

TICCIH México

seventeen years working for the sake of industrial heritage



Pellets Storage Yard. Lázaro Cárdenas "Las Truchas" Steel Mill. State of Michoacán, 1989.

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General Meeting of TICCIH México members at the Railway Museum. Aguascalientes, Ags., 2008.



Monterrey, Industrial Crucible of México, experiences around industrial heritage. TICCIH México-CONARTE Seminar. Monterrey, Nuevo León, 2008.



Signing the ICOMOS Mexicano-TICCIH México agreement, before the witnesses Gracia Dorell Ferré and Sir Neil Cossons. Aguascalientes, 2008.

In response to the proposal made by the General Secretary of TICCIH, Mr. Stuart Smith, TICCIH México was created as a Civil Association (ONG) on November 27, 2006 in accordance with Mexican legislation; prior authorization of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs. It is duly registered in the SAT (Mexican Tax Administration System) of the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit. Currently, there are 15 members in México City and in the states of Aguascalientes, Hidalgo, Jalisco, Morelos, Puebla and Veracruz.

To become a member of TICCIH México the following documentation must be submitted: a letter setting out the reasons for applying, two letters of endorsement, résumé highlighting the work conducted for the sake of industrial heritage with all the necessary evidence, and an unpublished text. The General Assembly approves the addition of a new member.

Assemblies are conducted in different cities of the country, always preceded by an academic session with local researchers who have the opportunity to get more information about the work conducted by TICCIH and, at the same time, to present their works related to this topic. After assemblies are held, technical tours are carried out by the location organizing the meetings.

TICCIH México has signed collaboration agreements with TICCIH international (2007), in which the Board of Directors of TICCIH agreed to appoint TICCIH México, A.C., as its representative in the country, authorizing it to use the institutional logo. We have collaborated closely with ICOMOS Mexicano, A.C. since 2006, when we celebrated in México City, the International Day for Monuments dedicated to Industrial Heritage, with a keynote speech presented by Professor Louis Bergeron, who received a tribute and an acknowledgement by AHMMAC, thanking his support to México.

That year, we co-organized the 26th International Symposium on Monument Heritage Conservation and wrote the Monterrey Letter on Industrial Heritage Conservation. In 2008, the international agreement ICOMOS-TICCIH was ratified at a national level in the presence of the witnesses Gracia Dorell Ferré and Sir Neil Cossons, Life President of TICCIH.

APIC-TICCIH México



Signing the collaboration agreement entered between TICCIH México and APIC and between AHMMAC and APIC. Pachuca, Hgo., 2012.

In the same manner, we have a collaboration agreement with the Association pour le Patrimoine Industriel de Champagne-Ardenne (APIC), which is directed by Gracia Dorell Ferré. The work conducted by APIC—which includes the inscription of the Champagne-Ardenne region on the List of World Heritage Sites of the UNESCO—, covers several symposiums and thematic publications which are an inspiration and example to TICCIH México.

TICCIH México has its own webpage with links to several organisms specialized on the topic and/or conducting work related to cultural heritage. A Facebook page helps us to communicate the activities of the members, national and international news related to industrial heritage, while keeping a close relationship with everyone involved. Members are regular collaborators of the International Bulletin issued by TICCIH.



Members of TICCIH México reunited with the Committee to Protect the Cultural, Technological, and Industrial Heritage of the Electricity Sector, A.C., Necaxa Hydroelectric System. State of Puebla, 2016. Site included in the representative sample of Latin American industrial heritage.



Tres Centurias Square. Aguascalientes, Ags., site included in the representative sample of Latin American industrial heritage.

TICCIH México is aware of the fact that, in order to advance towards the protection of industry's cultural heritage, it is necessary to educate and support new generations. Half of the members are professionals graduated from architecture, geography and history who wrote their Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate's Degree thesis on Mexican industrial heritage. Two of them, Laura Pacheco and Nerina K. Aguilar, are currently working on their doctoral thesis focusing on the west region of our country.

