



CIPA-HD is supporting young researchers

CIPA-HD is a Scientific Committee established by ISPRS (International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing) and ICOMOS (International Committee of Monument and Sites). Two of its main objectives are to promote and support research and best practice for the documentation of Cultural Heritage.

Documentation is a continuous process aiming to collect and integrate all of the useful information to gain an understanding of a specific Cultural Heritage asset. It serves as the basis for restoration, conservation, management and valorisation actions. **Documentation** must record not only the state-of-art at present but also all the modifications that have occurred during the lifetime of the object: it requires specific tools to update and integrate and interpret existing data. This includes the history of the evolution and the metric description are the basics of **Documentation**, but also other information that is necessary (e.g. deterioration, structural analysis, risk assessment factors, etc.).

Today most of the disciplines dedicated to the conservation of cultural heritage produce their data in a digital form, therefore important topics also directly related to **Documentation** are database design, data interoperability, archiving and visualisation to a wide variety of different users (e.g. from experts in different disciplines to tourists of different ages).

To know more about CIPA activities and aims visit the website <http://cipa.icomos.org>

Below is a list of 9 keywords that highlight some of the most important topics of CIPA:

- i. History of the evolution
- ii. Metric survey
- iii. Physical analysis
- iv. Integration
- v. 3D modelling
- vi. Sharing, re-use
- vii. Interoperability
- viii. Archiving
- ix. Communication, diffusion

The CIPA-HD Executive Board wants to promote and sustain young researchers by offering an opportunity to share their research efforts and results at our international conference.

Therefore CIPA EB is offering support for one MSc and one PhD thesis, which are outstanding in their respective fields

If you are an author of a **Master thesis or of a Ph.D. thesis** presented in the period **January 2015 - 30 September 2016**, concerning (totally or partially) the Documentation of Cultural Heritage you are encouraged to send a PDF version of your thesis.

Participants are also invited to send a motivation letter by explaining why they join the competition and which are in their opinion the most important results related to CIPA topics.

All the documents must be provided in English language.

The best master's and PhD theses will be selected by the CIPA-HD Executive Board.

The **two winners** (1 MSc and 1 PhD) will be invited to orally present their works during the next CIPA Symposium (<http://cipaottawa.org/>).

After an oral presentation, a sum of **500€** will be awarded by the CIPA-HD President.

The two selected works will be published on the ISPRS Annals. The winners will be asked to write a paper of 8 pages about the selected thesis by following the ISPRS Annals procedures (www.isprs.org/publications/annals.aspx)

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