



## International Course on Stone Conservation SC13

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**SESSION:** Emergency and preventive interventions

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**TIME:** Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May/ 16:30 – 18:00 (1.5 hours)

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### SESSION OUTLINE

#### ABSTRACT

This session seeks to describe the action that should be taken as an emergency step or as a measure of preventive conservation. It is no good carrying out detailed analyses and research but failing to detect a problem that is likely to entail great damage in the near future and that, with little effort, could be mended. Shoring, strapping, repairing a gutter or a leaking roof are examples of such interventions. Preventive conservation is, on the other hand, more complicated a subject ranging from flashing to drainage and water disposal, to climate control. A few examples will be illustrated and discussed.

#### OBJECTIVES

- To be able to distinguish degrees of urgency and to prioritize interventions.
- To be aware of the action that can be taken to prevent decay.

#### CONTENT OUTLINE

- The importance of detailed inspections,
- establishing whether any emergency action is required,
- prioritizing intervention:
  - urgent,
  - immediate,
  - necessary,
  - desirable,
- preventive conservation,
  - flashing,
  - water disposal,
  - drainage,
  - pollution and
  - climate control.

#### READINGS

 = Essential reading material

 = Available online

Woolfit, Catherine. 2007. Preventive Conservation of Ruins: reconstruction, reburial and enclosure. In *Conservation of Ruins*. ed. Ashurst, John. 1st ed. Butterworth-Heinemann Series in Conservation and Museology. London and Burlington, Mass.: Butterworth-Heinemann.



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