

DEMIST Conference Programme Prague 2022

22 August 2022, 16:00–17:30, Prague Congress Centre

Paper session: The Power of Historic House Museums

What is the power of Historic House Museums opposed to other museums? Does it lie in the spaces themselves – in the nexus of authenticity and memory that create the historic house museum experience of historic structure, collections, and narrative? How does this power continue to resonate and remain relevant? How does current digital innovation align with topics such as historical authenticity, visitor experience and collection care?

HYBRID FORMAT

23 August 2022, 14:30–16:00, Prague Congress Centre

Expert Session: Resilience of Historic House Museums and their Collections to Risks posed by Climate Change, Environmental Disasters, and Conflict Zones

Organizing committees: DEMHIST, ICOM-CC, DRMC, ICMS, ICTOP, INTERCOM, ICOM-JAPAN

The expert session will address risks to historic buildings and their collections by focusing on preventive conservation issues and the steps needed before, during and after disaster response. What resources should be allocated to mitigate risks to the built structure? How can museums develop risk management plans with community involvement? How should a museum prioritize collection items to be saved in case of emergency and how should they allocate resources for this purpose?

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23 August 2022, 16:30–18:00, Prague Congress Centre

Paper session: House Museums and Risk Management

Following our 2021 conference on sustainability, this session calls for papers that will delve deeper into related issues of Disaster Risk Management and Resilience. What issues are unique to Historic House Museums and heritage sites? Historic buildings form part of the collection and have their own set of vulnerabilities and require protection, as does the collection within. The building is also part of the narrative; responses to disasters should recognize this in risk mitigation.

HYBRID FORMAT

25 August 2022, 10:00–18:00

Offsite meeting: CENTRE OF MODERN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE with visits to the Muller Villa and the Rothmayer Villa

Power of House museums: The off-site meeting will be a great opportunity for us to exchange experiences and knowledge about the important role of house museums in developing and improving awareness of the sustainability of tangible and intangible values of contemporary architecture, art, and social cultural relations.

Discussions will focus on how house museums can contribute to energy sustainability, how to protect heritage buildings from climate change, etc. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, our plans and habits have been disrupted, we have had to find new ways of reaching our audience and enhance interaction with diverse communities. How can we ensure that these efforts will continue to strengthen the community resilience?