
 **EDITORIAL**

Dear colleagues:

In this number we have the contribution of our colleague Kirsti Kovanen who had been in Edinburgh ICOMOS Advisory Committee and Scientific Council meetings and had made an interesting report. Also we have included some announcements of next events.

I want to remind you that the next CIAV Conference it is very close, starting on November 6 in Patzcuaro, Michoacan, Mexico. We have been working hard to present a good and interesting conference. There are many participants with attractive papers presentation and the visits to other places are arranged to give you the opportunity to study and learn, but also to enjoy different experiences.

Many of you have been inscribed but if somebody is not yet registered and would like to come, please do it now. For any doubts please write me: valeriaprieto@hotmail.com

And do not forget to write a few lines of any subject of your interest for our next Newsletter.

Truly yours,

Valeria Prieto

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ICOMOS Advisory Committee and Scientific Council met in September in Edinburgh, Scotland, discussing the state of the resolutions of the general assembly held in Xian last year, and the future paths of actions in ICOMOS. One day was devoted to the working on the issues of the scientific committees and the scientific council.

The advisory committee elected John Hurd, the chairman of the ISC on earthen architecture, a new president for the 3-year period of 2006-08, and Dosso Sindou, the chairman of the Ivory Coast national committee, a vice president.

During this year Gustavo Araoz from U.S. has made two large enquiries to all international and national committees on their organisation and their future activities. The result shows a diversity of professionals and fields of conservation work. The meeting decided to establish four task forces that will deal with 1) the structure of the committees and of the membership, 2) the co-operation between the committees, both regionally and 3) between the ISC's and national committees, and 4) the involvement of national committees in the World Heritage work will be brainstormed as well. Also other directions that would open new co-operation for ICOMOS, for ex. with the responsible ICOM committees, were discussed.

Three coordinators were elected to represent the Scientific Council in the Executive committee and to work as a liaison between the 28 ISC's: Pamela Jerome, ISC on earthen architecture, Michal Firestone, ISC on historic towns and villages, and Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, ISC on cultural routes. The council agreed on a theme for the next 3 years' scientific work: global climate change and its impact in the field of cultural heritage. The topic will be approached in conferences.

Many ISC's are either changing their statutes or in the phase of writing new statutes this year and discussing especially their membership issues. In order to create a common frame work, the committee on legal issues ICLAFI is studying the Eger-Xian principles and the statutes of the ISC's and will finalize a frame work and model statutes for the reorganisation of the committees by the end of this year. The extending of the membership will also get a standard by defining the minimum requirements for the expertise of the members. The final requirements that will be included in the statutes will depend on the committees' decisions.

More and more of the paper work that is done in the meetings and in the committees will be found in the web, sooner or later, like the reports of these meetings or the new data base that is being built and has reached the phase of testing in 3 committees.

For one day, after a row of meetings in the heart of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage site, the participants fled out into the country to see the Antonine Wall, the Scottish part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire.

Kirsti Kovanen



ICOMOS ISCEA (*International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage*)

Invitation for Membership

July 2006

In accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles adopted at the 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS, which took place in October 2005 in Xi'an, China, the International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH) is prepared to formally accept new applicants for membership. Information about the Committee, as well as criteria for membership follows:

Definition

ISCEAH is an international scientific committee within ICOMOS. Its focus is on earthen architectural heritage. For the purposes of ISCEAH, earthen architectural heritage is defined as the architectural, archaeological and cultural landscape heritage constructed of unfired clay-/soil-based materials.

Goals of ISCEAH

The goals of ISCEAH are a level of substantial activity and a broad membership ready to share experiences and contribute to the development of better practice and methods for the protection and conservation of the world's earthen architectural, archaeological and cultural landscape heritage. ISCEAH encourages the participation of those who play an important role in shaping, maintaining and conserving both the material and traditional knowledge (intangible heritage) of the earthen architectural, archaeological and cultural landscape heritage. Therefore, in addition to worldwide representation within ICOMOS, ISCEAH will permit master masons and earth crafts persons to participate on the Committee.

The objectives of the scientific program of ISCEAH are focused on the following broad themes:

- Theme 1: Conserving and studying the standing, and perhaps in use, architectural heritage (vernacular, historic, etc)
- Theme 2: Conserving and studying the earthen archaeological environment; this may also include standing structures
- Theme 3: Cooperating in the process of understanding the historic/traditional techniques of earthen structures through research into materiality, including its impact on new earthen construction
- Theme 4: Researching the contribution of earthen architectural heritage to cultural landscapes and its relation to the intangible heritage and living traditions
- Theme 5: Researching ancient/historic a-seismic techniques and using these in addition to current research to inform retrofitting of existing structures and appropriate new construction

