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PRESIDENT’S FOREWORD

As President of ICOMOS, the only international organisation “concerned with furthering the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and enhancement of monuments, groups of buildings (ensembles) and sites on the international level” (article 4 of the ICOMOS Statutes), I once again reacted in 2007 to dangerous trends in the theory and practice of the worldwide conservation movement. These trends result in the threat that our traditional responsibilities are being neglected, such as the conservation/restoration of monuments and works of art or the inventorying and the documentation of monuments and sites, and that the core ideology of our organisation – namely to preserve monuments and sites as unchanged as possible – is being counteracted. However I am also proud to name a few points of the many actions for the protection of monuments and sites such as the continuation of the spectacular attempt of a small ICOMOS team to save the remains of the Bamiyan Buddhas in Afghanistan. In a further example there was a varied program of national and international conferences and symposia, among them a conference on values and criteria in Florence, organised by the ISC Theory and Philosophy in co-operation with ICCROM (2-5 March 2007) and a conference on World Heritage sites of the 20th century, organised in Berlin together with the ISC 20th Century (9-12 September 2007, a follow-up of the conference in Moscow which had highlighted the theme of our International Monuments Day on 18 April 2006). To celebrate the topic of the Monuments Day in 2007 – “Cultural Landscapes and Monuments of Nature” – I invited a group of colleagues from the Latin American countries to a final event organised by Suzanna Sampaio, Honorary President of ICOMOS Brazil. This took place in Manaus (16-20 November 2007) where described the tropical rainforest as a “monument of nature”.

A small taskforce of ICOMOS colleagues has been dealing with the promotion of the interesting perspective of “monuments of nature” – a term introduced around 1800 by Alexander von Humboldt. By publishing the results of several conferences, further topics of fundamental relevance were highlighted, for instance the Leipzig conference on “Cultural Heritage and Natural Disasters”, published as a Heritage at Risk Special. The latest volume of the Heritage at Risk series, Heritage at Risk 2006/2007, points to monuments and sites in danger and the great number of necessary actions carried out by the national and international committees of ICOMOS. This report with special focus on global climate change coordinated by the Scientific Council can also be found on the internet. Although a number of committees are doing excellent work in their special fields, e.g. the ISCs Cultural Routes, Theory and Philosophy, and Polar Heritage, there are also committees that need some encouragement to become more active.

An essential task of ICOMOS is our work as advisory body to the World Heritage Committee and to UNESCO on issues concerning World Cultural Heritage, in particular the evaluation of monuments and sites that are under consideration for listing. Faced with an abundance of responsibilities the newly organised World Heritage Working Group has proved itself and the ICOMOS delegation at the 31st conference of the World Heritage Committee in Christchurch (New Zealand) worked successfully. One of the responsibilities of the advisory bodies is “to monitor the state of conservation of World Heritage properties”.

The new concept of preventive monitoring, discussed at the Advisory Committee meetings in Edinburgh (2006) and in Pretoria (2007), was sent to our committees asking them for comments (see message of the President of 31 August 2007), and given the many positive reactions all members of ICOMOS are now encouraged to take part in this important task. In 2007, among our responsibilities as advisory body, there was also the continued development of the topic of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) to which especially our colleague Jukka Jokilehto made some important contributions. Furthermore, there were considerations of the topic of “HUL” (Historic Urban Landscapes) with the aim of a revised UNESCO recommendation on the conservation of historic urban landscapes on the basis of the UNESCO recommendation of 1976 (Nairobi recommendation) and of the Vienna Memorandum of 2005. Not only the International Committees concerned, but also many of our members contributed to the ensuing discussion which was marked by critical reflections on the Vienna Memorandum.

The ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi’an, founded in 2006, has also made good progress. Thanks to the initiatives of Guo Zhan and our Chinese friends and in cooperation with
ICOMOS Australia and ICOMOS Germany, we had a big opening in Xi’an on 26 October 2007 and then a series of conferences and meetings, among others a conference on the Silk Road as future World Heritage cultural route, together with representatives of our ICOMOS National Committees in Central Asia. The IICC concept is an interesting model for the future of ICOMOS. In Xi’an we might soon have an ICOMOS palace in Chinese style, while my dream of a “palace in Paris” providing the very urgently needed new office space for our headquarters has not yet come true. However, after negotiations with the French Ministry of Culture we received at least an interesting offer for a historic building in Charenton, with nearby Metro station, lecture halls, and office space for ICOMOS France etc. Possibly, this building could also be used together with our colleagues from ICOM (the first visit to these possible new headquarters was on 20 May 2007).

Finally, at the end of this short introduction, I would like to pay tribute to Gilles Nourissier, our very active and committed colleague of the Executive Committee who passed away. I have to thank again all colleagues who supported me in many ways; special thanks to the Vice Presidents to whom I delegated again a number of responsibilities in the Bureau meeting in Christchurch. My sincere thanks also to Secretary General Dinu Bumbaru and Treasurer Giora Solar, and of course to our untiring Director Gaia Jungeblodt and the entire team at Rue de la Fédération.

Michael Petzet
ICOMOS President, 2005-2008
ABOUT ICOMOS

It is during the Second Congress of Architects and Specialists of Historic Buildings meeting in Venice in 1964, that a resolution was put forward by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to provide for the creation of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). The organization was founded the following year (1965) under French law as a not for profit organization. Its headquarters are located in Paris, France. ICOMOS is an association of professionals that currently brings together approximately 9,500 members throughout the world.

ICOMOS works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places. It is the only global non-government organisation of this kind, which is dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology, and scientific techniques to the conservation of the architectural and archaeologica l heritage. Its work is based on the principles enshrined in the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (the Venice Charter).

ICOMOS is a network of experts that benefits from the interdisciplinary exchange of its members, among which are architects, historians, archaeologists, art historians, geographers, anthropologists, engineers, town planners, lawyers, etc. The members of ICOMOS contribute to improving the preservation of heritage, the standards and the techniques for each type of cultural heritage property: buildings, historic cities, cultural landscapes and archaeological sites.

The Executive Committee and its Bureau

The governing body of ICOMOS is the Executive Committee. It comprises 20 elected members and 5 co-opted members. It generally meets twice per year. Staffs from the secretariat and other invited guests participate to these meetings. The Bureau of the Executive Committee comprises the President, Secretary General, Treasurer General, and the 5 Vice-Presidents. It meets several times during the year to prepare the larger meetings and to deal with the organization’s routine affairs.

The Advisory Committee

This Advisory Committee comprises the presidents of all the National Committees and the International Scientific Committees. It generally meets once per year in conjunction with the Executive Committee to which it gives advice. National Committees comprise at least five members from countries that are UNESCO Member States. International Scientific Committees comprise recognized experts in specialized fields of interest such as conservation of stone, wood, fortifications, historic towns, cultural landscapes, and underwater cultural heritage. The Scientific Council comprises the presidents of the International Scientific Committees; it was created in 2005, following the 15th General Assembly that adopted the document known as the Eger-Xi’an Principles which set out the terms of reference for the Scientific Council’s future work as a coordinating body for the International Scientific Committees (ISCs).

The International Secretariat

The International Secretariat provides support to the ICOMOS statutory bodies. It comprises the Director, the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre, the World Heritage Unit, and includes interns and staffs seconded by various National Committees from time to time.
The UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre

The UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre is based at the International Secretariat in Paris and is open not only by ICOMOS members but also to the public. Many of its services are available on the internet at the following address: http://databases.unesco.org/icomos.

The World Heritage Unit

This Unit comprises staffs that are dedicated to ICOMOS’ contractual work to support and advise the World Heritage Committee and the World Heritage Centre.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

ICOMOS enjoys a particular working relationship with UNESCO. The Executive Board which is one of UNESCO’s governing bodies, upon recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, annually decides on requests for admission to one or the other type of relations, as well as on the development of such relations, on the basis of proposals made by the Director-General. Relations are established for renewable periods of six years. ICOMOS was renewed for six years in April 2008 at the 179th session of the Executive Council as an NGO maintaining “formal associate relations with UNESCO”.

ICOMOS’ Activities

ICOMOS members participate to a considerable number of activities each year. The organization’s main activity is about the organization of platforms (seminars, conferences, symposiums, technical visits, workshops, and courses) for training and for the exchange of professional experiences. ICOMOS is designated in the World Heritage Convention (UNESCO 1972) as the principal advisor for cultural properties. ICOMOS thus calls upon its many resources to give advice on nomination and monitoring of World Heritage properties. Other areas of activities include:

- Strengthening of ICOMOS’ presence world-wide by encouraging the creation and growth of ICOMOS National Committees;
- Extending the influence of the Venice Charter by creating flexible doctrinal texts for specific sectors of architectural heritage;
- Maintenance and operation of a documentation centre and setting up video and slide libraries devoted to architectural heritage;
- Organising and managing expert missions at the request of heritage administration and legal entities which judge necessary the intervention of a consultant for a particular conservation question;
- Collaboration with other international organizations and bodies (Blue Shield, ICOM, ICCROM, IFLA, UIA, WMF, ISPRS, IUCN, etc.);
- Publication of professional journals, bulletins and newsletters;
- Maintenance and operation of a web site and List serve;
- Raising public interest in conservation by encouraging media coverage and the celebration of the International Day for Monuments and Sites (18 April).
ACTIVITY REPORT
PART 1

THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

ICOMOS exists as a place for professionals to work together and share their knowledge in order to look after the world’s heritage to the very best of their ability. ICOMOS acts with dual function, offering support as both an NGO (non-governmental organisation) and as a professional network for volunteers. ICOMOS stands as an advocate, a partner and a network to help professionals in their role as guardians of the world’s heritage, helping to strengthen and coordinate our goals towards their more effective realisation.

The Annual Report is a valuable tool facilitating this vital communication, both between members and to the non-expert world. The successful publication of the 2006 Annual Report, and the dedicated response received in 2007 will help to strengthen and reinforce the general organisation of ICOMOS in its goal for better cohesion, coordination and communication. Thanks to Joy Parry, our UK volunteer, ICOMOS’ first Annual Report 2006 was finalised in time to go online by the end of 2007. This year our thanks go to Marilyn Truscott (ICOMOS Australia) who prepared the report and Brittany Groot for her support. We also extend our sincere thanks to the 36 National Committees (NCs) and 14 International Scientific Committees (ISCs) who responded to this first call for information in 2006, and to the 29 NCs and 20 ISCs who responded in 2007. Unfortunately some geographical imbalance still remains as not everyone responded to the call for reports. ICOMOS is working towards more equal regional representation in order to balance this distribution in future years.

ICOMOS’ biggest meeting, its General Assembly (GA), took place in 2005 and planning began almost immediately for the next meeting, to be held in 2008. In 2007 the International Committees continued to revise their statutes to meet the Eger-Xi’an principles adopted at the Xi’an General Assembly. In 2007 the ICOMOS committees have also continued to develop the concept of the ‘Spirit of Place’ for the upcoming 16th General Assembly, 2008. The special Working Group for World Heritage, set up in 2006, had an active year. The four Task Teams of the Advisory Committee, formed in Edinburgh in 2006, reported back with insightful recommendations for organisational issues concerning the membership, regional cooperation, and world heritage.

Climate change and the changing natural environment has been a key theme regarding conservation priority and the ICOMOS World Report 2006/2007 published at the end of the year included for the first time a number of studies dealing with the effects of worldwide climate change. A Heritage at Risk Special likewise focused on cultural heritage and natural disasters.

Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL) is another current conservation priority that has been treated in depth, with scientific symposia and topical discussions organised across the committees. The theme for 18 April, International Day for Monuments and Sites was “Cultural Landscapes and Monuments of Nature” and lively programs and communication efforts were coordinated by ICOMOS committees worldwide.

On other world heritage issues, evaluations and monitoring of nominations continued with spirit and energy and the new concept of preventive monitoring is being developed following from discussion at the Advisory Meeting. A successful bid in 2007 to participate in Euromed Heritage IV will mean ICOMOS’ involvement with 15 new projects in Africa and the Middle East, providing support for evaluations and monitoring.

In organisational matters ICOMOS has been working hard to streamline its reporting process. The Advisory Committee agreed with the Scientific Committee on the need for one annual reporting process, and this was recommended to the Executive Committee for future annual reports. The Advisory Committee also put forward recommendations for financial assistance to support the costs and time intensive process concerning site monitoring and evaluation.

Six new national committees were recognised in 2007 (Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Monaco, Mongolia, Niger), and efforts are being made to improve and consolidate other committees, in particular in the African region. Further efforts are needed in order to further develop the prototype of the membership database and to further strengthen ICOMOS’ network for World Heritage.
18 April – The International Day for Monuments and Sites
Cultural Landscapes and Monuments of Nature

On the proposal of ICOMOS, 18 April was designated as *The International Day for Monuments and Sites* by UNESCO in 1982. For several years now, ICOMOS suggests a common topic to be highlighted on this occasion, among the multiple dimensions which make up the vast subject that is the cultural heritage we care for.

18 April 2007 marked the 25th anniversary of this International Day and the 35th birthday of the World Heritage Convention. This year’s theme was *Cultural Landscapes and Monuments of Nature*, enabling ICOMOS to contribute to the better recognition, protection and enhancement of the human, cultural, symbolic and memorial dimensions of landscapes or phenomena which are described as "natural" neglecting their important cultural components, both tangible and intangible. Pages on this theme were posted on the ICOMOS website. Planning was also started for the 2008 theme of *Religious Heritage and Sacred Places*.

A more detailed overview of activities and colloquia organised worldwide by the NCs and ISCs can be found in their respective annual reports in Part 3. A summary of themes and events held in 2007 and previous years can be found on the ICOMOS website.

**ICOMOS World Heritage work**

As detailed in the foreword of the President, an essential task of ICOMOS is its work as advisory body to the World Heritage Committee and to UNESCO on issues concerning World Cultural Heritage, in particular the evaluation of monuments and sites that are under consideration for listing. As a formal professional advisor on cultural heritage to the World Heritage Committee, ICOMOS is involved in a wide range of activities such as evaluation of nominations to the World Heritage List, state of conservation reporting (reactive monitoring), reviewing of international assistance requests, intellectual development of the World Heritage Convention, and so forth.

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre seeks ICOMOS’ intellectual input on the connections and common approaches between three recent heritage conventions: the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001), the Convention of the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), and the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005). This assistance point was stressed in a meeting of the Executive Committee with the Chair of the World Heritage Committee, Tumu Te Heu Heu, New Zealand, in regard to traditional practices and heritage. Vice-President Gustavo Araoz also represented ICOMOS at the 34th Session of UNESCO’s General Conference held from 16 October to 3 November 2007 in Paris, France.

In their own professional work, members of the ICOMOS National Committees (NCs) and International Committees (ISCs) are involved in the World Heritage (WH) system at different levels: preparation of nomination dossiers, representation at WH Committee meetings, periodic reporting exercise and monitoring, and so forth. As noted by the Executive Committee many NCs are already involved formally with the national monitoring processes. This is encouraging as it should create a firm basis for the identification and protection of cultural heritage at all levels.
Members’ experience of national and local heritage conservation informs and improves heritage management of other levels of heritage, and vice versa.

The World Heritage Working Group (WHWG) established in January 2006 continues to steer and oversee World Heritage matters on behalf of the Executive Committee. This working groups’ role is to discuss issues of procedure, and to communicate about and provide support to ICOMOS’ World Heritage Unit and its activities, in order to ensure the highest standards of performance at the World Heritage Committee meetings. The 31st session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Christchurch, New Zealand, July 2007. Following this meeting, a useful report on the outcomes and perceptions of the performance of ICOMOS was compiled by Dinu Bumburu, Secretary General, and forwarded to the WHWG to assist in the planning for the coming year, including the identification of further improvements. In 2006 and 2007 the WHWG also recommended increasing the size and capacity of the ICOMOS World Heritage Unit, as soon as the budget would allow.

In further World Heritage activities ICOMOS also released two publications furthering its commitment to fill gaps in the World Heritage List, as per the goals and action plan of the “Gap Report” (“The World Heritage List: Filling the Gaps – an Action Plan for the Future”). The focus is placed on both thematic and regional studies of places as potential sites of universal outstanding value under the World Heritage Convention. These 2007 ICOMOS gap analysis reports are available on the ICOMOS website (A complete list of ICOMOS’ Publications in 2007 is included as Attachment 4 to this report).

**Heritage at Risk**

The active publications program [see attachment 4], steered by President Michael Petzet, included the 2006-07 world publication of Heritage at Risk, edited by John Ziesemer. The International Secretariat provided support by collecting and preparing lists of potential topics/articles, soliciting specific articles, sending out calls to Committees, and so forth. Thanks go to volunteer Susan Duyker (Australia ICOMOS) for her editing work. A special issue of Heritage at Risk 2007 was also published. This volume gathers the papers of a conference organised by ICOMOS in cooperation with ICCROM, at the Heritage Conservation Fair in Leipzig, 27-28 October 2006.

The International Secretariat also continued to update the Heritage at Risk section of the ICOMOS website. Additional special reports included the historic urban topography of Istanbul, a report on the co-signing of the last Europa Nostra Appeal on the Allianoi site, Turkey, a report of the appeal on Subotica Theatre, Serbia, and letters concerning Rosia Montana, Romania.

**Other Heritage and Conservation activities**

ICOMOS continued its efforts to ensure that its upcoming triennial General Assemblies provide a forum for relevant and topical debate on cultural heritage conservation issues. Several meetings on key topics of current heritage conservation priorities, including Climate Change and Historic Urban Landscapes were held, such as the Scientific Symposium on Global Climate Change at the Advisory Committee meeting in Pretoria (7 October), and the Regional Workshops and Conferences on Historic Urban Landscapes in St Petersburg (29 January – 2 February) and Olinda (Brazil, 12-14 November), at which ICOMOS participated. ICOMOS continued to develop of the concept ‘The Spirit of Place’ for the Scientific Symposium for the 16th General Assembly, with input from the Scientific Council.

Since August 2006, at the request of the Getty Foundation, the ICOMOS International Secretariat has also been involved in administering a $US 75,000 grant on behalf of ICOMOS Morocco for the restoration of the Sahrij and Sbaiyin Madrassa Complex, Fez (Morocco). This has been undertaken with Bonnie Kaplan, Project Supervisor, for the conservation plan of the Sbaiyin Madrassa Complex.

**ICOMOS International Conservation Centre – Xi’an (Shaanxi Province, China)**

Following the inauguration of the Centre in 2006, a number of aspects of the activity and direction of the Centre were progressed during 2007.
The Director of the Centre is the ICOMOS Vice-President from China, Guo Zhan, and the Managing Vice-Director is Sun Fuxi, from the Xi’an Municipal Administration of Cultural Heritage. They are supported by a Steering Committee made up of representatives of ICOMOS China, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the governments of the Shaanxi Province and the Xi’an Municipality, and ICOMOS (International), President Michael Petzet and the former Vice-Presidents from the Region, Sheridan Burke (Australia) and Yukio Nishimura (Japan).

