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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 10/2017 to 09/2020 Vice-Director of the WHITRAP, SHANGHAI, China.
March 2008 Creation of RCHERITAGE consulting firm based in Paris & Lyon, France.
2003 to Feb.2008 Freelance international consultant.
1995 - 2003 Conservation expert within various architectural firms and NGOs.

EDUCATION

- 1999 - 2003 **Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Politics** - Exeter University (UK). Thesis: *The Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem, Analysis of the Destruction and Reconstruction since 1967.*
1992 - 1994 **Master's Degree in Conservation Magna cum laude** at the "Centre for Conservation of Historic Towns and Buildings R. Lemaire", Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL), Belgium. Thesis: *Le château de Commarque au Périgord, un projet de restauration.*
1985 - 1991 **Degree in Architecture 110/110 e lode** at the Polytechnic School of Turin. Thesis: *"Il Kumbum di Gyantse e l'architettura tibetana"*, supervisor Prof. Andrea Bruno.

LANGUAGES

ITALIAN (mother tongue)
very good knowledge of ENGLISH and FRENCH
good knowledge of SPANISH and spoken ARABIC (Middle-East)
knowledge of PORTUGUESE and RUSSIAN

CLIENTS

AECOM ARABIA LTD CO. | **AKTC** (AGHA KHAN TRUST FOR CULTURE) | **AWHF** (AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND)
| **BCG** (THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP) | **CRT PARIS IdF** (COMITÉ RÉGIONAL DU TOURISME PARIS ÎLE-DE-FRANCE)
| **HYDEA spa** | **ICCROM** (INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES) | **ILE-DE-FRANCE REGION & IMV** (INSTITUTS DES MÉTIERS DE LA VILLE) | **OLIVER WYMAN** | **SCTH / SCTA** (SAUDI COMMISSION FOR TOURISM & NATIONAL HERITAGE) | **WELFARE ASSOCIATION** | **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE AND REGIONAL UNITS** | **WHITRAP** | **WORLD BANK**

From October 2017
to September 2020

Simone Ricca was the **Vice-Director of the WHITRAP** (World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and Pacific region), UNESCO centre category II based in SHANGHAI, China and coordinated several projects and programs in the Asia & Pacific Regions. During this "3-year leave", Simone continued assisting RC Heritage with desktop work, research, editing, review, etc.

