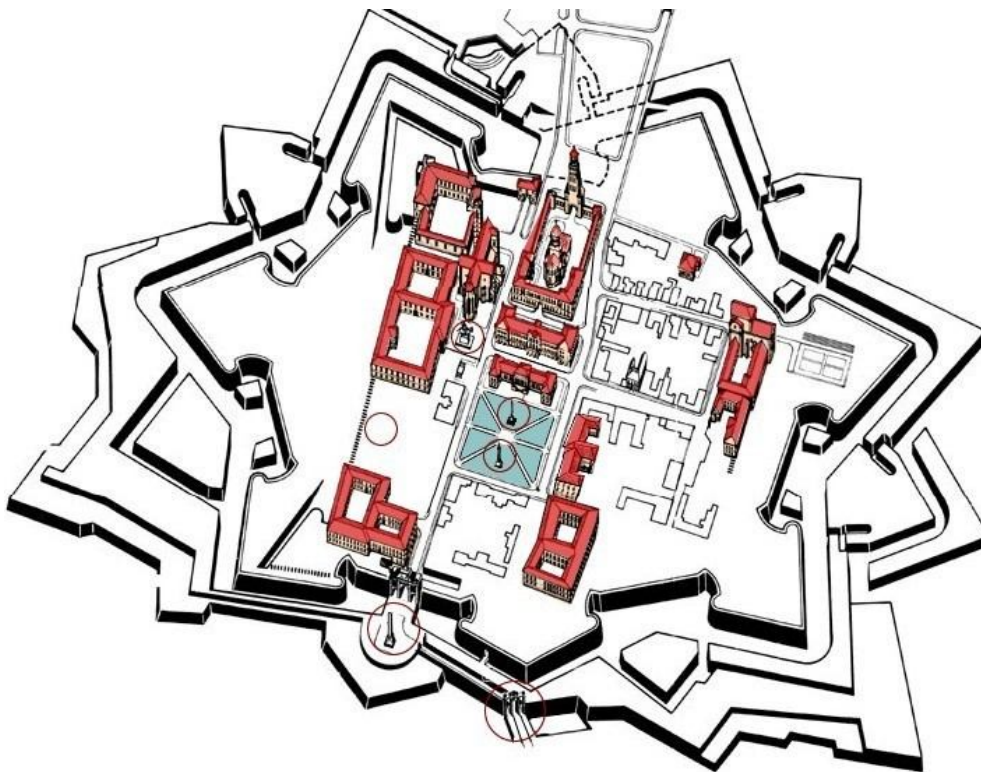


BERICHT SC ICOFORT (Fortresses / Military Heritage)

Die bereits im vergangenen Jahr für Oktober 2009 angesetzte Jahrestagung des SC ICOFORT konnte nunmehr im Juni dieses Jahres in San Juan und benachbarter Inseln unter amerikanischer Leitung (Präsidentin: Milagros Flores, Vizepräsident: David Hansen) realisiert werden. Mit Ausnahme des englischen Mitglieds konnten keine Mitglieder aus Europa teilnehmen, darunter auch nicht der Berichterstatter (finanzielle Gründe – vermutlich auch bei den anderen Mitgliedern – ca. 4500 EURO Flug- und Aufenthaltskosten!). Erfreulicherweise hat die lokale Presse von diesem Ereignis Kenntnis genommen (s. Anlagen).

Details für die Ausrichtung der ICOFORT-Teilnahme an der 17. Generalversammlung ICOMOS in Paris vom 27.11. bis zum 02.12.2011 werden von ICOFORT Frankreich erwartet.

Für kommendes Jahr (18.-21. Mai 2011) liegt ebenfalls eine Einladung von ICOMOS Rumänien zur Teilnahme an einer Tagung (TUSNAD) in der ehemaligen Festungsstadt Alba Julia vor. 12 Mitglieder von ICOFORT können auf Kosten der Rumänen beherbergt werden, Reisekosten sind selbst zu tragen. Weitere Details werden von ICOMOS Ungarn erwartet, die eine Unterstützungshilfe anbieten.



Alba Julia (Rumänien)

Im Übrigen sind die europäischen Mitglieder des SC nach wie vor untereinander gut vernetzt und halten durch anderweitige Projektarbeiten permanenten Kontakt.

