

The League of Historical Cities

Previous and Upcoming World Conferences of Historical Cities

Host City	Year	Theme
① Kyoto (Japan)	1987	Historical Cities in the 21 st Century: Radition and Creativity
② Florence (Italy)	1988	Historical Cities in the Future of Mankind
③ Barcelona (Spain)	1991	The Memories of and Futures of Cities
④ Kyoto (Japan)	1994	In Quest of the Wisdom of Historical Cities
⑤ Xi'an (China)	1996	Revival of Historical Cities
⑥ Kraków (Poland)	1998	Heritage and Development of Historical Cities
⑦ Montpellier (France)	2000	History of Value
⑧ Montreal (Canada)	2003	Conserving and Developing: How? With? Whom? Why?
⑨ Gyeongju (Korea)	2005	Today and Tomorrow of the Historical Cities: Preservation and Restoration of the Historical Cities
⑩ Ballarat (Australia)	2006	Sustainable Historical Cities: Economics, Preservation and Visions for the Future
⑪ Konya (Turkey)	2008	Living Cultural Heritage in Historical Cities
⑫ Nara (Japan)	2010	Succession of Historical City with Creative Revitalization
⑬ Hue (Vietnam)	2012	Defining Universal Heritage Challenges and Solutions
⑭ Yangzhou (China)	2014	Historical Cities: Ancient Culture Integrated into Modern Civilization
⑮ Bad Ischl (Austria)	2016	Smart, Innovative, Creative Historical Cities of the Future
⑯ Bursa (Turkey)	2018	The Impact of Globalization on Culture and Way of Living
⑰ Kazan (Russia)	2021	Historical and Cultural heritage as the Basis of National and Regional Identity



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Outline of the LHC

Aims

Our purpose in forming this League is to contribute to the realization of eternal world peace so desired for the future of mankind by all people everywhere; an organization which will deepen mutual understanding by transcending national boundaries and building on the common foundation of historical cities to strengthen affiliations between cities. Our aim is to make use of this coming together of cities for the World Conference of Historical Cities in order to also establish a forum enabling further exchange between the participating cities; not only for the period during the conferences, but on an ordinary, everyday basis as well; and not merely with respect to issues such as government, citizens' lifestyles, and so forth. The League also aims to contribute to the further development of each historical city.

Background

The City of Kyoto proposed and held the first World Conference of Historical Cities with 26 cities as participants in 1987. The World Conference of Historical Cities Council was established at that time to oversee the regular staging of conferences. The Secretariat of this council was settled in Kyoto and the Mayor of Kyoto city served as the President.

After the second Conference in Florence in 1988, and the third in Barcelona and Girona in 1991, the 4th World Conference of Historical Cities was hosted again in Kyoto in 1994. On the occasion of this Conference, the existing council was dissolved and replaced by the League of Historical Cities with the unanimous approval of all participants in order to achieve the abovementioned aims.

Principal Officers (As of December, 2020)

Chairperson	Kyoto (Japan)
Vice-Chairpersons	Konya (Turkey) Xi'an (China)
Directors	Bad Ischl (Austria) Ballarat (Australia) Gyeongju (South Korea) Ljubljana (Slovenia) Shiraz (Iran)
Auditor	Kanazawa (Japan)

● North America (3)

Boston (USA),
Montreal (Canada),
Quebec (Canada)

● Latin America (5)

Cartagena (Colombia),
Cuenca (Ecuador),
Cusco (Peru),
Guadalajara (Mexico),
Mexico City (Mexico)

● Middle East (17)

Ankara (Turkey),
Baghdad (Iraq),
Bursa (Turkey),
Hebron (Palestine),
Isfahan (Iran),
Istanbul (Turkey),
Jerusalem (Israel),
Kashan (Iran),
Kong (Iran),
Konya (Turkey),
Nayshabur (Iran),
Osmangazi (Turkey),
Şanlıurfa (Turkey),
Semnan (Iran),
Shiraz (Iran),
Tabriz (Iran),
Yazd (Iran)

● Africa (7)

Accra (Ghana),
Alexandria (Egypt),
Algiers (Algeria),
Fes (Morocco),
Giza (Egypt),
Luxor (Egypt),
Tunis (Tunisia)

Member Cities

121 cities from 66 countries and regions (As of December, 2020)

● Asia (31)

Andong (South Korea), Buyeo (South Korea), Chengdu (China),
Chiang Mai (Thailand), Dujiangyan (China), Gongju (South Korea),
Gyeongju (South Korea), Hanoi (Viet Nam), Hue (Viet Nam),
Kaesong (North Korea), Kamakura (Japan), Kanazawa (Japan),
Kathmandu (Nepal), Kurunegala (Sri Lanka), Kyoto (Japan),
Lahore (Pakistan), Naha (Japan), Nanjing (China), Nara (Japan),
Suwon (South Korea), Taichung (Chinese Taipei), Tainan (Chinese Taipei),
Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), Varanasi (India), Vigan (Philippines), Wuxi (China),
Xi'an (China), Yangon (Myanmar), Yangzhou (China),
Yogyakarta (Indonesia), Zhengzhou (China)

● Europe (54)

Alba Iulia (Romania), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Athens (Greece),
Bad Ischl (Austria), Barcelona (Spain), Bordeaux (France),
Bratislava (Slovakia), Brussels (Belgium), Budapest (Hungary),
Chernivtsi (Ukraine), Cologne (Germany), Constanța (Romania),
Córdoba (Spain), Dijon (France), Dublin (Ireland), Edinburgh (UK),
Florence (Italy), Geneva (Switzerland), The Hague (Netherlands),
Helsingborg (Sweden), Iași (Romania), Izhevsk (Russian Federation),
Kazan (Russian Federation), Klaipeda (Lithuania), Kraków (Poland),
Kutaisi (Georgia), Kyiv (Ukraine), Lisbon (Portugal), Ljubljana (Slovenia),
Lutsk (Ukraine), Lviv (Ukraine), Minsk (Belarus), Montpellier (France),
Mtskheta (Georgia), Nicosia (Cyprus), Niš (Serbia), Norwich (UK),
Odesa (Ukraine), Paris (France), Prague (Czechia), Riga (Latvia),
Rome (Italy), Santiago de Compostela (Spain),
Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Sheki (Azerbaijan),
South East Region of Malta (Malta), Strasbourg (France),
Syzran (Russian Federation), Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Termez (Uzbekistan),
Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria), Venice (Italy), Vienna (Austria), Zagreb (Croatia)

● Pacific (4)

Ballarat (Australia), Melbourne (Australia),
Norwood Payneham and St Peters (Australia), Whanganui (New Zealand)

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