



# Irish National Committee of the Blue Shield

...cultural equivalent of the Red Cross

## SEMINAR "PREPARE TO PROTECT"

22 October 2014, NMI Collins Barracks, Dublin

### Blue Shield Seminar 2014

The emergency response sector in Ireland has principally focused on the safety of individuals and communities and the protection of property. There has been little overt recognition of the importance of heritage and the need to incorporate this into the national agenda.

Heritage and emergency response professionals need to work at two levels.

Firstly, to develop and prepare risk management plans specifically for heritage sites and institutions and secondly, to integrate disaster management plans into the wider risk planning mechanisms at a local and national level through collaboration with civil defence, fire and other emergency management systems. This also feeds into the international arena, both through peace-keeping and through our humanitarian response.



### Programme Schedule

#### Session One: Legislative and Policy Attempts to Address Emergency Preparedness Internationally.

**Karl von Habsburg-Lothringen**, President, Association of the National Committees of the Blue Shield (ANCBS)

**Declan Smyth** (Department of Foreign Affairs) - *Ireland and The Hague Convention*

**Corine Wegener** (Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC) - *Planning to Protect Cultural Heritage during Armed Conflicts*

### Booking and information

To book this seminar, please visit us at <http://icomos.ie/index.php/blue-shield/activities>

#### Session Two: Emergency Planning: the Irish Situation.

**Mark Adamson** (Flood Relief & Risk Management, OPW) - *Flood Risk Assessment and Management in Ireland - Protecting our Heritage*

**Dr Caroline McMullan** (Dublin City University), **Keith Leonard** (Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government), **Brigitta O'Doherty** (Office of Emergency Planning, Department of Defence) - *National, Household and Individual Emergency Preparedness in Ireland*

**Zoe Reid** (National Archives) - *The Council of National Cultural Institutions National Disaster Response Scheme*

**Lesley-Ann Hayden** (Independent Consultant) - *Museum Standards Programme for Ireland - Putting the Basics in Place*

#### Session Three: Planning for the Future.

**Susie Bioletti** (Trinity College Dublin) - *Knowing the Collection / Managing all the Risks*

**Peter Cox** (Carrig Consultants) - *Learning from the Past - St. Mel's Cathedral Fire*

**Rosemary Dobbin** - *Disaster Preparedness and Pre-Incident Planning*

**Dennis Keeley** (Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Dublin Fire & Rescue Service) - *Fire Services Act, and Fire and Rescue Services Policy*

#### Session Four: The Way Forward.

**Patrizia Piscopia** (University College Dublin) - *First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis: The Challenges of International Training*

**Lar Joye** (Chair, INCBS) - *The INCBS Committee and its Objectives*

**John Cahill** (OPW, Conservation and Project Management of Cultural Institutions) - *The Risk Preparedness Study*

Discussion chaired by **Michael Starrett** (CEO, Heritage Council)

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