Opinion

After inscription: industrial heritage and the UNESCO list

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The inscription of industrial heritage sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List has always represented a strategic mission among the TICCIH constituency. To this end, in 2000 an agreement was signed between ICOMOS and TICCIH: “that in respect of matters relating to the study and preservation of the industrial heritage, TICCIH is officially recognised by ICOMOS as the scientific consultative body for ICOMOS... in expertising application for the World Heritage List and in writing contextual reports for the World Heritage Committee that touch on the main fields and branches in industrial heritage”.

TICCIH’s efforts to promote greater representation of the industrial heritage on the WHL has also manifested itself in the preparation of theme-based studies - Canal Monuments, 1996; Les Villages Ouvriers, 2001; the International Collieries Study, 2003; Quarry Landscapes (in preparation) etc. - aimed at defining appropriate and relevant criteria to help make the selection.

Both these tasks that fall to TICCIH - as advisor on candidacies, and a promoter of thematic studies – were confirmed and given a new boost in the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by TICCIH and ICOMOS in Florence in November 2014, regarding a framework for collaboration on the conservation of industrial heritage.
Conference calendar

2015

US - SIA Annual Conference
28-31 May 2015 A;ban, NY, USA. See www.sia-web.org

Australia - Railway Heritage Conference, Ipswich, Queensland

Israel - ICOHTEC 42nd symposium in Tel Aviv. Call for papers.

France - BigStuff 2015 - Technical heritage: preserving authenticity - enabling identity?
3-4 September 2015. Historique Minier, Lewarde

France- TICCIH Congress Lille 2015: Industrial Heritage in the Twenty-First Century.

UK - AIA Annual Conference, Brighton
4 - 9 September 2015

Czech Republic - ERIH Annual Conference 2015, Pilsen, European Capital of Culture in 2015: First Call for Papers
21- 23 October 2015 www.erih.net

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