

**REGIONAL WORLD HERITAGE INSTITUTE IN ZACATECAS, FOR MEXICO,
CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.**

Report for the 37th Session of the World Heritage Committee

(22 JANUARY 2013)

Background of the Centre:

The 35th. Session of the General Conference of UNESCO (Paris, 2009), approved the creation of the Regional Institute in Zacatecas to Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

A year later, 10/34.COM/9C Decision adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its meeting in Brasilia (2010), established as a major aim of helping the countries of the Region in the correct implementation of the Convention, paying more attention to the main types of world heritage in the area: archaeological sites, historic cities, real Amerindians, natural sites, landscapes and cultural routes.

On August 19, 2011, took place the First Session and Installation Centre Board, thus marking the tone for the formal start of operations of the Institute of Zacatecas Category 2. It also signed two cooperation agreements, one with the Autonomous University of Zacatecas and another with the Centre for Sacred Art Conservation Zacatecas.

Mandate of the Centre:

- Contribute to reinforce capacity building for the implementation of the Convention in the Region;
- Contribute to reinforce International cooperation, especially among the UNESCO States Parties in the Region;
- Contribute to sustainable development through the promotion of good practices in the conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage;
- Encourage research on cultural and natural heritage, especially for properties inscribed on the World Heritage List;
- Contribute to the creation and dissemination of information through the creation of a documentation centre concerning the properties in the Region inscribed on the World Heritage List; and
- Share specialised technical knowledge with UNESCO, especially with the World Heritage Centre, and cooperate with the Secretariats of other cultural and environmental conventions in the field of world heritage.

Institutional and operational structure of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises):

-Board: First session and installing the August 19, 2011.

-Staff: 13 people.

-Operation of Resources: The Government of the State of Zacatecas is responsible of the economic funding of the Institute.

Programs and activities implemented since June 2012 and plans for the current year:

Activities 2012

June 7, 2012: Signing of Collaboration Agreement with the Institute for Culture of Zacatecas producing publications, promotional spots, cultural participation in radio programs, etc..

July 2012: Launch of Call for children's drawing contest and photography related to World Heritage.

7 and 8 August 2012: Participation at the Annual Meeting of UNESCO Chairs in Mexico, held in the city of Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, for the purpose of negotiating the World Heritage Chair at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas.

August 20, 2012: Inauguration of the World Heritage Week celebration from 1 st Anniversary Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas.

August 20, 2012: Speech: "A historic debt with the Heritage", was delivered by Mr. Alvaro Huerta Lara, Director of the Municipal House of Culture of Zacatecas.

August 21, 2012: Conference: "The World Heritage in Zacatecas", by the architect Raquel Toribio, Pedro Coronel museum curator and expert in Cultural Heritage.

August 22, 2012: Lecture: "The Natural Heritage in Zacatecas", given by Daniel Hernandez Hernandez Biologist, Broadcast Assistant in Zacatecas Council for Science, Technology and Innovation and Natural Heritage expert.

August 24, 2012: Speech: "Cultural Itinerary: Camino Real de Tierra Adentro", by Edgar Urban Architect, specialist Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

August 24, 2012: Award winners of children's drawing competitions and photography related to World Heritage.

October 26, 2012: Participation in the 5th Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Mexican World Heritage Cities, held in the city of Oaxaca, Mexico.

November 16, 2012: Lecture: "Mexico in the World Heritage Convention", by Mr. Francisco Vidargas, Deputy Director of World Heritage of the National Institute of Anthropology and History, in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention of 1972 cultural and natural.

2 to 5 December 2012: Participation in the "Final meeting of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Report on World Heritage Region Latin America and the Caribbean", held in the city of Santiago de Chile.

Activities 2013

Throughout 2013, the Institute held in a local outreach plan a lecture of series entitled: "Introduction to World Heritage", aimed at members of the chambers of commerce, hotel industry, state government, universities and institutions cultural.

8 to 12 April: Regional Training Course on permanent "tentative lists and nomination of World Heritage Sites", aimed at those responsible for World Heritage areas of each State Party. Participants: 30 people from 10 States Parties.

April 18: Celebration of International Day for Monuments and Sites will be carried out various activities such as conferences, concerts and exhibitions on Monuments and Sites.

15 to 19 July: Regional Course on "Regional Inventory Modern Heritage". Participants: 30 persons handling category of Modern Heritage sites in the region of Mexico, Central America and Caribbean. "

19 to 23 August: Second Week of World Heritage in Zacatecas, in commemoration of the 2nd anniversary of the Regional World Heritage Institute.

21 to 25 October: Regional Course "Technical Training for the management of Cultural Routes." Participants: 20 site managers.

15 and October 16: Organization of the 4th Journey of Planning Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, based in Zacatecas.

November 18: Local Course Planning and Development Management of the "Cultural Route Camino Real de Tierra Adentro" section Zacatecas. Aimed at the mayors and managers of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro stretch Zacatecas.

December: Celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the inscription of the Historic Centre of Zacatecas in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

Website of the Centre:

<http://www.unesco-zacatecas.org.mx/>

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