The 9th Conference of the 
International Committee for the 
Conservation of Mosaics (ICCM) will 
be held November 29-December 3, 
2005 in Hammamet, Tunisia. The 
conference is organized by the 
International Committee for the 
Conservation of Mosaics, the 
Institut National du Patrimoine of 
Tunisia, and the Getty Conservation 
Institute, with the support of 
ICCROM.

The theme of the 9th conference is 
Lessons Learned: Reflecting on the 
Theory and Practice of Mosaic 
Conservation. This theme pertains to 
all aspects of mosaic conservation: 
training; in situ conservation; inter-
ventions such as sheltering, treat-
ments, reburial, and lifting & relay-
ing; documentation; presentation; 
maintenance; and site management.

Call for Papers and Posters
The aim is to seek papers and posters that reflect on theory, practice and decision-making processes, and address 
how they have changed and what has been learned over the last 30 years. Also encouraged are case studies that 
examine the rationale of choices made, present the methodology or results of evaluation of past projects, or 
illustrate how future evaluation is being incorporated into project planning.

Keynote Addresses
Two keynote speakers will address the conference theme from the perspectives of the history of mosaic conservation 
and the philosophy that has guided it, and from actual practice of conservation in the field.

Languages
The languages in official use during the conference will be French and English. Papers and posters will be accepted 
only in those languages for presentation and publication. Simultaneous translation between English-French 
and French-English will be provided. ICCROM will support the translation of the conference abstracts into Arabic, 
made possible through ICCROM’s ATHAR Program for archaeological heritage conservation in the Arab region.

Venue
The conference will be held in Hammamet, Tunisia. Located 60 km south of Tunis, Hammamet, with its picturesque 
port and Medina, is a popular tourist destination. It was the Roman city of Pupput and an important settlement 
during the Islamic period. Significant sites not far from Hammamet include Nabeul (Neapolis) and Pheradi Maius. 
The Nabeul Museum has some of the most beautiful mosaics in the country.

Presentations
Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes discussion. Guidelines for presentations and 
posters will be sent to authors whose papers or posters are accepted for presentation.

Conference Tours
- Half-day tour to Carthage and the Bardo Museum for all participants.
- In addition, two optional post-conference tours will be offered:
  Option 1 (organized by INP): full-day tour of Thuburbo Maius and Jebel Oust 
  December 4, 2005
  - Thuburbo Maius, 60 km south of Tunis, a Roman site with beautiful mosaics in-situ.
  - Jebel Oust, 30 km south of Tunis, has ancient Roman thermal baths and many in-situ floor mosaics.
  Option 2: four-day tour of sites in and near Tripoli, Libya 
  December 4-7, 2005
  The itinerary of the visit to Libya and the tour agency have yet to be identified. Efforts are being made to include 
at least some of the following:
  - Sabratha: The first major city one meets on entering Tripolitania. Spectacular ancient theatre, Punic, Roman 
    and Early Christian monuments, some with important mosaics.
  - Tripoli (ancient Oea): Arch of Marcus Aurelius, Jamahiriya Museum (with an impressive collection of mosaics 
    and other artifacts from classical antiquity), Medina, Assai al-Hamra castle, historic mosques, etc.
  - Tabuira and/or other sites with Roman villas in the vicinity of Tripoli.
  - Leptis Magna, 150km east of Tripoli, regarded as one of the best Roman sites in the Mediterranean: spectacu-
    lar architecture on a massive scale, including the Severan Arch, the Hadrianic Baths, 
    amphitheatres, circus, forums, etc.

Organizing Committee
The 9th ICCM Conference Organizing Committee is composed of the following members:
- Aicha Ben Abed, Institut National du Patrimoine, Tunis; Evelyne Chantriaux-Vicard, Entente 
  Interdépartementale Rhône-Isère, Atelier de Restauration des Mosaïques, Saint-Romain-en-Gal; 
- Demetrios Michaelides, Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus, Nicosia; John Stewart, 
  English Heritage, London; and Jeanne Marie Teutonico, Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles.
Abstracts
The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to January 10, 2005.
Abstracts (up to 500 words maximum) should include the full name, affiliation, and contact details of all authors
(if there is more than one author, please indicate who is the corresponding author), and should clearly state how
the theme of the conference will be addressed. Authors will be contacted in April 2005 about acceptance of their
papers and posters for presentation at the conference.

Interest Form
An expression of interest form is attached to this announcement. Please complete it and return it to Demetrios
Michaelides by January 10, 2005. The second announcement will only be sent to those who have expressed interest
in attending the conference. (Note: if you have already responded to the earlier email announcement, the second
announcement will be sent to you.)

Registration fees and deadlines

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The registration fee covers:
ICCM membership for the next 3 years; a bilingual English-French publication of the abstracts plus separate
Arabic language version; receptions; 1/2 day tour to Carthage and the Bardo Museum including transportation
and lunch; and coffee breaks during the conference.

Note: Participants interested in the post-conference tour to Libya need to register by July 30, 2005.

Accommodation
Complete information on recommended hotels will be sent in the second conference announcement. Participants
will be responsible for making their own reservations and payments.

Transportation
Information on ground transportation available from Tunis airport to Hammamet will be available in the second
announcement.

Next Announcement
Conference schedule, speakers, information on hotels, methods of payment, and tour itineraries will be provided
in the second announcement, expected by May 2005.

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Please mark your choices / Veuillez indiquer vos choix:
[ ] I wish to attend the conference / Je souhaite participer à la conférence
[ ] I intend to submit a paper / Je compte proposer une présentation
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[ ] I intend to participate in the postconference tour 1 / Je compte participer à l’excursion post-conférence No. 1
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