











ICDAD & DEMHIST Annual Conference
Preliminary cultural program

1st day		
1.	Azerbaijan Carpet Museum (+ lunch)	<p>The Azerbaijan Carpet Museum was created under the Decree No. 130 dated March 13, 1967 of the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR. From 1967 to 1993, the museum was called the Azerbaijan State Museum of Carpet and Folk Applied Arts, from 1993 to 2014 - State Museum of Carpet and Applied Arts named after Latif Karimov, from 2014 to the present time the Azerbaijan Carpet Museum. At the time of establishing, it was the only museum that was dedicated to the art of carpet weaving. The main purpose of the creation of the museum was to store, research, and demonstrate unique examples of the carpet weaving art, which are the Azerbaijan's national heritage.</p>
		 
2.	Historical and Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher"	<p>The Charter of the State Department of the Historical and Architectural Reserve of Icherisheher under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan was approved by a Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on May 16,</p>
		



		<p>2007 and the Department has been operating since that time. The Department was established with the aim to develop a unique management system, combining the functions and powers of central and local executive authorities in order to preserve and maintain the monuments located within Icherisheher and the entire architectural and urban complex for future generations. In December 2000, the Old City of Baku, including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and Maiden Tower, became the first location in Azerbaijan to be classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Baku Marionette Theatre (Opening reception)</p>	<p>The Marionette Theater is one of the theatrical art genres that are popular all around the world. Such theater tradition does not exist in many countries due to its complexity. The first performance in Azerbaijan using marionette puppets, was presented by director and artist, Tarlan Gorchu in the late 1980s. A special building in the Old City was allocated to the theatre in 2013.</p>	


2nd day

1.	National Museum of History of Azerbaijan (+ lunch)	The National Museum of History of Azerbaijan is the largest museum in Azerbaijan, located in Baku, in the former mansion of Azerbaijani oil magnate and philanthropist Haji Zeynalabdin Taghiyev. It was founded in 1920 and opened to visitor in 1921.	 
2.	National Art Museum of Azerbaijan	National Art Museum of Azerbaijan is the biggest art museum of Azerbaijan. It was founded in 1936 in Baku and in 1943 was named after Rustam Mustafayev, a prominent Azerbaijani scenic designer and theater artist. The museum consists of two buildings standing next to each other. The museum's total collection includes over 15,000 artworks. There are over 3,000 items in 60 rooms on permanent display. About 12,000 items are kept in storage. The museum changes the exhibits periodically so that more of these artworks can be displayed temporarily.	 

3.	<p>House-Museum of Nariman Narimanov</p>	<p>The House-Museum of Nariman Narimanov was opened in Baku, Azerbaijan, on November 6, 1977. Nariman Narimanov lived in the apartment together with his family during 1913–1918. The exhibition area of the museum consists of four rooms: dining room, doctor's cabinet, guest and bedroom. Exhibits in these rooms present Nariman Narimanov's activity as public-political, literary, enlightenment, medicine, publicist, diplomat, and statesman.</p>	
4.	<p>CHELEBI showroom</p>	<p>Chelebi is one of the famous design of Karabakh carpet school, one of the 7 carpet schools in Azerbaijan. It derives its name from a mountainous and scenic village in Karabakh region, north-west of the country, renowned for its elaborately decorated carpets. The idea of the company came from the installation of the artist Farid Rasulov. The installation “Chelebi Carpet Room” was shown during 55th Venice Biennale of contemporary art where Farid Rasulov represented Azerbaijan Pavillion. Chelebi Room is the area of coexistence of West and East, a peaceful experience of arithmetic beauty.</p>	

3rd day

1.	House-Museum of Niyazi	<p>The house-museum of Niyazi is a memorial museum dedicated to the Azerbaijani conductor and composer, People's Artist of the USSR, Niyazi. Maestro Niyazi has lived and worked in this apartment since 1958 until the end of his life. The House-Museum of Niyazi was established by order of the Ministry of Culture of Azerbaijan on December 28, 1990. The museum was inaugurated on September 18, 1994.</p>	
2.	Memorial museum of Bulbul and musical performance (+lunch)	<p>Memorial museum of Bulbul - The founder of the well-known Azerbaijan professional vocal art, the People's Artist of the USSR, the winner of the Stalin Prize, public figure, Professor Bulbul's Memorial Museum consists of a complex reflecting the life and activity of the dwelling house.</p>	

3.	<p>House museum of Nobel brothers</p> <p>(+ farewell party)</p>	<p>Villa Petrolea is a historical district located in the Keshla municipality of Baku, Azerbaijan. Built by the Petroleum Production Company Nobel Brothers (also known as Branobel) in 1882, it served to accommodate workers of the company. It currently functions as a museum of the Nobel brothers in addition to housing a number of offices and businesses.</p> <p>After the reconstruction, Villa Petrolea has been housing the Baku Nobel Oil Club, the International Conference Hall and the Nobel Brothers Museum, the first Nobel museum outside Sweden. The museum contains possessions of the Nobel family. Even though the interior of the mansion is not completely the same as it was prior to the departure of the family from Baku, some elements, such as fireplaces, were very precisely recreated.</p>	
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4. Option:
farewell party
at **Mugam Club**

"Mugam Club" is located in the Baku fortress of Icherisheher, and the building itself, built in the 17th century, makes every guest feel the atmosphere of the distant past and absorb a wonderful aura. There are performances of the theater "Mugam", and in the free time from performances there is a restaurant. In this restaurant you will be enchanted by the amazing sounds of mugham, the photographs of the city life of old Baku surrounding you, the smells of national cuisine.

