

**ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on
Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues
Meeting, May, 2005**

MINUTES

The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal Administrative and Financial Issues convened in on May 26-29 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria at the invitation of Committee Vice President Hristina Staneva and ICOMOS Bulgaria. The committee held a series of meetings during the scientific symposium, adjourning from day to day as necessary. These minutes are a record of the official actions taken during those meetings.

Members present: Anne Marie Draye (Belgium), Hristina Staneva (Bulgaria), Satu-Kaarina Virtala (Finland), Pierre-Laurent Frier (France), Werner von Trützschler (Germany), Athina Christofidou (Greece), Leonard de Wit (The Netherlands), Alberto Martorell (Peru), Wojciech Kowalski (Poland), Sergiu Nistoy (Romania), Thomas Adlercreutz (Sweden), James K. Reap (USA).

1. Committee Membership

The resignations of member Mark Denhez (Canada) and associate member Edmond Fokker (The Netherlands) were noted and appreciation was expressed for their service to the Committee. Also noted was the Bureau's approval of a new member from Mexico, José Ernesto Becerril. The Bureau recommended and the members consented to the election of former Mexican member Roberto Nunez Arratia as an associate member of the Committee. The Committee expressed its thanks to Mr. Nunez for his service as Vice President of the Committee and attendance at all previous meetings and its regrets that he was unable to attend in Plovdiv. It was reported that associate members Autumn Rierson and Daniel Eck (USA) had both been elected as members of the Board of Trustees of the US National Committee.

The President, James Reap, reported on actions taken pursuant to the resolution on committee membership adopted at the previous meeting in Paris. E-mails or letters¹ were sent to all members of the committee informing them that the statutes regarding active participation in the committee meetings would be enforced. Active participation includes attending a meeting in person, submitting a paper, or responding to a questionnaire distributed by a meeting sponsor. Members who did not actively participate in at least one of the meetings held in Athens (USA), Paris and Plovdiv will be informed that their names will be removed for the committee roster and their national committees will be asked to appoint a replacement.

¹ The President thanked Vice Presidents Pierre-Laurent Frier and Alberto Martorell for providing French and Spanish translations of the message which was sent to the membership.

Members and associates will also be encouraged to coordinate their participation through the development of joint presentations, papers or questionnaires.

Members were asked to continue efforts to recruit new members from countries not currently represented on the Committee.

2. Interest Groups

At the suggestion of Sergiu Nistor, the Committee agreed to the establishment of Working Groups based on special interests of the members that would further the purposes and work program of the committee. Mr. Nistor agreed to serve as coordinator of the Working Groups. Members interested in a special topic² are asked to communicate with Mr. Nistor. These groups could then pursue these interests jointly, reporting periodically on their activities to the Committee. It was discussed that the work of these Working Groups might form the basis for a future symposium or a declaration of the committee.

3. Resolution on Plovdiv

The Committee adopted a resolution noting the cultural significance of the Forum of Plovdiv and potential threats to its integrity and requesting that Bulgarian officials at all levels to do everything possible to ensure the preservation of the Forum.

4. Resolution of Appreciation

The Committee adopted a resolution expressing its appreciation to Vice President Hristina Staneva, ICOMOS Bulgaria, the City of Plovdiv, and the A.G. Leventis Foundation for the excellent symposium and their gracious hospitality toward Committee members.

5. Task Forces on Scientific Committees

Mr. Reap reminded members of a request from International Vice President Gustavo Araoz for input into the task forces reviewing the structure and makeup of international scientific committees. He asked that they direct their comments to the individual task forces. Mr. Martorell, who serves as a member of the task force on Membership, briefed the members on the issues and requested any comments on membership be sent to him. He indicated that he would offer the statutes of the Legal Committee as a possible model for the structures of other scientific committees.

² For example, cultural resources and human rights, heritage law education, etc.

6. Future Meetings

Anne Mie Draye offered to work with associate member Arlette Verkruyssen to organize a future meeting of the Committee in Belgium. Mr. Reap conveyed a similar offer from Toshi Kono to try and organize a meeting in Japan. The Committee expressed their appreciation and asked the Mr. Reap to work with Ms. Draye and Mr. Kono to establish suitable dates. Wojciech Kowalski also offered to pursue the possibility of a meeting in Poland that would focus on economic issues. It was noted that Alberto Quintela (Uruguay) has expressed an interest in hosting a future meeting in his country.

Submitted by James K. Reap, President in the absence of Gideon Koren, Secretary General.