After the first postgraduate thesis submitted by Iván Hernández Ivar (TICCIH México President for the 2014-2015 period) with an Industrial Archeology work conducted in the Acosta Mine which is part of AHMMAC, archeology, history, and architecture students are working on similar projects. Two members of TICCIH México, Luis Ibáñez and Ma. de la Cruz Ríos studied the TPTI Master's Degree, which is a program of the European Community. Belem Oviedo, Mariano Torres and Ma. de la Cruz Ríos participated as guest professors in France and Italy.

As we pointed out in the National Report, presented in Canada in 2022, the Inventory of Mexican Industrial Heritage has

advanced in regions where TICCIH México has representation; the goal is to achieve a representative sample of the whole country. Records will be integrated into a Geographical Information System, coordinated by Nerina Aguilar Robledo, and they will be published through a link on our webpage. Part of the results will be published in the book on the Industrial Heritage of Latin America, coordinated, at an international level, by Eusebi Casanelles and Mónica Ferrari, and at a national Mexican level by the TICCIH National Representative in México.

Since its creation, TICCIH México has organized several national and five international forums—every three years—including the 7th Latin American Colloquium held in San Luis Potosí, México. In all seminars, the inaugural conference has been given by the TICCIH President in turn: Eusebi Casanelles, Patrick Martin, and Miles Ogletorpe; with the participation of other international TICCIH, ICOMOS, and APIC members, as well as participants from several universities, research centers and museums. Such as: the National Autonomous University of México (UNAM), the Autonomous University of Sinaloa, the Autonomous University of Yucatán, the Technological Institute of Campeche, the Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí, the University of Aguascalientes, the University of Guadalajara, and the Emeritus Autonomous University of Puebla.



Industrial Tourism Day. Heritage Recovery and Activation. University of Guadalajara - TICCIH México, 2023.



II International Seminar of TICCIH México. San Francisco de Campeche, Campeche, 2010.

TICCIH México international seminars

Five books have been published with a selection of works that have complied with academic standards as the result of those colloquiums:

- Mining Industrial Heritage, new alternatives for a great history (Pachuca y Real del Monte, Hidalgo 2007).
- Industrial Heritage and the Sea, thoughts about maritime industrial heritage of México, Central America and the Caribbean, and its integration with production sites (San Francisco de Campeche, Campeche 2010).
- Industrial Heritage and Regional Development, rescue, recovery, reutilization and social participation (San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí, 2013).
- Agro-Industrial Heritage. Background, challenges, and relevance (Mérida, Yucatán 2017).
- Communications, Transport, and Industry: management, value, and communities (Aguascalientes, 2022).



III International Seminar of TICCIH México. San Luis Potosí, 2013. Representatives from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Catalonia, Colombia, Cuba, France, Hungary, Japan, México, Portugal, Republic of El Salvador, Spain, Taiwan and USA.



IV International Seminar of TICCIH México. Mérida, Yucatán, 2017.

In February 2022, the TICCIH México International Seminar on “Communication, Transportation and Industry: Management, Valuing and Communities” was endorsed by national and international organizations specialized in the subject such as the International Association of Railway History (AIHF), ICOMOS and the National Center for the Preservation of Railway Cultural Heritage. During the seminar’s closing ceremony, AHMMAC presented an award to Gracia Dorell Ferré, recognizing her support provided to Mexican industrial heritage and to TICCIH México.



Exhibition "El Pulque" Hacienda de Santa María Tecajete, Hidalgo. Photographs by Marco Antonio Hernández Badillo. Palafrugell Cork Museum. September 2019.



Exhibition "The Mexican Industrial Heritage"
Photographs by Marco Antonio Hernández
Badillo. APIC, Troyes, France 2022.



"New Uses of Industrial Heritage" exhibition by
photographer Teresa Llordes in AHMMAC. Pachuca,
Hgo., 2019.

