

Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage
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Theme: "Towards a New Convergence"

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Strongly and unanomously supported by federal, provincial, municipal and university authorities in Quebec, Canada and according to the workshop discussions , universities along with national and international heritage authorities with representatives of ISOCMEOS, ICOM,IAU,IAOHE, WHTO, actively participating in the IInd Forum UNESCO University and Heritage Seminar organized in Quebec by Universite Laval, altogether decide to consolidate the Forum UNESCO network created in Valencia, in 1996. This network is composed of universities interested in heritage, and its main objective is to mobilise human and technical resources on the national, regional and international levels towards a convergence for the protection and development of heritage for the benefit of populations

Participants to the Seminar confirm their determination to implement the international Forum UNESCO University and heritage international networks main principles:

- an ethic and benevolent involvement in favour of heritage , national as well as worldwide;
- an efficiency with respect to historical, scientific and technical criteria and demands linked to the heritage;
- a solidarity based on the sharing of knowledge, practical experience and resources in a context mutual support;

Consequently, the participants:

- invite universities involved in heritage in different countries to mobilize their competences and join Forum UNESCO University and Heritage at the next international Seminar that will be held in Australia in 1998
- request that Université Laval Rector act on the dynamic established at the Quebec International Seminar and set up a UNESCO Chair in Heritage in that university;
- encourage Forum UNESCO President, the Rector of Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, to reinforce the actions of the Headquarters located in that establishment;
- ask the UNESCO General Director to pursue the development, coordination and impulse of the Forum UNESCO International network

Adopted in Quebec this October 9th in the presence of:

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