

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE ARCHITECTURE SPECIALTY GROUP  
(ASG) SESSION  
+ THE ASG/OSG (OBJECT SPECIALTY GROUP) JOINT SESSION

American Institute for Conservation (“AIC”) Annual Meeting 2016  
Montreal, Canada May 13 to 17, 2016

**The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to Friday September 25**

Please email your abstract to Ruth Seyler at [rseyler@conservation-us.org](mailto:rseyler@conservation-us.org). In your email please note the session in which you are interested (i.e. ASG, ASG/OSG).

For information about the conference: <http://www.conservation-us.org/annual-meeting>

**OVERVIEW:**

The Architecture Specialty Group of the American Institute for Conservation seeks submissions for papers to be presented at its specialty session at the next AIC Annual Conference held jointly with the 42nd Annual CAC-ACCR Conference in Montreal, Canada, May 13-17, 2016!

The meeting theme is “Emergency! Preparing for Disasters and Confronting the Unexpected in Conservation.” We are seeking abstracts that address the impact of disasters on the protection of cultural heritage and confronting the unexpected whether it occurs during treatment or during a disaster or conflict. The review committees will be looking for abstracts related to the general theme, however other topics will be considered.

In addition to its general specialty session, ASG is pleased to offer a joint session with the Objects Specialty Group. Given the common ground between these two groups, a shared session will provide an opportunity for a compelling exchange. Attendees may submit abstracts for the ASG and/or the joint session.

Some suggestions of topics within the “emergency” theme:

- Strategies for emergency interventions – on an object, feature, building, site, city, country/region-wide scale
- Emergency Preparedness Planning
- Impact of heat, fire, water, seismic activity, or other climatic events on building materials
- Impact of large scale climate change
- Planning or responses to natural disasters (earthquakes, tsunami, hurricanes, flooding) on vulnerable historic or archaeological sites, historic buildings, collections, cities, or other
- Damage and disaster due to human causes – theft, looting, vandalism, war and terrorism
- Lessons learned from past emergency or disaster situations
- Novel solutions to conservation, triage and recovery of the above
- New technologies in pre-and post-disaster documentation, e.g. use of drones in archeological sites and large-scale architecture
- Lessons learned from other “unexpected” situations

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