The work conducted by TICCIIH México throughout these 17 years has been able to promote the interest in industrial heritage, both in public as well as in private institutions, to the extent that work groups are being created in diverse parts of our big country, many of them have had our publications as a point of reference, because through their articles it is possible to discover Mexican Industrial Heritage, as well as the industrial heritage of some Latin American, European, and Asian countries. This way, we take the exchange of experiences and knowledge that was presented during seminars to a broader audience taking into consideration the different points of view and work approaches.

One of this groups is the Industrialization Processes in México Seminar which is part of the National Coordination of Historical Monuments of the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), three of our members are part of it: Laura Pacheco, Jorge Navarro and Luis Ibáñez who is working on identifying and mapping industrial assets. Between November 8 and 11, 2023, we coordinated together with the INAH, the International Congress on Industrialization in the City of Guadalajara, Jalisco; with the participation of José Manuel López Cordeiro who is a TICCIIH board member.

A photography exhibition with the work of Marco A. Hernández Badillo was part of the congress. Photos were taken at the Lázaro Cárdenas “Las Truchas” Steel Mill, the most ambitious project of the federal government carried out in the 1970’s, photographed by Hernández in 1989. Exchanging exhibitions related to the industrial heritage of México with Brazil, Catalonia, Italy, Russia, France, and Belgium has been particularly interesting, not only to show our heritage assets, but also to support the defense of at-risk sites such as the Beringen Coal Washing Plant in Belgium, project led by Patrick Viaene. We have also been working on the dissemination of works about “The new uses of Industrial Heritage” in the Catalan region, by photographer Teresa Llordes, with a travelling exhibition that has been presented at the headquarters of AHMMAC in the City of Pachuca and during the 5th International Seminar of TICCIH México, in the City of Aguascalientes.

Another way we have been using to promote our heritage is through international publications, such as the Reports submitted to TICCIH every three years, printed books with the memoirs of the international symposiums, books published by APIC and the magazine directed by Louis Bergeron “Patrimoine de l’industrie, res-

sources, pratiques, cultures/Industrial Patrimony, resources, practices, cultures”, published by TICCIH and ICOMOS.

Study trips around diverse regions of México, Catalonia, Belgium, and the north of France, have been another opportunity to improve industrial heritage knowledge while broadening our current view of such heritage. These trips started thanks to the initiative of Marco A. Hernández coordinated by Jaume Matamala i Cura, former director of the National Museum of Science and Technology of Catalonia and honorary member of TICCIH, they were initiated in 2019 in the Catalan region thanks to the generosity of Matamala, they were continued in 2023 in Belgium and the North of France guided by Patrick Viaene who, with professionalism, shared his knowledge and prepared teaching materials in Spanish language and, with the support of Jaume Matamala and Imma Caelles, organized stay, tours, and visits. During these years, we have also shared interesting and instructive tours in France coordinated by Gracia Dorell Ferré and the APIC team. The enthusiastic participation of Olga Deligianni and José Manuel Lopes Cordeiro, has allowed us to create bonds of friendship and international collaboration.



Meeting of TICCIH México members with the Minister of Culture of Catalonia. Delivery of a “Tenango” (traditional textile from the state of Hidalgo, México). Barcelona, 2019.



TICCIH México study visit to Catalan Industrial Heritage sites, accompanied by members of TICCIH France, Belgium, Greece and Catalonia, 2019.



The Dificultad, mine museum. Real del Monte, Hidalgo.*



Agave Landscape, Tequila, Jalisco.*

*Sites included in the representative sample of Latin American industrial heritage.



Atoyac Cement Factory. Puebla, Pue., 2014.

Members have been pioneers in industrial site research and reutilization projects:

Belem Oviedo Gámez and Marco A. Hernández Badillo have been working for 36 years, in the old mining district of Real del Monte and Pachuca, where they have created the only Route of Mining Industrial Heritage Museums of México.

In the same region, Aracely Monroy Pérez and Belem Oviedo are in charge of organizing, disseminating and offering research services at the Historical Archive of the Compañía Real del Monte y Pachuca (1727-1986) which is part of the Memory of the UNESCO World México Register list, since 2022.

