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 (continued on page 2)
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