Agsu, 6-10 October 2014

Conservation, Restoration and Management of Archaeological Sites

First International YOCOCU School in Ags

Course Description and Methodology

The course adopts a collaborative and multidisciplinary approach and is designed for students and young professionals involved in the conservation and management of archaeological sites.

The focus will be on innovative and eco-friendly methods, from diagnostics to maintenance to intervention.

The primary goal of the course is to provide the participants with a targeted package of knowledge that could be put into use from the very first moment, including effective conservation methodologies, and ensuring a practical understanding of appropriate repair methods and long-term management strategies.

Through lectures, discussions, laboratory sessions, demonstrations and field exercises, participants will discuss both the fundamental theories of conservation as well as consider how advances in technology and research.

Group fieldwork exercises at a worksite will provide participants with the opportunity to address actual work scenarios where multidisciplinary solutions and collaboration are required. Throughout the course, participants will be encouraged to draw upon their collective expertise from various specializations to help them arrive at more effective conservation solutions.

In content and structure, the course has been developed to address the following topics and skills as they pertain to interdisciplinary approaches to the conservation and valorisation of Agsu site.

The course is open to all but it is focused on Azerbaijan students and young professionals.

During the activity, the school will be open for thematic visits from scholar students for free.

The teachers of the school will be EU restorers, professionals and researchers in of conservation/restoration. Preference will be given to individuals belonging to the existing YOCOCU network.

Teachers: Academic and professional experts coming from various European Countries.

Location: Agsu Archaeological Site/Language: English

Accommodation: MIRAS homes

Registration fee: 80 manat

Max number of participants: 30

Event organized by:

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6 October	
9-11	Introduction to Agsu archaeological site: history and development; challenges in the Region (Fariz Khalilli & Prof. Gafar Jabiyev)
11-12	Presentation of student groups and the dynamics of the course (Shola Bayramova & Andrea Macchia). Planning of working groups
12-13	Lunch
13-16	Practical work: excavation (Introduction to the stratigraphic methods; documentation; recovery of artifacts from context….) (Fariz Khalilli).
16—18	Pratical work: Discussion on the findings, data collection, storing and documentation (from photo acquisition to package….(Mamed Ragimov, Laura Rivaroli, Marta Caroselli, Alvaro Higueras, Silvio Ruffolo, Andrea Macchia)
18-18.30	Conclusions of the day
7 October	
9-13	Mechanisms of decay, principles of restoration and the first aid: case studies (Laura Rivaroli, Silvio Ruffolo, Marta Caroselli, Andrea Macchia). The explanation will be supported by chemical experiments.
14-18	Practical work: Restoration laboratory (Laura rivaroli & Marta Caroselli)
18-18.30	Conclusions of the day
8 October	
9-11	Mechanisms of decay, principles of restoration and the first aid: metals (Prof. Ugur Genc)
11 -13	Management of archaeological sites and cultural heritage (Alvaro Higueras
14-16.30	Practical work: CH Management. Cases and problems in different contexts (Alvaro Higueras).
16.30-18.30	Practical work: Restoration laboratory (Laura rivaroli & Marta Caroselli)
18.30-19	Conclusions of the day
9 October	
9-11	Analytical investigation in conservation of archeological cultural heritage (Andrea Macchia & Silvio Ruffolo)
11-12	Practical work: Science applied to the conservation (Andrea Macchia & Silvio Ruffolo)
14-16	Internal and external pressures and effects on cultural heritage: from the point of view of management strategies (Alvaro Higueras)
16-18	Microclimate and external influences: effect of cultural heritage; assessing risk (Andrea Macchia & Silvio Ruffolo). Practical work: Sampling of microclimate parameters and interpretation
18-18.30	Conclusions of the day
10 October	
9-13	Approach to the conservation of archeological objects and Agsu site (Participants)
14-16	Discussion (chairman: Alvaro Higueras): The potential and limitations of conservation work | Planning and selection of conservation interventions: the interface between management and conservation strategies
16-18	Conclusions of course (Fariz Khalilli)

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