PROJECTS REFERENCES

- since September 2020 **P.I.F, Saudi Public Investment Fund:** Clay Project, Saudi Arabia, within Oliver Wyman consortium: development/reinstatement of old towns and villages in KSA, focusing on their unique culture and heritage. The study is initiated by a countrywide site screening assessment, covering all old towns and villages within the Kingdom and selecting 15 locations.
- since September 2020 **IPR Institut Paris Region & IdF, Ile-de-France Region:** Preparation of the Nomination File, and the site management plan, for the inscription of the “*Haute-Ville of Antananarivo*” on the World Heritage List, Madagascar (2022).
- since August 2020 **MoC, Ministry of Culture,** Saudi Arabia: Al-Wajh Project (PMBSR): Assessment of the UNESCO World Heritage nomination strategy and developing of the preservation approach for Al-Wajh historic port (inscribed on the Saudi Tentative List).
- since August 2020 **P.I.F:** Legacy Project, Al-Uqair, Eastern Region, Saudi Arabia, within Oliver Wyman consortium: Assessment, Preservation and Valorisation Strategy of the built heritage and archaeological sites of Al-Uqair, Al-Ahsa Province.
- Nov. 2015 - June 2018 **SCTH, Saudi Commission for Tourism & National Heritage:** Preparation of the Nomination Document for the inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List of “*Al-Ahsa Oasis, An Evolving Cultural Landscape*”, Al-HOFUF, Saudi Arabia (listed in June 2018).
- Jan. - June 2018 **Associazione Montagna Sicura:** MONT BLANC massif, VAL D’AOSTE, Italy, with *Arc-En-Ciel* team: Remote support to *Espace Mont-Blanc* for assessing the value and type of nomination of the Mont-Blanc mountain region on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- July - October 2017 **BCG, The Boston Consulting Group International Inc.,** Dubai/Riyadh: Heritage consultant for the “*Al-’Ula Governorate Development Project*”, Al-ULA, Saudi Arabia: Support to the Consulting Group technical team.
- Mar. 2013 - July 2017 Senior Cultural Heritage Management specialist for **HYDEA srl**, in the framework of the *World Bank-financed* “Shandong Confucius and Mencius Cultural Heritage Conservation Project”, in QUFU and ZOUCHENG, Shandong Province, China.
- Jan. 2016 - June 2017 **AHAD, Architectural Heritage and Antiquities Department,** Dubai Municipality. Follow-up of “*Khor Dubai, a Traditional Merchants’ Harbour*” nomination for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Emirate of DUBAI, United Arab Emirates.
- Dec. 2015 - Jan. 2016 **Municipality of Bagnoregio,** Italy. Assessment of the World Heritage potential and elaboration of the National Tentative List File, CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO, Italy (submitted in 01/2016).
- Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2016 **AHAD, Architectural Heritage and Antiquities Department,** Dubai Municipality. Support to the Nomination Document for the inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List of “*Khor Dubai, a Traditional Merchants’ Harbour*”, Emirate of DUBAI, United Arab Emirates.
- May - December 2015 **SCTH.** Realisation of the “State of Conservation” (SOC) Report of “*Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah*” world heritage site, JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (submitted in 12/2015).
- Mar. - Apr. 2015 **Forte Di Bard association,** Italy. Assessment of the heritage potential of Bard Fortress in view of the elaboration of the Tentative List file for UNESCO, AOSTE REGION, Italy.
- Feb. 2013 - Aug. 2014 **Welfare Association.** Tutor in the “Introductory Course on Conservation of Historic Buildings” for Palestinian architects, NABLUS, Palestine.
- Mar. 2012 - June 2014 **AHD,** Dubai Municipality. Preparation of the Management Plan for “*Khor Dubai*”, candidate site to UNESCO World Heritage Dubai Municipality, Emirate of DUBAI, United Arab Emirates.
- April 2014 **Government of Sharjah, Department of Culture:** Assessment of the heritage potential of the *Heart of Sharjah* in view of its nomination on the World Heritage List, SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates.
- Jan. - Feb. 2014 **AECOM Arabia & Jeddah Municipality,** guidelines for the Urban Regulation of the historic centre of Jeddah (al-Balad), JEDDAH, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Mar. 2013 - Feb. 2014 **SCTH.** Preparation of the Action Plan of “*Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah*”, JEDDAH, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