There are discussions to develop a building located in the complex of the Xiaoyan Ta (Small Goose Pagoda) for the Centre. The Centre’s mission is to support the work of ICOMOS through projects, research and training, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. Identified program areas include: Implementation of the Xi’an Declaration (particularly in urban contexts in China and in the region); Cultural Heritage of the Silk Road; and Traditional Knowledge & Conservation Science.

A series of meetings and events occurred in October 2007 in Xi’an:
- Joint meeting of the IICC-X Steering & Management Committees, a meeting with the IICC-X staff, a visit to the IICC-X workplaces and review of current projects.
- Training Programme and Symposium on the Nomination of the Silk Road to the World Heritage List involving China and 5 Central Asian countries. To support the programme, the Operational Guidelines to the World Heritage Convention and 48 selected international charters were translated and published in Chinese.
- Workshop for the Conservation and Reconstruction of the Da Ming Palace site.

Within the ICOMOS Executive Committee, discussions are continuing to develop the governance model that will be workable, and meet the needs and capacities of ICOMOS.

**Euromed Heritage IV**

ICOMOS was successful in its bid to be a partner in an international consortium to participate in the Euromed Heritage phase IV RMSU (regional monitoring and support unit). This new phase will fund an estimated 15 projects in North Africa and the Middle East for a 3-year period with a budget of €13.5 million. The beneficiary countries are Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank and Gaza. The new phase will focus on projects which foster the ownership and responsibility of cultural heritage by respective communities themselves. The other partners in the consortium include HYDEA S.r.l. of Firenze (Italy), the leading partner, along with Agriconsulting Europe S.A. of Brussels, Belgian-based Culture Lab, and the London Metropolitan University.

**The Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met from 22-23 January at ICOMOS’ headquarters in Paris, France, and from 12-13 October in Pretoria, South Africa. The membership of the Executive Committee is listed in Attachment 2. During 2007, the Executive Committee marked with sadness the death of one of its most lively and active members, Gilles Nourissier (France). It was decided to invite ICOMOS France to propose another member to join the Executive Committee for the rest of the current term, and the Executive Committee welcomed Olivier Poisson in that capacity.

At its Pretoria meeting, the Executive Committee approved the draft charters for Cultural Routes [GA Resolution 2005/27] and for Interpretation and Presentation, as recommended by the Advisory Committee. This permits these two new ICOMOS doctrinal texts to go to the membership at the General Assembly in 2008. The Executive Committee also agreed to work with TICCIH on a common text on industrial heritage. It was also agreed that further discussion was needed in order to clarify the different categories, gaps and discrepancies of relevant doctrinal texts, charters, guidelines, principles, and so forth. The Executive Committee also noted the possibility of concluding a Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation with the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA).

The ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi’an, founded in 2006, continued to make good progress, and the Executive Committee is represented on the newly established Steering Committee by the President, Michael Petzet, and by former regional ICOMOS Vice-Presidents, Sheridan Burke (Australia) and Yukio Nishimura (Japan).
In 2007, the Executive Committee established a task team to develop the concept and the proposed methodology for an ICOMOS International Observatory. The Executive Committee also considered the establishment of an ‘ICOMOS Foundation’ in Macao in relation to the announcement made by President Michael Petzet at the 15th General Assembly in 2005. At the end of 2007, the President announced that the Foundation proposal would not be pursued further due to a large number of legal, financial and operational issues still requiring work. It is expected that the discussions by the Executive Committee will be useful in future financial strategy development.

The World Heritage Working Group (WHWG) had an active year and held meetings in Paris on 24 January, 10-11 March and 23-24 September. The number of advisors in the WHWG was expanded in 2007 to three, ensuring better flexibility in response to situations of potential unavailability (See also the report on World Heritage, below).

The Bureau of the Executive Committee

The Bureau of the Executive Committee met in January (Headquarters, Paris), July (Christchurch, New Zealand, at the time of the World Heritage Committee meeting) and October (Quebec, prior to the General Assembly). At the meetings of the Bureau the Vice Presidents informed on their regional meetings and activities. The Bureau meetings further helped to prepare and co-ordinate the Executive Committee meetings and to take care of matters between two sessions of the Executive.

New National and International Scientific Committees

The ICOMOS Statutes require a minimum of 5 members to create a National Committee. In 2007 as part of its membership expansion, the Executive Committee recognised six new national committees, subject to their statutes being positively evaluated by ICLAFI, the International Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues, which regularly provides ICOMOS with legal advice. The new Committees are: Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Monaco, Mongolia, and Niger. This brings the total number of ICOMOS National Committees to 110.

The International Secretariat has also continued to contact and provide support to representatives from the new Committees and also professionals seeking to set up Committees in Syria, Uzbekistan and Nepal. The Executive Committee also urged its African members to make a particular effort to reactivate or set up new committees in the 11 African countries out of the 17 countries where activity has decreased.

Partnerships

ICOMOS and the International Union of Architects (UIA) signed a cooperation agreement in March 2007, which among other establishes links between UIA and the ICOMOS International Committee on 20th Century Heritage and the participation of an ICOMOS delegate in the UIA Architectural Education Commission Theme 7.

The Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee (AC) met on 9-10 October in Pretoria, South Africa, at the University of Pretoria. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee, John Hurd, presided over the meeting. A list of those present representing their National Committees (NCS) and International Scientific Committee (ISCs) can be found in Attachment 2.

On hearing the Treasurer-General’s report, those present advised the need to investigate options for more sustainable support. The Advisory Committee endorsed a recommendation by three International Scientific Committees (CIAV, ICAHM and CIVVIH), which raised concerns about the costs associated with ICOMOS evaluations of World Heritage nominations and monitoring of World Heritage properties. The committees highlighted the need for the allowance of a nominal fee to cover the desk reviews and underscored the fact that there is a link between high quality work and
fees received. The Advisory Committee agreed to pass these recommendations to the Executive Committee.

**Advisory Committee Task Teams**

The four Task Teams of the Advisory Committee, formed in Edinburgh in 2006, reported back at the Pretoria meeting in 2007. These Task Teams are: Membership & Statutes; Regional Cooperation; Cooperation ISCs & NCs; and Involvement of NCs in ICOMOS’ World Heritage. In response to a letter from the National Committee of ICOMOS Norway, the Advisory Committee set up an additional Task Team on Openness and Transparency. Final reports by the Task Teams are to be delivered at the Advisory Committee meeting prior to the General Assembly in 2008.

The Task Team for ‘Memberships and Statutes’ reported on the need to examine large committees’ dues and duties, and addressed the issue of on-time payment of fees. New membership options were discussed, including a ‘youth’ membership.

The Task Team for ‘Regional Cooperation’ highlighted the mutual benefit to be gained from the new membership database. In addition, further organisational structures such as a common calendar would help to better organise meetings, conferences and so forth. It was noted that external contexts could provide valuable opportunities for further regional cooperation. For example, the experience of the Nordic National Committees offers an informative model for cooperative development in response to climate change. Common polices such as European Union (EU) regulations, applicable to many of the NCs, represents a valuable infrastructure for the transfer of expertise. Teleconferencing will be another means to achieve the goals and towards greater regional interaction.

Membership issues were also a priority issue for the Task Team for ‘Cooperation between the ISCs and NCs’. The Task Team advised that an audit should be made, concerning which regions were underrepresented on ISCs. Accordingly NCs could encourage membership directly addressed to this imbalance. Likewise, creating pilot projects for ISCs in a country may encourage membership. ISCs should report to NCs through national representatives to share information, and this may help to stimulate recruitment. Mirroring ISC structures in NCs, provided that this is realistic in the given context, may also help to develop practices suitable to local circumstances. In terms of communication, a variety of resources including the Internet should be used to ensure the more proactive dissemination of information.

The fourth Task Team, dealing with the ‘Involvement of NCs in ICOMOS’ World Heritage’ exchanged information on the wide variety of ways how NCs cooperate with their national authorities on World Heritage matters. The Task Team reported how most NCs felt that they should be asked for confidential opinions on nominations coming from their country, as is the current practice. Many NCs wished to continue being involved in facilitating the visit of expert missions for nominations, and expressed interest to contribute more actively to the monitoring process of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List. Some potential conflicts of interest were raised, such as when a NC has worked on the nomination and is then asked to comment, an issue the ICOMOS World Heritage Unit is well aware off and handles with great care. Further comments addressed issues of sites that were not yet inscribed, and the negative impact for the concerned property when a nomination is not successful. The Task Team advised that ICOMOS National Committees should not initiate the resubmission of sites that had not been inscribed. With the exception of the work of the World Heritage Panel, it was resolved that ICOMOS Bodies or officers shall not take a resolution, provide opinion, or issue a statement relating to heritage issues in the country of any active National Committee, before a draft is sent in due time to this relevant NC for its review and comments. The Task Team also highlighted how NCs had a major role to play in supporting such sites through existing national systems for conservation.

**Regional Groups of the National Committees**

A Regional Meeting of the Presidents of the European National Committees of ICOMOS was held on 24 April 2007, in Sibiu, Romania, the 2007 Cultural Capital of Europe. The meeting discussed the need for closer partnership amongst the Europe Group committees on the revision of National Committee statutes, and heritage conservation training. Participants emphasised the need to support activities of the ISC on Training in sharing heritage conservation standards and practice, especially in regard to the impact of the EU standards and regulations on cultural heritage. Concern was expressed about the impact of the EU directives on built heritage and cultural landscapes, with
a proposed restructuring to better include consideration of cultural heritage. Further discussion also highlighted the need for ICOMOS guidelines based on the Washington Charter (1987), integrating the approach of the Vienna Memorandum to historic urban landscapes (HUL). It was recommended that, through the Vice President, closer co-operation should be kept with different European organisations, such as the Council of Europe where ICOMOS has observer status.

An Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting was held May-June 2007 in Seoul, Korea, on ‘Heritage and Metropolis in Asia and the Pacific’ with 230 participants, organised by ICOMOS Korea, Cultural Heritage Administration, Seoul City Government. This was the 4th annual Asia-Pacific Regional meeting of ICOMOS, and the 3rd hosted by ICOMOS Korea. Nine regional national committees were present: the Republic of Korea, Australia, China, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Thailand, as well as Canada and the United States of America, and an observer from UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre. Discussions on the challenges posed for heritage conservation in the large and rapidly growing cities in the region resulted in the ‘ICOMOS Declaration on Heritage and the Metropolis in Asia and the Pacific’ (the ‘Seoul Declaration’). This declaration addresses the need for new assessment and management tools which are well integrated into city planning and development processes. (See also the regional update in Part 2)

The regional groups of the National Committees also met and reported to the Advisory Committee at the Pretoria Meeting.

The Americas regional group discussed the possibility of holding the 2011 General Assembly in South America which would strengthen ICOMOS in that region as well as the idea of developing an annual events calendar for the Americas. The Americas regional representatives also underlined the need to strengthen ICOMOS in the Caribbean.

The Africa regional committee underlined the need for the Executive Committee (EC) to recognise the serious situation of declining membership and the number of committees in Africa. The African ICOMOS National Committees present in Pretoria also requested complementary appropriate action to assist and support ICOMOS in Africa. The committees are in sincere agreement that every effort be made to enhance the activities of ICOMOS in Africa, and to facilitate a substantially increased presence of African delegates at the General Assembly.

The Asia Pacific region reported on the tremendous benefits to be derived from annual regional meetings in the region. ICOMOS-Korea has just concluded a three-year funding program of regional activities and the region’s committees are keen to cooperate with ISCs and other formations in ICOMOS on projects in their countries. Many of the ISCs have expanded activities and membership in the Asia-Pacific region, CIAV being a particularly active committee. Involvement in World Heritage matters has also increased in a variety of spheres. The Silk Road is a good example of the benefits of international cooperation involving ICOMOS’ NCs and the new conservation centre in Xi’an. Common issues include: cultural tourism impacts and planning is increasingly an issue for cooperation between NCs and government bodies; and risk preparedness; particularly important in light of the many natural disasters to which the region is prone.

The European region reported on the year’s activities, and held discussion of past year’s various meetings in the region and those planned for the future. Concerns were raised about dormant NCs and ISCs and emphasis was placed on the possible benefits of exchanging information via the Internet in order to raise awareness on a variety of issues. The European region also proposed the following solutions: first, that methods of communications between ICOMOS and UNESCO on state of conservation (SOC) reports and reactive monitoring should be synthesised in order to establish a clear cut division of responsibilities; and second, that broad conservation guidelines focused at the European level and based on ICOMOS Charters and Guidelines should be established. 17 national committees were present. The next Europe Group meeting will be in Berne, Switzerland from 26-29 May 2008.

The Scientific Council

Following from its inaugural meeting held last year, September 2006 in Edinburgh, Scotland, the Scientific Council continues to work towards the establishment of a 3-year scientific programme [GA Resolution 2005/15]. The Eger-Xi’an Principles [Volume II Document 4] outline the functions of the Scientific Council. The key office bearers, including the three Coordinators, are listed in Attachment 2.
The Scientific Council held a one day Open Seminar on ‘Heritage and Global Climate Change’ on 7 October 2007 in Pretoria, South Africa, in conjunction with the Scientific Council and Advisory Committee meetings. Papers and reports from the meeting and a series of special thematic, national and regional papers on climate change and heritage were published as a special focus section in the 2006/2007 Heritage at Risk report. The Scientific Council will bring a number of suggestions to the 2008 Advisory Committee meeting for a Scientific Program for 2009-2011.

Prizes

ICOMOS Armenia received the prestigious medal "Anania Chirakatsi", awarded to Gagik Gyurjian, President of ICOMOS-Armenia by the President of the Republic of Armenia.

ICOMOS Czech Republic was awarded the Europa Nostra Prize for the conservation of the façades of the Cesky Krumlov Castle. The leading authors of the project and implementation of the conservation of façades were members Dagmar Michoinova, Vaclav Girsa, Pavel Jerie, and Pavel Slavko.

ICOMOS Greece was awarded a Europa Nostra distinction for its participation in an important manifestation in Cappadocia during the presentation of the program ‘Rethymnon in Crete – Sinassos in Cappadocia’ and for the preservation of the wealth of heritage in the region.

ICOMOS Canada welcomed the award of the prestigious Heritage Canada Foundation’s Gabrielle Léger Award for Lifetime Achievement in Heritage Conservation Prize, awarded to Jacques Dalibard, for his remarkable contribution to built heritage conservation in Canada.

ICOMOS United States inducted Darwina Neal, FASLA, of Washington, DC, as a Fellow of ICOMOS USA as part of its annual programme which confers the honorary title of ‘Fellow of ICOMOS USA to members and other individuals or institutions that have made considerable and sustained contributions to the advancement of the goals of the organisation and to international cooperation in historic preservation.

Professor Nikos Moutsopoulos from Greece and Professor Haluk Sezgin from Turkey received the title of honorary members of the ISC on Vernacular Architecture (CIAV)

CIAV colleague Gisela Medina Chavez from Mexico received an award for her exemplary work in preserving the Purhépecha community of San Antonio Tierras Blancas, municipalidad de los Reyes, Michoacán. Mrs. Chavez has contributed in building a medical clinic in this village.

On the recommendation of ICOMOS Finland an award was given by CIAV to the pupils, teachers and a team of specialists at the School of Murole, Finland, for having created a unique model for transmitting knowledge of vernacular architecture from one generation to another from researcher to layperson; and for raising awareness of the conservation of local heritage.

Obituaries

In 2007, ICOMOS lost several eminent members and pioneers:

Saverio Caiazza, member of ICOMOS Italy

Jacques Dalibard, founding President of ICOMOS Canada and Honorary member of ICOMOS, September 2007

Luc-Francis Genicot, Historian, Art-Historian, and Professor Emeritus at the Catholic University of Leuven, active member of ICOMOS Belgium, July 2007

Pefkios Georgiades, Cypriot Minister of Education and Culture and founding President of ICOMOS Cyprus, July 2007
Varazdat Harutyunyan, Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, Doctor of Architecture, Emeritus Master of Arts in Armenia, founding member of ICOMOS Armenia, aged 99

Pekka Laurila, member of ICOMOS Finland

Georgios Lavas, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens and Academic, Architect and Archaeologist, founding member of ICOMOS Greece

Robin Letellier, Vice President of CIPA and member of ICOMOS Canada, April 2007

Ahmed Nabi Khan, founding member of ICOMOS Pakistan, November 2006

Gilles Nourissier, Member of the ICOMOS Executive Committee, former Secretary General of ICOMOS France, May 2007

Voula Tzavara Palatza, Head of the Directorate of Modern Monuments of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, being one of the first members, of ICOMOS Greece

Dimitris Psarros, Architect and Mechanical/Electronic Engineer, member of the Executive Board

Constantino Reyes Valerio, Historian, member of ICOMOS Mexico, January 2007

Bagher Shirazi, President of ICOMOS Iran, August 2007

Alfred Steinmetz, founding member of ICOMOS Luxembourg, May 2007

Robert Stipe, Fellow of ICOMOS USA, former Chair of the ICOMOS USA Historic Towns Committee, September 2007

Stephan Tschudi-Madsen, former President of ICOMOS Norway and former Advisory Committee President, October 2007

Edgar Vargas, founding President of ICOMOS Costa Rica, September 2007

Carlos Vanhecke, founding member of ICOMOS Belgium Vlaanderen-Brussel, December 2007
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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

National Committees

In 2007, ICOMOS has 110 National Committees, including the committees that have been accepted during the year. Their presidents are de facto members of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee, and each Committee is entitled to a maximum of 18 votes at General Assemblies. A complete list of National Committees can be found in Attachment 2 and full references and details of their publications can be found in Attachment 4. Space does not permit an account of all their many activities in 2007, but here are some of them.

Argentina

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Argentina held its annual meeting with the elections for a president and 17 board members on 21 April. The board held five meetings and discussed common topics for the future. The Argentine national committee had representatives in 13 International Committees.

ICOMOS Argentina held six open seminars that dealt on different aspects of conservation. The list of seminars is:

- Cultural heritage: diversity and integration. Cordoba, 13-15 March. The seminar included keynote papers, lectures, presentation and discussion of 47 papers and was attended by 150 people. In the framework of the seminar, a forum on municipal legislation for heritage protection was held.
- Cultural landscapes in Argentina. Rosario, 20-21 April. The seminar included presentation and discussion of 40 papers and was attended by 90 people.
- Cultural landscapes in the province of Buenos Aires. La Plata, 5 May. The seminar included a discussion panel composed by members of ICOMOS Argentina.
- Climate change and its impact of heritage. Ushuaia, 15 September. The meeting included a lecture by Dinu Bumbaru and discussion and was attended by 40 people.
- Conservation of religious heritage in Canada. La Plata, 16 September. The meeting was organised in cooperation with the Catholic University of La Plata; it included lectures by Dinu Bumbaru and Mario Dufour and discussion. The seminar was attended by 60 people.
- Conference of the 125 anniversary of the city of La Plata. Buenos Aires, La Plata, 15 and 16 November. The conference was organised in cooperation with the Historic Museum of the Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires and included keynotes and lectures by experts from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay.