Derzeitige Aktivitäten des SC liegen im weiteren Ausbau der Webpage, der Aufstellung einer Liste der gefährdeten Objekte sowie in der permanenten Diskussion darüber, welche Festungsanlagen es wert wären, in die Welterbenliste aufgenommen zu werden.

Direktkontakte mit dem Ziel der weiteren Kooperation bestehen nach wie vor zum SC Tourism (Spanien) und zum SC Shared Built Heritage (Germany / Portugal). Zur besseren Abstimmung untereinander wäre es wünschenswert zu wissen, welche ICOMOS-Mitglieder aus Deutschland in welchen SC's und in welchen Funktionen (Präsident/Vorstand, Voting/Associated member o.a.) teilnehmen. Der Bericht bittet deshalb um eine kurze Benachrichtigung (hrv.neumann@t-online.de).

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Visiting Historians Set Sights on Colonial Forts
By Carol Buchanan — June 4, 2010



Delegate Donna M. Christensen (left) and park service historian Milagros Flores.

Delegate Donna M. Christensen would have been hard pressed to find a better place to host a heritage reception Thursday for local and visiting historians than Hotel on the Cay. To catch the ferry to the hotel, participants had to pass through the park surrounding Fort Christianvaern and see the fort's recent landscaping and fresh yellow paint.

The visitors were from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT). They were only on St. Croix for a day. They came from Puerto Rico and were on their way to St. Thomas on Friday and St. John Saturday.

Delegate Christensen gave a speech welcoming the historians, who are visiting the territory to assess the Danish forts. She said the groups' comments will help on future new proposals or additions to existing World Heritage Designation. The seven-member group will be printing a report on what it learns from these visits.

The group toured Fort Frederik, Salt River Columbus Landing, and Fort Christianvaern to gain a better sense of the nature and breadth of the island's fortifications, particularly coastal defensive works.

“I am very impressed with what we have seen,” said John Schofield, of ICOFORT and head of military programs for English Heritage, a historic building and monument commission. “This gives a wider view of the importance of the Virgin Islands' forts and sets it in a wider international context,” he said.

Schofield said the group will be able to assist and advise the Virgin Islands on conservation since they have seen the forts.

“This visit was particularly special since St. Croix is being considered as a World Heritage Site,” said Edgar Lake, president of Society of V.I. Historians. “These islands are being recognized for cultural production being demonstrated.”

Milagros Flores, historian at the St. John National Park Service in St. John and president of ICOFORT, said the studies and opinions will help in the pursuit of a nomination of the islands as United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Sites.

Among Caribbean islands' cultural resources are colonial defensive structures such as Danish forts, Dutch forts, Napoleonic era forts, Spanish colonial forts, batteries, slave revolt battlefields, barracks, cemeteries, wharves, dockyards, guardhouses, and 20th century U.S. Army and Navy complexes.

The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT) was established by ICOMOS in 2005. It carries out specialized studies and addresses preservation problems of historic fortifications and military heritage, and actively pursues international cooperation for the identification, protection and preservation of historic fortifications, military structures, military landscapes and sites.

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(L to R): Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, Myron Jackson, Superintendent VINP Mark R. Hardgrove, Architect Deborah Rehn, Prof. Roy Graham, (behind him) Architect David Hansen, Historian Doris M. Diaz, Ann Baird, Milagros Flores ICOFORT President, Chuck Pishko, Dr. John Schofield, VINP Ranger David Horner.

A group of fortification and military heritage experts from around the world toured St. John over three days last week for what could be the first step in realizing the first World Heritage Site in the Virgin Islands.

Members of the International Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT) toured St. John June 5 through 8 after wrapping up tours of Puerto Rico, St. Croix, Hassle Island and St. Thomas as part of the group's annual meeting, explained ICOFORT president Milagros Flores.

"Every year we have an annual meeting somewhere and this year we voted to have it in the Caribbean," said Flores, who is also the Caribbean historian for the National Park Service.

On St. John, the group visited the Cruz Bay Battery, the Caneel Bay, Annaberg Plantation and Cinnamon Bay Plantation ruins and Fortsberg. While the Spanish fortifications in San Juan are already a World Heritage Site, Danish and British fortifications are not represented with a heritage designation, explained Flores.

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