March - April 2013	AKTC, Aga Khan Trust for Culture , Kabul Office. Assessment mission of the AKTC Babur's Garden restoration and revitalization project in view of its nomination on the World Heritage List, KABUL, Afghanistan.
Jan. - Feb. 2013	CRT, Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France . Assessment mission / report on the tourist, architectural and urban heritage potentials of the old city of ANTANANARIVO, "Haute Ville", Madagascar.
June 2012 - Feb. 2013	Consultant for Planeth . Assessment of the French Ministry of Foreign & European Affairs' development project "Patrimoine Angkorien et développement durable", ANGKOR, Cambodia.
May 2012 - Jan. 2013	SCTA, Saudi Commission for Tourism & Antiquities . Preparation of the Nomination Document for the inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List of " <i>Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah</i> ", Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Listed in 2014).
October 2012	CRT, Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France . Assessment mission on the tourist potential, and the architectural and urban heritage of the city of YEREVAN, Armenia.
October 2012	Consultant for Hydea srl & Euromed Heritage IV . Seminar on the preparation of Management Plans for the Moroccan Medinas, RABAT, Morocco.
April - June 2012	CRT IdF, Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France & IMV Institut des Métiers de la ville in Hanoi, Vietnam: Assessment mission to review the projects and VIAP master plans for the citadels of Co Loa & Thang Long, HANOI; Assessment of the heritage conservation measures and guidelines for a tourist master plan in DUONG LAM village.
May 2011 - Dec. 2012	QIAH, Qatar Islamic Archaeology & Heritage Project , University of Copenhagen, on " <i>Al Zubarah Archaeological Site</i> ", Qatar. Definition of the conservation guidelines and collaboration to the elaboration of the <i>2012 Al-Zubarah Conservation Handbook</i> .
October 2011	AHD, Dubai Municipality . Assessment of the World Heritage potential, and draft of the UNESCO Tentative List of " <i>Khor Dubai, Dubai Creek</i> ", DUBAI, United Arab Emirates.
September 2011	AWHF, African World Heritage Fund . Phase 2: Follow-up of the elaboration of World Heritage Nomination Files of Arabic-speaking African countries.
May - June 2011	CRT, Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France . Preliminary assessment mission to launch the new regional international cooperation programme for the period 2011-2014, Vietnam.
Sept. 2010 - Mar. 2011	UNESCO Iraq Office & the HCECR, High Commission for Erbil Citadel Revitalization . Preparation of a two-year training programme aiming at enhancing the HCECR capacities in the fields of conservation and management, ERBIL, Kurdistan Region, Iraq.
Feb. 2008 - Feb. 2011	ICCROM, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation & Restoration of Cultural Property and Welfare Association . Development of the scientific programme of the IPAHJ, " <i>Institute for the Preservation of the Architectural Heritage in Jerusalem</i> ". Tutor in training courses in conservation in 2008, 2009, 2010, ROME & JERUSALEM.
January 2011	QIAH, Qatar Islamic Archaeology & Heritage Project , University of Copenhagen and QMA, Qatar Museums Authority . Finalization of the Nomination Document for the inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List of " <i>Al-Zubarah Archaeological Site</i> ", Qatar.
December 2010	AWHF, African World Heritage Fund . Phase 1: preparer, coordinator and tutor of the World Heritage Nomination Training Course for Arabic-speaking African countries organized jointly with the Algerian Ministry of Culture, ALGIERS, Algeria.
Feb. 2009 - Dec. 2010	Convention France / UNESCO . Preparation of the Management Plan for " <i>Les villages antiques du Nord de la Syrie</i> ", Syrian Arab Republic.
June 2010	Welfare Association . Tutor in the "Introductory Course on Conservation of Historic Buildings" for Palestinian architects, Ramallah, Palestinian Autonomous Territory.
June 2010	National Heritage Department of Malaysia. Tutor in a seminar for the training of the team in charge of the preparation of the Nomination File for the prehistoric site of " <i>Lenggong Archaeological Valley</i> " in the PERAK State, Malaysia (listed in 2012).
Nov. 2009 - Jan. 2010	CRT IdF, Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France . Preparation of the " <i>Plan d'aménagement des secteurs Nord et Sud de la Citadelle Royale de Thang Long/Hanoi</i> ", Vietnam. Technical Assistance in the framework of a regional international cooperation programme with Hanoi People Committee, HANOI, Vietnam.

