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# **PROGRAM**

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# Main Topics

- 2D 3D Digital Image Acquisition
- Leading Edge Applications: Galleries, Libraries, Education, Archaeological Sites, Museums & Historical Tours
- Mediterranean Initiatives in Technology for Cultural Heritage: Synergy with European & International Programmes
- Integrated Digital Archives for Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Art
- Management of Museums by using ICT Technology: Access, Guides, Documentation & Other Services
- The Impact of New Mobile Communications on Cultural Heritage and Modern Arts Area
- · Semantic Webs
- Human Computer Interaction for Cultural Heritage Applications
- Copyright Protection (Watermarking), Anti-Counterfeiting and Electronic Commerce
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- Applications to TV & Cinema
- 3D Developments and Applications in the Cultural Heritage Area
- · Digital Theater
- Cultural Tourism & Travel Applications
- · Art and Medicine

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Wednesday, 11 May: 9,00 - 13,00

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Wednesday, 11 May: 19,30 – 21,30

### 4 - TECHNICAL EXHIBITION

Thursday, 12 May: 10,00 - 17,00

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### 1 - CONFERENCE

## Wednesday, 11 May

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14,15 Opening: Luiai Dei.

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15.15 Coffee Break

#### **ROOM A**

15.30 **SESSION 1 – STRATEGIC ISSUES** 

Chairman: Paolo Blasi, University of Florence, Florence, Italy

"Innovative tools for the creation, reuse and

retrieval of digital cultural content"

"IP Strategic Role"

"High Quality Archive Project for Polo Museale Fiorentino: Exploitation Activities. Demonstrations and Exhibitions in Japan"

"eFoto Hamburg Lab"

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Michael-Culture Association

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Milan, Italy

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<sup>2</sup>Information Technology and Digital Projects,

Hamburg Ministry of Culture,

Hamburg, Germany

"Museo Nazionale del Bargello"

Ilaria Ciseri

Museo Nazionale del Bargello,

Florence, Italy

"Uffizi Virtual Experience. Da Giotto a Caravaggio"

Marco Cappellini<sup>1</sup>, Paolo De Rocco<sup>1</sup>, Paolo Romoli<sup>1</sup>, Marxiano Melotti<sup>2</sup>, Vito Cappellini<sup>3</sup>,

<sup>1</sup>Virtultaly, Florence, Italy <sup>2</sup>Bicocca University, Milan, Italy <sup>3</sup>University of Florence, Florence, Italy

#### ROOM A

17,30 SESSION 2 – NEW SCIENCE AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENTS &

**APPLICATIONS** 

Chairman: Konstantine Karczmarski, University Innovation Office, ITMO University,

St.Petersburg, Russia

"Beauty as a Bridge Between Cultures" Giuseppe O. Longo

Information Theory, University of Trieste,

Trieste, Italy

"Recent advances in spectral imaging for cultural heritage documentation

and analysis"

Jon Yngve Hardeberg, Sony George, The Norwegian Colour and Visual Computing

Laboratory, NTNU, Giøvik, Norway

"Application of Big Data and Content Curation to Exploitation of Cultural

Heritage"

Konstantine Karczmarski Department of Innovations.

ITMO University,

Saint Petersburg, Russia

"Piezomusicolor. A natural Form of

Technological Art"

Giuseppe Caglioti<sup>1</sup>, Marco Marcon<sup>1</sup>, Tatiana Tchouvileva<sup>1</sup>, Riccardo Della Ragione<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy <sup>2</sup>Magic Music s.a.s, Livorno, Italy

"The Use of Patient Specific Instrumentation during Total Knee Replacement Surgery"

Lawrence Camarda, Antonio D'Arienzo, Salvatore Morello, Michele D'Arienzo Orthopaedic and Traumatology Department, University of Palermo, Palermo, Italy

### Thursday, 12 May

#### **ROOM A**

9,00 INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON "CULTURE & TECHNOLOGY

Chairman: Vito Cappellini, University of Florence, Florence, Italy

The structure of the FORUM is presented.

