

Industrial and Mining Landscapes within World Heritage Context

Workshop, 25th October 2013

TU Bergakademie Freiberg
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Organizers:

- ICOMOS-Germany
- TICCIH-Germany
- IWTG TU Bergakademie Freiberg
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The particular problems and challenges of the preservation, conservation and re-use of historic industrial sites and landscapes have been discussed since several years. During the last decade especially large industrial sites like the ironworks of Völklingen or the colliery and coking plant of Zollverein in Germany gave cause for discussions and international conferences like the “Big Stuff”-series, which tried to develop theoretical and practical solutions for the raised questions.

Besides the questions of preservation, conservation and suitable re-use the special problems of public and political acceptance, of financing and of external development pressure are closely linked to historic industrial sites and landscapes. In particular industrial landscapes inscribed on the World Heritage List as evolving landscapes are more and more confronted with and affected by external development pressure resulting from economic and infrastructural demands and projects. This becomes apparent most notably with the recent discussions and conflicts between some World Heritage mining landscapes and upcoming new mining activities like in Cornwall or Falun.

In September 2000 the subject of “World Heritage and Mining” was discussed on a workshop in Gland/Switzerland organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, IUCN and ICME for the first time. The results of the following decade of controversial discussion were published by Stephen Turner in the report “World Heritage Sites and the extractive industries” in June 2012. But this discussion as well as the report was focused on natural World Heritage Sites and not on mining sites and mining landscapes, and the report points out that the World Heritage Committee itself has no formal policy statement regarding this issue until today.

The decisions of the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee in Phnom Penh regarding the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape (37 COM 7B.89) as well as the recent considerations about the needs of new mining in the forefront of the nomination of the German-Czech “Cultural Mining Landscape Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří” (Ore Mountains) for the World Heritage List are showing clearly that the question of new mining and World Heritage mining landscapes should be discussed and solved urgently. The “Memorandum from TICCIH on UNESCO World Heritage Sites inscribed for the Outstanding Universal Value of their mining remains” from June 2013 could be a starting point of this discussion.

It is the idea of the Freiberg workshop in October 2013 to give a starting point for both discussions – the problems, challenges and solutions of industrial landscapes as well as mining landscapes in World Heritage context. A first following up workshop for further considerations is already planned for 2014 in the Ruhr region in Germany.

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Freiberg, 20th August 2013

Prof. Dr. Helmuth Albrecht

Program of the workshop:

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome and Official Greetings

Part 1: General Background

09.30 – 09.45 Introduction: Dr. Birgitta Ringbeck (German Foreign Office, German Member of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee)

09.45 – 10.00 Landscapes in World Heritage Context: Michael Kloos (Germany)

10.00 – 10.15 Industrial Landscapes: Prof. Jörg Dettmar (Germany)

10.15 – 10.45: Coffee Break

Part 2: Industrial Landscapes

10.45 – 11.05 World Heritage Site Ironbridge: Dr. Barrie Trinder (UK)

11.05 – 11.25 World Heritage Project Ruhr-Region: Prof. Axel Föhl (Germany)

11.25 – 11.45 World Heritage Project Ostrava: Dr. Milos Matej (Czech Republic)

11.45 – 12.05 World Heritage Project Electropolis Berlin: Rolf Höhmann (Germany)

12.05 – 12.25 Llobregat Valley Industrial Landscape - Catalunya: Prof. Joaquim Sabaté (Spain)

12.25 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch Break

Part 3: Mining Landscapes

14.00 – 14.20 World Heritage Site Cornwall/Devon: Barry Gamble (UK)

14.20 – 14.40 World Heritage Site Falun: Dr. Dag Avango (Sweden)

14.40 – 15.00 World Heritage Site Nord-Pas de Calais: Marie Patou (France)

15.00 – 15.20 World Heritage Project Mining Landscape Ore Mountains: Prof. Dr. Helmuth Albrecht (Germany) / Prof. Dr. Benjamin Fragner (Czech Republic)

15.20 – 16.00 Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

Part 4: Final Discussion

16.30 – 16.40 Statement 1: Prof. Dr. Jörg Haspel (President of ICOMOS Germany)

16.40 – 16.50 Statement 2: Norbert Tempel (National Representative of TICCIH Germany)

16.50 – 17.00 Statement 3: Prof. Dr. Cramer (President of the Saxon Mining Administration, Freiberg/Germany)

17.00 – 18.00 Discussion

Note: 19.00 Annual Meeting of ICOMOS Germany

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Further Information

Excursions on Saturday, 26th October 2013

- Half day walking tour to the cultural highlights of the historic city centre of Freiberg
- Day tour by bus to the mining sites of the Freiberg region (limited to 40 participants)

(No fees will be charged for the excursions! Please notify your participation on the registration form)

Accommodation in Freiberg

There are several hotels and guesthouses in Freiberg. Please contact for reservation: www.freiberg-service.de

Due to the limited numbers of bedrooms in Freiberg please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Registration Form

(The participation in the workshop is free. Please send your application until 25th September 2013 by fax to 0049-3731-392832 or by email to Helmut.Halberstadt@iwtg.tu-freiberg.de)

Surname, Name

Position/Institution

Address

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E-mail

TICCIH member yes no

ICOMOS member yes no

I would like to participate in the following excursion (26th October 2013):

Half day tour historic centre of Freiberg yes no

Day tour to mining sites near Freiberg yes no

Note: The number of the participants for the workshop is limited to 80. Therefore the places will be allocated in order of the incoming registrations.