

UNESCO CHAIR/UNITWIN NETWORK PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Title of the Chair/Network:	UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies
Host Institution:	Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
Date of establishment of Chair/Network: <i>(mm, yyyy)</i>	2004
Period of activity under report: <i>(mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)</i>	Academic Year 10.2012 – 09.2013
Report established by: <i>(name, position)</i>	Professor Michael Turner UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies

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1. Executive Summary:

Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair, including on national policies, in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)
(Not exceeding 300 words)

The UNESCO Chair continues to host activities in Israel in the fields of urban conservation. The highlight of the year was the celebration of the 40th year of the World Heritage Convention with the first national conference on conservation. This was paralleled at the international level with the celebration in Kyoto, where the Chair participated in a pre-session event in Himeji focusing on authenticity and a post-session event on World Heritage and Peace at the UN University, Tokyo. Lectures were given in conferences hosted by other UNESCO Chairs, in Dresden, Erfurt and Rome.

The Chair now coordinates the activities of Research and Development in the Academy, extending conservation into multi-disciplinary actions to be based on cluster groups. The existing research projects within the EU FP7 programme continued; the TEMPUS Corinthiam project was completed and reports on the application of the Bologna protocol in Israel and Palestine were presented. The role of the post-professional Masters degree and specializations is now being questioned and a further research is proposed for the next call.

As charge de mission to the UNESCO ADG Culture, the Chair has participated in numerous international workshops, including the ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Theory and Philosophy evaluating the UNESCO Recommendation on HUL. The Chair represented UNESCO at the INTBAU

International Conference on Meaning of Architecture for Communities in Transformation, and the celebration of 100 years of the Centennial Hall, Wroclaw, Poland. The Chair also participated and lectured in the inauguration of the UNESCO Chair on Sustainability at the IDC Herzliya, Israel and the UNESCO Chair on Architectural Preservation and Planning in World Heritage Cities in Mantova, Italy and represented ICOMOS at the meeting of the Category 2 Centres focusing on World Heritage.

2) Activities:

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair during the reporting period, target group and geographical coverage)

<p>i) Education (leading to certificate)</p>	<p>Semester course in urban conservation; seminars and studio within the framework of the Graduate Programme in Urban Design and the Department of Architecture, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Reaching to undergraduate and graduate students and professionals seeking CPD recognition.</p>
<p>ii) Training (short term)</p>	<p>National workshop on conservation studies, Technion, February 2013</p> <p>Architects, planners and allied subjects from all institutions of Higher Education with programmes on conservation</p>
<p>iii) Research</p>	<p>In the framework of the EU continuing research the following activities have been undertaken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DESURBS 2011-2014 Designing Safer Urban Spaces – 2. TEMPUS 2011 – 2013 CORINTHIAM project including 4 Israeli and 2 Palestinian institutions with 8 European Universities evaluating the application of the Bologna process in Israel and Palestine – completed April 2013 3. COST – 2012 – 2016 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design <p>In the framework of National and Local Research based on the UNESCO Memory of the World programme the continuing development of a National Archive for Arts, Architecture and Design; application has been made for extending this programme to include applied research in these fields.</p>

	<p>The following EU proposals have been presented during the year:</p> <p>Partnership for Peace COST - a resubmission as a networking in urban conservation including Australia and South Africa ERASMUS Mundus EU and Tanzania – Urban Conservation of Zanzibar</p>
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b) Conferences/Meetings

(key conferences and meetings organized by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)

i) Key conferences and workshops hosted by the Chair

First national conservation workshop, 22 November, 2012 in the wake of 40 years of the World Heritage Convention held at the Bezalel Academy

ii) Other conferences/organizational activities undertaken by the Chairholder

Guest Lecture Series at the Urban Design Graduate Programme

Francesco Siravo, *Conservation Architect and Planner, Historic Cities programme, Aga Khan Trust; World Bank; UNESCO; UNDP*

Reflections on the World Heritage Convention and the issue of protecting historic urban heritage in living cities

Dr Beni Shadmi, *Landscape Architect, Beijing and Jerusalem*

The Chinese experience in Landscape Planning

Professor Zali Gurevitz, *Hebrew University, Jerusalem*

HaMakom

Dr Jyoti Hosagrahar *Director, Sustainable Urbanism International at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation Columbia University, New York and Bangalore, India*

Approaches to Urban Conservation in India

Dr Shlomo (Solly) Angel, *Dept of Urban Planning, New York University and Princeton University*

Making Room for a Planet of Cities

Professor Shigeru Satoh, *Director of Waseda Institute of Urban and Regional Studies*

Landscape Design of the Japanese Castle Town

Urban Redevelopment and Community Design in Japan – Disaster Prevention and Rebuilding

Forum

The Old City of Jerusalem and Environs – the AM/9 Plan – December 2012

Annual Joint meeting Israel ICOMOS Theophilos – CIVVH - 28 July

iii) A selection of conference presentations by the Chairholder and other colleagues

1. The Himeji Symposium 3-5 November 2012 Heritage and Societies–toward the 20th anniversary of the NARA Document and beyond; *Community Participation and Urban Heritage*

