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Announcement

Subject: NEW Research position on “Heritage Preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance” at Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation

Summary:

Title: Heritage Preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance

Supervisors: Prof. dr. ir.arch. Koenraad Van Balen and Prof. dr.ir.arch. Luc Verpoest

Description: Within the newly established UNESCO chair on preventive conservation, monitoring maintenance of monuments and sites at the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation various research topics that relate with preventive conservation, with monitoring and with maintenance of monuments and sites can be carried out. Candidates are invited to negotiate with the responsible of the Chair on appropriate proposals based upon their specific background and research experience. The research will be carried out in collaboration with other ongoing research by fellow PhD researchers and with guest researchers.

Possible research tasks include: to study existing monitoring tools and practices that contribute to preventive conservation; to identify and to contribute to the improvement of those tools and strategies. Knowledge in conservation strategy, anthropology and economic aspects of preventive conservation may contribute a lot to the research to be carried out.

The specific practices developed by Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen and Monumentenwacht Nederland can be taken as starting points in the analysis.

The research is connected to an international PRECOMOS network of institutes and organizations dealing with heritage conservation. More details can be found on the website of a related EC-project www.sprecomah.eu.

Information: Prof. K. Van Balen or the RLICC Program Officer (rlicc@asro.kuleuven.be, tel.: 016/321748)

Submission: Submit your candidature to the RLICC office by October 27th, 2008

Details

From November 2008 on a research position is available that will be dealing with the recent activities of the Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation (RLICC) in collaboration with

Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen on Preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance of the architectural heritage. These activities are linked to and are an extension of the European project that organizes seminars on the topic www.sprecomah.eu/network and to the newly established UNESCO chair on preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance of monuments and sites.

The research position includes:

- Carrying out research leading to a Ph.D on the subject of preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance of the architectural heritage; the precise topic and the scope will be determined with the selected candidate;
- Contribute to the further development of the PRECOMOS international network on the theme to promote exchange, facilitate education and research on the topic; Contribute to the activities and reporting of the PRECOMOS network and of the UNESCO Chair;
- Contribute to the Master in Conservation of Monuments and Sites program, primarily related to issues addressing Preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance of the architectural heritage;

Candidates should:

- Have a good knowledge of English;
- have a postgraduate degree in the field of the preservation of the architectural heritage (e.g. Master in Conservation of Monuments and Sites);
- demonstrate ability and preliminary academic curriculum that is required for carrying out a PhD at the Arenberg Doctoral School (K.U.Leuven);
- preferentially, have experience with the organization of seminars and networks in the field of heritage conservation;
- preferentially have a basic knowledge of Dutch and/or be committed to follow and pass a basic Dutch course in the first year;

The selected candidate will be offered a:

- PhD grant, first for one year to be extended after a successful evaluation to maximum 4 years;
- Working place at the K.U.Leuven, Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation (www.asro.kuleuven.be/rlicc or www.sprecomah.eu/rlicc);

Candidature should be submitted through the Arenberg Doctoral School' website identifying the posted position (http://phd.kuleuven.be/set/voorstellen_departement?departement=50000536#detail)