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Conference: 27 International Symposium **CIPA**

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Venue: Ávila, Spain

Type of attendance: **Oral** presentation

Paper article: *Heritage at risk in brazil: what lessons can we learn from the regeneration of royal arsenal, east London?*

Coming from a third world country, where we are still trying to figure out what to preserve and how to do it, to be in a conference discussing about digital documentation and preservation was as an amazing experience. I was the only researcher from Brazil presenting a paper at the conference, with people from over 30 countries. The conference has surly made me improve my knowledge about the building preservation.

The paper I have presented was about my PHD research, where I am comparing the adaptive reuse in Brazil with best practices in the UK. For my research, it is very important to be in contact to researched from other counties, specially from Europa where the culture of heritage preservation is well more consolidated then in Brazil. There were many interesting papers, not only about documentation, which was the main topic of the conference, but also about many other issues concerning heritage preservation.

I was really impressed about all the new technology for the documentation of heritage. In Brazil we do not have most of the technology showcased in the event. We have a huge problem when it comes to documenting the past. For instance, we only have one laser scanning in Brazil and it still costa a lot of money, which makes it unfeasible to laser scan a building. Because of that, we still do the traditional measurement survey, which is not very accurate.

The conference, apart from the sessions and keynote speakers, which were really good, had many social events that allowed the researchers to interact and exchange experience about our researches. Avila is an amazing city and the guided tours where one of the highlights of the conference.

This was my first CIPA conference and I look forward for the next. I could only attend thanks to the grand I have received from ISPRS Foundation. Being able to attend an international event in Europa, for someone from Brazil, is really difficult and I was very happy that ISPRS cares about spreading knowledge to researchers all over the world.

Regards,



Rafaela Simonato Citron

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