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MAC Participating In International Museums Conference 2018

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The Museums Association of the Caribbean is pleased to announce its upcoming conference. The 2018 MAC Annual General Meeting will take place within the International Museums Conference which is organized as a partnership between MAC, the Barbados Museum & Historical Society (BMHS), the EU-LAC-Museums project, and the University of the West Indies (UWI). The conference will take place on 7-10 November 2018 in Bridgetown, Barbados, at UWI Cave Hill.

The 2018 conference theme will be *Museums and Communities: Concepts, Experiences, and Sustainability*. As such, the International Museums Conference will investigate the relationships between museums and their communities, focusing on topics such as fostering disaster resilient communities, museum education for social inclusion and cohesion, and the use of technology and innovation for global accessibility.

We recognize museums as relevant spaces where community and societal issues often converge and are explored, and where communities are served and represented.

Natalie Urquhart
President of the Museums Association of the Caribbean

MAC is thrilled to hold its Annual General Meeting as part of this federated conference which proves to be a stimulating event including multiple keynote lectures, paper sessions, evening receptions and cultural tours. Over the course of the week, it will bring together professionals and students working in or on museums and historic sites from across the globe to address the ways in which museums conceptualize communities and communities engage with museums for the benefit of all.



About MAC

Formed in 1987, MAC is a membership-based organization that provides Caribbean museums, related organizations and societies and professionals opportunities to share experiences and skills. In recognition of the importance of museums as centers of conservation and preservation of natural and cultural patrimony and the vital roles they play in conservation, education, scientific research and tourism of Caribbean states, MAC serves as a forum for exchange of information, works to strengthen museum efforts to foster understanding of cultural heritage and acts as an advisory board to government, public and private institutions on matters pertaining to museum development.

About EU-LAC-Museums Project

EU-LAC-Museums is a consortium of museums and universities organized by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) European and Latin American and Caribbean Regional Alliances. The EU-LAC-Museums Project fosters multi-regional relations by studying the close connections between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in the field of community museology. Through bi-regional investigations of societal challenges, the organization seeks to create parity of esteem, sustainable dialogue and cooperation between academia, museums and communities.

About Barbados Museum & Historical Society

The Barbados Museum and Historical Society (BMHS) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization with a membership of over 1,000 individuals and companies. Its mandate is: to collect, document and conserve evidence of Barbados cultural, historical and environmental heritage; and to interpret and present this evidence for all sectors of society.

About the University of the West Indies

Established in 1948, UWI is the largest and longest standing higher education provider in the English-speaking Caribbean. The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus' academic programmes offer diversity at both the undergraduate and graduate level. There are 5 faculties with supporting academic departments; various research units & centres; and two graduate institutions and more than 250 programmes.