June 2007 - Jan. 2010	Convention France /UNESCO. Team coordinator in charge of the preparation of the Nomination Document in view of the inscription on the World Heritage List of the site of “ <i>Les villages antiques du Nord de la Syrie</i> ”, Syrian Arab Republic (inscribed on the WHL in 2010).
December 2009	UNESCO /Kabul Regional Office. Assessment Report about the city of HERAT, Afghanistan, in view of its inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
Mar. - Sept. 2009	UNESCO /Beijing Regional Office. Assistance to the Mongolian Authorities for the reconstruction project of the <i>Tsogchin</i> praying hall in the <i>Erdene Zuu Temple</i> (Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape), in KHARKHORIN, Mongolia.
Jan. - Sept. 2009	Consultant for Public & Culture /Planeth Group. <i>Communauté de Communes de Rahin et Chéhimont</i> : preparation of the “Site Management Plan for the Ronchamp Chapel”, in the framework of the nomination of Le Corbusier’s work on the World Heritage List (listed in 2017).
Nov. 2007 - Jan. 2009	SCTA. Preparation of the Management Plan and Nomination Document for the inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List of the site of “ <i>at-Turaif District in ad-Dir’iyah</i> ”, Saudi Arabia.
Nov. 2007 - Dec. 2008	CRT, Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France. Preparation of the “Management Plan of Thang Long/Hanoi Citadel” in HANOI, Vietnam (Volume 2 of the World Heritage Nomination).
June - Sept. 2008	Ile-de-France Region and IMV Institute in Hanoi. Development scheme for the central area of the Citadel of HANOI, Vietnam.
Nov. 2007 - Sept. 2008	SCTA. Team coordinator for the preparation of the “Management Plan of the Old City of Jeddah” (with J-L Luxen, W. Desimpelaere, C. Graz).
May 2007 - June 2008	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France and the INP, Institut National du Patrimoine of Tunisia. Elaboration of the “Preservation and Enhancement Plan” and of the “Action Plan” for the archaeological site of DOUGGA (inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List).
June 2007 - Jan. 2008	SCTA (Saudi Arabia). Preparation of the Management Plan of “ <i>Al-Hijr Archaeological Site (Mada’in Sâlih)</i> ”, inscribed on the World Heritage List in July 2008.
Sept. - Dec. 2007	Comité Régional du Tourisme Paris Ile-de-France (regional international cooperation with Hanoi People’s Committee). Preliminary assessment mission in view of the preparation of the Nomination Document for the inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List of the site of “ <i>The Citadel of Thang Long / Hanoi</i> ”, Vietnam.
Feb. 2006 - Sept. 2007	AKTC, Aga Khan Trust for Culture. Preparation of the management plan of the citadels of ALEPPO, MISIAF and SALAH AL-DIN in Syria.
Nov. 2006 - Jan. 2007	SCTA (Saudi Arabia). Elaboration of the Nomination Document for the inscription of the Nabataean site of <i>al-Hijr Archaeological Site (Mada’in Sâlih)</i> on UNESCO World Heritage List (first Saudi site to be listed in 2008).

PUBLICATIONS / CONFERENCES

- RICCA, S., 2018, “Urban Heritage in the Arabian Peninsula: The Experiences of Jeddah and Dubai”, in *BUILT HERITAGE, No.3 Volume 2 (2018)*.
- RICCA, S., 2015, “La citadelle de Thang-Long Hanoi : patrimoine et identité nationale”, dans *Rénover, Réutiliser, Reconvertir le patrimoine*, pp.215-224, Actes du Colloque régional, 15-16 septembre 2014, Somogy éd., Paris, 2015.
- RICCA, S. - SOBOTT, R. - KINZEL, M. - HOFMANN, P., 2013, *Conservation Handbook Al Zubarah Archaeological Site*. (1st Ed.) Copenhagen, Doha: Institut for Tværkulturelle og Regionale Studier.
- RICCA, S., 2011, “Conservation, politique et patrimoine mondial au Moyen-Orient, le cas des villages antiques du nord de la Syrie”, in J.-C. DAVID, S. MÜLLER-CELKA, *Patrimoines culturels en Méditerranée orientale : recherche scientifique et enjeux identitaires*. 4th workshop (November 25, 2010), Maison de l’Orient et de la Méditerranée, Lyon, 2010.
- RICCA, S., 2010, “Heritage, Nationalism and the Shifting Symbolism of the Wailing Wall - updated version”, *Archives des sciences sociales des religions*, n° 151, Sept-July, pp.169-188.
- KEENAN, B., 2007, “The Ardent Archaeologist”, *World of Interiors*, November 2007, pp.128-135. Article presenting the restoration of the Maison Montluçon in Damascus (2004-05).
- RICCA, S., 2007, *Reinventing Jerusalem: the Israeli reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter*, IB Tauris Publishing, London.