José Luis García Rubalcava, for 25 years, has been working in the former engine construction and repair railroad workshops and on railway rolling stock in the City of Aguascalientes, creating the Tres Centurias Railway Complex.

Bernardo García Díaz created in 2001 the Community Museum of Ciudad Mendoza, in the Textile Factory of Santa Rosa, Veracruz, birthplace of the workers movement in México.

María de la Cruz Ríos Yanes, worked on converting the Atoyac Cement Factory

(1960) into the headquarters of the Municipal Archive of Puebla, since 2014

Regarding the research field, the works of Federico de la Torre about mezcal and the region of Tequila, in the State of Jalisco, were key to create the dossier, so the Agave Landscape and the old industrial facilities could be recorded by the UNESCO as World Heritage in 2006.

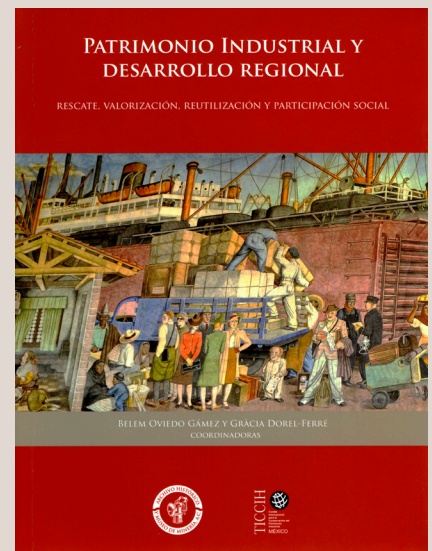
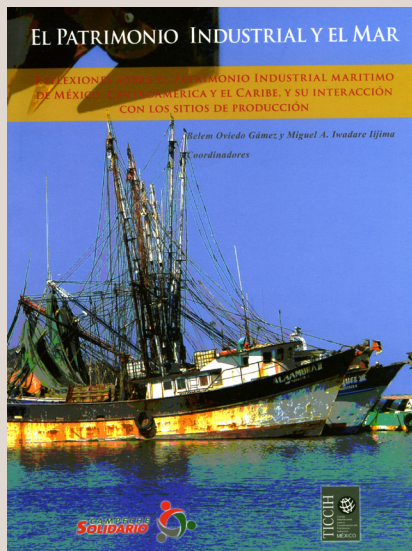
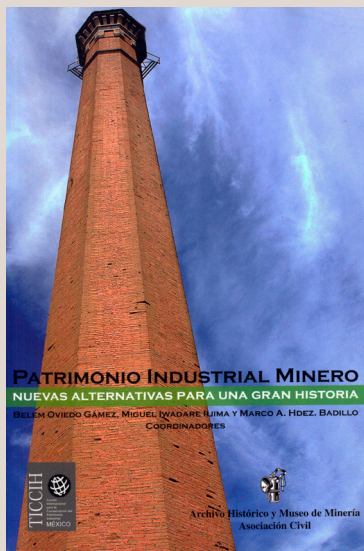
The research and field works conducted by Juan Antonio Siller in the State of Morelos, about mills (trapiches), sugar cane mills, rice mills, and railroads have given rise to several cultural itineraries.

Intangible heritage has also been addressed by other members, just to mention one of them, by Frederick Thierry Palafox, in his book “Entre rieles y vapor transcurre la vida. Cotidianidad laboral y uso del tiempo libre de los trabajadores ferrocarrileros en México” (Between rails and steam, life goes on. Daily work life and use of free time of railwaymen in México).

With the respectful work and a commitment with industrial heritage of the members of TICCIIH México, it has been made possible to draw attention and to position TICCIIH International at a national level in our country; therefore, we, the members of TICCIIH México are glad to work for the sake of Industrial Heritage.



Lázaro Cárdenas “Las Truchas” Steel Mill exhibition. Guadalajara, Jalisco, 2023.



Publications of TICCIH México, result of international seminars and the Latin American colloquium.

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