2. The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, Kyoto, 6-9 November 2012 - Symposium for the 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention 10 November 2012, U Thant International Conference Hall, UNU, Tokyo
3. "World Heritage for Peace and Sustainability" - *Trans-boundary cooperation in the Middle East – the PUSH experience*
4. The Battir Landscapes, 10 December, 2012
5. The inauguration of the UNESCO Chair on sustainability at the IDC Herzliya, 20 December
6. Conference on Sacred Spaces, Erfurt, 17 January, 2013 - *Intangible Values of Material Places- On the sacred of time, people and place*
7. UNESCO Category 2 Centres coordination meeting, Oslo, ICOMOS representation, 5 March
8. ICOMOS Scientific meeting Theophilos Florence 6-7 March - *The Historic Urban Landscape approach - the way forward*
9. Green Pilgrimage Conference, Jerusalem, 23 April – *The Sustainability of Pilgrimage and Heritage*
10. German Tentative List evaluation, Berlin, 2-4 May, Berlin, 3-4 July 2013
11. COST- CPTED, Manchester, 13-17 May 2013
12. Climate Change for Peace and Sustainability, Technical University of Dresden – Urban Resilience, 30 May 2013 – *Urban Resilience*
13. Authenticity – towards 20 years of Nara, 28–30 August 2013 (planned)
14. Hong Kong – 2 September 2013 (planned) *Cultural Values in the Urban Context*

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions including UNESCO Chairs/UNITWIN Networks)

Centre for Sustainable Development - Columbia University and Bangalore

Milan Polytechnic at Mantova

UNESCO Chair, Milan Polytechnic – Mantova inauguration of the UNESCO Chair, Mantova 14-16

UNESCO Chair Technical University, Dresden

UNESCO Chair Technical University, Brandenburg, Cottbus

University of Ferrara

Meeting with representatives of UNESCO/World Heritage Centre/ICCROM and Italian Chairs for new UNITWIN proposal

ERASMUS MUNDUS programme, EMAIL III for years 2013-2017 including institutions with programmes in urban design and conservation - the Raymond Lemaire Centre at Leuven, Estonia Academy of Arts, University College, Dublin and Turin Polytechnic

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials <i>(major publications and teaching/learning materials)</i>			
<i>Please tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:</i>		[tick]	[no.]
	Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Books (chapters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Research Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Journal Articles (refereed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	peer review of articles
	Conference Proceedings	x	4 conference proceedings
	Occasional Papers	x	5 occasional papers
	Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.</i>			
i) Theses			
None			
ii) Publications			
Michael Turner, Lead Article in the World Heritage Review on Sustainable Development, November 2012			
Michael Turner, UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, pp77-88			
Understanding Heritage – Ed Marie-Theres Albert, Roland Bernecker, Britta Rudloff, 2013			
e) Cooperation with UNESCO Headquarters, Field Offices			
The UNESCO Chair has a dollar-a-year contract as Charge de Mission to the UNESCO ADG Culture and in this role has participated in many activities in the field of Historic Urban Landscapes and UNESCO Chairs.			
1 INTBAU International Conference on Meaning of Architecture for Communities in Transformation, Northern Cyprus, 5-9 May <i>HUL Promoting Cultural Diversity</i>			
2. Representing ADG-Culture/Director WHCentre Celebrating 100 years of the Centennial Hall, Wroclaw, Poland, 21-22 May			
3. World Heritage Committee 24 June – 1-July Phnom Penh Continuing the preparation and analysis of the World Heritage Fund and possible alternatives for State Party voluntary contributions			
4. Initiation of a virtual forum of young researchers for social inclusion in HUL, developing the new UN MDG on Culture and Development			

f) Other*(any other activities to report)***3. Future Plans and Development Prospects:**

Outline of action plan for the next biennium and short/medium and long-term development prospects. Please do not hesitate to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 300 words)

Future plans include:

- 1 The role of the post-professional Masters degree and specializations is now being questioned and a further research is proposed for the next TEMPUS call
- 2 Network with the UNESCO Chair at the University of Ferrara to develop UNITWIN for the Historic Urban Landscapes in general and World Heritage sites in particular.
- 3 Continuing series of seminars and workshops concerned with the urban design and conservation.
- 4 Further proposals within the EU framework including ENPI and Partnership for Peace.

One of the critical problems remains that of finance, as currently the activities are funded within the regular budget of the Bezalel Academy.

Further difficulties were identified in the survey transmitted to UNESCO last academic year.

Appendix:**1) Human Resources**

The UNESCO Chairholder, Professor Michael Turner together with research assistants are active in maintaining the activities of the Chair. Extra human resources are allocated on a project by project basis wherever necessary.

2) Financial Resources

<i>Please tick sources of financial contribution and specify the amount in U.S. dollars</i>		[tick]	Amount (\$)
Host Institution		x	\$25,000 – salaries, activities and student support
Partner Institution		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Government Body		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other Public Institution/Body		x	_____
(incl. Research Councils)			\$25,000 in grant projects
UNESCO		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other UN Agency		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
IGO		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
NGO		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Other Private		<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.

The situation is similar to the previous reporting year. The financial contribution to the UNESCO Chair from the Bezalel Academy includes a component part of the salary of the UNESCO Chairholder and support for research assistants on a project-by-project basis. With the responsibility of the new R&D activities in the Academy further resources will hopefully be made available in the coming academic year. Specific activities are supported in kind and with funds for expenses.

All office administration and space is allocated within the budget of the Graduate Programme for Urban Design, Department of Architecture.

The EU funded projects, and which the Chairholder is associated, are integrated within the Department Research grants; as were the support given by other agencies. While it is difficult to calculate the exact amounts within the UNESCO Chair activities the rounded amounts are indicated under *Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)* and represent the value of the input of the UNESCO chair within these activities.

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