field and has encouraged the practice of in situ mosaic conservation. Previous conferences have been held in Rome, Aquileia, Soria, Palencia, Conimbriga, Nicosia, Arles and Saint-Roman-en-Gal, Thessaloniki and Hammamet.

The proceedings of all ICCM conferences have been published, with the exception of those of the most recent one at Hammamet, which are due to appear before the Palermo conference. These volumes constitute today a point of reference in the field and have been instrumental in advancing the study of mosaic conservation.

**Monday, October 20**

9:30 - Opening Session - Welcoming Remarks  
- Keynote Presentations

15:00 - Session I -

17:30 - Session II -

**Tuesday, October 21**

09:00 - Session III - The Act of Discovery

11:30 - Session IV - Documentation and Analysis

15:00 - Session V - Large-scale Projects

17:00 - Session VI - Large-scale Projects

18:40 - *Poster Session*

**Wednesday, October 22**

09.00 - Guided tour: Cappella Palatina, the Martorana, the  
Zisa, Monreale Cathedral

15.00 - Session VII - Evaluation, Maintenance and Treatment

17.30 - Session VIII - Shelters

**Thursday, October 23**

08:00 - Guided tour: Villa Romana del Casale di Piazza Armerina,  
Morgantina, Greco-Roman Theatre and Archaeological  
Museum at Aidone

**Friday, October 24**

09:00 - Session IX - Museum Collections; Case Studies

11:30 - Session X - Education and Training

15:00 - Session XI - Case Studies

18:00 - ICCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION RESULTS

**Saturday, October 25**

09:00 - Session XII - Case Studies

12:00 - Closing Session - Conclusions and Closing Remarks

Free afternoon

**Sunday, October 26**

09:00 – Optional Post-Conference Tour : Cefalù, Patti, Tindari



### **Conference Theme**

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.

The proposed theme is based on the reflection that no correct conservation intervention is possible without a good understanding of the work of art. The conservation process is based on the study of the work of art, its historic significance and its evolution over time, its material composition and its condition. It constitutes a fundamental step in the understanding of the artefact through modern technology.

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;
- c - the training of mosaic conservators.

### **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. There will also be shorter presentations, lasting a total of 10 minutes, and a poster session.

### **VENUES**

The opening session will take place in the magnificent Palazzo dei Normanni and the formal sessions will be held at the Società Siciliana di Storia Patria located in the ex-Convent of San Domenico, an imposing 17th century monumental complex, in the heart of the historic centre of Palermo.

### **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 and the Palatine Chapel to examine the recently restored mosaics.

- A half-day visit to mosaic sites in Palermo, including: the Church of Santa Maria dell' Ammiraglio, the Zisa Palace, the Church and Cloisters of Santa Maria Nuova at Monreale
- A full-day excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Roman Villa del Casale at Piazza Armerina, where participants will observe and discuss



the results of a large-scale conservation and roofing project actually in progress, which involves an area of about 3500m<sup>2</sup> of floor mosaics. The excursion will also include a visit to the ancient city of Morgantina and the Archaeological Museum at Aidone.

- An optional full-day tour after the conference will also be offered (30€ per person). It will include either the Cathedral of Cefalù and its mosaics; the archaeological site at Tindari; the Roman Villa at Patti; or the mosaics of the Roman Villa of Tellaro and the surroundings.

### ORGANISERS

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### 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	
Student Registration	€ 80,00	
Optional tour after the conference	€ 30,00	

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

Demetrios Michaelides (for A/C of ICCM)  
Acc. No. 0173-01-017340  
Bank of Cyprus  
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1599 Nicosia  
Cyprus  
Swift Code: BCYPCY2N  
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When paying please indicate: Your Name and Registration 10th ICCM Conference, Palermo October 2008.

Your registration will be confirmed only after payment of the registration fee. Please send a copy of your payment by fax to D. Michaelides (+357 22674101) and to CRPR (+39 091 6376088).

### Cancellations and Refunds

For cancellations notified before September 30th, 2008, there will be a refund of 50% of the registration fee.

### 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 take place during the conference;
  - A copy of the pre-Acts and of the Proceedings of the Conference;
  - Receptions;
  - Half-day visit to sites in Palermo;
  - Full-day tour to Morgantina and to the Villa del Casale at Piazza Armerina (transportation and lunch included);
- Coffee breaks and working luncheons during the conference.



Employees of the Ministero dei Beni e le Attività Culturali, the Assessorato Regionale per i Beni Culturali ed Ambientali, and the P.I. (working in sectors related to the general theme of the conference and equipped with the relevant membership card) are exempted from paying the registration fee. It should be noted that such persons will not be considered members of the ICCM and will thus have no right to put up candidature or to vote during the elections for the Board of the Committee that will take place during the conference. They will not receive the pre-Acts and the Proceedings of the Conference nor any other such material; and they are not included amongst the guests for the gala dinner.

The Accompanying Guest Fee includes the guided visits and social events. It does not include subscription to the ICCM and, therefore, does not give the right to put up candidature or vote during the elections for the Board of the Committee that will take place during the conference.

#### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Participants will be responsible for their transfer to Palermo and for making their own hotel arrangements. For hotel reservations and travel information you can contact: Borzi Viaggi tel. +39 091 225511, fax. +39 091 6820269  
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#### **Airport Transfer**

Palermo International Airport "Falcone-Borsellino" is located 32 km west of the city at Punta Raisi.

Half hourly shuttle buses provide transport into the city centre (Politeama, Central Railway Station) € 5.00. Metro trains (linea A) leave approximately every half hour for the city centre (Central Railway Station) € 4.50.

The usual taxi and car rental services are also available at the airport.

#### **Contact information**

Attendance forms should be sent by post, fax, or e-mail to:

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Please indicate your choice:

I intend to attend the conference

I intend to join the post-conference tour