



2017 Blue Shield General Assembly

12-15 September 2017

PROVISIONAL OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Tues 12 September

Participants arrive

16.00-18.00 Meeting of Interim Board

19.00-21.00 Welcome reception – details to follow

Wed 13 September

08.30-09.30 Registration & networking breakfast

09.30-10.30 Opening Ceremony

09.30-09.40 Welcome to Vienna by the President of the Austrian National Committee of the Blue Shield - *Ursula Stenzel*

09.40-09.50 Welcome to the General Assembly by the Interim President of the Blue Shield - *Karl Habsburg Lothringen*

09.50-10.00 Statement by ICA

10.00-10.10 Statement by ICOM

10.10-10.20 Statement by ICOMOS

10.20-10.30 Statement by IFLA

10.30-12.00 Session 1: The future role of Blue Shield - 1

Chair: *Karl Habsburg Lothringen*, Interim President of the Blue Shield

- 10.30-11.00 The Blue Shield Approach: suggested roles and responsibilities for the Board and national committees *Peter Stone*
- 11.00-11.30 General discussion and Q&A of Blue Shield Approach and roles and responsibilities
- 11.30-12.00 Generic issues from national committee reports & Milan meeting *Robyn Riddett & Angela Dellebeke*
- 12.00-13.00 LUNCH
- 13.00-16.30 Session 2: The future role of Blue Shield - 2**
- 13.00-15.00 Group discussion of proposed Blue Shield Approach, follow-up from Milan, & national committee issues
- 15.00-15.30 TEA & COFFEE
- 15.30-16.00 Group feedback
Chair *Karl Habsburg Lothringen*, Interim President of the Blue Shield
- 16.00-16.30 Final discussion of proposed Blue Shield Approach
- 16.30-17.00 Networking break
- 17.00-19.00 Public Plenary Session: Facing the challenges for the protection of our common cultural heritage**
Chair: *Friedrich Schipper*, Austrian Blue Shield
- 17.00-17.30 *Karl Habsburg Lothringen*, Interim President of the Blue Shield
- 17.30-18.00 *Irina Bokova*, Director General UNESCO
- 18.00-18.30 *Agnes Husslein-Arco*, Director Leopold Museum
- 18.30-19.00 Panel Q&A session
- 19.00-22.00** Reception hosted by the Mayor of Vienna

Thurs 14

- 08.30-09.30 Registration & networking breakfast
- 09.30-11.00 Elections For Members of the Blue Shield Board and President**
Chair: *Ursula Stenzel*, President of the Austrian National Committee of the Blue Shield

11.00-12.00 Presentations to be confirmed

12.00-13.00 LUNCH

13.00-15.00 Session 3: Training for CPP in armed conflict and environmental disaster

15.00-15.30 TEA & COFFEE

15.30-17.30 Session 4: Civil/Military cooperation regarding the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict and natural disaster

17.30-18.00 Networking break

19.30-21.00 Reception

Fri 15 September

08.30-09.30 Registration & networking breakfast

09.30-12.00 Session 5: Protecting the cultural heritage of the Middle East and North Africa

12.00-13.00 LUNCH

13.00-13.50 Guided tour of the Town Hall

14.00-16.00 Session 6: Disaster risk reduction

16.00-16.30 TEA & COFFEE

16.30-17.30 Session 6: Disaster risk reduction (cont)

17.30-18.00 BREAK

18.00-19.00 Closing ceremony
The future of the Blue Shield - President of the Blue Shield

Sat 16 September

"Cultural diplomacy and cultural property protection: implementation prospects and challenges of international standards"- *open to all attending the General Assembly*

Joint annex meeting for an interactive forum for in-depth cooperation discussions in the framework of the General Assembly of Blue Shield International under the patronage of Dr. h.c. Karl von Habsburg-Lothringen (MEP ret.), LL.M, MBA, MLE, organized by the Austrian National Committee of the Blue Shield and the Austrian Roerich Society – National Roerich Pact Committee

-Block 1: Session at the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Vienna.
Topic: „Cultural Diplomacy and Cultural Property Protection against heritage wars”

-Block 2: Session at the Officers Association Vienna.
Topic: „Implementation of International cultural property protection standards: military and civil expertise”

Round Table dedicated to fostering of understanding of importance to protect cultural heritage.