

Introduction

As we have mentioned in the previous issue, the editing committee of our journal decided to publish the most of the proceeding of the International Conference “Past for the future and future for the past: preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Sites”, October 10th–14th, 2018 held in Sighișoara, in two issues.

In the first issue of 2020 volume, we published 10 articles divided into two chapters. The first chapter, “Strategies for Preservation and Safeguarding World Heritage Sites”, includes five papers discussing issues on implementing the World Heritage Convention, Nomination of the sites for the World Heritage List, Recognizing Associative Values in the World Heritage, conflicts with authenticity and integrity, etc. The second chapter, entitled “World Heritage Sites – Management and Sustainable Development”, includes the other five papers, which debate the experience of managing the Heritage Sites from various countries, their State of conservation and Periodic Reporting.

In the current issue, we are publishing another 11 papers divided into two chapters too. The third chapter, “World Heritage and Local Communities – Consulting, Involving, Participation”, includes six papers focused on various experiences of the community participation in preservation, revitalization and promotion of the World Heritage Sites, like Saint Petersburg (Russia) and Old Havana (Cuba), and the role of the new World Heritage Watch movement (Germany). The chapter concludes with a paper on the relations between Heritage



Figure 1. Debates at the International Conference “Past for the future and future for the past: preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Sites”, October 10th–14th, 2018 Sighișoara, Romania



Figure 2. Study visit and discussions of the participants of the International Conference “Past for the future and future for the past: preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Sites”, October 10th–14th, 2018 Sighișoara, Romania

ment (the UK, India), heritage and multimedia technologies (Romania) and socialist modernist heritage (Romania/Moldova).

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Figure 3. Debates at the International Conference “Past for the future and future for the past: preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Sites”, October 10th–14th, 2018 Sighișoara, Romania

and Mass Media (Romania). The fourth chapter, “Cultural Tourism, Digital Technology and Heritage – Promotion, Valorisation, Use/Reuse of the World Heritage Sites”, includes the other five papers which debate, in particular, the relation between heritage and tourism (Romania), the role of local communities in the projects concerning sustainable develop-