For International Day for Monuments and Sites ICOMOS Argentina organised a seminar on cultural landscapes in Argentina in the city of Rosario. Since July 2007 ICOMOS Argentina has acted as the technical advisor for the National Committee on World Heritage.

On 26 May 2007 some officers of ICOMOS Argentina participated in a technical mission to the archaeological site Santa Fe la Vieja to assess the possibility of including the property in Argentina’s Tentative List. Committee members advised on the conservation and management of the World Heritage Site Estancias Jesuíticas de Córdoba.

Several members of the national committee of ICOMOS Argentina participated in the programme Heritage at Risk with reports on threats to monuments and sites and in the forum on historic urban landscapes. In April 2007 a special programme on cultural landscapes in Argentina was launched in partnership with the Argentine committee of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA).

Four electronic newsletters were issued with the aim of disseminating the committee’s activities. A CD was produced of the papers presented at the Seminar on Cultural Landscapes in Argentina, held

During 2007, ICOMOS Argentina signed Agreements of Understanding with the National University of Patagonia and with the Catholic University of La Plata in order to exchange information and promote common activities on cultural heritage protection and conservation. The committee also developed a partnership with the Direction of Cultural Heritage of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires on monitoring indicators for the historic centre of Buenos Aires. The Committee continued the partnership with the historic museum of the Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires to organise common activities.

Armenia

Due to budget difficulties, ICOMOS Armenia was not able to organise symposia and conference in 2007. However, as part of the year of Armenia in France, the members have launched several campaigns concerning Armenian heritage.

In 2007 for the International Day for Monuments and Sites, ICOMOS Armenia organised a press conference followed by the opening of the photographic exhibition "Industrial Heritage and Cultural Landscapes: Cascade Sevan-Hrasdan" which showed the hydro-electric stations of Armenian industrial giant Armenia Sevan-Hrazdan. Documentary films on the master masons of the Middle Ages were also broadcast by various television channels. The same day several members and representatives of heritage including members of ICOMOS Armenia were awarded certificates by the Ministry of Culture and the President of ICOMOS Armenia.

With the support of VivaCell, ICOMOS Armenia performed professional consultation on the interpretation and identification of major sites of Armenia in a program on «Connaissions des monuments d’Arménie» [Get to know Monuments of Armenia]. This also facilitated the presentation about monuments on poster-boards, and in several languages including Armenian, Russian, English, French, German, Arabic, Japanese, and Iranian.

ICOMOS Armenia is also involved in the process of organising European Heritage Days, with the support of the Ministry of Culture and the Information Office of the Council of Europe. Since its inauguration in 2004 the European Heritage Days have allowed thousands of Armenian youths aged 15-25 to discover and experience the heritage of their country.

In current issues and publications, ICOMOS Armenia has also published a "Heritage Indicator" «Indicateur du patrimoine» dedicated to the heritage of the city of Yerevan. The Burra Charter, the Charter on Historic Towns and Villages, the Ename Charter, and The Granada Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe, have all been translated into Armenian. The Committee also plans to carry out the Armenian translations of texts of ICOMOS in 2009 with the support of «Connaissions des monuments d’Arménie».

In 2007 ICOMOS Armenia concluded a cooperation agreement with «Connaissions des monuments d’Arménie» to ensure ongoing professional consultation on the interpretation of the major sites of Armenia, including World Heritage sites. The committee developed a partnership with the Ministry of Culture to complete periodic reports of World Heritage sites of Armenia. Partnerships with several museums and with the Union of Architects of Armenia have also developed. The committee does not have any institutional members.

Australia

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Australia held four meetings during the year (in Melbourne, Canberra, Cairns and Sydney) in addition to the Annual General Meeting in Sydney in November 2007. Common topics of discussed at the Executive Committee meetings included the future of the National Cultural Heritage Forum, Australian World Heritage nominations and future tentative list, changes to heritage legislation in various states, Asia Pacific regional activities, publications and the Burra Charter. Australia ICOMOS had representatives in 22 International Committees.

The main event for ICOMOS Australia in 2007 was the annual conference in Cairns on the topic of Extreme Heritage: managing heritage in the face of climatic extremes, natural disasters and military conflicts in tropical, desert, polar and off-world landscapes. The committee welcomed a number of international visitors including the Chairman of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee, John Hurd, and the newly elected Board of ICOMOS Pasifika, who held their inaugural meeting at the
conference. ICOMOS Australia assisted members of the Board to travel to Cairns. Other events included an international forum on cultural heritage and climate change.

On the International Day for Monuments and Sites, state representatives on the ICOMOS Australia Executive Committee organised an open event in their state or territory on the day’s theme. In New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory these events were organised as part of the international discussion on Historic Urban Landscapes among ICOMOS members. Events in Victoria and South Australia also focused on international heritage issues. Australia ICOMOS continues to work with the Australian Commonwealth Government on progress towards its tentative list, and provided comments to the Government during the development of the World Heritage nomination dossier for the Australian Convict Sites. A number of Australia ICOMOS members attended the World Heritage Committee meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand, where the Sydney Opera House was inscribed on the World Heritage List. Australia ICOMOS therefore decided to hold its annual general meeting in the Utzon Room at the Opera House, which was preceded by a seminar on World Heritage for ICOMOS members.

ICOMOS Australia continues to publish its weekly e-news (e-mail news bulletin) which reaches a large audience well beyond Australia, as well publishing two issues of the refereed journal Historic Environment, on the themes of Historic Roads (selected papers from the 2006 national conference ‘Corrugations’) and Heritage on the Margins. The Burra Charter suite of publications, including the Charter itself, the Illustrated Burra Charter, and the Burra Charter video and DVD continued to be sold to members and non-members.

ICOMOS Australia proceeded during the year with the revision of its policies and procedures, and began development of a model consultancy agreement for heritage consultants that dealt with issues of concern to members, including the ethical management of intellectual property.

ICOMOS Australia continued to provide the Chair and Secretariat for the National Cultural Heritage Forum, a group of non-government cultural heritage organisations throughout Australia that lobby and advise the Commonwealth Minister for Heritage on a range of heritage issues. Through the ongoing arrangement with ICOMOS USA for pre-selection of candidates for the US Summer Intern program, an Australia ICOMOS member was successful in gaining a placement in the United States.

Austria

In 2007 ICOMOS Austria held the following meetings:
- Parndorf, February 2007: An UNESCO-ICOMOS Joint Mission took place in Neusiedl am See/Parndorf regarding a high rise building project.
- Prague, Czech Republic, March 2007: ICOMOS Austria was represented at the International Meeting: ‘Development of the city and protection of historical and cultural heritage’. Furthermore President Lipp took part at a Joint Mission regarding a high rise building – the complex at St Pankraz.
- Vienna, April 2007: The Austrian Commission for UNESCO and ICOMOS Austria held a meeting regarding the tentative list.
- Sibiu, Romania, April 2007: The committee was represented at the ICOMOS Europe Group Meeting and TUSNAD – International Scientific Conference.
- Altaussee, July 2007: ICOMOS Austria held an International Meeting regarding the Vienna Memorandum, discussion of the Historic Urban Landscape, and future developments.
- Graz, September 2007: 3rd Austrian World Heritage Site Conference
- Pretoria, South Africa, October 2007: ICOMOS Austria took part in the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Vienna, December 2007: Meeting to discuss the ‘World Heritage Compatibility Check’ with political representatives of the Vienna City Council.

The committee held its annual meeting in December 2007.

ICOMOS Austria worked on the World Heritage Tentative List, including the assignment of a study regarding the submission of the ‘Eisenstraße’ (Iron Road) on the World Heritage List, for which a study was carried out successfully. ICOMOS Austria was also involved in nomination for Roman Liles. The application for nomination of the Bregenzer Wald (Bregenz Forest) to the World Heritage List was put on hold as ICOMOS Austria works towards meeting additional requirements. There are plans for the near future to develop a National Monitoring Group with members allocated to each World Heritage Site.
In 2007 the President of ICOMOS Austria, Prof. Wilfried Lipp, addressed several pertinent issues in a series of talks held in Germany, Italy and Austria:

- Munich, Germany: Conference ‘Kulturelles Erbe – Staatsaufgabe oder Privatsache’ [Cultural Heritage – Public Task or Private Affair?]. Talk: ‘Ensemble – die Situation in Österreich’ [Ensembles – the Situation in Austria].

Belgium
The National Committee of ICOMOS Belgium is run by a management board made up 18 members, with nine representatives each from the associations of ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel and ICOMOS Wallonia-Brussels (the latter including the German speaking community). Every three years, at the same time as ICOMOS’ international elections, the new Belgian presidency is elected. The election procedure alternates between the two sections, with the other section acting as vice-chair. The Presidency from 2005-2008 was held by ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel. In 2007 the Committee of ICOMOS Belgium had representatives in 19 international scientific committees.

The Board of Management of ICOMOS Belgium held 2 meetings, including a brainstorming session on 31 August on the theme "Where lies the spirit of place" in connection with the symposium of the XVI International General Assembly of ICOMOS, to be held in Quebec 2008.

The Management Committee of the section ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel met three times, and for ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels there was a General Meeting held on 24 March 2007. The Board of Directors met 11 times and this led to a discussion on the issues covered in the Vesdre in Verviers (file Revitalization district Spintry - rue du Marteau - rue du Brou). Following a visit in July 2007 an open letter was addressed to the College community in Verviers on 24 October 2007.

All members of both sections ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel and ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels are invited to participate in activities organised by each of these two sections. ICOMOS Belgium organised two forums on May 5th, one referring to the 'Spirit of Place' in connection to the General Assembly to be held in Quebec 2008, and the other concerning the roles, missions and work of international scientific committees of ICOMOS. ICOMOS Belgium also participated during Heritage Days in Brussels on 15 and 16 September 2007, hosting a stand with publications and posters.

In addition ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel organised 4 site-visits for members, with seminars addressing different aspects of conservation. The first seminar, a visit to Antwerp, discussed halls and site restoration of wall paintings in the cathedral (with 43 participants). Walter Schudel, Member ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel and the International Scientific Committee ‘Wall Paintings’ explained some hard decisions concerning changing technology and the evolution of knowledge in the restoration of wall paintings in the last 15 years. On April 18th 2007 as part of the International Day for Monuments and Sites, devoted this year to ‘cultural landscapes and monuments of nature’ ICOMOS Belgium organised a site visit to view the restoration of the Bois de la Cambre (20 participants). In May the General Assembly was held in the ‘van Abdij Park’, including a visit to the site restoration and seminars on the management plan and the future rehabilitation of parts of the site (45 members). Finally, in November, ICOMOS Belgium organised a boat tour of the industrial heritage of the Canal Zone in Brussels under the direction of Guido Vanderhulst, honorary director of the Foundry, Brussels Center for social and industrial history (43 participants).

ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels organised tours visiting restoration sites and buildings and bringing together members at various locations. These were: 35 to 50 members met in Brussels to visit the Palais des Beaux-Arts in February, and in March to visit the Institute Diderot (Art Nouveau school complex) and Palais du Vin. Other visits included the old printing workshop of Echo de la Bourse (built in 1930, renovated) and the Church of St. John the Baptist Beguinage (to see the restoration of the roof, following the fire in 2000). In May a visit to Ecaussinnes was organised to visit the fortress; and in October visits to Dinant and Bouvignes were held, with focus on medieval heritage.
The latter excursion included informative visits involving archaeological research and restoration projects as well as a trip to see the restoration and redeployment projects at the 15th century House of Pléban, a rare example of monument preservation. Other excursions involving medieval heritage included a visit to the remains of the old medieval city of Bouvignes, with presentations concerning restorations and the Chevalier Gossuin tower, as well as a visit of the Spanish house (1569 and 1578) in medieval Meuse.

ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels also organised 2 trips abroad. On June 9th it headed to Luxembourg for the exhibition by Pierre-Ernest de Mansfeld (1517-1604) in collaboration with Alex Langini, President of ICOMOS Luxembourg, and in October members visited ‘The Fountain’ area in Clausen, Burgundy. The itinerary also presented opportunities to view the restoration of the 16th century castle of Maulnes and to visit the archaeological crypt of the former abbey of Saint-Germain and Auxerre Cathedral. Interested members (Stone and Wood committees) also had occasion to view its castle, which was constructed using medieval building techniques.

In 2007 ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel published three newsletters. The June issue highlighted the Belgian response to the new charter for the ‘Interpretation and Presentation of Cultural Sites’, voiced by ICOMOS member Guido De Dijn. ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels published four newsletter (Nos. 28 to 31), on archaeological heritage in Europe, military heritage of the nineteenth century, and buildings of the sixteenth century. The website – http://belgium.icomos.org – was launched on 24 March 2007. It is currently only in French but is being translated into Dutch by the members of ICOMOS Vlaanderen-Brussel will be adapted according to the same structure as that of ICOMOS Wallonie-Bruxelles and integrated into the site of ICOMOS Belgium.

The draft handbook for ICOMOS, ICOMOS Belgium, ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels, was also finalised in 2007 and is scheduled for press in April 2008.

**Bulgaria**

ICOMOS Bulgaria held one meeting and its annual meeting in May. In 2007 the board held 5 meetings and the Bulgarian national committee had representatives in 5 International Committees.

For the celebration of the International Day for Monuments and Sites, the Bulgarian National committee organised for its members a visit to the World Heritage city, Nessebar, as well as a scientific conference there. ICOMOS Bulgaria was working to finalise the project on ‘Conservation and Restoration of St Stephan’s church’, funded by A G Leventis Foundation, and it used the opportunity to invite all the conservators, who gave an in-depth and interdisciplinary presentation of the conservation process. On the occasion of 18 April, the President Hristina Staneva gave interviews to Radio France International, Darik radio and several others about the role and activities of ICOMOS Bulgaria.

During the May meeting professional presentations and discussions were held about the restoration of very precious murals in Preobrazenski monastery - a monument of national significance. Approximately 80 participants expressed their professional views. In October 2007, some 50 members of ICOMOS Bulgaria visited the Sveshtari tomb, a World Heritage Site and celebrated the 25 anniversary of its discovery. Professor D Gergova delivered a lecture on the investigation of the tomb and the region. In December 2007, the National Committee held a meeting, with presentations made on the conservation field (Architect H Staneva, St Belishki, Sv Georgiev); and the Christmas holidays were celebrated.

ICOMOS Bulgaria finalised a joint project between the Bulgarian and Japanese ICOMOS National Committees on the conservation of seven sites located in the historic core of Plovdiv. The funds were guaranteed by the Japan Trust Fund of UNESCO. The conservation works were undertaken by Plovdiv Municipality under the scientific and methodological control of selected experts from the two National Committees. ICOMOS Bulgaria has continued to implement the project for the ‘Conservation and restoration of St Stephan’s church’ in Nessebar. Key parts of the remarkable murals were restored very well, and approved and appreciated by the relevant institutions. In 2007, restoration on the wall paintings of St Dimitar’s church in Boboshevo, south-west Bulgaria, was finished. The restoration was sponsored by the A G Leventis Foundation and the World Monuments Fund.
The committee’s website [http://www.icomos-bg.org](http://www.icomos-bg.org) has proved an efficient tool to exchange information between ICOMOS Bulgaria members. The committee supported a publication by Svetoslav Georgiev. The scientific report of the Conservation Project of monuments in Old Plovdiv, funded by the UNESCO Japan Trust, is under preparation.

As a continuation of the Heritage at Risk campaign, ICOMOS Bulgaria prepared a report for the endangered monuments in the country. Jointly with the National Institute for the Monuments of Culture, ICOMOS Bulgaria updated the National Report for HERExIN Program and submitted it to the Council of Europe. Architect Maleeva and Architect H Staneva participated at the annual meeting in the capacity of National Correspondents. ICOMOS Bulgaria in collaboration with Svishtov municipality and the National Archaeological Institute with the Museum–Bulgarian Academy of Science prepared an application dossier for the inclusion of the archaeological reserve 'Nove' on the World Monument Watch List 2007. The reserve was added to the list of the World’s 100 most endangered sites.

The committee of ICOMOS Bulgaria has five institutional members, including the Ministry of Culture, the University on Construction, Architecture and Geodesy, and the Union of Architects. The committee also developed a partnership with the UNESCO Commission in Bulgaria, Municipality of Plovdiv, Municipality of Svishtov, etc.

ICOMOS Bulgaria submitted to ‘Europa Nostra’ a dossier for the nomination of A G Leventis Foundation for the prize of the European Union in the category ‘Dedicated Service’. The application was accepted and the Foundation was rewarded with this distinguished prize.

**Canada**

The Congress of the National Committee of ICOMOS in Canada was convened at Concordia University in Montreal 25-27 October 2007. The theme of the Congress was *Finding the Spirit of the Place*, where workshops, discussion, tours and site visits revolved around this topic, allowing participants to analyse the importance of the intangible in the preservation of cultural heritage and question the concern for and capacity to address this issue in their professional practice. Approximately 115 delegates attended, including the participation of 25-30 young professionals. The committee held its Annual General meeting at the ICOMOS Canada Congress on 26 October 2007.

A conference and windmill visits were organised in September 2007, in Pointe Claire, Quebec. This activity was organised by the Association of the safeguarding of the cultural heritage in Pointe-Claire (Société de la sauvegarde du patrimoine de Pointe-Claire) in partnership with ICOMOS Canada, and was the first of a series of events that related to windmills organised by the Members of the Specialised Committee on Training, Wood, and Industrial Heritage.

The Toronto group of ICOMOS Canada also welcomed Professor Mario Coyula Cowley of Havana, Cuba, for his inaugural visit to Toronto in September 2007. The topic of his discussion was ‘Havana/Toronto: Dialogue about Architecture, Urbanism, and Heritage Preservation in Context’.

Within the framework of the International Day for Monuments and Sites (18 April), a learning kit on Cultural Landscapes was developed for kids and schools. The learning kit was launched on 1 June 2007. Photos for the promotional poster were graciously supplied by Parks Canada and the Heritage Conservation Directorate of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Thanks in part to the assistance of a number of ICOMOS Canada members the Rideau Canal was named Canada’s newest World Heritage Site by UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee at its annual meeting convened in New Zealand on 27 July 2007. The listing includes the Rideau Canal, Fort Henry and the Kingston Fortifications. The Canal extends 202km from Ottawa in the north to Kingston Harbour on Lake Ontario in the south. The early 19th century Rideau Canal was built primarily for strategic military purposes at a time when Great Britain and the United States of America vied for control of the region, to provide a safe supply line for the British colony of Upper Canada.

A group of ICOMOS Canada members travelled to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York, to expose themselves to local heritage conservation initiatives in the two cities. There were discussions on establishing future partnerships between Canadian and American heritage experts.
The proceedings from the 2005 ICOMOS Canada Congress with the theme ‘ICOMOS Canada; Conserving Historic Places in Canada’ was produced for distribution at the ICOMOS Canada 2007 Congress. ICOMOS hosts a web site http://canada.icomos.org which is currently in the process of being revitalised and enhanced. ICOMOS Canada member Dinu Bumbaru contributed to the ICOMOS publication ICOMOS World Report 2006/2007 on Monuments and Sites in Danger.

