



Greetings

Ethical and scientific commitment, the ability to share knowledge and know-how, national and international dynamism...these key words and terms distinguish the Forum UNESCO / University and Heritage. This international network is currently made up of over three hundred universities offering materials related to heritage - materials which are distributed throughout the world.

Forum UNESCO / University and Heritage was created at the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia (Spain), the result of the founding seminar held in September, 1996, with the support of ICOMOS, ICOM, ICCROM, UIA and IFLA

Thanks to the mobilisation of university scientific, technical, human and financial resources, as well as the efforts of vice-chancellors, deans, professors and students, the Forum UNESCO / University and Heritage has become an important player in current activities to protect heritage.

I am grateful for the fact that hundreds of universities, conscious of their responsibility, are currently manifesting their commitment in concrete and fundamental ways in national and international projects in favour of our common heritage. In this regard, the Universidad Politecnica de Valencia deserves special mention for its exemplary dynamism in the area.

That's why it seems just that the Sixth International Seminar 2001 will be once again held in Valencia's Polytechnic University, an event that will serve to evaluate and take stock of what has been achieved so far.

This seminar, destined to be the scene of intensive and decisive university participation in the thirtieth anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, will surely mark a milestone in efforts at world heritage preservation.

Working under the sponsorship of His Majesty the King Juan Carlos I of Spain, a country boasting an exceptional wealth of tangible and intangible heritage, the results of this seminar cannot help but be crowned by success.

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