Levels and Criteria for Membership

- **Structure:** The Structure of ISCEAH shall consist of a two-tier system composed of: a) a Board of Directors with an Executive Committee, and b) General Members, which in turn shall be composed of two categories: (1) Voting Members and (2) Non-Voting Members. The upper tier that consists of the Board and Executive Committee shall require a periodic change of membership with elections held every three years and maximum length of stay in office limited to three consecutive three-year terms.
- **Voting Members (VM):** Expert Members shall be Voting Members nominated from two categories of ICOMOS memberships: a) Expert Members nominated from the National Specialized Committees on Earthen Architectural Heritage (NSCEAH) and b) Expert Members nominated from the National Committees (NC). The selection of the Voting Members for ISCEAH shall be open to all members in the respective Committees and shall be representative of the members' respective nationalities.
 - Expert Members:
 - a. National Committees can propose nominees who will provide the liaison between the international and national activities in the field. However, ISCEAH shall adopt minimum criteria and a transparent and well-understood methodology to assess and verify the individual competence and expertise of applicants to encourage National Committees to nominate professionals and experts rather than solely political appointees.

- b. Nominees for ISCEAH shall also include members from each active NSCEAH.
 - c. Experts Members may be nominated by their National Committee, NSCEAH, be self-nominated, or directly invited by the ISC. National Committees will have the right to be represented by a minimum of one member.
 - d. There shall be an unlimited number of Expert Members who will have the right to vote and to participate in any aspect of the work of the committee.
- VM Qualifications: Qualifications for nomination to ISCEAH will comply with the ICOMOS Statutes (Article 6.a.1: "Individual Membership shall be open to any individual engaged in the conservation of monuments, groups of buildings and sites (as defined in Section II, article 3) as a member of the scientific, technical or administrative staff of national, regional or local monuments, fine arts or antiquities services, a decision-maker or a specialist engaged in the conservation, restoration, rehabilitation and enhancement of monuments, groups of buildings and sites, including, as appropriate, architects, town planners, historians, archaeologists, ethnologists, and archivists. Individual membership may be accorded in exceptional cases to other individuals interested in supporting the aims and objectives of ICOMOS...").
 - a. Voting Members are required to be members of ICOMOS in good standing.
 - b. The minimum professional and ethical qualifications are the following. University degrees, technical or philosophical diplomas, and apprenticeships (equivalent practical experience) will be acceptable as criteria for nomination. Above all, an ability to demonstrate an active interest in the conservation of earthen structures through active participation, publications, monographs or research is required.
 - c. Master masons and earth crafts persons wishing to be elected to the Committee at any level, but lacking qualifications such as degrees or other normally accepted standards referred to above, must demonstrate and present two examples of well-implemented conservation projects, be of good reputation and be recognized for conservation science or craft skills in their own field.
- VM Responsibilities: All Voting Members are an essential part of the electoral process of the Board and are expected to participate and remain active.
- **Non-Voting Members (NVM):** Non-Voting Members shall be elected from the following categories of members: a) Contributing Members and b) Honorary Members.
- Contributing Members:
 - a. Contributing Members shall consist of ICOMOS members who have demonstrated an interest in the field but are not yet considered international experts.
 - b. Contributing Members shall undergo an apprenticeship thereby enabling a new generation of practitioners to be trained.
 - c. Contributing members may be invited to participate in Committee meetings and activities.
 - d. Under certain circumstances, the Board may also vote to appoint an individual who is not a member of ICOMOS but has recognized expertise in his/her field, such as artisans, work-masters, and cultural historians, as a Contributing Member. Non-ICOMOS members shall be encouraged to apply for ICOMOS membership.
 - e. Contributing Members are entitled to petition the Board to become Non-Voting Members. Submission of a CV will be required along with a letter detailing the candidate's interest and request for membership. The Board shall approve a nominee's application for Contributing membership by majority vote.
 - f. There shall be an unlimited number of Contributing Members who are Non-Voting Members.