During the ICOMOS Canada board meeting on 15 June 2007, a resolution was passed establishing an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations that could constitute ICOMOS Canada’s contribution to the federal pre-budget consultations. Led by Professor Tom Urbaniak of Cape Breton University, the initiative focused on encouraging the federal government to establish a Heritage Tax Incentive Program for homeowners.

Czech Republic

In 2007, the National Committee of ICOMOS in the Czech Republic held a plenary session (February) and two meetings of the Executive Committee (June, December). The President of ICOMOS Czech Republic held a business meeting with the Director and other representatives of the Heritage Preservation Department of the Czech Ministry of Culture. The subject of the meeting was the critical opinion of ICOMOS Czech Republic about the strategy of the nomination of Czech properties for inscription in the World Heritage List. The President also participated in a business meeting held by the Magistrate of the City of Prague along with the Czech Ministry of Culture concerning the report on the state of conservation of the World Heritage City of Prague prepared for UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee. In 2007, ICOMOS Czech Republic had representatives on 11 International Committees.

ICOMOS Czech Republic held 11 public seminars that dealt with different aspects of conservation. The first one was titled ‘Traditional Methods of Lime Mortar Preparation and their Use in the Conservation of Historic Buildings’, with about 60 participants. Other seminars with ICOMOS members as keynote speakers were devoted to a variety of topics including both the conservation of individual structures as well as town planning and landscape conservation, with an estimated total 550 participants. ICOMOS Czech Republic was co-organiser of the 4th International Biennale ‘Industrial Traces 2007’; with the title ‘Industrial Heritage as a Cultural Potential of Sustainable Development’ held 19-20 September.

On the occasion of the International Day for Monuments and Sites (18 April), the committee organised a press conference and held a seminar on Cultural Landscapes and Natural Heritage in Prague. In further activities and programs ICOMOS Czech Republic participated in the international meeting “European Heritage Heads Forum”, held in Prague on 9 and 10 May 2007. ICOMOS Czech also gave its opinion on nominations to the EUROPA NOSTRA Prize (4 nominations).

ICOMOS Czech Republic, along with the National Institute for Heritage Preservation, published a second revised edition of ‘International Documents on the Protection of Cultural Heritage’. Members of ICOMOS Czech Republic were authors of the translation of documents published in Czech. Members of ICOMOS Czech Republic were authors or editors of a total of 10 publications devoted to heritage conservation matters.

Finland

ICOMOS Finland held one open meeting: the annual meeting with the elections for a president and 8 board members. The board held 9 meetings. The boards of the national committees of Nordic countries met in Stockholm in December and discussed common topics of the future. The committee hosted the annual meeting of the scientific committee on Historic Towns and Villages CIVVIH in Helsinki.

The main seminar of the year “Urban Heritage Facing Global and Local Challenges” was arranged together with CIVVIH. Its three sessions, “Urban Heritage and its Management in the Northern Context”, “Identifying Values of Modern Urban Heritage”, “Challenges for Practitioners of Urban Heritage”, included 23 lectures and gathered 83 participants to discuss. Modernist urbanism was presented on excursions. A separate session on Historic Urban Landscapes included 10 lectures and a discussion.

ICOMOS Finland celebrated April 18th by working in the above mentioned seminar on urban heritage together with the scientific committee on Historic Towns and Villages CIVVIH.
The state of the World Heritage sites in Finland was taken under a looking glass on a tour arranged by the committee. The World Heritage bus visited all the sites situated in the country and the participants discussed with the local people and specialists in charge of the sites. Also an interactive educational package was prepared for the use of the schools in the municipalities of the sites.

European Heritage Days were celebrated on a tour "Inside outside" that presented buildings of historic gardens in Helsinki area.

ICOMOS Finland published four newsletters in 2007, all of them presenting special themes: one on the relationship between the authorities and conservation, one on historic interiors, one on underwater archaeology and one on World Heritage and the 40th anniversary of the national committee. The papers of the international seminar on urban heritage were published on the web site. The charter on the Protection and Management of Underwater Cultural Heritage was published in Finnish in the newsletter. Many publications of the earlier years have been sold out. A new one is the way. The committee hosts a web site at the address http://www.icomos.fi.

In addition to working with the conservation of urban heritage and World Heritage mentioned above, the committee also works on vernacular architecture. Its vernacular group was a co-arranger in the many August activities in Ruovesi municipality, where the documentation and conservation of vernacular architecture was discussed and highlighted, for example, with school children, conservation specialists and amateur water colourists. An international documentation camp and a seminar on traditional roofs were also held. The Nordic committees discussed the halls designed by Nordic architects of the UN building in New York and their conservation.

The committee has four institutional members and cooperates with heritage organisations and associations in the country.

**France**

ICOMOS France prepared an international symposium entitled ‘Conservation-Restauration des Structures en Bois’ (Restoration of Wood Structures) held in association with the Association for Architects, the Laboratory for Research on Historical Monuments, and the International Wood Committee (IIWC).

The World Heritage Working Group of ICOMOS France, under the direction of its President, Olivier Poisson, has conducted several missions at the request of the ICOMOS International Secretariat, accompanying missions to the nominated French sites (the fortifications at Vauban, 14 sites) and following up other nomination files. The committee also participated at the 5th meeting for French heritage held from 26-27 September 2007 in Puy-en-Velay. ICOMOS France also helped to form the Association of World Heritage Properties in France (Association des Biens Français du Patrimoine Mondial, ABFPM), which is an associate member. ICOMOS France is also working on the inscriptions for the Lagoons of New Caledonia, amongst others.

Meetings and field trips were organised as part of the ‘Goup on Large Sites’ (‘Groupe Grands Sites’. Visits in 2007 included Fontainebleau, Beaune, l’Ile d’Aix and Montségur. Meetings of the ‘Committee on Cultural Heritage and Territorial/Urban Planning’ (Comité Patrimoine et Aménagement du Territoire) were also held following the guidelines for Rural Excellence as requested by DIACT (Délegation interministérielle à l’aménagement et à la compétitivité des territoires). ICOMOS France also assisted in the creation of a Work Group entitled ‘Standards and Heritage’ (Normes et Patrimoine), led by Michèle Prats, Anne Magnant and François Goven. Other working groups included participation in the National Group for Vineyards (Paysages Viticoles); and in the group ‘Forests and Heritage’ (Forêts Patrimoines); and participation in the work of Mirror Working Group (Groupe Miroir), part of Grenelle de l’Environnement, the main forum organised by the Government on environmental issues.

ICOMOS France has been very active in part of a new European Program focused on common (shared) heritage in the Mediterranean: fortifications from the Crusader period. ICOMOS France piloted the project, involving 4 European partners from 5 countries of the Mashreq region, discussing the cultural and technological exchanges which characterise the architecture and fortresses of the 11th to 13th century in the Mediterranean. Associated activities for this project included: an opening seminar in Aigues-Mortes; construction of a website
ICOMOS France has provided full support to ICOMOS in its contacts with the French Ministry of Culture to locate the ICOMOS International Secretariat with ICOMOS France, and Médiathèque de l’Architecture et du Patrimoine, the French Society for Archaeologists.

ICOMOS France completed the editing and production of ‘Little treatise of Large Sites’ (Petit Précis des Grands Sites). Two editions of ‘In a few words’ (En Peu de Mots) (n°s 45 and 46) were also issued in 2007.

Germany

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Germany and especially its monitoring group were once again very much involved in looking after the more than 30 World Heritage sites (preventive monitoring). Particularly problematic cases were bridge projects in the Middle Rhine Valley and the Elbe Valley near Dresden. Other sites that were regularly inspected and evaluated by the monitoring group were the Museum Island in Berlin, the Cathedral and St. Michael’s Church in Hildesheim, the Wilhelmshöhe Park in Kassel, and the Würzburg Residence. On September 17th President Michael Petzet gave information about the work of ICOMOS and the situation of the German World Heritage at a meeting of the subcommittee for culture in the Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament).

ICOMOS Germany held several conferences in 2007 including:

- June 5: a press conference in Berlin presenting the Heritage at Risk Special - The Soviet Heritage and European Modernism
- September 28: members gathered for the annual meeting held in Gotha, Thuringia.
- December 7-8: ‘Toccare – Non Toccare’. International conference in Munich on key restoration problems organised together with the Technical University Munich.

ICOMOS Germany helped towards the publication of special a report for Heritage at Risk, which gathers the papers of a conference organised by ICOMOS in cooperation with ICCROM, at the Heritage Conservation Fair in Leipzig, 27-28 October 2006.

Greece

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Greece held two annual meetings within the year 2007. The first took place in May and was concerned with the following subjects: new members’ inscriptions, reporting on 2006 and the 2007-08 action plan. The second meeting took place in December and also included the election of 18 board members. After that the board elected its president. The board held six meetings in 2007 and discussed common topics concerning the preservation and management of cultural heritage on the national and international level. Finally in September 2007 the activation of the statutes of ICOMOS Greece was completed according to the new consequences and the Eger-Xi’an Principles, these being increased specification criteria for the new members and established new scientific committees. In 2007, ICOMOS Greece had representatives in twenty-one International Committees.

ICOMOS Greece held three open seminars that dealt with different aspects of heritage, protection and conservation. The first seminar constituted a one-day Conference in Athens on 13 January 2007, in order to discuss the issue of the Charter of Restoration and Conservation of the monuments and sites in Greece. There were 90 participants, 14 lectures and a lively discussion on the formulation of a National Charter of Restoration for the monuments and sites in Greece.

The second seminar of the year was an International Symposium on 27-28 September which was organised following suggestions by ICOMOS Greece, in collaboration with the Technical Chamber of Greece and the Hellenic Ministry of Culture. The main objectives of the Symposium were to inform
both experts and the general public about the content and obligations with regard to World Heritage, and to promote international dialogue between UNESCO member states to this same end. During this Symposium, which consisted of two stages, a lively discussion took place among 80 participants and 23 lecturers. Thursday, 27 September was organised by ICOMOS Greece and the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE). It took the form of an open discussion. During this stage, the ICOMOS invitees were called to elaborate on the role of ICOMOS and its obligations in relation to World Heritage. Friday, 28 September was organised by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture (Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities) and ICOMOS Greece. This one-day conference was entitled ‘World Heritage and Heritage Routes – New Orientations’. The organisation of the sessions ensured the participation of all bodies involved in the protection process.

Thirdly, from 1-6 October 2007 ICOMOS Greece organised with CIPA in Athens the 21st International CIPA Symposium, ‘AntiCIPAting the Future of the Cultural Past’. The 21st CIPA Symposium was a forum for sharing views, experiences and discussing proposals for the optimum attitude, the best practice and the ideal technical tools to preserve, document and manage the rich and diverse cultural heritage of humankind. The ultimate aim of the 21st CIPA Symposium was to bring together as many interested parties as possible from as many backgrounds as possible, in order to achieve a high level of mutual understanding of the needs, the requirements and the technical means of attaining them. The common goal was set on the multidisciplinary approach to the tasks of recording, documenting, protecting and managing the World Cultural Heritage, including data acquisition, spatial planning, laser scanning and modelling, internet and e-Learning, digitalisation, underwater photogrammetric documentation and new technologies. During this conference a lively discussion took place among more than 100 participants during 150 lectures.

For the International Day for Monuments and Sites, interviews were aired on Greek television and radio were organised, aiming to inform and sensitising the public about the meaning of this day. ICOMOS Greece dedicated to this day its publication of a list of the country’s monuments which are endangered by natural or human causes.

As related to World Heritage, representatives of ICOMOS Greece, in collaboration with the Technical Chamber of Greece, are working on the issues of Eurocodes and more specifically the standardisation of materials for restoration works on monuments (ISO). Representatives of ICOMOS Greece participated in a workgroup of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, as regards to the issue of serial inscriptions within the framework of the revision of Greece's indicative World Heritage lists. These questions were put forward during the International Symposium on 27-28 September 2007. The Conference on the issue of the Charter of Restoration and Conservation of the monuments and sites in Greece, held on 13 January 2007, also brought valuable insights for a revised perspective concerning restoration issues.

In brief, the most important actions of ICOMOS Greece for the protection and management of Heritage in Greece are:

- Request to the Hellenic Ministry of Culture to protect the ancient fortification walls of Piraeus (5th and 4th Century BCE), through modern interventions.
- Request to the Hellenic Ministry of Culture against the construction of tourist infrastructure in the protected natural site of the historic settlement of the island of Hydra, which has been a declared since 1960.
- Request to the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works not to allow the construction and other developments on a coastal area of the island of Serifos, which would endanger this protected area’s ecological balance.
- Reports on the reasons for the collapse of the cover in the archaeological site of Acrotiri at Thera, because of superficial choices and superficial construction, and a prosecuting report before the Hellenic justice against all persons responsible.
- Objection to the protected historic buildings at the foot of the Athenian Acropolis to free the surrounding area for its museum.
- Demands and presence to the Central (National) Councils of Archaeological and Modern Heritage so as to save the most ancient medieval house in Athens (the Benizelos Residence in the Plaka), and the Industrial Heritage buildings in Northern Ionia.

As in previous years ICOMOS Greece also continued to dedicate time to provide consultation concerning cultural tourism, vernacular architecture, education and dissemination, Statutory Frame for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, New Cities over Old Cities, and so forth. ICOMOS Greece continued to promote the protection and preservation of monuments in the Hellenic territory, to promote the protection of monuments and endangered historical sites in south-east Europe, and to
promote activities for the development of bilateral relations in south-east Europe (Cyprus, Turkey, Albania, Bulgaria, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and others).

Publications are regularly made in the weekly informative newsletter of the Technical Chamber of Greece with a circulation of 110,000. The committee of ICOMOS Greece also hosts a web site at http://www.icomoshellenic.gr, presenting a series of available editions from conferences and one-day conferences of past years. In addition to the aforementioned themes, the committee actively contributed to the translation of the Charters of ICOMOS into Greek and their publication. The committee also recently participated in the discussion for the Charter on Cultural Routes and the updating of the Charter for the Conservation of Historic Towns and Urban Areas (Washington Charter).

ICOMOS Greece functions under the auspices of the Technical Chamber of Greece which numbers today 110,000 engineers as its members. It collaborates with the Hellenic TICCIH, ICOM, branches of scientific unions, universities, research bodies, municipalities. It collaborates with the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Physical Planning and Public Works.

**Italy**

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Italy had 5 meetings towards organising elections on September 7, September 11-12, December 12, March 13 and June 30 2007. An assembly was held on April 4th to elect the executive committee, followed by a meeting on July 9th to elect the President. The committee of 24 May met to discuss the statutes, communications with the President and budgets for 2007 and 2008. The national committee of ICOMOS Italy has representatives on 20 Scientific Committees.

ICOMOS Italy organised three seminars concerning diverse aspects of conservation. The first seminar was concerned with the state of conservation of cultural sites included on the WH list. Particular attention was focused on WH in Southern Italy, the works conducted in the past 3 years and the current needs for its conservation and management. The final report was presented to and approved by the Italian Minister of Culture.

**Activities and programmes:**

- A research symposium was dedicated to Roberto Di Stefano “Archeologia, Città e Paesaggio” [Archaeology, City, and Landscape] in Ravello (SA) on October 20 with the proceedings publication “Archeologia, città e paesaggio”. The conference offered insight to the problems faced today by towns which hold valuable archaeological resources; on one hand, archaeology is presented as an important element in tourism and economic development; on the other, the resultant intensive use and pressure provokes a strong reaction on the side of the authorities concerned with their conservation, seeing the importance of preserving and isolating these monuments, as well as their inclusion within the historic landscape.
- RAS Restoring Ancient Stabiae Foundation - Prof. Guzzo President proposed an international conference on Underwater Archaeology at the Conference of Archeo-Med, Castelleammare.
- Participation at the conference “Le idee della ricerca a lavoro” [Research Ideas at Work] organised by the University of Naples Federico II.
- Participation in the 10th Round Table Event from Mar 15-16 of the Intervention a la Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco dedicated to the topic “Travellers”.
- Agreed on a memorandum of understanding between the Italian Committee of ICOMOS and Peruvian Committee of ICOMOS concerning Academic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation for the Conservation and Management of the Cultural Heritage.
- A management plan was set up with UNESCO for ‘La connaissance dynamique des territoires de culture’.
- Participation at the European University Centre for Cultural Resources, assisting in the ‘Patronage Master Mac Lands’ Management of Cultural Landscapes.
- CNR Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Tavoli Industria 2015 [National Research Council – Round Table: Industry 2015]. Innovative technologies for the heritage of cultural resources, management of the conservation cycle towards the update and recognition of the value of sites. The User’s Guide was set up by MiBAC.

ICOMOS Italy has three institutional partners: include Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi Italia, Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco, and Associazione Giovanni Secco Suardo.
Luxembourg
In 2007, the National Committee of ICOMOS in Luxembourg had 70 individual members and 1 institutional member. Unfortunately the General Assembly had to be postponed until the following year because of the matching of the statutes with the new national legislation on non-profit organisations.

In accordance with the celebration of 'Luxembourg, European Capital of Culture 2007', ICOMOS Luxembourg, together with the ICOMOS Wallonie-Brussels, organised a day trip to visit the Luxembourg on June 9th. The excursion included a visit to the exhibition at the National Museum of History and Art and a visit of the palace of Prince of Pierre-Ernest of Mansfeld, with 39 attendees. On 3 August, another visit was made by 19 members to the Manoir de Roeber 1725 and another house in 1797 in Larochette. Both buildings have recently been restored.

Mauritius
ICOMOS Mauritius will not hold its annual meeting until March 2008, although the board members met several times informally during 2007. For the International Monuments Day the committee organised a press release as it does every year and this message was carried by the major daily newspapers in Mauritius. In regards to World Heritage activities, ICOMOS Mauritius continued to press government for an expansion of the UNESCO Tentative List of sites in Mauritius. Members are active and have leading roles in several major heritage restoration projects in Mauritius, especially regarding underwater archaeological research and fortifications restoration. Members published articles on heritage sites and their management in books and magazines during the past year, including 'Les bâtisseurs de l’Ile Maurice’ a volume which grouped contributions from several heritage specialists in the Indian Ocean region.

New Zealand
ICOMOS New Zealand continues to enjoy a small but steady increase, dealing typically with at least one membership application at most of our board meetings. Membership currently stands at 75.

