



In just a couple of weeks Melbourne will host ICOM-CC's 17th Triennial Conference, which is the largest international meeting in the field of conservation of cultural heritage.

The conference program is available at: <http://www.icom-cc2014.org>.

The theme of the conference is 'Building Strong Culture through Conservation', a theme reflected throughout the conference presentations.

In the opening plenary session, 'Comprehensive Conservation', Lyndel V. Prott, Prof. Ma Xiaolin and Dr. Shao Anding explore how professionals work together as 'wardens of conservation'.

In the Wednesday plenary session 'Conservation, communities and risk' Fr. Ted Torralba and Mr. Jeremy Barns discuss community resilience and rebuilding after recent earthquakes and typhoon in Bohol in the Philippines and Dr. Jane Harrington, from Port Arthur Historic Site, reports on recent climate change studies and the risks to coastal heritage sites. This will be followed by a paper presented by Nobuyuki Kamba on the multi-team response to sites and collections damaged by the 2011 tsunami in Japan and a panel discussion and open forum on the latest in environmental standards for exhibition and storage in museums.

On Friday afternoon Dr. Ian Macleod will present the ICOM-CC Triennial Lecture, 'Innovative Australian Conservators Strengthen Culture'.

Concurrent sessions of the 21 Working Groups present a rich variety of papers covering issues raised by modern materials, post-trauma reconstruction, environmental monitoring, capacity building and technical issues in conservation covering everything from ancient metals to legal issues in bioart. Some exciting social events are planned including the Welcome Reception, the Conference Dinner and the Cultural Evening, featuring artists from Balgo and Warmun Aboriginal communities.

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