

Small Settlements in India – Call for Case Studies

The ITRHD (**Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development**) based in Delhi, India, invites experts and scholars in related field to submit case studies and good practices on sustainable development of small settlements in India.

The project, included in the framework of the UNESCO discussion on the role of Culture for Sustainable Development, has the objective to describe the current situation of the research on sustainable development of Small Settlements in India.

A publication with selected case studies will be prepared by ITRHD and it will be presented at an International Conference held in Delhi in November 2018.

The aims of the **publication** are: identifying case studies, problems and good practices; improving understanding of planning policies on small settlements and their surrounding regional contexts; raising awareness about the soft and hard heritage of small settlements and their cultural role in the sustainable development of their landscape and regional environment.

The **conference** is going to showcase the state of the art on Indian villages and place the Indian villages in the International context, through a lively comparison with other small settlements realities around the world.

Submissions requirements:

We consider case studies on planning, heritage and conservation, management and design projects conducted in Indian Small Settlements, Rural and Urban Villages.

Submission should include:

1. Abstract (around 500 words in English): title, author(s) names, affiliations, contact information, description of the case studies (to facilitate the selection process, the description should include: administrative area of the settlement, population size, occupational characteristics of the population, status of civic services available in the settlement, project, experience, relevant heritage aspects, considerations - around 3000 words), 5 keywords.
2. Supporting Material: map of the village and its surroundings (linear scale and spatial coordinates should be included), 2 to 4 photographs, supplementary material (max 3 images) that may help the reviewing committee to understand why this work is of interest (e.g., drawings, diagrams, sketches). A list of the auxiliary documents should be included.

The submission should be sent as a single file (word or pdf) not exceeding 1mb to: **itrhd.pilar.guerrieri@gmail.com** before the **31st of January 2018**.

Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection within 2 weeks. Authors of accepted submissions will receive instructions on how to prepare and submit the publication-ready version. **Final deadline is 31st of April 2018**.

Target groups:

Members of research institutes, universities, government, engineers, architects, historical building preservation institutions, construction units, engineering companies, enterprises and associations.

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