A key activity of ICOMOS New Zealand has involved the Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Heritage Value, and the informal evaluation and revision of the charter which is now ten years old. As per general opinion the charter has 'worn well'; in the broadest sense, it provides heritage conservation best practice for everyone; it encompasses issues and aspects of historic and cultural heritage in New Zealand, including history, archaeology, iwi values, architecture and planning. It is one of the few multi-disciplinary documents to guide heritage practice and management in New Zealand. Of particular note is the way in which the charter acknowledges indigenous and intangible heritage: Scottish Heritage considers that ‘only ICOMOS New Zealand has seriously tackled the issue [ref Scottish Heritage 1997:32] Not unsurprisingly, as a best practice model, the charter has been used in litigious contexts, including Environment Court appeals. In several instances it has proven to be ambiguous with both sides in a case making different interpretations of the same clauses. A group of board members have been working for the last year to revise the text with some substantial changes stemming from robust discussion. Most changes are revised wording of particular sections, and some rearrangements of sections of text. A process is still being finalised, before launching and promulgating the revised charter.

ICOMOS New Zealand participated in the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee in Christchurch in July 2007. This meeting was highly successful and appeared to be enjoyed by delegates. At the 31st session Tumu Te Heu Heu of New Zealand ended his term as chair of the World Heritage Committee. At much the same time, New Zealand launched its Tentative List of World Heritage Proposed Sites. Unfortunately since the launch of the tentative list little further developmental work of proposals appears to have happened.

ICOMOS New Zealand member Kevin Jones co-authored an important report for ICOMOS on Cultural Landscapes in the Pacific Islands.

Norway
The National Committee of ICOMOS in Norway held its annual meeting with the elections for a president and seven board members on 15 March. The Executive Board held seven meetings during the course of the year and discussed the following topics: development of a strategic plan for
2007-2010, rules for membership of the scientific committees, rules of procedure for a nomination committee, candidates for the Gazzola Prize, an ICOMOS Norway award, upgrading and redesigning of the web page and preparation for a conference on cultural heritage and human rights. The Advisory Board held two meetings. ICOMOS Norway has assigned representatives on 20 International Committees and is represented on the Norwegian Blue Shield Committee.

ICOMOS Norway held three open seminars that dealt with different aspects of conservation:

- Seminar 1, 15 March in Oslo, was on cultural heritage and minorities. Six lectures and 40 participants made a lively discussion. A special emphasis was given to the heritage of minorities which had received less attention earlier, Gipsy/Romany, Kvener, South Sámi people and immigrants.
- Seminar 2, 24 August in Oslo, was about the loss of and threats to 20th century heritage, with 60 participants.
- Seminar 3, 19-20 October in Bergen, was on cultural heritage and added value; in cooperation between ICOMOS Norway, the City of Bergen and the County of Hordaland, with 180 participants. Michael Loveday, of HEART, Norwich UK was invited as keynote speaker. Lecturers from across Norway (government, public and private sector) participated.

ICOMOS Norway contributed to the revision of the tentative list of Norway by attending a series of consultative meetings in Oslo and Røros.

ICOMOS Norway has taken the initiative to approaching the UN and Norway’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the offer of assistance from experts to advice on the preservation and restoration of cultural heritage on the UN building in New York in connection with its renovation. The other Nordic ICOMOS committees have assured that they also will follow up this initiative with their governments. In addition, four representatives from ICOMOS Norway attended the Nordic ICOMOS meeting and seminar in Stockholm in November. The UN building initiative was presented. A major topic of the meeting was the issue of preservation of urban landscape and development planning.

Information about publications is circulated regularly on ICOMOS Norway’s website: http://www.icomos.no.

Pacific Islands

For information about the meetings and activities of the Pacific Islands please refer to the report of the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS which follows in the next section.

Pakistan

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Pakistan held informal meetings among its members at its Secretariat in Karachi. Since members of ICOMOS Pakistan are from different cities these meetings are organised informally whenever a member visiting Karachi drops by at the secretariat. Most of the communication and discussions between members is done through email exchanges. The Pakistan national committee had one representative at the ICOMOS Asia and Pacific Regional Meeting in Seoul, 29 May - 1 June 2007.

For the International Day for Monuments and Sites, April 18, ICOMOS Pakistan organised a seminar combined with a film show and exhibition of students’ works. A press release on the event was issued to various local newspapers and appeared as a news item in city newspapers the next day. Speakers at the seminar included Dr Kaleemullah Lashari and Architect / Planner Arif Hasan, who spoke about the state of conservation in Pakistan and emphasised on developing professional capacity in the field.

Being in its formative years, regular activities other than the 18 April event could not be organised, but ICOMOS Pakistan is working on developing an events calendar in which seminars, lectures, and visits to sites will become a regular feature.

In the year 2007 ICOMOS Pakistan was officially represented at one international event, the ICOMOS Asia and Pacific Regional Meeting, Seoul, 29 May - 1 June 2007. ICOMOS Korea sent an invitation for participation. This invitation along with the call for papers was circulated to all members. Ms Sameeta Ahmed responded to this call for papers and presented a paper at the event, titled 'Protective Mechanisms for Cultural Heritage in Pakistan and Emerging Applications of
Peru

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Peru held six regular meetings in 2007. For the International Day for Monuments and Sites ICOMOS Peru organised two conferences at the Bolivar Hotel, one held by the historian Virgilio Fredy Cabanillas Delgadillo ‘The importance of the preservation of the monuments’ and the other by historian Hugo Robles Cosco with ‘Paseo Colon, urbanism, architecture and monuments’. The event was organised with the support of the Municipality of Lima and Superior Institute of Technology CEPEA, inaugurating the main event the National Committee’s President, Dr Ruth Shady Solis. The conferences were followed by guided heritage visits in downtown Lima.

During the year particular attention was given to the state of conservation of Sojo House, in the north of Peru, giving technical support to the Sojo Cultural Association, directed by Mr José Checa Leigh. In February, ICOMOS Peru made contact and organised meetings giving support to an expert sent by ICOMOS on a mission to examine the state of conservation of the Chan Chan Archaeological Zone.

Several activities were also taken regarding Law 29164, which authorises the use of heritage places for economic activities such as hotels, restaurants, shopping centres and other business activities. There is a lack of control by the experts or official presence in the procedures and the ICOMOS Peru organised visits to several Congressmen to assert the critical position of the committee regarding this unfavourable use.

There has also been substantial activity regarding the earthquake on August 15th and the related Machu Pichu case. Since the earthquake several activities have been programmed. ICOMOS Peru contacted ICOMOS to initiate a mission to examine the Peruvian south zone and many of the affected monuments although unfortunately this was not possible.

The sixth bulletin (newsletter) for ICOMOS Peru has been prepared and will be circulated in 2008, presenting special themes about the conservation of cultural heritage. The committee hosts a web site at the address: [http://peru.icomos.org/](http://peru.icomos.org/).

Philippines

ICOMOS Philippines reorganised in October 2007 after a period of non-activity. The committee held four monthly meetings and its annual meeting with the elections for a president and five board members in July. The board held one meeting and discussed professional linkages, youth programs, and possible ICOMOS projects in the Philippines. The Philippine national committee had representatives in six International Committees.

ICOMOS Philippines held two open seminars that dealt with different aspects of conservation. ICOMOS Philippines also organised and hosted the 2007 meeting of CIAV held in the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (World Heritage Property) in December 2007.

For the International Day for Monuments and Sites the committee organised a press conference followed by a visit to the threatened site of Public Plazas in the City of Manila. In terms of World Heritage, ICOMOS Philippines contributed to the revision of the tentative list of The Philippines by attending a consultation meeting with the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines. During the year particular attention was given to the state of conservation of the Rice Terraces of the Philippines Cordilleras which are on the World Heritage in Danger List, threatened by uncontrolled tourism and a general lack of community participation. ICOMOS Philippines organised the CIAV Annual Meeting in December 2007 at the Rice Terraces Site for an international interaction between the resident community and ICOMOS members. ICOMOS Philippines also has a weekly heritage conservation column in a major national Philippine newspaper.

With support from the Heritage Conservation Society, ICOMOS Philippines organised a Heritage Identification and Documentation Training Program, enabling the participation of 20-30 young professionals from the Philippines. Since its founding in 2007, the Heritage Identification and Documentation Training Program has allowed 60 or more students, government employees, and young professionals to benefit from this Training and Identification Program.
South Africa

The Executive Committee of ICOMOS South Africa met several times during the course of 2007. Meetings are held via teleconference as the members of the committee are scattered around the country and distances as well as travel costs preclude all executive members from meeting at one venue. The Executive comprises of six elected members and one co-opted member. The ICOMOS South Africa constitution requires that a general assembly be held every three years and one is to be held in 2009.

Items for discussion by the Executive Committee of ICOMOS South Africa included the preparation for the hosting of the 2007 Advisory Committee, membership of International Committees, cooperation with sister institutions such as ICOM and SAMA (South African Museums Association), growing the membership by the promotion of the activities of ICOMOS at a national level, cooperation with our ICOMOS colleagues in the SADC region, involvement in the Terra conference held in Mali and the preparation of a series of posters for the exhibition in Rome. ICOMOS South Africa has a total of 34 members and has representatives on a number of ISC’s as well as on TICCIH.

ICOMOS South Africa has several members who serve upon the South African World Heritage Convention Committee, two of whom attended the World Heritage Committee meeting as part of the South African delegation. Members have contributed to an evaluation mission as well as a monitoring mission for sites in the region (Mauritius).

In 2007, most, if not all of the energies of ICOMOS South Africa were taken up with the arrangement and hosting of the 2007 Advisory Committee meeting, which took place in Pretoria in October. This was preceded by a specialist meeting on the cultural heritage of the Cape Peninsula which was attended by a number of international members as well as local members.

Other more general activities that are undertaken by individual members of ICOMOS South Africa include:

• Advocacy and advice in heritage matters to, inter alia, the South African Institute of Architects and the Table Mountain National Park (which is included in the Cape Floral Kingdom World Heritage Site);
• Assistance to statutory heritage authorities including the regional offices of the South Africa Heritage Resources Agency, the various Provincial Heritage Resource Agencies and local authorities with regard to permitting issues;
• Advice to small city councils on starting heritage audits as part of the Integrated Development Planning process;
• Continuing Professional Development courses for Architects – to be expanded to other professions;
• Introducing ICOMOS standards in heritage education;

ICOMOS South Africa reported on the large vibrant group of heritage practitioners and academic heritage analysts in southern Africa and accordingly the challenge of developing effective and regular communication and engagement within this group, and its development as a community, in a large, relatively poor country and region. The high membership fees, set in Euros, also limit membership of ICOMOS-South Africa locally. ICOMOS South Africa thus has to punch above its weight - develop a higher profile within the profession and slowly grow its membership through that.

Solutions that have been pursued included a monthly culture and heritage email newsletter compiled and circulated by one of ICOMOS South Africa’s members since August 2007, initially only to ICOMOS South Africa members but from January 2008 to a larger audience.

Sri Lanka

In 2007 ICOMOS Sri Lanka continued to pursue their program of action towards their objectives for the years 2005-2008, as detailed below.

Regarding the legalization of the Conservation Profession with an Act of Parliament - The Committee of ICOMOS Sri Lanka was able to complete the draft of the Act ready to be presented to the Parliament. It has received the approvals from the Museums Department, the Archaeological Department and the Cultural Affairs Ministry and this act will shortly be presented in the Parliament of Sri Lanka by the Minister of Culture.
Concerning efforts to participate in Technical Audits of conservation work at World Heritage Sites - A formal system of technical auditing and monitoring has been formulated. The Central Cultural Fund will request ICOMOS Sri Lanka to engage in technical auditing in the future.

Concerning efforts to create Public Awareness of the values of our cultural heritage and the contribution of ICOMOS towards its preservation - The President of ICOMOS Sri Lanka has been made a permanent member of the Advisory Board of the Archaeological Department. The President of ICOMOS Sri Lanka is a member of the Galle Heritage Trust. ICOMOS Sri Lanka actively lobbied against the construction of an international cricket stadium close to the Galle Fort ramparts and was able to impose severe restrictions on new constructions that would have damaged the value of the monument.

Concerning further conservation Activities - As an outcome of the World Monument Fund (WMF) Conference that was held in Colombo in 2004 organised by ICOMOS Sri Lanka, the World Monument Fund accepted a proposal to fund the conservation of the old Government Agent's Office in Galle. Funds for the first stage of this effort amounting to SL Rs.8 million were sent and ICOMOS Sri Lanka selected a conservator from among members who indicated their interest. The conservation is being directed by Architect Jayatissa Herath. Documentation of the building and the initial archaeological investigation has been completed. A request to undertake an excavation has been forwarded to the Archaeological Department, the expense of which would be borne by the project. Architect Ashley de Vos and Architect Prasanna Ratnayaka are supervising the work on behalf of ICOMOS Sri Lanka. ICOMOS Sri Lanka also participated in a Committee that reviewed the UDA regulations in regard to Galle Fort.

In further review a permanent office has been established at the Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology of the University of Kelaniya in order to facilitate the expansion of services to members such as a library, conferences, etc. ICOMOS Sri Lanka was concerned about a policy document on conservation prepared by a group of retired archaeologists. ICOMOS Sri Lanka agreed to render consultancy services for projects undertaken by the Department, following a request made by the Director General of Archaeology, but only 2 ICOMOS Sri Lanka members volunteered to the program. It is expected that once the Archaeological Department finalises its conservation budget ICOMOS Sri Lanka will play a prominent role.

In late 2007 ICOMOS Sri Lanka suggested that an application be made to inscribe Yodha Ela as a World Heritage Site. Ongoing efforts are also being made to encourage the membership to participate in the activities of the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS. Finally, the website is being worked on for finalisation in 2008.

Sweden

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Sweden held four meetings and it held its annual meeting and elections in March 2007. The board held 5 meetings and discussed common topics of the future. Apart from this a number of informal Bureau meetings have taken place.

Additionally, ICOMOS Sweden held four open seminars that dealt with different aspects of the heritage, including:

- 'Evaluating Heritage' with 30 participants, five lectures and lively discussion. Lecturers were mainly Swedish experts involved in monuments and sites and in architecture.
- 'Historic Urban Landscape – a tool for wider understanding. The Nordic experience' - organised at the Stockholm City Museum, Stockholm, with about 70 participants.
- 'The Venice, Florence and Burra charters' - organised at the Stockholm City Museum, Stockholm, with about 60 participants.

On the Nordic and Baltic level, one Nordic ICOMOS meeting took place in the Stockholm City Museum from 9-10 November 2007. The program concerned Historic Urban Landscapes and principles of restoration. Gustavo Araoz, Executive Director of ICOMOS USA and Vice-President of ICOMOS, Nils Ahlberg, Vice-President of the ICOMOS ISC on Historic Towns and Villages and Kerstin Westerlund, Vice-President of ICOMOS Sweden gave public lectures. On 10 November there was a tour to Uppsala 'in the steps' of Carl von Linnaeus.
For the International Monuments Day, ICOMOS Sweden organised a visit to the World Heritage Site Drottningholm in Stockholm, and about 20 participants discussed problems related to new trees in an old park.

On the international level ICOMOS Sweden has worked to take better advantage of the World Heritage work within ICOMOS activities as a whole. In 2007 ICOMOS Sweden had members on most relevant International Committees, and continues to contribute to the Heritage at Risk project. ICOMOS Sweden is also cooperating with the Foundation for Cultural Heritage without Borders in its work in Bosnia-Herzegovina and other parts of the world. ICOMOS Sweden is a founding member of the Foundation and appoints two members on the executive board. ICOMOS Sweden’s Work Program 2006–2008, was adopted at the Annual General Meeting in March 2006. Members of the Executive have been designated responsible for various tasks.

On the national level the number of membership activities and newsletters keeps up to and even exceeds the planned goals. The activity of the Swedish working groups has been good, on the whole, and a number of smaller and larger events have taken place, notably the 10th International Congress on the Deterioration and Conservation of Stone in 2004. A web page for ICOMOS Sweden http://www.icomos.se – was launched in 2004, and the e-mail group list has been expanded and is now in use. However, a number of members have still not joined the list.

ICOMOS Sweden’s work for the recruitment of new members from underrepresented groups and in key positions, including new Institutional Members and also Supporting Members has made progress, but there it is still much to do. Unfortunately no major campaign to make the ICOMOS Membership Card and its right of free entrance better known at Swedish museums and places of visit has been undertaken; ICOMOS Sweden is waiting for the outcome of the discussions in Paris about a common membership card for ICOMOS and ICOM. To help increase the participation of Swedish members in World Heritage missions and other international missions there have also been a number of seminars and information to individual members. To this end an information leaflet in Swedish on ICOMOS and ICOMOS Sweden has just been finished. Some of the translations of ICOMOS charters and other documents into Swedish have been published on the web page, while others are still on the way. The cooperation with other heritage associations in Sweden has developed, but more can be done.

The Nyhetsbrev (Newsletter), which is mainly written in Swedish, was published three times. The first in March, contained, among other things, the Annual Report 2006 and other documents for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Seminar. The following issue, in August, included information on a number of events, a report from the Annual Seminar and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and reports on activities and the ICOMOS Europe group meeting in Sibiu, Romania. In the next one, in December, there was information about the Advisory Committee Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa and the Nordic Meeting in Stockholm and Uppsala. The committee hosts a web site at http://www.icomos.se.

Switzerland

The National Committee of ICOMOS in Switzerland held three meetings and its annual meeting with the elections for a president and five board members in April 2007. The board held three meetings and discussed common topics of the future. ICOMOS Switzerland also held one open seminar that dealt with different aspects of conservation and a press conference was organised for the International Day for Monuments and Sites 2007.

ICOMOS Switzerland hosts a web site http://www.icomos.ch. Three newsletters were published in 2007 and many publications of the earlier years have been sold out.

Thailand

In 2007/2008, ICOMOS Thailand held six bi-monthly meetings, and a General Assembly with the elections for nine new board members was held in November 2007. The bi-monthly meetings were held to discuss and plan the activities as well as to consider problems concerning cultural heritage conservation and other ICOMOS–related issues. ICOMOS Thailand has representatives in seven International Scientific Committees. Apart from committee meetings, Members Get-togethers and seminar trips as mentioned below, an international scientific meeting is held annually in November. The topic of the 2007 scientific meeting was "Interpretation: from Monument to Living Heritage".
ICOMOS Thailand has held six further seminars in 2007 called ‘ICOMOS Thailand Members Get-together’, which also opened for non-members. Seminars topics focused on different aspects of conservation, and for each seminar, one to five experts on various fields; or experienced personnel in cultural heritage conservation up to more than 10 persons, were invited to lecture and exchange knowledge with participants which numbered from 40 – 70 people. Topics of the seminars can be categorised as follows:

- Commemoration of the late HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana, her Royal Cremation Ceremony and continuation of ancient royal ceremonies
- Issues relevant to the listing of Preah Vihear Temple as a World Heritage Site
- Supporting Si Thep ancient town for nomination as a World Heritage Site
- Knowledge on indigenous art history
- Issues on Modern architecture
- Vernadoc methodology for collecting and recording vernacular architecture information of CIAV
- Issues on concepts of conservation i.e. tourism, interpretation, and ICCROM approaches
- Issues on conservation situations i.e. Conservation and New Generations
- Issues on specific cultural heritage site, which discussed both the site’s values and threatening factors

ICOMOS Thailand also organised outdoor ‘Seminar Trips’, where members visit cultural heritage sites guided by experts, and are provided an opportunity to exchange opinions with owners of the site, and local people. The activity is aimed to broaden knowledge of members along with strengthening local pride and, in some cases, to develop mutual channels for problem-solving. The seminar trips were held 5 times in 2007, with some 40–50 participants on each trip. The sites chosen for seminar trips depended on issues for discussion, including ancient markets and waterfront communities. A visit and observation trip to monuments and conservation sites in Cambodia in December 2007 was also held in order to promote cooperation and goodwill with APSARA Authority and ICOMOS Cambodia.

