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TICCIH CONGRESS, LILLE, FRANCE *REPORT FROM SIA'S U.S. REPRESENTATIVE*

The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH) held its 2015 triennial congress in Lille, France, in the northeast part of the country just outside of the coal region, a world heritage site since 2013. The congress, which met from Sept. 6 to 11, was planned and hosted by CILAC (Comité d'Information et de Liaison pour l'Archéologie, l'Étude et la Mise en Valeur du Patrimoine Industriel), the equivalent of the SIA in France. The congress theme, "Industrial Heritage in the 21st Century, New Challenges," focused on "sustainable development, urban regeneration, architectural invention, local economies, culture, and education." While congresses in the 2000s tended to focus on adaptive reuse of industrial buildings and structures, this congress was much more focused on specific technical issues in heritage documentation, preservation, interpretation, and world heritage.

CILAC held the congress at Campus Moulins-Université de Lille 2. Lille is the largest city in the Nord-Pas de Calais region and the tenth largest city in France. Several SIA members attended including Bode Morin (U.S. TICCIH Representative), Pat Martin (TICCIH President and SIA Executive Secretary), Roland Miller, Sandy Needham (Roebling SIA Chapter Vice President), Tim Scarlett, Ian Stuart, and Mark Watson.

The theme of world heritage was prevalent throughout the program. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designates and maintains the World Heritage List. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) provides expert analysis on world heritage nominations to UNESCO, and TICCIH provides expert analysis of industrial heritage to ICOMOS. The SIA is the U.S. organization-partner of TICCIH. Throughout the congress, presenters gave papers on the

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Bode Morin

Worker housing courtyard, Roubaix.

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Jan. 6-9: Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. Info: www.sha.org.

Mar. 16-19: National Council on Public History Annual Conference, Baltimore, Md. Joint meeting with the Society for History in the Federal Government. Info: www.ncph.org.

Apr. 6-10: Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, Pasadena, Calif. Info: www.sah.org.

May 18-20: Iron & Steel Preservation Conference & Workshop, West Lafayette, Ind. Repair, rehabilitation, and restoration of metals. Info: Vern Mesler, meslerv@gmail.com; (517) 614-9868.

May 25-29: Railway & Locomotive Historical Society Annual Meeting, Moscow, Idaho. Info: www.rlhs.org.

May 26-29: Construction History Society of America, 5th Biennial Meeting, Austin, Texas. Info: www.chsa-5thbiennial.org.

June 2-5: SIA 45th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY, MO. See article in this issue. Info: www.sia-web.org.

June 11-14: Mining History Assn. Annual Meeting, Virginia City and Gold Hill, Nev. Info: www.mininghistory-association.org.

June 16-19: 6th International Early Railways Conference, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, U.K. Info: www.earlyrailways.org.uk.

June 22-26: Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Conference, Singapore. Info: www.historyoftechnology.org. ■