

The Virgin Islands Consortium

International Association For Caribbean Archaeology Conference Coming To St. Croix In 2017

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ST. CROIX -- The St. Croix Archaeological Society and the St. Croix units of the National Park Service will host the 27th biennial Congress of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology in July 2017, according to a press release issued on Thursday.

The location was confirmed when the members and Board of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology (IACA) met in St. Maarten and accepted the invitation that had been extended to them in 2013. The 2013 Congress was held in San Juan and the 2015 Congress took place on July 19 in St. Maarten.

The biennial Congress brings together about 200 of the leading archaeologists from around the world who work in the Caribbean. A week is spent listening to over 100 papers and visiting sites. While not in session, the Congress discusses what matters in archaeology of the Caribbean. The topics include: pre-Columbian peoples of the Caribbean; the Africa diaspora; the workers in all jobs in the Caribbean; standing structures, forts, villages, industry; and homes of everyone.

During Congress events, the DNA of the people of the Caribbean is often discussed along with their complex waves and intermingling.

The Congress will take place at the Divi Carina Bay Resort starting Sunday 24 July 2017, through the following weekend. Trips will be taken to many sites here, and a possible post-Congress trip to St. John is being weighed.

The groups are currently raising funds to see the first IACA conference in the territory become a success.

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