ICOMOS Thailand also organised Vernadoc Camps, which were held 3 times, participated in by approximately 20 young members from various academic institutions. This activity has been in collaboration with members of CIAV Finland.

ICOMOS Thailand expressed concerns about the World Heritage listing of the ‘The Sacred Site of the Temple of Preah Vihear’ (Cambodia). ICOMOS Thailand was also involved in activities to support the study and promotion of Si Thep ancient town for nomination as a new World Heritage Site including seminar trips held in August 2007 to the monuments and a new archaeological excavation site, which has revealed significant evidence.

ICOMOS Thailand has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage in order to organise joint activities in cultural heritage conservation. Accordingly both the Fine Arts Department and the Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage are our Institutional Members, although only the Fine Arts Department is also an institutional member of ICOMOS. ICOMOS Thailand also accepts Young Members and members who are not in the conservation professions but are interested in and concerned about the conservation of cultural heritage. It also accepts Religious Members, such as Buddhist monks and priests of all religions, with membership fees exemption, given that a great number of cultural heritage sites are in care of this group of members. The last group of members is the Supporting Members, comprising those who have supported ICOMOS Thailand activities and those who have continually contributed to the organisation.

Three ICOMOS Thailand newsletters have been issued annually as a means to communicate with members and ICOMOS network worldwide. Articles in the newsletters include topics on cultural heritage conservation, situations of monuments, and scientific papers by committee members and members of ICOMOS Thailand.

**Turkey**

ICOMOS Turkey held an international symposium in Istanbul concerned with the state preservation and conservation-restoration of the murals/wall paintings in the city of Istanbul, held from 20-22 January with the collaboration of ICOMOS Turkey and the City Hall of Istanbul, and with 75 participants.
For the International Day on Monuments and sites, ICOMOS Turkey organised a press conference following after a visit to the site of the Palace of Topkapi; which was followed by a seminar with lively discussion concerning problem of conserving different cultural landscapes such as the Bosphorus (Istanbul); Cappadoce (Central Anatolia) and Hasankeyf (South East Anatolia). There were about a hundred participants.

Ongoing questions concerning the conservation of sites on the World Heritage list and further inclusions to this list have been the subject of several meetings and discussions amongst the members of ICOMOS Turkey, in collaboration. The Association/Chamber of Architects of Istanbul have collaborated closely with ICOMOS Turkey above all concerned with conservation issues regarding the heritage in Istanbul.

A book including the proceedings and conclusion of the International symposium on the methods and approaches of conservation for the murals of Istanbul was published by the City of Istanbul. ICOMOS Turkey has a website, complete in 2006, available at http://www.icomos.org.tr.

Ukraine

In 2007 the Bureau of ICOMOS Ukraine held a General meeting (19 April), and four Meetings of the Bureau (23 May, 17 October, and 13 December) including a broadened guest meeting of the Bureau in Lviv (16 November).

The Ukrainian and Polish International Conference ‘Architectural Baroque Geography in Ukraine Regional Peculiarities and Features in Common’ was held in Kyiv in Zabolotny Library 31 May – 2 June 2007. To mark the opening of the Conference, the library showed their exhibition ‘Baroque in Architecture of Ukraine’.

For International Monuments Day in 2007, a new property, the trans-border Ukrainian and Slovak site ‘Beech Primal Wood (Virgin Forest) of the Carpathians’ was inscribed on the World Heritage List. ICOMOS Ukraine also published the second issue of its Bulletin dedicated to the training problems of professional conservationists and restorers. As concerns World Heritage a number of new properties have also been added to the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List of Ukraine: Bukovina Metropolitan’s Residence, Mykolayiv Astronomical Observatory, and the Monumental Ensemble of the Sudak Fortress of the 6th-16th centuries.

In 2007, the third reading of the Architectural and Town Planning Heritage Preservation Law was completed. This legislation consists of 11 sections and 35 articles. A number of relevant bylaws were worked out with the Ukrainian Society for Preservation of Historical and Cultural Monuments, National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and the Ministry for Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine.

United Kingdom

The Annual General Meeting of ICOMOS UK was held at the Westminster World Heritage site in June and ICOMOS UK members elected Lord Donald Hankey as its new President.

During the year the following ICOMOS UK Committees met at least three times: Cultural Landscapes and Historic Gardens, Cultural Tourism, Education and Training, Public Affairs, Analysis & Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage, World Heritage. In addition the Trustees of ICOMOS-UK met four times, and two meetings of the IUCN-UK/ICOMOS-UK Landscape Working Group were held. In 2007 ICOMOS UK had representatives on 15 ICOMOS International Committees.

In 2007 ICOMOS UK held the following seminars / lectures:

- ICTC, the International Cultural Tourism Committee hosted an international gathering in the Canterbury World Heritage site with the Annual meeting of the ISC on Cultural Tourism to which members attended from 12 different countries. As part of this event, ICOMOS UK working with the ISC organised a one day Workshop on the Spirit of Place, as a prelude to the triennial ICOMOS General Assembly in Quebec in October 2008.

- The ICOMOS UK Christmas lecture was held in collaboration with the Landscape Institute and was given by Hal Moggridge OBE. The theme was Historic Urban Landscapes and Views in London, focusing on the threats to the London skyline and its World Heritage sites.
• ICOMOS UK hosted two day seminars for UK World Heritage site Coordinators, these provided a forum for the Coordinators to discuss and comment on strategic World Heritage planning matters and to foster networks between UK World Heritage sites.

In 2007 the threat to London’s World Heritage sites were of great concern and the ICOMOS UK Cultural Landscapes and Historic Gardens Committee therefore commissioned a photographic study of the key views in London in and around the Tower of London World Heritage site and the Westminster World Heritage site, resulting in a photographic record of the London skyline in 2007. ICOMOS UK also commented on nominations and management plans for the Antonine Wall and the Pontcysyllte Tentative list sites, and on Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for a number of UK sites.

ICOMOS UK published three newsletters for its members.

ICOMOS UK has 15 Institutional members and has developed working relationships with various organisations including the Landscape Institute, IUCN UK, the National Trust, Natural England, LAWHF, and the Universities of Bath and York. Aspects of its World Heritage work are funded by English Heritage, Historic Scotland and Cadw.

United States of America

The Board of the National Committee of ICOMOS in the USA met four times in 2007. These were meetings in January and September in Washington, DC; a meeting in April in San Francisco, California; and a meeting in July held in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The annual meeting was held in San Francisco, California on 21 April, and it included elections with the following results: Katherine Slick of New Mexico was elected Treasurer; Frank Hodsoll and Gina Haney, both of Virginia, were elected Trustees-at-Large. Jan CK Anderson and Michael Devonshire, both of New York, were elected to a second term as Trustees-at-Large. ICOMOS USA had representatives in 19 International Committees.

Two ICOMOS USA members serve as Presidents of ISCs: James K. Reap is President of ICLAFI, and Neil Silberman is President of ICIP. In addition, the following ICOMOS USA members serve as ISC Vice Presidents: Douglas Comer in ICAHM, Gunny Harboe in ISC-20th Century, Pamela Jerome in ISCEAH, and Stephen J Kelley in ISCARSAH.

ICOMOS USA was represented by a delegation of eight members at the meetings of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee and the Scientific Council in Pretoria, South Africa.

On 18-21 April ICOMOS USA held its 10th International Symposium in San Francisco on the topic of ‘Balancing Culture, Conservation and Economic Development: Heritage Tourism in and around the Pacific Rim’. The Symposium was chaired by Stephen Farneth, Vice Chair of ICOMOS USA, co-sponsored by the Presidio Trust of San Francisco and the Architectural Resources Group, and in collaboration with the Getty Conservation Institute. A total of 19 speakers from Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Peru, Thailand and the United States presented their work.

On 21-23 June ICOMOS USA hosted the joint meeting and symposium of the International Committees on 20th Century Heritage and Architectural Structures (ISCARSAH) at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. The event, which was organised by Stephen Kelley and Gunny Harboe had an attendance of more than 80 members and observers, from Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Turkey, the UK and the USA.

In the framework of the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in St Paul, Minnesota, ICOMOS USA hosted a breakfast meeting where international conservation issues were presented and discussed.

ICOMOS USA was also represented overseas in the meeting of the ICOMOS Committee on Theory and Philosophy, held in Florence, the meeting of experts convened by the University of Montreal UNESCO Chair on World Heritage, and in the International Congress ‘On Restoring Memory’ held in the framework of ARPA, the Feria Internacional de Restauracion del Arte y el Patrimonio, held in Valladolid, Spain.
ICOMOS USA took part in the meetings and the work of the World Heritage sub-committee of the US National Commission for UNESCO, with a particular focus on the development of the new United States World Heritage Tentative List. ICOMOS USA also advised a number of site representatives on the procedures for applying to the US Tentative List, as well as on the process of World Heritage inscription.

ICOMOS USA organised the 24th annual International Intern Exchange with the participation of 14 young professionals who spent three months working on heritage projects in their host organisations. The 2007 host organisations were the ICOMOS Secretariat in Paris; ICOMOS Ghana and the Ogua Traditional Council; the India National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage in New Delhi; the National Institute for Architectural Heritage in Dublin, Ireland; The International Center for Conservation at Old Akko in Israel; Old House in Jordan; Lithuanian Monuments in Vilnius; the Stone Liaison Group of Historic Scotland; Clemson University Program on Architecture in Charleston; Cornerstones Community Partnerships in New Mexico; the Center for Historic Buildings of the General Services Administration in Washington, DC; the Historic Charleston Foundation in South Carolina; the Presidio Trust of San Francisco; and Hillier Architecture in Philadelphia. The program had the generous support of the Samuel H Kress Foundation in New York, the Marpat Foundation in Washington, the Dorothy-Ann Foundation in Delaware, the Keepers Fund for Historic Preservation, the Royal Oak Foundation in New York, and many generous ICOMOS USA members and individual donors.

ICOMOS USA published four quarterly Newsletters, which are all available electronically on its website (http://www.usicomos.org/). Proceedings and papers presented in previous ICOMOS USA International Symposia are available on the website, as well as a special section ‘Welcome to Preservation in the US’ that explains how heritage conservation work at the public and private levels in the US, with numerous links to the websites of principal heritage agencies and institutions in the country.

ICOMOS USA is currently focused on increasing the overall US participation and contribution to the international heritage conservation community. In this context, the US ratification of The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict is a high priority.

ICOMOS USA has active Memoranda of Understanding with the National Park Service and the National Centre for Preservation Technology and Training in Louisiana. ICOMOS USA has also collaborated and supported the work of the new US Blue Shield Committee, which advises the American military on the protection of cultural heritage in the case of armed conflict.

The principal national institutions and organisations active in heritage conservation in the United States have permanent ex-officio representation on the Board of ICOMOS USA, and are invited to take part in its meetings.
International Scientific Committees

ICOMOS has 28 International Scientific Committees: the complete list can be found in Attachment 2. Space does not permit an account of all their many activities in 2007, but here are some of them, listed alphabetically. As will be obvious, not all Committees responded to the request to contribute to this report, which accounts for the incomplete representation. Full references and details of publications by the ISCs can be found in Attachment 4.

Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH)

ICARSAH, the International Committee on the Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage, has been involved in numerous activities in 2007 and two annual meetings took place. The 1st Annual meeting of ISCARSAH was held in New Delhi, on November 5, 2006, in association with the 5th International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions in New Delhi, November 6-8, organised by P. Lourenço, P. Roca and C. Modena, members of ISCARSAH. The 2nd Annual meeting of ISCARSAH was in Chicago, on June 23, 2007.

ICARSAH has also been collaborating with the ISO TC98/WG6 committee on safety of existing structures for the development of an annex specifically devoted to Heritage Structures. This is to be included in the ISO 13822 standard. The committee’s work group on safety has recently elaborated and submitted to ISO TC98/WG6 a first draft of the Annex and met with the committee in October to discuss its contents.

Other seminars conducted by ICARSAH in 2007 included:
- Seminar on the conservation of cultural heritage in seismic zones, organised by Reficere in cooperation of ISCARSAH members. This took place in Valer Castle, Tasullo, on 14 September 2006. The ISCARSAH Recommendations were presented to Italian engineers, architects and authorities.
- Participation in the 12th ‘Science and Technology Conference Renovation Problems in Constructions and Historic Buildings’ which took place from 6th to 8th December 2006 near Wroclaw (Breslau), Poland. The conference was organised by J. Jasienko (ISCARSAH).
- Participation of members of ISCARSAH in the annual meeting of the Stone Committee in Edinburgh
- Joint meeting of 20th Century Heritage Committee and ISCARSAH in Chicago, on June 23, 2007. These were in association with:
- Symposia on 20th Century heritage conservation, in the Chicago Campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology, on June 21, 2007, organised by J. Kelley (ISCARSAH) and T. Gunny Harboe. The topic of the one day Symposium was Identification, Advocacy, and Protection of Post-World War II Heritage. This symposium was attended by 81 professionals from Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Publications of the proceedings of 3 of the above conferences were also published.

Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)

ICAHM, the International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management, in collaboration with CIAV, and CIVVIH raised concerns about the quality and costs associated with ICOMOS site evaluations and monitoring. The resultant recommendation, passed on to the Advisory Committee, proposed the need for a clearer brief for evaluation or monitoring task, and for a nominal fee.

Brian Egloff of ICAHM is drafting guidelines to the ICAHM Charter as funded by the Getty Conservation Institute. ICAHM will also be involved in a partnership with ICOMOS Mauritius and the ICOMOS committee on Fortifications to undertake work at Fort Adelaide, Mauritius.

Cultural Landscapes ICOMOS/IFLA (ISCCL)

ISCCL, the ICOMOS-IFLA International Committee on Cultural Landscapes, has been busy in 2006 and 2007 with the guidelines of Qur'anic Botanic Garden in Sharjah (UAE), in collaboration with the UNESCO Office in Doha, Qatar,. ISCCL also collaborated with the International Secretariat of ICOMOS for the celebration of the International Day for Monuments and Sites 2007. A meeting was held in Wien (Austria) from the 25th to the 29th April 2007 by invitation of Österreichische
Gesellschaft für historische Gärten for the International Conference “The House of Habsburg and Garden art”.

**Cultural Routes (CIIC)**

CIIC, the International Committee on Cultural Routes, held its last annual meeting and scientific meetings in Almadén and Madrid (Spain) in November 2006. In 2007 it has continued work begun on theoretical bases and field research, with the goal of finishing the project of creating an International Charter for Cultural Routes and fulfilling all administrative requirements so that it can be presented for approval at the 16th ICOMOS General Assembly in 2008. The aforementioned project, which now embodies more than a decade devoted to the formulation of principles and operational guidelines, is the result of a deep reflection collated with field experience gained through numerous research projects around the world. The seventh draft of the project of the International Charter for Cultural Routes was presented in January 2007 to all the National and International Committees of ICOMOS with the aim of gathering their comments. A new revision of the resulting 8th draft, with appropriate comments (9th draft) was to be presented in Pretoria, October 2007.

CIIC has collaborated with the ISC on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT) through the research work carried out by some members who also belong to the International Centre for Research on Fortifications (CIEFAL) which was created by ICOMOS Spain and the City Council of Ferrol (Spain) in 2003. Several members of CIIC, who have expertise in the field of fortifications related to Cultural Routes have also become members of ICOFORT and participated in the last meetings held by ICOFORT in Spain (May, 2007) and elsewhere. Members of CIVVIH who are also members of CIIC have participated in its activities by carrying out research projects on historic cities and towns related to Cultural Routes.

Within its own field, CIIC has applied itself to the ongoing task of identifying Cultural Routes in all regions worldwide and carrying out their corresponding inventories, through the use of multidisciplinary teams convened for this purpose as well as the methodological tools established by CIIC. Aiming at this goal, it has brought support to the work of the experts within CIIC who to date have contributed their work of research and promotion of Cultural Routes and continued to encourage others to join in this task.

CIIC has worked to arouse interest on the part of the governments of affected countries in the identification and appropriate treatment of Cultural Routes and to encourage cooperation among the countries which share such Routes. It has also assisted them in the preparation of proposals that will support an appropriate level of management. It has also promoted these activities and projects via existing cooperative agreements with various Universities and Research Centers. Additionally, it has worked for the creation of new centers designed to carry out research and promotion of Cultural Routes in various regions worldwide, like the new International Center for Research on Cultural Routes of the Mediterranean region (CICUME) in Valencia.

CIIC also contributed to the theme of the next ICOMOS General Assembly (Quebec, 2008), as requested by the organisers, by expressing its ideas and concerns on the “Spirit of the Place” applied to Cultural Routes.

**Cultural Tourism (ICTC)**

ICTC, the International Committee on Cultural Tourism, held its Annual Meeting for 2007 in June at Canterbury, United Kingdom. At that meeting the ICTC Statutes and Operational Guidelines, prepared in accordance with the Eger Xian Principles, were formally adopted. In accordance with the Statutes, Graham Brooks (Australia) was confirmed as the President, Sue Millar (UK) as the Vice President and Murray Brown (Australia) as the Membership Secretary.

The Annual Meeting at Canterbury was held in conjunction with a well-attended International Seminar jointly organised by ICTC and ICOMOS UK, entitled ‘Finding the Spirit of Place - Cultural Tourism & Conservation Challenges in the 21st century’. ICTC members inspected the many historic fortifications along the Kent Coast, dating from Roman era fortifications to those erected during World War II. This coastal area of the United Kingdom has witnessed many of the historical events that defined its spirit of place as a separate entity from mainland Europe. A series of detailed inspections were made of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, to review its current tourism management activities, followed by a workshop with key management stakeholders from both the
WH site and the City Council. The Dean of the Cathedral addressed the Workshop, noting that as a place of pilgrimage, Canterbury Cathedral has been welcoming ‘tourists’ for over a thousand years. ICTC members also enjoyed a special candlelight tour of the Cathedral.

In late 2007 ICTC was presented with a remarkable opportunity to contribute to a major new UNESCO World Heritage Centre project, ‘Developing Guiding Principles and Policies for World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism’. This project brings together for the first time a number of major international agencies and stakeholders including UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM, The Nature Conservancy, the World Bank and representatives of the Tourism Private Sector to craft common tourism and visitor management principles. These will be used by all participants to improve the management of tourism at World Heritage sites. Such sites will become best practice exemplars for tourism management for other heritage places throughout the world. The project will continue until late 2009.

Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH)

ISCEAH, the International Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage, was represented by John Hurd (President) and Pamela Jerome (Vice President) at the Paris meeting of the World Heritage Programme on Earthen Architecture, 23 November 2007. ISCEAH was also present at the ICOMOS USA 10th International Symposium, San Francisco, California, April 2007.

The President of ISCEAH John Hurd spoke at the conference on Extreme Heritage, Australia ICOMOS in July 2007, and also at the meeting on Cultural Heritage and Global Climate Change, Scientific Council, Pretoria, South Africa, 7 October 2007. Pamela Jerome also spoke at and helped organise the latter meeting.

In June the 2nd meeting of the organising scientific committee for Terra 2008 was held in Grenoble, France, and attended by ISCEAH members, as was the ICORP meeting in New Delhi, India, May 2007. In addition several publications including the proceedings of conferences were made available in 2007.

Education and Training (CIF)

CIF, the International Committee on Education and Training, met three times in 2007: on 23-24 February 2007, 17 May 2007 and 21 October 2007, in Pisa Italy. The first 2 meetings in 2007 were also in preparation for the International Working conference ‘Training and education in crafts for conservation’ held in Pisa from 18th October till 21st October 2007. The report of the conference is to be put up on the website, which should be launched by the beginning of 2008.

Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT)

ICOFORT the International Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage, held two business meetings (Segovia, 25 May 2007; Krakow, 25 October 2007) and one ad hoc meeting (Pretoria, 9 October 2007) of part of the board members devoted to the committee work and communication. Two business meetings were dedicated to the Committee program for next three years, statutes issues, fortifications World Heritage Sites in Danger, leading topics and places and the next IcoFort conferences.

In 2007 ICOFORT organised the following seminars:

- International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage Meeting: Madrid-Ferrol, Spain, 22-25 May 2007. This first seminar was devoted to the value and conservation works connected with the Spanish fortifications listed as World Heritage Sites and the Spanish proposal to the World Heritage List of the Ferrol Fortifications and town (named at the Spanish Tentative List as ‘El Ferrol: Illustrating Historical Heritage’). The second topic was connected with conservation problems and research of Spanish fortifications in North America, the Caribbean and South America.

- ICOFORT Meeting on the protection of military heritage and the challenge of historic fortification restoration and re-use, held in Krakow, Poland, 24-27 October 2007. The main topics of the seminar were outlined and explored using Canadian, Dutch, English, French, German, Polish, Spanish and Ukrainian examples. A second important issue was the presentation and discussion of the Vauban project, a French nomination to the World Heritage List in 2008.
Five experts of ICOFORT participated in the meeting organised by the Municipality of Elvas to review the Portuguese nomination of the Fortifications of Elvas to the World Heritage List, Elvas, 21-22 July 2007.

An electronic publication (CD) with nine lectures was published and presented during the ICOFORT meeting in Spain (Madrid-Ferrol, 22-25 May 2007).

In 2007, ICOFORT developed cooperation with the International Fortress Council toward the promotion of the different types of activity in the sphere of the historic fortifications and military heritage.

**Heritage Documentation (CIPA)**

The major permanent activities and concerns in 2007 of CIPA, the International Committee on Heritage Documentation, have been to:

- Continue to establish links between specialists (architects, historians, archaeologists, conservationists, inventory experts and specialists in photogrammetry and remote sensing, spatial information systems, CAD, computer graphics and other related fields);
- Organise and encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas, knowledge, experience and the results of research and development (for example through the CIPA Expert Groups and CIPA Mailing List);
- Initiate and organise conferences, symposia, specialised colloquia, workshops, tutorials, practical sessions and specialised courses (CIPA Events);
- Initiate and co-ordinate applied research and development activities (CIPA Working Groups); and
- Organise a network of National and Committee Delegates;

A joint workshop of Aluka, the African Cultural Heritage Project, UCT, and CIPA (organised by Heinz Rüther) was held in Stone Town, Zanzibar during the last week of July 2007. The purpose of the workshop was the introduction to the African Cultural Heritage Sites and Landscapes Database to users in Africa as well as local capacity building in the area of heritage documentation. It was attended by 30 participants from Sudan, Kenya, Ghana, Mali, Tanzania including of course Zanzibar, and South Africa. The XXIst International CIPA Symposium was held in Athens, Greece from 1-6 October 2007. [http://www.survey.ntua.gr/hosted/cipathens_2007/](http://www.survey.ntua.gr/hosted/cipathens_2007/)

More than twenty multimedia documents including conference proceedings, workshop guidelines, training, surveys, recordings, open calls, and other information and media were made available in 2007. For more information please refer to the CIPA website [http://cipa.icomos.org](http://cipa.icomos.org)

**Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)**

CIVVIH, the International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages held its meetings in April 2007 in Helsinki, Finland. In 2007 the position of Vice-President was held by Michel Bonnette, Canada, and the position of Secretary-General by Michal Firestone, Israel.

CIVVIH, represented by Secretary General Michal Firestone, also attended workshops aimed to identify possible inter-disciplinary research topics relevant to both the Social Sciences and the Humanities, organised by the European Science Foundation, London, December 2007. Scientific symposium on Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL) was held in April 2007 in Helsinki.

CIVVIH continued work on the Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL) initiative. In general, this included leadership of HUL initiative within the Scientific Council in cooperation with ISCCL, the ICOMOS-IFLA International Committee for Cultural Landscapes; the Scientific Symposium held in April in Helsinki; a review of the Vienna Memorandum; and the overall participation of CIVVIH members in WH related activities.

The main activities concerned ongoing Leadership of HUL initiative within the Scientific Council in cooperation with ISCCL the ICOMOS-IFLA International Committee for Cultural Landscapes. The scientific symposium on HULs held in Finland in April was another large project. The committee was also preoccupied with a review of the Washington Charter, and an associated work group and Committee discussion, also held in April, Helsinki. A further work group was involved with researching a methodology for assessing the outstanding universal value of heritage sites.
CIVVIH acts as a network for professionals in our field and collaborates with all organisations that request collaboration including ICCROM, OWHC, ISOCARP and others. It has also cooperated with ICOMOS-IFLA to lead the HUL initiative.

**Interpretation and Presentation (ICIP)**

ICIP, the International Committee on Interpretation and Presentation, held its annual meeting on 23 March 2007 in Ghent, Belgium. Concerning World Heritage activities, the ICIP endorsed a session on interpretation standards and definitions during the ‘Second Annual Interpreting World Heritage’ conference, held from 25-29 March 2007 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

President Neil Silberman (US) was also present at the workshop for ‘Heritage Values: The Past in Contemporary Society’ held by the US National Park Service, Cumberland Island, Georgia, USA, on 15-17 November 2007.

**Pacific Islands (ICOMOS Pasifika)**

The first Executive Board of ICOMOS Pasifika, the International Committee for the Pacific Islands, was elected at the Pacific Islands World Heritage Workshop on 22 February 2007 at Waitetoko Marae, Turangi, New Zealand. Pacific Islands Museums Association Chair, Ms Faustina Rehuher, was given the floor by the Chairman of the Workshop, Mr Paul Green, to conduct the election of the first Executive Board of ICOMOS Pasifika. The election was preceded by an address by Ms Kristal Buckley, Vice-President of ICOMOS. The following people were elected unanimously:

- **President** – Mr Rufino Mauricio (Secretary General, Federated States of Micronesia National Commission for UNESCO, located in Pohnpei State)
- **1st Vice President** – Mr Christophe Sand (Head, Department of Archaeology, New Caledonia)
- **2nd Vice President** – Ms Faustina K Rehuher (Director, Belau National Museum, Palau)
- **Secretary** – Mr Richard Anihau Tuheialava (Chairman ‘Na-Papa-e-Va’u’ Raiatea, Tahiti)
- **Treasurer** – Adi Meretui Ratunabauabua (Principal Cultural Development Officer, Department of Culture and Heritage, Fiji).

The Executive Board of ICOMOS Pasifika held its first meetings at the 2007 Australia ICOMOS National Conference in Cairns from 19-21 July. At these meetings the Board discussed their vision, aims, and a programme of activities that all form the Strategic Workplan 2007-10. ICOMOS Pasifika signed an MOU with the Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA) which sets out how the two organisations will work together using the one Secretariat based in Port Vila, Vanuatu. ICOMOS Pasifika wishes to thank Australia ICOMOS for its very generous sponsorship of Board Members and Secretary General to attend the conference, without which this meeting could not have taken place.

**Polar Heritage (IPHC)**

The International Polar Year (IPY) conference for members and polar heritage specialists was held in Barrow, Alaska, 24–27 September 2007. Susan Barr, President of IPCH, the International Committee on Polar Heritage, attended the Advisory Committee meeting in Pretoria, 2007.

In regards to World Heritage, the committee for Polar Heritage also attended the UNESCO Expert meeting on World Heritage in the Arctic, held in Narvik, Norway, from 1-2 December 2007. Preparation and publication of the proceedings of the IPY conference can be found in the ICOMOS Monuments and Sites series (XVII). It is hoped that an IPHC meeting will be held eventually in South America to increase membership and activities there.

**Shared Built Heritage (ICSBH)**

In April 2007, Pauline van Roosmalen, member of ICBS, the International Committee on Shared Built Heritage, delivered a lecture at the conference for the Preservation of 20th century Architecture, Moscow.

Further activities have been organised in cooperation with ICOMOS Indonesia and the Indonesian Heritage authorities reacting to the current context. 2007 saw enhanced activities following the volcano eruption near Yogyakarta, 2007. ICSBH also cooperated with ICOMOS Sri Lanka, offering
advice on the management of Galle. These are both long lasting projects which can be reactivated at times of need throughout the year.

Stone (ISCSC)

ISCSC, the International Committee on Stone, met in Edinburgh, Scotland in May 2007 and in Prague, Czech Republic in December 2007. In the year 2007 the International Committee for Stone has continued its work to complete the publication of the ICOMOS-ICSC illustrated glossary on stone deterioration patterns in its English–French version and to translate the glossary into German. The publication date is expected for 2008. ISCS has also contacted colleagues in Spain, China, Greece, Jordan and Iran for translation into other languages. The committee has also continued to visit sites to advise and comment on stone conservation.

Twentieth Century Heritage (ISC20C)

ISC20C, the International Scientific Committee on Twentieth Century Heritage, held its first meeting at the General Assembly in Xi’an, China in October 2005, and has had several informal meetings since (Moscow, Berlin) and one formal meeting in Chicago in 2007. In June 2007, an international symposium and ISC20C annual meeting was held jointly with ISCARSAH in Chicago, USA. The meeting was organised by Gunny Harboe and Stephen Kelley and included an exciting program of papers and visits to Chicago downtown and the Farnsworth House provided members with learning and socialising opportunities. The joint meeting with ISCARSAH members provided opportunities to identify issues of mutual interest and possible collaborations.

Since its meeting in Moscow on 'Modernism at Risk' in April 2007, ISC20C continues to actively advocate the conservation of the home and studio of Konstantin Melnikov and Moscow's Twentieth Century Heritage generally, much of which is at risk. The Moscow Declaration calling upon Russian authorities to take concerted action for the conservation of Modernist heritage was co-sponsored by the ISC 20C, with Docomomo and UIA.

A formal Resolution emphasising the real and present risks to the work of Konstantin Melnikov was similarly co-sponsored. Representatives of ICOMOS President (Michael Petzet, Secretary General Dinu Bumbaru, and ISC20C Co-presidents Sheridan Burke and Christiane Schmuckle Mollard) together with Docomomo President Maristella Casiato and UIA first Vice President, Louise Cox, met with the Mayor of Moscow, and during extensive discussions proposed that the City enter a Advisory Agreement with ICOMOS to assist in achieving benchmark conservation results for its Twentieth Century Heritage. These negotiations continue through the Secretary General and President of ICOMOS.

Since the ISC20C meeting in Chicago in 2007 a program of Heritage Alerts is in development by Chris Madrid French and Enrique Maida with Sherid an Burke, which will be piloted for use by the committee and possibly ICOMOS more widely. In September 2007, ISC20C collaborated with ICOMOS Germany and the Heritage Conservation Authority of Berlin to organise an international conference on Twentieth Century World Heritage: Gaps and Risks From A European Pont of View. It was attended by Christiane Schmuckle-Mollard and Gunny Harboe.

On World Heritage, ISC20C contributed as follows:
- Advice to ICOMOS on World Heritage nomination missions relating to twentieth century heritage properties and the World Heritage Convention was provided in 2007.
- A short report on issues of integrity, function and levels of acceptable change for Twentieth Century Heritage places was prepared by Sheridan Burke with input from ISC 20C members in July 2007. The urgent request was provided to the ICOMOS Secretariat under extreme time limitations prior to the World Heritage Committee meeting in Christchurch.

ISC20C members and representatives were also present at several international meetings including the CIVVIH ISC meeting in Helsinki, Finland. April 2007; the UIA meeting (heritage education), Paris, France, April 2007; the ICORP meeting in Delhi, India, May 2007; the World Heritage Institute Asia and the Pacific, Shanghai, China, May 2007, attended by Sheridan Burke, Co-President; the ICOMOS Germany, Twentieth Century World Heritage Conference held in Berlin, Germany, September 2007; and the Beijing Forum, held in October in Beijing.
Proceedings from the June 2007 joint ISC20C and ISCARSAH symposium held in Chicago, USA were published on CD, and 2007 saw the international publication of the 2006 Moscow Heritage at Risk conference papers by ICOMOS Germany.

**Vernacular Architecture (CIAV)**

The annual conference 2007 of CIAV, the International Committee on Vernacular Architecture, was held in Banaue, Philippines with the support of ICOMOS Philippines. The conference served to bring together for the first time all the major Filipino experts involved in the preservation of the Banaue Rice Terraces, a World Heritage Site that has been inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2001. Conference participants discussed whether traditional landscapes were still viable in the 21st century and delivered interesting papers with energy and passion. The rice terraces of the Philippines are threatened by the fast changing lifestyle of its inhabitants, by the deterioration of the terraces and natural resources, and by insufficient recognition of these problems by the government, among other issues. The problems were clearly demonstrated during the conference and local experts presented effective solutions to these problems. It was demonstrated that similar problems are shared in many parts of the world. It was clearly established during this conference that the Filipino experts have developed working solutions to the problems pertaining to the conservation of the Rice Terraces and that these solutions will need to be implemented in a near future. Delegates left the Philippines with the confidence that the future of the Rice Terraces was in capable hands. The conference was sponsored by Her Excellency Kristie Kenney, American Ambassador to the Philippines, the Tokyo Electric Power, the Fundacion Santiago, the Ayala Foundation, the Department of Tourism of the Philippines, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts of the Philippines and Holcim Cement.

CIAV is still monitoring the proposed construction of a road bridge that would destroy the historic character of Tomo-no-Ura in Japan. The committee has also approved a resolution of support for the nomination of the Red River Terraces Fields of the Hani people in China as a World Heritage Site. This resolution was conveyed to ICOMOS China. In addition the CIAV committee has delegated to Kirsten Maelzer the responsibility of monitoring the situation of German settlements in Ukraine. These settlements are threatened by abandon and demolition. CIAV will be present at the Terra 2008 conference that will take place in Mali in February 2008. The delegates are Valeria Prieto and Christoph Machat.

In 2007 an ongoing part of CIAV’s strategic action plan has involved a lobby to have UNESCO budgets for World Heritage designations changed to include the work undertaken for desk reviews. Some progress to this effect was accomplished during the last ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting that took place in Pretoria. A resolution that highlighted concerns was submitted by the Advisory Committee, endorsing the recommendations of CIAV, ICAHM, and CIVVIH, which propose the need for a clearer brief for evaluation or monitoring task, and for a nominal fee. This recommendation was sent to ICOMOS Executive Committee.

CIAV also reported on successful progress on the development plan for the village of San Antonio, in Mexico, since the visit last year. The streets are being paved and the roofs are being changed. The municipal hall has been built. The medical clinic is almost completed, and the people are learning different trades, such as sewing, nursing, metalwork, embroidery and spinning techniques to supplement their income. A recent donation will serve to build washing facilities and the future looks promising for the inhabitants of this village.

ICOMOS Vice-President, Kristal Buckley, also commented favourably on CIAV’s activities in the Asia Pacific region during the last meeting of ICOMOS Advisory Committee. The national committees of this region are keen to cooperate with International Scientific Committees. These committees have expanded activities and membership in this region, and CIAV was cited as being particularly active. CIAV extends their congratulations to their colleagues from this region for their excellent work.

CIAV president was asked to write a brief article on the Vernacular Charter for Europa Nostra, a European journal, and he gave a presentation on the impacts of global climate changes on York Factory, a national historic site of Canada, in Pretoria. Individual publications were also completed by CIAV members Augusto Villalon and Miles Lewis.
Wood (IIWC)

This year IIWC, the International Committee on Wood, has been involved with the study of the ancient timber structures related to the heritage of Florence. ISCW organised the Symposium of the 16th ICOMOS Wood International Committee, marked by the themes of the 40th ICOMOS Anniversary celebrated with the Exhibition in Milan, February 2007, on the theme “From Restoration to Conservation”. The IIWC symposium, ‘From Material to Structure, Mechanical Behaviour and Failures of the Timber Structures’, was held in Florence-Venice and Vicenza from 11-16 November 2007. Participants also had the opportunity to visit the contemporary exhibition by Gennaro Tampone and Michela Semplici on “Le strutture architettoniche lignee nella World Heritage List of UNESCO e altre...”.

The ICOMOS Italy Wood Committee was established under the auspices of IIWC and ICOMOS Italy. The position of President is held by Gennaro Tampone, with Michela Semplici and Pier Paolo Derinaldis as Advisors. In 2007 a special Statutes Committee was formed, comprising Professor Nobuo Ito (President), Gennaro Tampone, Hans Sandstrom, Peter McCurdy, Willelm Van Beusekom, Eleftheria Tzakanika, and Michela Semplici. The aim of this special committee was to edit a new version of the Statutes according to the Eger Xi'an Principles; the draft of the new Statutes will be discussed in the Meeting of the Committee at the ICOMOS General Assembly, Quebec in 2008.

The IIWC collation of proceeding of the 16th Symposium and publication can be found online on the website.
PART 4
THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The UNESCO – ICOMOS Documentation Centre

The UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre is based at the International Secretariat in Paris. It enriches its collections through generous donations and active publications exchange with many other institutions and organizations.

In 2007 the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre added 1,761 bibliographic items to its database. But a large number of documents have yet to be catalogued. Limited human resources have made it difficult to close this gap. The number of requests received by email, fax and mail has been increasing steadily in the last few years, with up to 505 requests in 2007.

The UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre produced several new bibliographies, all of which were made available on the internet. At the end of 2007 the electronic database, hosted by UNESCO, which also supplies technical support, had over 32,000 bibliographic references. The database is accessible through the website of the Réseau d’Informations sur la Conservation (RIC) / Conservation Information Network at http://www.bcin.ca.