Actual developments and perspectives are outlined:

- Cooperation Groups
- Proposed Projects
- Funding Opportunities
- European Commission Plans (HORIZON 2020)

#### Speakers Include:

- Cristina Acidini, President Accademia delle Arti del Disegno, Florence, Italy
- Nikolay Borisov, President of Center of Design and Multimedia, ITMO University, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- Edoardo Calia, Research Director, Istituto Superiore Mario Boella, Torino, Italy
- Alberto Del Bimbo, Director Centro per la Comunicazione e l'Integrazione dei Media, Florence, Italy
- Monica Carfagni, President Promo Design, Calenzano, Florence, Italy
- Fabio Donato, University of Ferrara, Italian Representative in HORIZON 2020-SC6 Committee
- Paolo Zampini, Director of Conservatorio di Musica Luigi Cherubini, Florence, Italy

11,00 Coffee Break

11.15 SESSION 3 – NEW TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS & APPLICATIONS

Chairman: Jon Yngve Hardeberg, The Norwegian Colour and Visual Computing

Laboratory, NTNU, Gjøvik, Norway

"The Fear for Virtual: Social Innovation and

Technology"

Eugenia Romanelli Journalist Rome, Italy "Perception-Based Histogram Equalization for Tone Mapping Applications"

S. Ploumis<sup>1</sup>, Ronan Boitard<sup>1</sup>, Mahsa T. Pourazad<sup>2, 3</sup>, Panos Nasiopoulos<sup>1, 3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Elect. and Computer Eng. Department, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada <sup>2</sup>TELUS Communications Inc., Vancouver, Canada <sup>3</sup>The Inst. for Computing, Information and Cognitive

Systems (ICICS), Vancouver, Canada

"From Encyclopédie plates to visual knowledge for craftsmen: the project Visuoplanches"

Marcantonio Catelani<sup>1</sup>, Maria Teresa Zanola<sup>2</sup>, Clara Vecchio<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>University of Florence. Florence, Italy <sup>2</sup>Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy

"Culture and Computer Science to Change Society's Behavior"

Wilhelmina Ndapewa-Onyothi Nekoto<sup>1,2</sup>, Hippolyte N'Sung-Nza Muyingi<sup>2</sup> Jürgen Sieck<sup>1,2</sup> <sup>1</sup>University of Applied Sciences Berlin, Berlin, Germany <sup>2</sup>Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia

"New Trends of 3D Technologies"

Chiara Soffici<sup>1</sup>, Francesca Uccheddu<sup>2</sup>, Francesco Falaschi<sup>3</sup>, Vito Cappellini<sup>4</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Master Thesis in Economy and Management, Florence University, Florence, Italy <sup>2</sup>DINFO - University of Florence, INN-3D, Florence, Italy <sup>3</sup>VARGROUP, Empoli, Florence, Italy <sup>4</sup>University of Florence, INN-3D, Florence, Italy

"New 3D Scene Representation for FTV"

Masayuki Tanimoto Nagoya Industrial Science Research Institute Nagoya, Japan

Lunch Break 13.15

#### **ROOM A**

#### 14,40 SESSION 4 - MUSEUMS - VIRTUAL GALLERIES AND RELATED INITIATIVES

Chairman: Andrea De Polo, Fratelli Alinari IDEA, Florence, Italy

"Terahertz Advanced Research Techniques for Non-Invasive Analysis in Art Conservation (THz-ARTE)"

M. Picollo<sup>1</sup>, A. Aldrovandi<sup>1,2</sup>, G. Bartolozzi<sup>1</sup>, A. Casini<sup>1</sup>, C. Cucci<sup>1</sup>, A. Doria<sup>3</sup>, K. Fukunaga<sup>4</sup>, G.P. Gallerano<sup>3</sup>, E. Giovenale<sup>3</sup>, R. Olmi<sup>1</sup>, M. Poggesi<sup>1</sup>, L. Stefani<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>"Nello Carrara" Institute for Applied Physics of the Italian National Research Council (IFAC-CNR), Sesto Fiorentino, Florence, Italy

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14 ENEA-Frascati, Frascati, Rome, Italy

"The Secrets of the Work of Art. Mysteries concealed behind old Restorations and the Truth Revealed '

Sara Penco. Restorer ad Creator for the "SMARTICON Project", Rome, Italy

"Cultural Assets, 'Extended' Museums and the Historic City: the Case Study of an App for Genoa"

Valentina Fiore, Lauro Magnani, Sara Rulli Dept DIRAAS . Università degli Studi di Genova Genoa, Italy

"3D Services at Museo Galileo"

Luisa Barattin, Marco Berni, Elena Fani Museo Galileo - Institute and Museum of the History of Science, Florence, Italy

16,00 Coffee Break

#### **ROOM A**

SESSION 5 - ACCESS TO THE CULTURE INFORMATION 16.15

James Hemslev, EVA Conferences International, U.K. Chairman:

"Art in the Neuroscience Era. How the Brain Understands and Creates Art"

Raffaella Folgieri<sup>1</sup>, Ludovico Dei Cas<sup>2</sup>, Francesco Soave<sup>3</sup>, Claudio Lucchiari<sup>1</sup>

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Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication,

London, U.K

"Disability & Digital Discussion: Global, EU & Italian Developments in the New Millennium"

James Hemsley

VASARI Research Centre, Birkbeck College, Universtity

of London and EVA Conferences International,

London, U.K.

