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Newsletter

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COTAC is pleased to announce the programme and speakers of our upcoming Conference 2021, running from 10.00-13.00 over the two days 23-24 November, delivered online, and which costs £20 to book.

COTAC has also recently published a number of new educational materials to the cotac.global website. Read on to find out more.



COTAC Conference 2021:
23-24 November

**Protecting our World,
Protecting our Heritage**

*Developing skills, training, and
expertise for the challenges ahead*

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**Tuesday 23rd Nov: Protecting our World:
Climate Change and the Built Heritage**

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	10.00	Welcome and introductions
	10.05	Key-note speaker - Johanna Leissner (Fraunhofer Institute)
	10.35	Peter Cox (Carrig Conservation International)
	11.00	Nessa Roche (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Ireland) - CHARTER Programme
	11.30	<i>Break</i>
	11.45	Tim Yates (BRE) ' <i>Setting Standards – European and wider initiatives</i> '
	12.00	Robyn Pender (Historic England) ' <i>Lessons from the past for the future</i> '
	12.25	Round table Q&A discussion
	13.00	<i>Close</i>

The first day of the COTAC conference will focus on the challenges that climate change is bringing to our built heritage, and the potential impact of climate change mitigation on the built heritage.

The morning will start with a look at the European scale at strengthening cultural heritage resilience for climate change if the face of extreme climate events and its impacts on the built heritage and historic gardens. This will be followed by look at the development of Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage (CCASP) in Ireland.

The conference will then look at some of the strategies and standards being developed across European and beyond to create a lasting, comprehensive sectoral skills strategy to guarantee that the necessary cultural heritage skills are available to support sustainable societies and economies and to ensure that best practice is developed in the different skill sectors.

It will close with a look at lessons from the past for the future and the need to understand the way pre-carbon buildings were meant to be cared for again the background of the loss of critical skills, followed by a q&a session with the panellists.

Wednesday 24th Nov: Protecting our Built Heritage: Training, Skills, and Expertise

Wednesday, 27 November: Protecting our built heritage: training, skills, and expertise
 – Chair John Taylor

10.00	Welcome and introductions
10.05	Key-note speaker – Office of the Minister of State for Department for Digital Media Culture & Sports (DCMS)
10.25	Nigel Walter (Ecclesiastical Architects & Surveyors Association – EASA)
10.50	John Edwards (Edwards Hart)
11.20	<i>Break</i>
11.35	Prof. Anna Tozzi, (University of L'Aquila (Italy). Coordinator of SAH project, ERASMUS Programme " <i>Preserving architectural heritage: the compulsory interdisciplinary skills</i> "
12.05	Ingval Maxwell (COTAC) - Next steps for COTAC and how you can help
12.20	Round table Q&A discussion
13.00	<i>Close</i>

The second day will focus on ways to support the development of the training, skills, and expertise needed to protect the built heritage and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases

The day will begin with a presentation on the UK governments views on 'Heritage Skills and Climate Change' both the need to protect heritage assets from effects of climate change, and the need to make best use of existing buildings by improving sustainability and reducing carbon use.

The session will continue with a look at examples of the challenges faced by both secular buildings and places of worship in improving sustainability without compromising heritage value and significance.

The final presentations will provide examples from Europe of the tools and training being made available online. At a European scale the session will look at the wider EU Heritage transnational project developed under Erasmus + EU program which aims to create a new transnational curriculum for cultural heritage professionals, focused on digital skills, transferable and transversal competences and skills in the field of cultural heritage. The session will close with a review of the educational and learning materials being developed by COTAC within the framework of the 14 ICOMOS Education and Training Guidelines, followed by a q&a session with the panellists.



[COTAC Insight 1: Introduction to the Need to Appreciate the Built Heritage](#)

With a focus on assisting The Need to Appreciate the Built Heritage, the Insight 1 series of six Units have been compiled by Barry J Bridgwood and Ingal Maxwell in furtherance of COTAC's Educational Aims and Objectives. The target audience covers a wide range of cohorts including students, the general public, crafts, trades and professionals who wish to gain an Appreciation of



[COTAC Insight 2: Introduction to the Need to be Aware of the Built Heritage](#)

With a focus on assisting The Need to be Aware of the Built Heritage, COTAC's Insight 2 builds upon the six Units of Insight 1 through the ICOMOS Education

The target audience also covers a wide range of cohorts including students, crafts, trades and young professionals who wish to develop their Awareness of practical built heritage conservation issues, their associated challenges, working practices and underlying philosophy. Each of the 14 Explorations are offered as separate Image Sets in downloadable pdf format that also act as linking material which supports the five Units of the related Understanding Conservation Need to be skilled in approach.



COTAC Understanding Conservation School Structure: Introduction

Ingval Maxwell and Barry J Bridgwood



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The 5 Understanding Conservation Units are based on and created around the 1993 International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Education and Training Guidelines. Following an analysis of the ICOMOS Guidelines they were translated into a pragmatic 'Framework Document' that distilled the preliminary work into five basic units of architectural conservation understanding.

Edinburgh Group under the auspices of Historic Scotland, resulting in the launch of the 'understandingconservation.org' website in 2007. The following year further agreement was reached that both the Group and the website would be enabled by COTAC.

Now presented as free to download PDF's, consistent with other on-line COTAC educational materials, we encourage you to explore these throughout our website.



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VERSUS + People
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VERNACULAR HERITAGE:
CULTURE, PEOPLE AND SUSTAINABILITY

15, 16, 17 September 2022 | Valencia, Spain

Topic 1: Vernacular architecture: matter, culture and sustainability

Topic 2. Heritage education

Topic 3. Artisans and crafts of traditional construction

Topic 4. Conservation, restoration and enhancement of vernacular architecture



Teleconferencing from Leeds with a community group representative.

Blast from the Past!

From the COTAC Archives - Issue 11, April 1997

COTAC reports on RATIO (Rural Area Training and Information Opportunities), a pilot project for teleconferencing as "a new means of disseminating knowledge has begun to present many opportunities for conservation and community courses"

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