

COTAC Newsletter

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In 2019 the Council on Training in Architectural Conservation (COTAC) reaches a significant milestone with its 60th Anniversary. Established in 1959, COTAC's founding principle lay in its recognition of the need for specialists to properly specify and oversee work involved in repairing and conserving historic buildings and churches at a time when knowledge of traditional building technologies was fast disappearing.

Through considerable voluntary work over the years COTAC has quietly and influentially worked to lift standards, develop training qualifications and help build networks across the conservation, repair and maintenance sector of the construction industry. This has



Between July and November 2014, the progressive major art installation *'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'* by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper laid 888,246 commemorative ceramic poppies in the Tower of London Moat. This remembrance occurred 100 years on from the first full day of Britain's involvement in World War 1. In marking the 2018 Armistice Centenary COTAC acknowledges with a great debt of gratitude the many sacrifices that were made on all fronts to permit us to be where we are today. We will not forget how

involved national agencies, professional and standard setting bodies, educational establishments and training interests. Much has been achieved but much more remains to be done. Based in the Building Crafts College, Stratford, London, and embarking upon a new chapter in its development, COTAC will launch its 5-year Corporate Plan in January 2019, its 60th Anniversary.

such freedom was founded.

We also appreciate the value of the architectural heritage as an aid to remembering, to create reflections on the past, and to consider how that heritage can readily become an evocative platform to assist in appreciating and interpreting our history in both tangible and intangible expressions.



Istituto Internazionale Life Beyond Tourism Presents - Intensive Course Training for Trainers

JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF TRAINERS LIFE BEYOND TOURISM

Take part at the next edition of the Intensive Course Training for Trainers Life Beyond Tourism!

The Intensive Course Training for Trainers Life Beyond Tourism to enrich your educational activity with the fundamentals of the Life Beyond Tourism Model, Movement and ethics By taking part at the Training, you also have a chance to join the dynamic and versatile community of Trainers Life Beyond Tourism all over the world.

The network of Trainers Life Beyond Tourism consists of professors, researchers and professionals in the fields of development, heritage, architecture, urban planning, tourism and international relations, as well as public administrations' and local authorities' representatives from Angola, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Lithuania, Mauritania, Morocco, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syria, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia and Ukraine for the total of 20 countries and 26 institutions all over the world. Discover who has already joined the network of Trainers [here](#).

To register at the next edition of January 28 – February 1, 2019, visit the Intensive Courses Training for Trainers Life Beyond Tourism® [web-page](#).



Realising COTAC Objectives

With the aim of supporting and influencing the Conservation, Repair and Maintenance (CRM) industry sector, COTAC's priorities over the 2019-2024 Plan period include:

Education and training: Developing, producing and promoting education and training and CPD materials through the COTAC website <https://www.cotac.global>

Standards: Proposing, maintaining and promoting standards for technical conservation education and training, particularly through conservation accreditation initiatives and awareness raising through its self-learning sister website <http://www.understandingconservation.org>

Advocacy: Collaborating with Supporters, other organisations, voluntary bodies and agencies with interests in conservation; this with a view to influencing and promoting relevant issues, including responding to consultations

Digital resources: Maintaining and developing the Council's digital resources to ensure their relevance for the sector

Publication: Publishing relevant material on-line

Courses: Promoting relevant courses in the conservation of the historic environment

News: Promoting on-line relevant national and international information of value to the sector

Events: Resources permitting, arrange seminars and conferences along with participation in exhibitions/events relating to relevant heritage issues

Studies: Undertake supportive regionally based projects to enhance an understanding and appreciation of conservation needs

GEO RES2019

GEORES Presents 2nd International Conference 'Geomatics and Restoration'

The 2nd International Conference on “Geomatics and Restoration” - GEORES 2019 will take place in Milan (Italy), May 8-10, 2019.

GEORES2019 is organized by: Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI), Department of Architecture, Built Environment and Construction Engineering (DABC) & Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU). Co-organizers: Università degli Studi Firenze (UNIFI) and Politecnico di Torino (POLITO).

The conference is organized as an ISPRS and ICOMOS-CIPA Heritage Documentation event. The conference is also supported by ISPRS, ICOMOS-CIPA Heritage Documentation, AUTEC, SIRA, SIFET, ICOMOS, EU ERA Chair on DH, UNESCO CHAIR on Digital Cultural Heritage at CUT.

The conference is an occasion for the experts of the two worlds of Geomatics and Restoration of Cultural Heritage to meet, share, exchange and explore common needs and new approaches in domain of heritage management.

See here for more information including important dates.



GEO Business 2019 launch Call for Abstracts

The GEO Business team are seeking revolutionary and thought provoking abstracts for a cutting edge seminar programme that truly demonstrates the remarkable impact geospatial technologies and solutions are having on our global environment.

All interested parties are asked to submit an abstract online before the deadline of 21 January 2019 at: www.GeoBusinessShow.com.



Blast from the Past!

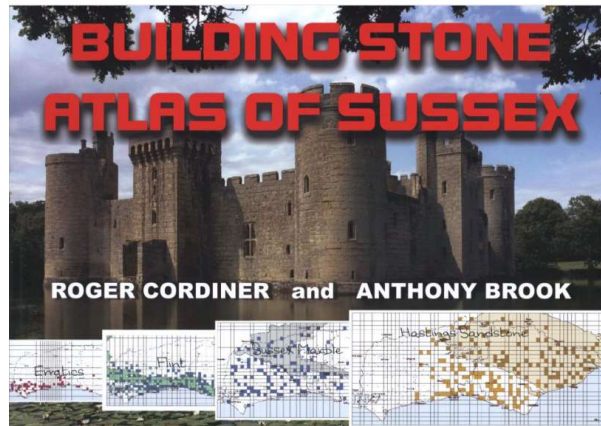
From the COTAC Archives - Issue 14, April 1999

ALBERT MEMORIAL RESTORED

First declared unsafe in 1983 when a piece of the cornice fell to the ground, it was covered with Europe's largest freestanding scaffold for eight years from 1990. The scaffolding finally came down in 1998 after thorough £11.2 million restoration directed by English Heritage over four years.

Complete List of Lost English Country Houses

Lost Heritage has compiled a complete list of lost English Country Houses, the current total standing at 1,993. See [here](#) for more details and the list.



'The Building Stone Atlas of Sussex' Now Available

The Building Stone Atlas of Sussex by Roger Cordiner and Tony Brook is now available. This Atlas is the result of 20 years work surveying and researching the building stones of 316 medieval churches as well as many other ancient buildings in Sussex and the surrounding area. It will be of value to Building Conservationists, Geologists, Geographers, Historians, Archaeologists, Planners, and Builders, as well as those with an interest in the traditional built environment of Sussex and surrounding areas.

The Atlas is available directly from Roger Cordiner or from:

- Kim's Bookshop (Arundel and Chichester)
- Wheelers Bookshop (Midhurst)
- The Bookshop (East Grinstead)
- Barbican House Bookshop (Lewes)
- Hastings History House (Hastings)



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