INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PAPERS

11th LATIN AMERICAN COLLOQUIUM ON THE CONSERVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

1st TICCIH REGIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE AMERICAS

Perspectives on New Industrialisation, Equity and Cultural Memory

Venue: Faculty of Mines (Facultad de Minas), Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Medellín Campus, Colombia

Dates: 17–19 March 2027

Format: In person

1. INTRODUCTION

In the countries of the Americas, the twentieth century was shaped by aspirations to modernity and modernisation, in which industrialisation played a leading role. Railways, ports, canals and other infrastructure, together with steelworks, textile mills, beverage plants, vehicle factories and mining complexes (gold, coal, nickel, silver and others), transformed the everyday lives of people and communities. They contributed decisively to economic growth and to the quality of collective life, but also gave rise to profound social, urban, environmental, political and economic problems.

Much of this industrial infrastructure remains in use and is still indispensable to contemporary societies. A great deal of it, however, has disappeared or been transformed, as a result of technological change, the globalisation of supply and demand, shifts in the productive focus of regions, and many other factors.

Whether it has disappeared, been adapted to new uses or remains in operation, industrial heritage faces the pressures of continuity and change. It must also respond to contemporary concerns: environmental sustainability, the building of more equitable and inclusive societies, and the strengthening of collective identities through respect for, and the incorporation of, the

memories attached to places, names, buildings and processes. This vast heritage has shaped the urban and rural landscapes of the Americas.

It survives despite serious constraints: inadequate legal and regulatory protection, little awareness of its values, an absence of public conservation policies, and the economic difficulties of small, medium and large companies, which often treat their historic assets simply as financial reserves to draw on in recurring crises. Yet industrial heritage embodies a vast store of social learning, and may hold important keys to building a present and a future that meet collective aspirations.

The 11th Latin American Colloquium on the Conservation of Industrial Heritage and 1st TICCIH Regional Congress for the Americas will be held at the Faculty of Mines of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Medellín. This city has been a pillar of Colombia's industrial development, providing leadership, planning and consolidation through projects in electricity, agriculture, mining, and road and rail infrastructure throughout the twentieth century.

2. ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS

The event is organised by the Faculty of Mines of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia together with TICCIH International, which is responsible for the 11th Colloquium and the 1st TICCIH Regional Congress for the Americas.

The Faculty of Mines is joined by the Faculty of Human and Economic Sciences and the Faculty of Architecture (Medellín Campus), the Faculty of Architecture and Engineering (Manizales Campus), and the Master's Programme in the Conservation of Immovable Cultural Heritage, Faculty of Arts (Bogotá Campus).

Together, they invite academic, professional and community groups working on the preservation, conservation, public engagement and dissemination of industrial heritage in the Americas to reflect, within an international context, on the current situation of this heritage, the challenges it faces and the opportunities it offers for improving the quality of collective life.

3. THEMATIC AREAS

Specialists from academic, professional and community sectors, in Colombia and internationally, are invited to submit paper proposals in the following thematic areas.

Thematic area 1: A regional overview of industrial heritage in the Americas

Assessments of the current state of industrial heritage across the continent, from regional, national or comparative perspectives, that shed light on specific situations and advance the discussion of industrial heritage in the countries of the Americas.

Thematic area 2: Industrial heritage and communities: museums, education and tourism

Studies of how communities engage with and reinterpret industrial heritage sites and assets: as part of the tourism offer of cities and regions, through formal or informal education, or through the creation of museums and similar institutions.

Thematic area 3: Environmental, economic and cultural sustainability

Reflections on the sustainability of industrial heritage assets and sites, within the processes of continuity and change that shape them.

Thematic area 4: The legacy of memory: tangible and intangible dimensions of industry in contemporary societies

Analyses of the role of industries and industrial heritage in shaping the collective memory of regions, cities, towns and neighbourhoods, and of the tangible, intangible, documentary and visual traces they have left on collective life.

Thematic area 5: Governance, management and public policy for the conservation and recognition of industrial heritage

Discussions of the role industrial heritage has played in shaping governance and regulatory frameworks, and in the management and implementation of institutional processes, both public and private, for its conservation, public engagement and dissemination. Reflections on public policies for the conservation, adaptive reuse, rehabilitation and restoration of industrial heritage assets and spaces, within productive, educational, commercial, public-space or other projects.

4. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

In line with the standards of the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH), the following guidelines apply.

Languages. Proposals and papers may be submitted in Spanish, English, Portuguese and French (however, the conference will not provide simultaneous interpretation).

Who may participate. Researchers, academics, heritage management professionals, postgraduate students, members of social and cultural organisations, the private sector, and institutions working on the themes of the Congress.

Abstracts

Abstracts must include:

- the title of the paper (maximum 15 words);
- the thematic area;
- the name, institutional affiliation, country and contact email of each author;
- the abstract itself, of 300 to 500 words, setting out clearly the subject of study, the methodology and the main findings or conclusions;
- three to five keywords;
- a short biography of each author (maximum 150 words per author).

The deadline for abstracts is **Monday 23 November 2026, 23:59 (Colombia time)**. Send them to unalticcih_med@unal.edu.co.

Full papers

Authors of accepted proposals must submit:

- the text of the paper, of no more than 15,000 characters including spaces, in any of the languages of the Congress (papers not written in Spanish must include an abstract in Spanish);
- up to four figures, supplied in a separate file at a resolution of 300 dpi;
- any additional material the authors consider necessary;
- a bibliography of no more than ten references.

The deadline for full papers is **Friday 5 February 2027, 23:59 (Colombia time)**. Send them to unalticcih_med@unal.edu.co

5. KEY DATES

Milestone	Date
Call for papers opens	Wednesday 21 October 2026
Deadline for abstracts	Monday 23 November 2026
Notification of acceptance	By Monday 7 December 2026
Deadline for author registration	Friday 22 January 2027
Deadline for full papers	Friday 5 February 2027
Colloquium and Congress	17–19 March 2027

6. SUBMISSION AND CONTACT

All abstracts must be sent in Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF format to the Colloquium and Congress email address: unalticcih_med@unal.edu.co Please send any enquiries to the same address.

7. PROCEEDINGS

Papers accepted by the scientific committee that meet the required formats, and whose authors take part in the event, will be published in the proceedings of the Colloquium/Congress with an ISBN or ISSN as appropriate.

8. REGISTRATION FEES

The Universidad Nacional de Colombia will collect registration fees. Details of the payment process will be announced in a later communication.

Category	Fee
Speakers, non-members of TICCIH	€195 (or the equivalent in US dollars)

Category	Fee
Speakers, members of TICCIH	€145 (or the equivalent in US dollars)
General public (attendance only)	€25

Discounts for speakers

- 30% for early payment, made until 17 January 2027
- 50% for UNAL undergraduate students
- 30% for UNAL postgraduate students
- 20% for students at other universities in Colombia or abroad

9. COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Complementary activities, such as book launches, panel discussions and visits to heritage sites, will be announced in later communications.