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The 3rd International Conference on Defence Sites: Heritage and Future will be reconvened in 2016 in Alicante following the success of the previous meetings held in Portsmouth, UK in 2012 and the Arsenale di Venezia, Italy in 2014. The conference series launched by the Wessex Institute is co-organised on this occasion by the University of Alicante, Spain.

Redundant defence sites offer a range of opportunities to planners, architects and local communities to redevelop large areas, bringing new life to often neglected parts of towns. The opportunities are common to many countries and the papers to be presented at the conference will stress this common feature and help to share experiences of the transformation of defence sites to civilian uses around the world.

The conference objective is to raise the knowledge of the scale, design and functions of defence sites. It brings a better understanding of the issues raised by their redundancy and the implications of different disposal processes for the land.

The re-use of defence sites also raises questions regarding the need to recover brownfields and contaminated land which can have far-reaching legal responsibilities and environmental consequences.

Another aim of the conference is to discuss the need to achieve sustainable development which involves issues related to maintenance and conservation, as well as built and natural environmental controls, while responding to the needs and aspirations of the community.

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Conference Proceedings Delegates will have the choice of receiving the conference book as either hard cover or digital format on a USB flash drive. The USB flash drive will, in addition, contain papers from previous conferences in this series.

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Journal Papers After the conference, presenters at Defence Heritage 2016 will be invited to submit an enhanced version of their research for possible publication in one of the International Scientific Journals published by the Wessex Institute.

Reviews Abstracts and papers are reviewed by members of the International Advisory Committee and other experts.

Networking Participants can present their research and interact with experts from around the world, becoming part of a unique community.

Reduced Fee for PhD Students The Wessex Institute believes in the importance of encouraging PhD students to present and publish innovative research at their conferences. As a result, the Institute offers PhD students a much reduced conference fee.

Conference Topics
The following list covers some of the topics to be presented at Defence Heritage 2016. Papers on other subjects related to the objectives of the conference are also welcome.

- Military heritage history
- Castles and fortresses
- Fortified cities
- Case studies
- Transition from military to civilian life
- Community involvement
- Economic analysis
- Risk assessment
- Simulation and modelling
- Funding and legal requirements
- Military engineering in the modern age
- Conservation and restoration
- Transition from military to civilian uses
- Fortified heritage, culture, tourism & education

Citations When referencing papers presented at this conference please ensure that your citations refer to Volume 158 of WIT Transactions on the Built Environment as this is the manner in which papers appear in the indexing services.
**Location**

Located on the east coast of Spain and a part of the Costa Blanca, Alicante is a city which combines history with a lively coastline and beaches. The popular Postiguet beach and excellent climate attract many tourists every year; however the city has much more to offer with an old centre containing historic churches, art and archaeological museums, and traditional narrow shopping streets with many bars, restaurants and cafes. Close to the old town, the dramatic Castillo de Santa Barbara offers excellent views of the city and coastline from its elevated position, and is one of the Spain’s largest medieval fortresses. The city also plays host to many varied events and fiestas throughout the year.

**Conference Venue**

The conference will take place in a historic building located in the centre of Alicante’s old town, and part of the University of Alicante. Fully restored in recent years, the building is an excellent example of traditional Spanish architecture and is presently used to host events and university activities.

**Submission Information**

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible.

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. Final acceptance will be based on the full-length paper, which if accepted for publication must be presented at the conference.

The language of the conference will be English.

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