- g.** Contributing Members shall be reviewed during either the General Assembly or Terra conference for level of participation, at which time if appropriate, they may be recommended for nomination as Expert Members.
- **Honorary Members:**
 - a.** Honorary Members may be proposed for election by Expert Members of the Committee based upon recognition of their services.
 - b.** Honorary Members shall include former Officers or members whom, because they have exceeded their length of term, can no longer be regular Voting Members.
 - c.** In addition, Honorary Members who have exceeded all term limits can be re-elected as regular Voting Members after a period of three years as an Honorary Member. (However, it is possible that former Officers may continue to vote if they have not exceeded their permitted length of term and are re-elected as regular Voting Members.)
 - d.** Honorary Members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board.
 - e.** Honorary Members shall be reviewed every three years by the Board for their continuing participation and relevance within the field. The review will coincide with either the General Assembly or Terra conference cycle.
 - f.** There shall be an unlimited number of Honorary Members who may participate in all activities of the Committee except elections.
- **NVM Qualifications:** Non-Voting Members are not required to be members of ICOMOS, but if they have a National Committee, they shall be encouraged to join.
- **NVM Responsibilities:** Non-Voting Members are expected to participate and remain active.
- **Institutional Members:**
 - a.** Institutional Members shall be Institutions, academic programs, government agencies or any other judicial entity with a mission closely aligned with that of ISCEAH.
 - b.** They shall have the right to propose a representative for election to the Committee. The Committee may accept that person as an Expert Member. Submission of a CV of said representative shall be required, in addition to a summary of the Institution's relevance to the field of earthen architectural heritage conservation. The Board will approve the Institution's nominee for representative by a majority vote. Institutional Members will be valid for one triennium and may be renewed by the Board.
 - c.** Institutional Members may be either Voting Members or Non-Voting Members. In order for Institutional representatives to become Voting Members, their Institutions must also be Institutional Members of ICOMOS.
 - d.** Acceptance of an Institutional Member shall be through a vote of the Board.
- **Membership Dismissal:** ISCEAH will have the right to dismiss members on the grounds listed below. Such procedures will include notification of the ICOMOS International Secretariat.
 - **Grounds for VM Dismissal:** The Board can vote to dismiss a Voting Member if a) the member commits actions which are likely to bring the Committee into disrepute and/or b) if, under normal circumstances, a Voting Member remains inactive for a period exceeding one year.
 - **Grounds for NVM Dismissal:** The Board can vote to dismiss a Non-Voting Member if the member commits actions which are likely to bring the Committee into disrepute.

Applications

Applications for membership should be forwarded by e-mail to the Executive Committee of ISCEAH (John Hurd, president, hurdcon@yahoo.co.uk; Pamela Jerome, vice president, pjerome@attglobal.net; Mary Hardy, secretary, mhardy@getty.edu). Applications will be processed by the Executive Committee and forwarded to ISCEAH's Board for review. Such reviews will occur three times per year (February, June, October). New members will be informed of the results of their petition within four weeks of review.





EUROPE-LATIN AMERICA MEETING ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

Europe-Latin America Meeting on Science and Technology for Cultural Heritage

Havana, Cuba, 7-10 February 2007

First Announcement

The Conference is organized by:

- Higher Institute of Applied Sciences and Technologies (InSTEC). Havana, CUBA
- European Consortium Eu-ARTECH
- CNR - Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie Molecolari (ISTM), ITALY
- Ministry of Culture. CUBA
- Oficina del Historiador. Habana, CUBA
- The Abdous Salam International Center of Theoretical Physics (ICTP), ITALY
- Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale per la Scienza e Tecnologia dei Materiali (INSTM), ITALY

Topics:

The Conference will cover up-to-date scientific applications to the study and conservation of materials belonging to the cultural heritage. In particular the following issues have been selected:

1. Pigment and organic matter (identification and study of alteration processes)
2. Stone conservation
3. Study of manufacturing techniques for ceramics and metallic objects
4. Instrumentation and methodologies for material studies in artworks

These issues will be tackled through a multidisciplinary debate among scientists, conservators and archaeologists of Latin American countries and Europe.

The Conference will pay particular attention to the training of young Latin American researchers.

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**INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM
COMMEMORATING THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE "XI'AN DECLARATION"**

Invitation

to the International Scientific Symposium

Commemorating the 1st anniversary

of the « Xi'an Declaration »

Xi'an, China, October 20 to 21, 2006.

Dear Colleagues,

At the request of ICOMOS Secretary General, Dinu Bumbaru, and on behalf of our colleagues of ICOMOS China and the Xi'an Municipal Bureau of Cultural Heritage, I am forwarding you information concerning the International Scientific Symposium Commemorating the 1st anniversary of the "Xi'an Declaration" which is to be held in Xi'an, China, October 20 to 21, 2006. Please find attached an invitation extended to all ICOMOS Committees by the organisers in Xi'an and the registration form. This information is also up on the ICOMOS web site.

If you have any questions about this event – please direct them to our colleagues in Xi'an listed below and **NOT** the ICOMOS International Secretariat, as we will not be able to help you with any further information:

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With best regards

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**MONUMENTALE / THIRD INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION
OF MONUMENT RESTORATION**

February 2007, Milan

Dear Colleagues,

I have the pleasure of forwarding you a last call for participation by Prof. Marco Dezzi Bardeschi, President of ICOMOS Italy, for ICOMOS Committees to participate at the Terza Mostra Internazionale del Restauro Monumentale/Third international exhibition of monument restoration, February 2007, Milano. All throughout last year, the International Secretariat had already circulated several calls to the National and International Committees, of whom several have already responded – see tables below. As you can see from Prof Dezzi Bardeschi's attached letter – the exhibition has been postponed until February 2007, and therefore you still have until end of September 2006 to contribute and supply your material/panels, following the attached instructions.

For all further information please contact : marco.dezzi@polimi.it

Yours

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