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## **Culture in Crisis**

**An International Conference with the Victoria and Albert Museum London in collaboration with the Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Yale University under the patronage of UNESCO**

**Tuesday 14 April 2015**

**Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre**

### Draft Programme

10.00 -10.30 **Registration and Coffee**

10.30 **Welcome and Introduction,**  
**Martin Roth**, Director, Victoria and Albert Museum  
**Stefan Simon**, Director, Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage,  
 Yale University  
**Ilaria Borletti-Buitoni**, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism Italy.

10.50 **Session One: Lessons from the past**  
 Chair: **Vernon Rapley**, Security Director, (V & A)  
*Korea 1956*  
**Beth McKillop**, Deputy Director, (V & A)  
*Cyprus 1974*  
**Tasoula Georgiou Hadjitofi**, Cultural Activist and Entrepreneur  
*Afghanistan*  
**St John Simpson** Curator, Middle East, British Museum  
*Bosnia*  
**Helen Walasek**, Bosnia Institute, London  
**Wolfgang Petritsch** (former UN High Commissioner Bosnia)

12:00 **Session Two: Current Concerns on the ground and International response.**  
 Chair: **Anna Jackson**, Keeper of Asia Department, (V & A)

*Syria***Maamoun Abdulkarim**, Director General of Antiquities and Museums,*Iraq***Qais Rasheed**, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Iraq (TBC)**John Curtis**, CEO Iranian Heritage Foundation (Iraq)**Margarete van Ess**, (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut)**Eckart Frahm**, (Yale University)**Markus Hilgert** (Ancient Near East Museum, National Museums Berlin)

13:10

**Lunch Break**

14.10

**Session Three: Current Concerns on the ground and International response**  
(cont)Chair: **Kathy Tubb**, University College London*Yemen***Nagi S.N. Thowabeh**, Chairman of the General Organization for the Preservation of Historic Cities, Yemen and**Iris Gerlach**, (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut)*Libya***Ahmed Hosein**, Director Department of Antiquities, Cyrenacia,**Philipp von Rummel** (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut)*Nigeria***Yusuf Abdallah Usman**, Director General, National Commission for Museums and Monuments (NCMM), Nigeria*Mali***Lassana Cisse**, Directeur national du patrimoine culturel, Mali**Doug Park**, Yale University

14:40

**Session Four: Working together**Chair: **Janet Ulph**, University of Leicester**Norman Palmer CBE QC**,**Stephane Thefo**, Interpol HQ, Lyon**James Ede**, British Antique Dealers Association**Rosie Garthwaite**, Mediadante**Maja Kominko**, Arcadia

- 15:30            **Refreshments**
- 16.00            **Session Four: International Perspectives and Role of Museums**  
**Hermann Parzinger**, President of Prussian Heritage Foundation.  
**Stefano De Caro**, ICCROM  
**Toshiyuki Kono**, Vice President, ICOMOS  
**Jonathan Tubb**, Keeper of Middle East British Museum  
**Cori Wegener**, Smithsonian Institution  
**Andreas Goergen**, Director General of Culture, German Foreign Office
- 17:00            **Conclusions, recommendations and closing remarks by organisers**
- 17.30            **Conclude**

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