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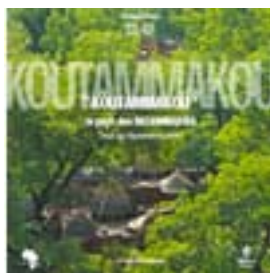
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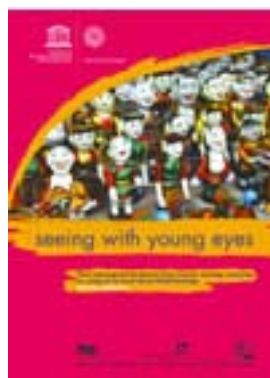
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The Director-General of UNESCO, Koïchiro Matsuura, said today he was alarmed about the violent incidents taking place in the province of North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Mr Matsuura supports the statement made earlier by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon, calling on “all parties to immediately cease hostilities and pursue in good faith efforts to resolve peacefully the issues.”

“The escalation of violence in recent weeks threatens the integrity of a DRC World Heritage site, Virunga National Park, which comprises outstan-

ding biological diversity and provides the habitat for the last populations of mountain gorillas, a highly endangered species,” declared the Director-General. “According to the information I have received, the park rangers can no longer patrol and the gorillas’ habitat is threatened by the persistent shooting.” Mr Matsuura also stressed that a site’s inscription on the World Heritage List confirms its outstanding universal value and engages the responsibility of the entire international community to ensure its protection.

The Director-General called on all combatants to respect the integrity of the World Heritage site and to settle their conflict peacefully. 

EPBC Act under Independent Review

Environment Minister, Peter Garrett tonight used a speech to the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Annual Conference to announce that the national environment legislation –the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act–would undergo independent review. Mr Garrett said the review was the first since the Act commenced operation almost a decade ago and comes at a critical



Virunga National Park © / José Kalper / African Parks Foundation

time for the nation as the threat of climate change! and environmental degradation put some of our most important natural assets at risk. (+)

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Rehabilitation of the terraces of the Château de Chambord

12 years of work and 6 million euros were needed for Chambord's Chauvigny stone terraces to be restored to their former glory. The work consisted of relaying and stitching about 1,200 slabs, a quarter of which needed replacing: the terraces had not been renovated since the 17th century. (+)

The Riga Art Nouveau Centre has now a new website and new Art Nouveau style premises!

The Riga Art Nouveau Centre in Latvia, that used to be mentioned on the website of the City of Riga, has now its own website where the centre and Art

Nouveau architectural heritage of the city are presented and where all events related to Art nouveau in Riga are announced. The Riga Art Nouveau Centre also moved into new premises in the Art Nouveau building located at 12, Alberta street, the facade having being restored a few years ago and the interior still being in the restoration process. (+)

The wonder that was India: Ancient Hampi 1336-1565 - a special lecture at the Immigration Museum (Melbourne - Australia) - 13 November 2008

The city of Vijayanagara, in Ancient Hampi, is the largest and best preserved example in modern India of a Hindu kingdom. Today this World Heritage site has reclaimed some of its former recognition, following centuries of neglect. A key factor in our new appreciation of Hampi is the work of an international team of researchers led by Drs George Michell and John Fritz and through vivid documentation of the site by photographer John Gollings. (+)



*The Hindu deity Ganesha at Hampi.
Image: Sarah Kenderdine & Jeffrey Shaw, 2006*

SUCCESSFUL SA ICOMOS EVENT – Wednesday 6 November – discussion of the National and World Heritage nomination of the Cornish Mining Heritage Sites at Burra and Moonta Mines, South Australia

Over 30 people gathered at the second 2008 ICOMOS event for South Australia, held at the RAAI headquarters in Flinders St. An interesting talk was provided by Professor Philip Payton, Professor of Cornish & Australian Studies and Director, Institute of Cornish Studies at the University of Exeter. Prof Payton is one of the key people behind the propo-

sal for South Australia's sites to become part of a Trans National listing of Cornish Mining Heritage, involving Australia, Mexico and South Africa. The second part of the evening included an presentation by Michael Queale, from Grieve Gillett Architects, who entertained the audience with his recent conservation program on the North Terrace Uni SA building which involved cleaning and conservation of the brick and stone façade. +

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Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts: Media Release – Kakadu Fees in 2010

Environment Minister Peter Garrett today said he had accepted the Director of National Parks recommendation to reinstate park use fees at Kakadu National Park from 1 April 2010, with a full exemption for Territorians. Mr Garrett said the Howard Government had created a black hole in Kakadu's budget with its ill-considered decision on the eve of the 2004 election to abolish visitor fees. "Kakadu is one of the world's

spectacular natural environments, encompassing nearly 20,000 square kilometres and offering visitors a unique experience of our rich Australian landscape, wildlife and Indigenous culture... +