- RICCA, S., 2006, "The reconstruction of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter, An Example of Politically-driven Heritage Planning", in FAWAZ, M., (ed.), *Urban Heritage and the Politics of the Present*, 'City Debates 2005', AUB American University of Beirut, Lebanon, pp.98-108.
- RICCA, S., 2005, "Heritage, Nationalism and the Shifting Symbolism of the Wailing Wall", in *Jerusalem Quarterly File*, n° 24, Jerusalem, pp.39-57.
- RICCA, S., 2005, "Politics, Ideology and Urban Conservation in the Palestinian Autonomous Territories (1996-2000)", in MANISCALCO, F., *Restauro in Palestina*, coll. "Mediterraneum", Vol. V, Massa Editore, pp.47-61.
- RICCA, S., 2003, "Constructing History in Jerusalem's Old City", in *Turath*, issue 7, May, p.8.
- RICCA, S., 1999, "Architectural Survey of the Temple of Nechung", in RICCA, F., *Il tempio oracolare di gNas-Chun*, Edizioni dell'Orso, CESMEO, Torino.
- RICCA, S., 1993, "Architectural Survey of the Kumbum of Gyantse", in RICCA, F. - LO BUE, E., *The Great Stupa of Gyantse*, Serindia Publications, London.

PROJECTS PRIOR THE CREATION OF RCHERITAGE

June - July 2006	Consultant for Prunet Architecture & Urbanisme (Paris, France). MAILLEZAIS Cathedral in Vendée region, France: Consolidation project, Technical and Architectural plans (P.A.T.) 2006.
May - July 2006	Consultant for UNESCO / Morocco Regional Office . Preparation of guidelines and specifications for the conservation and valorization of the site of CHELLAH in Rabat (with G. Clément, V. Patin & S. Besson).
January 2006	Consultant for the WMF, World Monuments Fund . Organization of a scientific workshop for the management of the Phoenician site of Amrit, in TARTOUS, Syria (in collaboration with UNESCO and the Syrian Antiquities Department – DGAM).
Oct. 2005 / Jan. 2006	Consultant for UNESCO . Analysis of UNESCO activities in Jerusalem since 1967, drafting of the "Introduction" of a UNESCO publication of JERUSALEM.
Oct. - Dec. 2005	Consultant for the AKTC . Elaboration of the guidelines for the management plan of the citadels of ALEPPO, MISIAF and SALAH AL-DIN in Syria.
Jan. - July 2005	Consultant for the DGAM, Syrian Department of Antiquities , Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Culture.
Feb. 2004 / Apr. 2005	Restoration of Jacques Montluçon's House , an 18 th century traditional damascene mansion. Design and direction of the site work, DAMASCUS, Syria.
Dec. 2003 / Jan. 2005	Consultant for UNESCO / World Heritage Centre . Team coordinator in charge of the preparation of the World Heritage List nomination file for the <i>Crac des Chevaliers and Salah al-Din fortress</i> (inscribed on the WHL in 2006).
June - July 2003	Consultant for UNESCO / World Heritage Centre . Missions in Syria to assess the conservation needs of the World Heritage listed Syrian sites.
Aug. - Sept. 2000	Consultant for UNESCO . Transformation of the "Hosh Syrian house", in Bethlehem, into a children library; supervision of the design and restoration project.
Aug. 1999 / July 2000	Technical Advisor for the Jerusalem Revitalization Plan, Welfare association - CDC , EAST JERUSALEM.
June - July 1999	Consultant for Nino Engineering , Ramallah. Holy Sepulcher in JERUSALEM, cleaning of the central <i>rotonda</i> .
April - June 1999	Consultant for CCC, Consolidated Contractor Company , Amman, Jordan. Feasibility study for the restoration of eight historic buildings (including St-James cathedral) within the Armenian Compound in the Old City of JERUSALEM.
Jan. 1998 / Jan. 1999	Architect-restorer within the RIWAQ, Center for Architectural Conservation , RAMALLAH, Palestinian Autonomous Territories.
Jan. 1996 / Dec. 1997	Architect-restorer within the Prunet Architecture & Urbanisme office in PARIS, France.