"Toviva Project: Documenting the Spanish Defense Towers along the Valencian Coast with a Comprehensive Digital Methodology

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Valencia, Spain

<sup>2</sup>Dipartimento di Architettura, Università degli Studi di Firenze,

Florence, Italy

"Rio's Digital Atelier Murat under Verrochio's Spell"

Heitor Luiz Murat de Meirelles Quintella, Stratimidia's Murat MAGIC (Maison d'Art Galerie et Imaginarium Contemporain) Atelier.

Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

### 2 - WORKSHOP

#### **ROOM A**

#### WORKSHOP INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE – INNOVAZIONE E IMPRESA

(*Italian Language*) 9,00 – 13,00

Chairman: Enrico Bocci, Progetto Ricerca e Innovazione, Confindustria Firenze e

Presidente Opera Medicea Laurenziana, Florence, Italy

Technological requirements in the Cultural Heritage field are outlined and opportunities for Italian Enterprises and SME's working in the field, using new technologies, are presented.

Regional and national applied research Programs in Italy are described.

Activities by National Organizations and Firms working in the area of Telecommunications, Informatics, Environment and Infomobility are presented.

Funding by European Commission is considered, with particular reference to multimedia and telematics for Cultural Heritage. Special consideration is given to the new EC Plan HORIZON 2020.

Initiatives regarding the "know-how" transfer from Research Organizations to the Industrial Sector are described.

Organizations and Companies present their activities and experiences.

Invited Speakers: - Andrea Arnone, Pro-Rettore al Trasferimento Tecnologico e

Presidente di CsaVRI, Università degli Studi di Firenze - Laura Castellani, Responsabile del Settore Infrastrutture e Tecnologie per lo Sviluppo della Società dell'Informazione,

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- Stefano Cinquini, TELECOM ITALIA

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(in cooperation with Antica Compagnia del Paiolo)

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

# STRATEGIC ISSUES

# TOVIVA PROJECT: DOCUMENTING THE SPANISH DEFENSE TOWERS ALONG THE VALENCIAN COAST WITH A COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL METHODOLOGY

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Abstract – The Spanish Mediterranean coasts, offers a suggestive sequence of towers, they were built, since the sixteenth century, to protect the territory from pirates. Once defeated the piracy of that time in the "Mare Nostrum", the coastal towers system lost its defensive function, but remained as a testimony of history. The Toviva project, supported by the Spanish Ministry and developed by a Spanish-Italian team, is aimed to the creation of a virtual network using advanced digital tools, where the towers become components for knowledge dissemination and a link between the cultural heritage of a territory and its history.

#### INTRODUCTION

Spain, in its Mediterranean coasts, offers a suggestive sequence of towers, this system is integrated and showed in the landscape for defence and surveillance purposes. It has represented an articulated military system since the XVI century, when there was the need to protect a territory otherwise at risk of being attacked by pirates. Once the pirates were defeated in the "Mare Nostrum", the coastal towers system lost its defensive function, but remained as a historical witness. Such a heritage can now benefit from a specific digital approach. In this, as under development in the research presented here it is important to analyze what are the final research needs, while they rise a list of products to be obtained and will result from the point of view of the graphical documentation, in a number of plans to scale, photogrammetries, 3D models, pictures and videos [1]. The first step is defining an appropriate methodology which may include traditional direct surveys, photogrammetric surveys (2D correction, 3D restitution), 3D laser scanning, UAV/drones aerial shooting, photographs, spherical panoramas, videos, etc... The Toviva project, supported by the Spanish Ministry and developed by a Spanish-Italian team, is aimed to contribute in creating a virtual network of towers as an amplification of the real buildings, where the towers become component of dissemination of knowledge and represent a link between the cultural heritage of a territory and its history.

#### Historical notes

In 1453 Constantinople was conquered by Sultan Mehmed II. This event signed the beginning of the fight to control the Mediterranean Coast. The quantity of pirate attacks

augmented and this caused the conquest of Argel in 1516 by Arrouj *Barbarrosa*. During the XVI century pirate attacks increased and expanded around the coast causing sacking and robbery [2]. This century was also a period of confluence as never seen before along the Valencian Coast. A complex social-political context and the technological development produced the birth of a very articulated military architecture system in the territory. In 1557, Felipe II became King and began an ambitious project which was previously traced by the Duke of Maqueda, it was based on building a network of watchtowers, fortresses, walls and defences to protect the coast. Giovanni Battista Antonelli "the elder" was entrusted for the realization of this ambitious project. He was followed by other members of his own family. In his ideas about defence it is possible to see the comparing of the coast with a wall, where towns were the doors, the villages were the bastions and watchtowers were the battlements.

