

6. Task Group: Collecting, compiling, cataloging and sharing Heritage Stereo views

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- 1.a - ensuring 'information dissemination',
- 1.f - involving the private sector and outside organizations, and
- 4.c - encouraging the development of software

Target Audience

Professional of all trades, involved in conservation research, analysis of historic photographs and information sharing, and conservationists at large interested in collecting and gaining stereo-photographs.

Purpose and Objectives

One of the main purposes of this task group is to create alliances with those that collect high quality stereo images, and to make them available on the web to those involved in heritage conservation activities. Some of the objectives are:

- To group the images by conservation related subjects
- To improve heritage recording and documentation
- To design the web site to view the images using the web, and
- To eventually provide low-cost software to extract metric information from the stereo images

Deliverables

The following image is an example of the stereo-pairs posted on this task group's web site at (<http://3dsite.icomos.org>). They are meant to be viewed in stereo, by any conservation professional that purchases, e.g., an amateur stereoscope, which cost around \$10. This site should soon be enhanced to allow low-level stereo-photogrammetric applications such as extracting measurements from the historic stereo views. It should be mentioned that this group is currently negotiating access to potentially 350,000 stereo pairs dating between 1892-1963.

Using existing Heritage stereo views for, e.g. Relief enhancement:



For additional information on this Task Group's plan of action and deliverables, see its web page at: http://extranet.getty.edu/qci/recordim/hub_sub.html#7.

Seeking Help / Input / Participation / Cooperation

All users and providers of stereo-views are invited to communicate with Walter Schuhr (schuhr3d@hotmail.com) to provide this group with the access to additional heritage stereo images. Organizations that are interested in making use of such information are invited to assist by providing human or financial resources to these groups so as to cover for web site operations, cataloging of images, and long-term maintenance of the site collection.