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The Raymond Lemaire International Fund An ICOMOS Programme for Next Generation Skills

Students and Young Professionals are invited to apply by 1 June 2015

The Raymond Lemaire Fund aims to encourage young heritage professionals to develop their skills through training and to welcome them within ICOMOS. It is administered by the ICOMOS International Secretariat under the supervision of the ICOMOS Board.

In 2015, the Fund will award its first scholarships to young professionals or students (aged 21-30 in year of application) exercising their activities or studies within ICOMOS' area of expertise of furthering the conservation, protection, use and enhancement of the world's cultural heritage.

Eligible activities/projects

- Short-term projects (3 to 4 days max.) e.g. participation in conferences, workshops;
- Medium-term projects (1 week to 3 months) e.g. participation in training courses, internships.

Each Scholarship will include

- Two years of free ICOMOS membership;
- Two years mentoring by an experienced ICOMOS member in the field of speciality of the laureate;
- A grant of up to maximum 1500 €.

Applications should be:

- in English or in French;
- in electronic format (as one complete PDF document with "Lemaire Fund Application 2015/candidate's name/country" in the e-mail subject line and the PDF file name);
- sent to the ICOMOS International Secretariat at LemaireFund@icomos.org at the latest by **1 June 2015**.

Applications should include the following:

- A motivation letter (max. 6000 characters) that outlines, among other:
 - the candidate's recent achievements and aspirations in the cultural heritage field;
 - the relevance of the proposed project to the candidate's career path;
 - if appropriate, why the particular host/organizing institution was chosen;
 - why support from ICOMOS is sought;
- A Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages), including full contact details (telephone/email/skype); accompanied by a scanned copy of the candidate's passport/identity card;
- A description of the project envisaged (max. 6000 characters), including:
 - the nature and timeline of the project;
 - estimated project costs (in Euro);
 - the scholarship amount sought from the Raymond Lemaire Fund (in Euro) and possible financial contributions from other sources;
 - if applicable, information or web link on the host/organizing institution/ conference/course/internship etc.;
- An academic or character reference in support of your candidature.

Calendar

- Deadline for applications: 1 June 2015;
- Examination of the applications: June 2015 (shortlisted candidates may be asked for a skype interview);
- Announcement of the successful candidates: early July 2015;
- Disbursement of the 2015 scholarships: on the basis of an expense statement (including receipts), from 15 September 2015 to latest 30 June 2016.

Terms & Conditions

- All required submission materials must be received by the stated deadline. Incomplete submissions will not be considered;
- Project bursary amounts will be determined based on the candidate's estimates and the availability of funds, to a maximum of 1500 Euro;
- Before any disbursement of scholarships, recipients will be required to provide:
 - proof (including receipts) of expenses incurred for which funding was approved. Costs covered may include: tuition/conference registration fees, accommodation, cost of travel to the conference, etc.;
 - a short report on the project;
- In the event that a recipient fails to meet any of the above conditions or use the funds within the stated time frame, ICOMOS reserves the right to withdraw the funding offer.

Questions? E-mail us at LemaireFund@icomos.org

About Raymond Lemaire

Born on 28th May 1921 in Uccle, Brussels, into a family of architects, Raymond Lemaire was trained in History, Art History, and Archaeology at the Catholic University of Louvain. His doctorate thesis (1949) was on "The Origin of the Gothic Style in Brabant". A lecturer since 1947, he was appointed to a professorship in 1954.



He is one of the authors of the "Venice Charter", which he drafted during the 2nd International Congress of Architects and Monument Technicians in 1964, at the request of his colleague and friend Piero Gazzola. The "Venice Charter" later became the basis for the creation of ICOMOS in 1965.

After almost ten years as Secretary General of ICOMOS, Raymond Lemaire succeeded Piero Gazzola as President of ICOMOS in 1975.

A teacher in many Universities, Raymond Lemaire was above all a "visionary, a master and a conservator without equal", in the words of Dr. Roland Silva, past president of ICOMOS. During his life, he was particularly concerned with the education of young professionals. In 1976, he founded, as part of the College of Europe in Bruges, the Centre for Conservation of Historic Towns and Buildings, under the patronage of ICOMOS. In 1981, the Centre moved to the K.U.Leuven. It has up to this date trained more than 700 young heritage professionals and today bears the name "The Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation" (RLICC).

In her tribute at his funeral in 1997, Françoise Choay summed up the essence of Raymond Lemaire's personality as follows: "For all of us who came from the four corners of the world to the Centre to study, search, work, explore our potential, for all us students, educators, researchers, and also for his colleagues, he was simply 'The Professor': an affectionate designation which did not just indicate his knowledge and authority, but also the effect of his presence, that fatherly spirituality which, in conversation with him, made the other person bring out that what was best in themselves". This, then, shall also be the aim of the Raymond Lemaire International Fund.

Make a donation - help the professionals of tomorrow secure the best training

Making a contribution, whether large or modest, to the Raymond Lemaire Fund is to participate in the development and success of a highly motivated young professional, and to ensure a better training of future generations and thus a better future for heritage conservation.

By enabling young professionals to hone their skills all over the world, you will help them to develop that frame of mind so dear to Raymond Lemaire: learning to respect the differences of conception and sensibility of all peoples and all civilisations.

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