#### **Specific features of the Valencian Coast**

The Valencian coast is characterized by mixing rough areas with sandy lands and lightly slopes. The locations of every tower followed tactical criteria, getting the higher view of the coast and controlling landing for attack or obtaining provisions. However, the higher points of flat lands were used to get the capacity of viewing the sea and towards the horizon [3].

In 1554, "Las ordenanzas de la Guardia Marítima del reino de Valencia" was published to organize the defensive system of Valencian coast and to describe the army organization that every tower needed: Guards were responsible of looking after the coast and warning in case of danger, and "Atajadores" were responsible of communicating news between towers. This strategic network spread around all the Mediterranean area, especially and with clear architectural "system" in all the areas controlled or influenced by the Spanish Reign.

#### **VALENCIAN TOWERS: TYPOLOGIES**

The typologies of towers along the Valencian coast have gone developing in time and they have been adapted to new necessities and technological developments of attack solutions and strategies. From the architectural point of view, building typologies changed their morphology throughout XV and XVI centuries. It is possible to recognize 3 main stages [3]: Stage 1: From the end of the XV century to the beginning of the XVI century. Towers have prismatic shape with squared or circular base, the structure is very simple, answering to the need of visual control of the territory. Stage 2: From 1520 to 1560, the towers are prebastioned, they have singular elements like *alambores* and *esperontes* (sloping and screeding systems). Stage 3: XVII century, towers have important variations regarding previous phases. The use of conical shapes allows a higher resistance against artillery. The hexagonal shape appeared widening the eyesight and enhancing the offensive functions.

Towers were composed by three parts, foundation, base and main body. Each part had a structural and defensive function. The diameter of foundation generally was bigger than the tower base and it was adapted to the terrain. Base reaches a third of the total height and its function was to avoid the access and to reject artillery shots. The main part includes watching area while the interiors were built using vaulted system. The specific elements of these typologies were: an elevated access by a ladder, holes on the shaft, loopholes, machicolations. All these elements gave to the tower the necessary support to functions for defending and controlling the surrounding areas.

#### DIGITAL SURVEY AND 3D MODELS POST PROCESSING

The first objective of the Toviva project is to provide a methodology for the graphic documentation of coastal tower architectures, where the generation of proper metadata linked to 3D models is a task empowering the possibilities of interpretation and effective sharing.

The Toviva project proposes the use of advanced technical tools for graphical representation, employing a flexible methodology, trying to simplify processes and optimizing resources while maintaining the maximum reliability and quality of results. In addition, these same results can be adapted for cultural uses of a general public.

The first inspection is established after obtaining the following basic items: Location: town and access to the tower (conditions and issues). / Cartography of the area. / Ownership: public or private. Needed Permissions. / In case of building with a current occupation: contact managers; Tourist Office, dealership / Contact with local technicians and scholars: archaeologist, architect, engineer / Conditions for the access to the interior of the tower.

During the first inspection a set of photos and sketches is realized. The photographs are taken according to a specific procedure, enriched by notes and setting the Exif data in proper ways, so that later on it is easier to work on these archives. A specific record of the structure is prepared, with the following main information:

- · Location: On plain or mountain / Exempt or within an urban area / Visible/accessible or not around its entire perimeter.
- · Form: Polygonal / Rounded / Flown elements / Specific Shape /
- · Dimensions: Height / Number of floors / Number of rooms per floor /
- · Staircase: Size / Shape Coverage/roof; accessible or not.
- · Inside Presence of movable objects Presence of annexed buildings.
- · Presence of trees and/or invasive vegetation Other features.

#### **Ground and UAV Photogrammetry**

After the remarkable evolution of the recent years, photogrammetry and UAV/Drone survey became a significant tool for architecture survey. For photogrammetry this "rebirth" is due to new algorithms that have facilitated the production of 3D models using S.f.M. (Structure from Motion) method [4]. When working with this kind of software, the workflow starts from the alignment of the pictures. The procedure is based on the use of each pixel of the image as a point, looking for homologous points in all the pictures and thereby the relative positions of each camera. The set of camera positions, along with the pictures themselves, are used in the following phase, with the construction of the model's geometry. In the end it is possible to create a photo-realistic texture for the final 3D model, ready to be exported to other software to be used for analysis, drawing production, multimedia.

