

# Forum UNESCO: University & Heritage

## International Conference 2009 in Hanoi, Vietnam

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The Forum Unesco University and Heritage in Hanoi (Vietnam) from 5 to 10 April 2009 dealt with the following questions:

Is the 'Historic Urban Landscape' a new concept and can it be set off against the concept of World Heritage site?

At the Forum the initiatives taken by PRECOMOS were presented in a paper and in subsequent discussions. The paper written by RLICC staff and researchers in collaboration with *Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen* was titled "Preventive conservation, monitoring and maintenance: strategies and tools for the bottom-up conservation of the physical integrity of historic urban landscape through empowerment".

In the discussion related to the topic of the Forum (Historic Urban Landscapes and more particularly heritage management of such sites) there was a great interest for better understanding the cost-benefit of a maintenance-based conservation approach, which the large number of populations in urban heritage sites can profit by.

More information on the conference is available at: <http://universidadpatrimonio.net/SIFU/XII Hanoi 2009/>

# Preah Vihaer@Cambodia

## An expert mission for UNESCO

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At the newly listed World Heritage Site "Temple of Preah Vihear" (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1224>) in Cambodia an update was made of the management plan and of the urgent works needing to be carried out.

An expert mission was organized by UNESCO allowing the involved experts to visit the emergency works carried out so far by the Cambodian authorities. Further urgent measures were proposed and discussed.

On 2 June 2009 at the occasion of the yearly meeting of the International Technical Committee for Angkor in Siem Reap, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the National Authorities of Cambodia for Preah Vihear and the Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation, K.U. Leuven, under the patronage of His Excellency Sok An, Vice Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Ministers council. The different international and Cambodian experts of the International Technical Committee for Angkor were present.



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Urban pressure on the Old Quarter of Hanoi, how to deal with a living historic urban landscape.  
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Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the National authority for Preah Vihear and the RLICC, K.U. Leuven.  
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