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CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT

NAME OF PRESENTER:	MILAGROS FLORES-ROMAN
TITLE OF PAPER:	<i>Case Study Climate Change in small Islands; Lessons learned from hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.</i>
THEME:	<i>Theme 1: Heritage at Risk – Climate Change and Disasters</i>
<p>PAPER ABSTRACT: On September 20th of 2017, at 6:15 in the morning Hurricane Maria made its entrance on the island of Puerto Rico, leaving in its wake the greatest natural disaster the island has known since 1932. Maria outperformed a Category 5 never reach by any previous hurricane hit the island before. Hurricane Maria left 100% of the island without electricity, 60% of people without water, 92.7% of the telecommunication towers dropped, Caused 1,000+ deaths, damages for 100,000 million dollars, 472,000 homes damaged or destroyed, 11,229 people in shelters, and the majority of the hospitals along the island without service. In less than 8 hours, Maria had caused damages never seen by Puerto Ricans in the last 80 years. The island receded 40 years in time.</p> <p>This presentation is about sharing <i>Case Study of Climate Change in small Islands. Lessons learned from hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico</i> as an opportunity to share among heritage professionals issues in heritage that are common to small islands regardless the region such as climate change, managing risks preparedness for cultural heritage and the role of heritage in building resilience.</p>	
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