Using UAV unit (drone) for taking aerial photographs solves many accessibility problems. Aerial photographs allow a great freedom in taking pictures from any point of view. I is possible to use the same camera for ground shooting or to prefer different cameras and then mixing the images with no significant variation in the workflow. But in general, with a double sequence of pictures, one from the ground, one from the air, it is possible to reduce the post processing needs. In example, none of the pictures taken from the ground need the masking of the sky process: the presence of aerial pictures defines clearly the borders of a tower, allowing a perfect processing without noisy artefacts in the skyline of the architecture.

#### 3D Laser Scanner

For complex structures, especially in presence of articulated internal/external parts, the use of 3D laser scanner technology is necessary. It solves the problem posed by photo-modeling for interiors, whether for lighting reasons or for a question of space and complexity. Scanning is much more laborious, both for data acquisition and subsequent processing (alignment of the point-clouds, mesh generation, surfaces treatments, texturing, etc...), but when correctly operated, it ensures excellent data acquisition under any circumstances, keeping the quality of all the data gathered with the same accuracy [4,5]. A specific topographic support is operated for the 3D Laser Scanner survey, it is limited to the targets applied this survey, reducing needs for overlapping scans and making easier and robust the process of alignment of isolated rooms and of the coverage/roof.

#### A Multimedia Catalogue

The Toyiva project is based on the use of 3D photo-realistic models with the inclusion of their full data, including each model in its geographic location to facilitate their individuation and support the dissemination task. The opportunity of the project is to expand the visibility of these cultural assets along the Valencian coast, providing data to the general public through a "light" computing platforms such as Smart-Phones or PDAs (using APPs for virtual and augmented reality). The access will be through the Internet, using local WiFi network or the telephone data access. The strategies are based on the use of easily accesible solutions, like the Sketchfab (www.sketchfab.com) platform, while for more complex and site specific situation it is possible to foreseen more complex and articulated solutions, based on multimedia/programming software. The will is to create a versatile standard, capable to be easily replied in other experiences in the future, but with a solid and complete archive in its background. The catalogue, now open to the public in its online version (http://toviva.blogs.upv.es/) even if still in ongoing development, shows the system of defensive elements as a tool of knowledge and tourism guide for the Valencian Mediterranean coast, a solution usable by scholars, researchers, students, tourists, curious and any kind of interested user. The contents are organized around graphical elements like pictures and (when possible) digital survey derived representations. This system will connect to the visitor position useful information about the territory, the history of the tower and the system of the fortifications. At the same time, an annual conference, the Fortmed (www.fortmed.eu), helps in connecting scholars and researcher on this subject.

#### **Conclusions**

The watchtowers located in along the Mediterranean coast are historical witnesses of a defensive system from the XVI and XVII centuries. The goal to use them as a base to transmit knowledge through advanced data collection finds important solutions in the digital tools for survey and representation, thus, such an archive will be quite limited if not shared. And this can be supported by interactive schemes and 3D visualizations. Multimedia information will allow to enhance the awareness about the systems of towers, to better understand how each single tower is part of a system along the Mediterranean coast, created for defending against Barbary attacks but still capable to drive a network of knowledge between past and present. At the same time, an accurate reconstruction of buildings is a significant step in the understanding of the "evolution" of this Heritage. All the previous documents, collected and organized, are the base for a correct evaluation. Proper technologies allow to explain the defensive system along Mediterranean coast connecting new experiences to consolidated knowledge. Multimedia tools may help people to take a look in a distant past, not only to obtain an idea about tower systems with high historical and patrimonial interest but also to better understand the complex system of relationships spreading all across the Mediterranean.



Fig. 1 - Four samples of the towers documented by the Toviva Project (G. Verdiani)

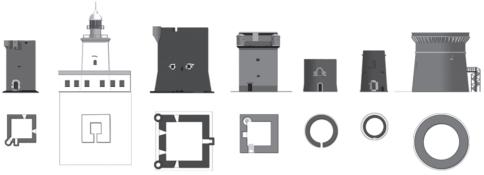


Fig. 2 - Towers typologies in the set analysed by Toviva Project, (R.Atzeni, V. Naldini [6])



Fig. 3 - 3D Laser Scanner and Octacopter Drone at work (G. Verdiani, S. Giraudeau)

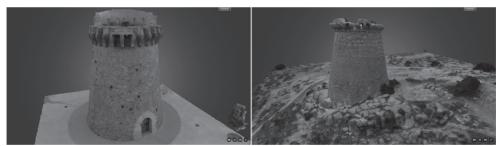


Fig. 4 - 3D model with texturing exported in sketchfab.com (P. Rodriguez-Navarro)



Fig. 5 - The Fortmed2016 and the Toviva Websites (P. Rodriguez-Navarro, G. Verdiani)

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