Documentary on Moenjodaro (Pakistan) - ARTE TV

The documentary about the Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro (Pakistan) which will be shown on ARTE, Saturday 8th November at 21:00. +

Le Havre, France: meetings of the French world heritage properties

The sixth meeting of the French world heritage sites took place on October 16 and 17 2008 in Le Havre. The first day was the occasion to exchange practical experiences and to deepen in specific questions of the sites listed in the world Heritage List. This year, the topic of modern urban planning and architecture, was illustrated through two round tables entitled: "Urban planning and world heritage" and "Towards a recognition of modern architecture". Some questions regarding the authenticity of the properties listed as urban sets were approached, the recognition of this heritage at national and international level, and the necessary efforts for a quality contemporary architecture within modern urban sets. +

UNESCO and International Astronomical Union sign a Memorandum of Understanding

On 30 October 2008 the Director-General of UNESCO, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, and the Secretary General of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), Professor Karel A. van der Hucht, signed

a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formalizing their intention to expand their collaboration in the development of UNESCO's "Astronomy and World Heritage" thematic initiative. +



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Hue, Vietnam: technical support. Mission from September 13 to 26, 2008

At the request of UNESCO's office in Hanoi, two French experts, Mr. Christian Pedlahore, PhD in architecture, architect, city planner, research professor and Mr. Jean-Jacques Dupuy, architect, city planner-landscaper, accomplished a mission in Hué from September 13 to 26, 2008 with the purpose of accompanying the Vietnamese authorities in the measures to be adopted to strengthen the conservation of the Hué site, and to organize the preventive measures for the long term adaptation of the site. +

Tourism and world heritage: French Working Group. Paris, October 9 2008

The first meeting of the French Working Group on the topic "Tourism and world heritage" took place on October 9th, 2008 in the Ministry of Culture and Communication. The objective of this group consists in supplying the reflection of the World Heritage Center by producing a French contribution for the International Conference in 2009. +

Decentralized co-operation Riga, Lyon and Bordeaux: study trip on the conservation of historical centers

As a result of the joint mission World heritage Center /CFU, city of Lyon and city of Bordeaux in Riga last May (see newsletter n. 10), it was organized a return mission from September 21st to 25th, 2008 in Lyon. The Latvian delegation, composed by representatives from different city departments, was also accompanied by a representative of the inspection of the State of Latvia, Mrs Katrina Kukaine, which allowed to gather around the table the main stakeholders of the city to city co-operation as well as a State representative. +

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KOUTAMMAKOU le pays des BATAMMARIBA "ceux qui façonnent la terre"

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Le Koutammakou est un paysage culturel vivant qui illustre particulièrement bien les traits culturels des groupes ethniques de la région du Sahel qui, avides d'indépendance et de liberté n'ont jamais été assimilés ou asservis par les royaumes qui se sont développés dans la région jusqu'au 19e siècle. Ces groupes qui, entre autres, comprennent les Lobi, les Gourounsi et les Rukuba, occupent divers territoires, souvent situés dans les zones de montagnes qui s'étendent de la Côte d'Ivoire jusqu'au Cameroun. +



Seeing with Young Eyes

Third Sub-regional South-East Asian Teacher Training Workshop on Using Art to Teach about World Heritage. Penang, Malaysia, 15-21 January 2006

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Through educational activities, youth discover the meaning and significance of our common heritage and are provided with opportunities to learn about World Heritage sites, the history and traditions of their own and other cultures, ecology and the importance of protecting biological and cultural diversity. Since its implementation, the WHE project has led to important initiatives and achievements, which have enabled young people to understand more about world heritage and to take an active role in its preservation. +

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More info: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/472>

World Heritage Torch-Run Concert: "Journey of Heart on Silk Road from France to Japan"

25 November 2008 Tokyo, Japan

Organizers: Axe Europe

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More info: <http://www.ccifj.or.jp/>

Next Rendez-vous du Val de Loire in December 2008

9 December 2008 La Halle aux Grains de Blois, France

Organizers: Val de Loire Mission

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More info: <http://www.valdeloire.org/>

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National consultation meeting on the 2003 Convention and the establishment of a legal framework for the protection of heritage with reference to the 1972 Convention

16 - 18 December 2008 Asmara, Eritrea

Organizers: National Commission of Eritrea for UNESCO and UNESCO Nairobi Office

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More info: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/convention/>

Capacity Building on integrating World Heritage Education into the curriculum

8 January - 30 September 2009 Jordan

Organizers: Petra-Al Hussein Bin Talal University

International intensive training session for francophone site managers

22 - 28 March 2009 Abbaye de Cluny in Burgundy, France

Organizers: Centre-Arts et Métiers- ParisTech de Cluny (France)

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