

Secretary General

Ms Kirsti Kovanen

Professional profile

2003	Architect in charge of the care of the cultural environment, South Savo Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment, Finland
1989-2003	Consulting Architect in restoration and conservation of the built cultural heritage, Regional Council of South Savo, Finland
1981-1989	Regional planning architect, Regional Council of South Savo, Finland
1985-1986	MA diploma in conservation studies, University of York
1970-1977	Diploma in architecture, Technical University of Helsinki

Qualifications

Architect SAFA, MA (Univ. of York)

Ms Kovanen has published books and articles on regional and vernacular architecture, historic gardens and their conservation, conservation of vernacular architecture, the principles of conservation a.o. topics related to heritage conservation. Her present work in heritage administration includes long-term planning of conservation measures, varies from subsidies and funding to guiding and monitoring protection of all immovable heritage, and from implementing the strategic measures regionally and locally to the practices of protection and restoration projects.

She is a member in several national committees dealing with World Heritage issues, the Hague Convention and the arts and architecture in Finland.

Her activities in ICOMOS Finland

2006	Elected President of ICOMOS Finland
2005	Vice President of ICOMOS Finland
1990-95, 2005	Elected member of the board of ICOMOS Finland
1986-	Member of ICOMOS Finland

And in ICOMOS International

2008-2011	Member of the Executive Committee, member of the World Heritage Working Group and Publications Working Group of the Executive Committee
2005	Honorary member of CIAV
1997-2005	Secretary General of the ICOMOS ISC on Vernacular Architecture (CIAV)

Within the framework of her ICOMOS activities, Ms Kovanen has, among other, chaired seminars, edited publication and written articles for the ICOMOS Finland newsletter. She also participated in the drafting, editing and translation of ICOMOS charters and declarations, and in the evaluation of sites nominated for World Heritage listing.