The ICOMOS website is seeing a steady increase in the number of visitors, with an average of 1474 visits per day in 2007, and an average of 3443 pages consulted per day. At present the www.icomos.org web site contains more than 5,000 files (documents in html, Word, PDF, photos).

For several years the Documentation Centre has been working to make items available through the website and by the end of December more than 1,400 documents had been made available in PDF form online. Issues of ‘ICOMOS News’ (the ICOMOS newsletter) from 1999-2004 were made available online.

Since 2006 the Documentation Centre has also been working on the project for an online Open Access archive. The project was announced through a paper submitted and accepted at the annual General Assembly of the International Federation of Libraries and Library Associations (IFLA). Following its meeting in Paris on 22 January the Executive Committee approved the creation of the “Open Access Repository Project”.

In 2007 the Documentation Centre also produced a flyer for circulation at universities and institutions worldwide to raise public awareness. The UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre is open for use not only by ICOMOS members but also by members of the public.

José Garcia at the ICOMOS Documentation Centre was absent for 6 months during 2007 for personal study leave. He was replaced by Francisco Miguens, a Spanish documentalist (University of Salamanca) who previously was an intern at the Centre for many months through the Leonardo Programme of the European Union. The Documentation Centre also welcomed two other interns: Julia Scheipl, Germany, and Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Germany, for a period of 2 months; and Francisco Miguens, University of Salamanca, for a period of 11 months as part of the Leonardo programme.

ICOMOS Publications

In 2007 ICOMOS continued to realise an active publications program. The International Secretariat circulated a regular e-newsletter by email, with over 20 issues in 2007. A special web page was also created as support for events to mark International Day for Monuments and Sites 2007 on the theme of Cultural landscapes and monuments of nature. 2007 also marked the online publication of the 2006 Annual Report.

The 2006-07 world publication of Heritage at Risk edited by Michael Petzet and John Ziesemer was also published this year, with contributions from ICOMOS National Committees and International
Scientific Committees worldwide. The International Secretariat provided support by collecting and preparing lists of potential topics/articles, soliciting specific articles, sending out calls to Committees, etc. Thanks go to volunteer Susan Duyker (ICOMOS Australia) for editing work, particularly the chapter concerning Climate Change. 2007 also marked the publication of a Special Edition of Heritage at Risk. A special Heritage at Risk edition on ‘Climate Change and Natural Disasters’ was also published and the ICOMOS International Secretariat also continues to put urgent reports up under the Heritage at Risk rubric of the ICOMOS web site.

ICOMOS also signed an agreement with the Arabic Book Program of the US Embassy in Jordan to publish the ICOMOS Charters into Arabic. This was co-ordinated by the ICOMOS International Secretariat and facilitated by James Reap of ICLAFI, the International Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues. Each ISC will be given opportunity to appoint one of their Arabic-speaking members to review the translation of its particular charter. Two eminent scholars from the Arab world will be appointed for general proofreading of translations.

Fulfilling its obligations concerning cultural properties, ICOMOS also undertakes comparative and thematic studies, often with partner organisations. Two thematic studies were published in 2007: one on Rock Art of the Sahara and North Africa prepared in partnership with the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Rock Art (CAR) and one on Cultural Landscapes of the Pacific Islands.

The NCs and ISCs also continued an active publications program. For a full listing of Publications please see Attachment 4.

The World Heritage Unit

ICOMOS cooperates closely with the World Heritage Committee and the World Heritage Centre. It evaluates nominations to the World Heritage List and there are many other tasks where the competence and expertise of ICOMOS’ members is required to further the goals and objectives of the World Heritage Convention, one of UNESCO’s most ratified conventions by State Parties throughout the world.

To meet its responsibilities, ICOMOS has created the World Heritage Unit, a small group of professionals operating within the premises of the ICOMOS Secretariat in Paris. The Programme Director of the ICOMOS World Heritage Unit is Regina Durighello. Other members of the Unit comprise Gwenaelle Bourdin, Programme Specialist, Susan Denyer, Adviser, and Michel Cotte, Adviser.

The World Heritage Unit is chiefly involved with the evaluation of nominations for the World Heritage List, the production of reports on the state of conservation, and the provision of assistance to all additional demands related to World Heritage.

The cycle for evaluations for World Heritage List nominations ran from March 2006 to July 2007. Expert missions were organised between August and December 2006, and 32 sites were investigated by ICOMOS missions. Written evaluations were presented to the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel on 20-21 January 2007. Supplementary information was requested and the received materials were reviewed for presentation to the World Heritage Working Group on 10-11 March 2007. The evaluation reports were made available to the Centre for World Heritage before being distributed at the 31st session.

During this cycle ICOMOS was called to evaluate 46 sites nominated for inscription to the World Heritage list. ICOMOS accordingly took on the responsibility to evaluate these nominations for presentation to the 31st session of the WH Committee in New Zealand (23 June-2 July). Of these nominations 27 concerned cultural or mixed (cultural-natural) heritage; 2 concerned nominations sent in the past; 5 concerned nominations deferred in the past; and 12 concerned proposals submitted for minor modifications to existing World Heritage properties. The ICOMOS delegation was present at the 31st session to present the evaluations for this cycle and to offer additional assistance to the World Heritage Committee.

In 2007 ICOMOS was also requested to report on the state of conservation of 80 sites inscribed on the World Heritage List and/or the World Heritage List of Endangered Sites. The reports were examined at the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee. For 21 of these cases ICOMOS was
able to deploy expert missions, usually joint missions with UNESCO. In 2007 ICOMOS also launched a procedure for evaluations and made efforts to simplify the questionnaire and establish clearer indicators for these reports, as part of a joint contract with the UNESCO Centre for World Heritage.

In 2007 ICOMOS also participated in an informative meeting at the UNESCO Centre for World Heritage in June in Paris, and at the 16th General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention at UNESCO in Paris from 24-25 October 2007. Two meetings with the advisory bodies (IUCN, ICCROM and ICOMOS) were held at UNESCO on 25-26 January and 10-11 September 2007 in Paris, France.

A strategy concerning Cultural Landscapes is also under development as part of a consultation with the IUCN. A preliminary draft and edit of the Resource Manual for the Preparation of Nominations of Cultural Properties has also been completed. ICOMOS is also a partner in the World Heritage Sustainable Tourism Initiative launched by the World Heritage Centre with a number of other partners.

From January to November 2007 the World Heritage Unit assessed 26 requests for international assistance.

Other activities of the World Heritage Unit include the preparation of thematic studies, including the second series on Rock Art (published in 2007) and a thematic study on Cultural Landscapes of the Pacific Islands, part of a separate contract with the UNESCO Centre for World Heritage. The newest study on Potential Fossil Hominid Sites for inscription on the World Heritage List is still being developed and is planned for the start of 2008.

ICOMOS was also requested to take part in regional conferences concerning Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL), launched by the UNESCO Centre for World Heritage. ICOMOS accordingly participated in a regional conference for Eastern and Central Europe held in Saint-Petersburg, 29 January-2 February, on the "Application of Scientific and Technological Achievements in Management and Preservation of Historic Cities inscribed on the World Heritage List"; and at the "Regional Conference on Historic Urban Landscapes for Latin America and the Caribbean" held from 12-14 November in Olinda, Brazil.

The World Heritage Unit at the International Secretariat contributes to and coordinates all these activities. It also provides the administrative support for internal ICOMOS meetings on World Heritage (World Heritage Panel, World Heritage Group) and prepares activity reports for the Executive Committee and Advisory Committee.

Two temporary staff positions were held to cover the activities of the World Heritage Unit during the period of maternity leave of the Director and the Programme Specialist. The World Heritage Unit also welcomed Jodi Black as a US/COMOS intern for 3 months in the summer of 2007.

**The Administrative and Financial Unit**

Membership has continued to expand, from 8200 by end 2006 to 9100 by end 2007, and the International Secretariat has been busy coordinating the new member additions. Unfortunately, progress on the Experts Database slowed following the tragic death of Gilles Nourissier in May 2007. Technical discussion since this time indicates that ICOMOS funding for this project might not suffice, and some cuts to the design may be needed. A pilot with selected National and Scientific Committees is planned for 2008.

An important aspect of the work of the International Secretariat is to engage with the National and International Committees: daily the Secretariat receives many requests for information or to identify speakers at conferences or participants for meetings. The International Secretariat also supports those who are interested in setting up new National Committees [see Part 2].

2007 marked also an extensive drive to re-engage with National Committees that had reduced their activities or not paid their membership fees. This drive, assisted by Ray Bondin of the Executive Committee, has unblocked the situation in a few countries and helped toward the re-creation of committees.

One of the major activities of the International Secretariat is to organise and to support the statutory ICOMOS meetings, the meetings of the Executive Committee and its Bureau, the Advisory
Committee and the Scientific Council. It produces (most of) the working documents for such meetings and coordinates and disseminates them. The International Secretariat continued to steer the process for future General Assemblies, including the 16th to be held in Quebec, Canada and it announced a call asking for NCs to host the General Assemblies of 2011 and 2014.

The International Secretariat organised promotional campaigns to raise public awareness of the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre as a valuable research resource for researchers and the general public alike. A key effort targeted architecture and heritage faculties of Paris universities. The website is being taken care of by staff at the Documentation Centre and Gordon Dewis, from ICOMOS Canada, continues to supervise the ICOMOS server space, and support the technical side of our web site.

ICOMOS has been busy searching for new accommodation for its headquarters and International Secretariat in Paris. Working with ICOM, the Secretariat hired a team of two architects, Nicholas Gilliland and Anne Durand, to complete an attractive marketing dossier to better promote the Maison Internationale du Patrimoine (International Heritage House) project. The dossier was complete in June, and was a great help for subsequent discussions. In spring 2007 ICOMOS was approached by the Department of Architecture and Heritage of the French Ministry of Culture with an offer to relocate, with the French Mediatheque de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine, to the former premises of the Ecole d'Architecture de Charenton. This move would give ICOMOS more space, would allow for shared facilities with the Mediatheque, and would locate ICOMOS France and ICOMOS on the same premises. Following site visits and meetings in May, ICOMOS has given in-principle agreement, although the move is not yet certain.

The International Secretariat coordinates and administers applications for subventions and contracts. Contracts were signed with the Ministry of Culture and City of Paris, with UNESCO for the ICOMOS World Heritage work and with the Getty Foundation for the restoration of the Sahrij and Sbaiyn Madrassa Complex, Fez (Morrocco) The negotiation of the UNESCO-ICOMOS contract 2006-2007 which at present contributes to financing the Documentation Centre, the Heritage at Risk publication, and the activities of ICOMOS in the context of the Underwater Cultural Heritage Convention, proved to be complex. A detailed 'Analytical Report on the Implementation of the Framework Agreement 2002 – 2007’ was submitted to UNESCO.

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The International Secretariat has seven permanent employees and in 2007 has been put under pressure by limited staff resources. A sharp upsurge of activity in 2007 combined with a temporary reduction of the workforce meant that ICOMOS was unable to publish some of its publications in 2007. Long term funding is sought to fill the position of a Communications Officer/Webmaster and to create the position of a project manager. Two of the permanent staff members at the International Secretariat are dedicated to the World Heritage program and in 2007 both were on maternity leave from early in the year until August and September. Short-term contracts were accepted by Joan Domicelj (architect and planner, former Vice President of ICOMOS, former President of ICOMOS Australia and highly respected World Heritage expert) and Aurelie Couvreur from France (PhD in Art History). The increase in World Heritage contracts in 2007 should allow for the hiring of a much need additional staff member to support the efforts of the WH unit.

Mr Jong Dal Park, Director of the Cultural Tourism Unit of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism in Korea, was seconded to the ICOMOS Secretariat for two years (2005 and 2006) and extended to 2007, has worked to develop ICOMOS activities in the Asia Pacific region, in particular on cultural tourism, in conjunction with the Vice Presidents for Asia and the ISC on Cultural Tourism. He has organised the successive Asia/Pacific regional events hosted by ICOMOS Korea.

The International Secretariat also welcomed three interns in 2007: Vivian Ramirez, UNAME Mexico and ICOMOS Mexico, for a period of 3 months; and Susan Duyker, Senior Heritage Consultant and member of ICOMOS Australia, who worked as a volunteer amongst other things for the Scientific Council, 2 days a week for six months. Veronica Piacentini, Istituto IMT Alti Studi Lucca, Italy, was also at ICOMOS for 3-4 months as a research intern completing studies for her PhD thesis on “Safeguarding religious heritage in situations of natural or man-made disaster”.

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PART 5

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Income Statement and Balance Sheet of ICOMOS on 31 December 2007 are reproduced below in their entirety. For ease of reference they show the equivalent figures for 2006, but these are not always on a comparable basis (e.g. delays finalisation of contracts). In 2007 income, revenues and expenses balanced at 1,214,484 Euros.

In contrast to the 2006, the balance of ICOMOS on 31 December 2007 showed a profit of 109,820.65 Euros despite an exchange rate between € / $ which remains very poor, and for the first time in many years the operating income, which corresponds to the activity of ICOMOS (difference between current resources and current charges), is at a surplus of 174,390 euros.

The two main resources for ICOMOS’ income are the annual contributions of its members, and its contracts. Both of these resources are denominated in US$ although the majority of ICOMOS’ expenditures are realised in euros (€); for this reason the exchange rate between € / $ has remained decisive in determining the final balance.

To partially counteract this effect, a resolution was passed at the General Assembly of ICOMOS in 2005 in Xi'an (China) dictating that for the year 2007, all membership fees were to be levied in euros [GA Resolution 2005/17]. This was successfully realised in 2007 thanks to the cooperation of all of the National Committees.

ICOMOS also continues to see strong growth in the total amount of membership fees collected. Contributions from ICOMOS members represent the largest part of ICOMOS’ net resources and ICOMOS is continually striving to maintain and improve its sustainability. Indeed the membership is constantly evolving, and membership rose from 8,200 at the end of 2006 to 9,100 at the end of 2007.

However, the rise of membership does not solve the structural problems related to the membership fees which do not cover the operational costs and all services delivered to the members and the Committees. This issue will need to be addressed in the future.

The contracts with UNESCO related to World Heritage represent the second most important source of income, and the income from these contracts has increased significantly. However, the structural problem related to this source of income, that the work involved has increased more than proportionally [see part 2 and 3], has not been resolved either, even though discussion with UNESCO has started on this point.

Alongside these two main resources, which we define as structural, other elements have had an impact on the internal financial situation at ICOMOS. The Framework contract with UNESCO for the other activities (UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre, Underwater Cultural Heritage, Heritage at Risk publications, etc.) will be reduced in the future from 105,000 US$ per biennium to 45,000 US$, but for the 2006-2007 biennium ICOMOS was again allocated 105,000 US$.

Prudent financial management has allowed ICOMOS to have a sound financial year. However, this was at the cost of focussing only on the short-term and of having less than ideal working conditions for the ICOMOS bodies and committees and for the staff of the International Secretariat, which is supposed to provide them with the necessary support.

At the close of 2007 the need for an improved financial strategy and for new financial resources remains highly relevant, as does the need to optimise our existing resources.

Victoria Falls Fund

The Victoria Falls Solidarity Fund, created by ICOMOS in 2003 at the 14th General Assembly in Zimbabwe, is destined to aid ICOMOS members facing financial difficulties to participate in scientific and statutory meetings of ICOMOS. The Fund received important contributions from the National Committees in Belgium and Finland, to whom ICOMOS expresses its most grateful thanks.
## Balance Sheet 2007 at 31 December

### Assets (in €)

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Auditor’s Report
ICOMOS

49-51, Rue de la Fédération

75015 PARIS

RAPPORT GENERAL DU COMMISSAIRE AUX COMPTES SUR LES COMPTES DE L’EXERCICE CLOS LE 31 DECEMBRE 2007
Mesdames, Messieurs,

En exécution de la mission qui nous a été confiée, nous vous présentons notre rapport relatif à l’exercice clos le 31 décembre 2007 sur :

- le contrôle des comptes annuels de l’Association tels qu’ils sont joints au présent rapport
- la justification de nos appréciations
- les vérifications et informations spécifiques prévues par la loi

Il nous appartient, sur la base de notre audit, d’exprimer une opinion sur ces comptes.

I. OPINION SUR LES COMPTES ANNUELS

Nous avons effectué notre audit selon les normes de la profession applicables en France ; ces normes requièrent la mise en œuvre de diligences permettant d’obtenir l’assurance raisonnable que les comptes annuels ne comportent pas d’anomalies significatives. Un audit consiste à examiner, par sondages, les éléments probants justifiant les données contenues dans ces comptes. Il consiste également à apprécier les principes comptables suivis et les estimations significatives retenues pour l’arrêté des comptes et à apprécier leur présentation d’ensemble.

Nous estimons que nos contrôles fournissent une base raisonnable à l’opinion exprimée ci-après.

Nous certifions que les comptes annuels sont, au regard des règles et principes comptables français, réguliers et sincères et donnent une image fidèle du résultat des opérations de l’exercice écoulé ainsi que de la situation financière et du patrimoine de l’Association à la fin de cet exercice.
II. – JUSTIFICATION DES APPRECIATIONS

En application des dispositions de l’article L. 823-9 du Code de Commerce, relatives à la justification de nos appréciations, nous devons vous faire part des éléments suivants :

- nos contrôles relatifs à l’exercice clos le 31 décembre 2007 portant notamment sur le respect des principes comptables suivis et les estimations significatives retenues pour l’arrêté des comptes sociaux ainsi que leur présentation d’ensemble n’appellent pas de commentaire particulier.

Les appréciations ainsi portées s’inscrivent dans le cadre de notre démarche d’audit des comptes annuels, pris dans leur ensemble, et ont donc contribué à la formation de notre opinion sans réserve, exprimée dans la première partie de ce rapport.

III. VERIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS SPECIFIQUES

Nous avons également procédé, conformément aux normes de la profession applicables en France, aux vérifications spécifiques prévues par la loi.

Nous n’avons pas d’observation à formuler sur la sincérité et la concordance avec les comptes annuels des informations données dans le rapport d’activité.

Fait à PARIS
Le 4 février 2008

MARCOLLA et ASSOCIES

Jean-Pierre MARCOLLA
Commissaire aux Comptes
ICONOS
49-51, Rue de la Fédération
75015 PARIS

RAPPORT SPECIAL DU COMMISSAIRE AUX COMPTES SUR LES CONVENTIONS REGLEMENTEES
Exercice clos le 31 décembre 2007
Mesdames, Messieurs,

En notre qualité de Commissaire aux Comptes de votre Société, nous vous présentons notre rapport sur les conventions réglementées conclues au cours de l’exercice.


Il ne nous appartient pas de rechercher l’existence éventuelle d’autres conventions mais de vous communiquer, sur la base des informations qui nous ont été données, les caractéristiques et les modalités essentielles de celles dont nous avons été avisés, sans avoir à nous prononcer sur leur utilité et leur bien-fondé. Il vous appartient, selon les termes de l’article 25-1 du décret du 1er mars 1985, d’apprécier l’intérêt qui s’attachait à la conclusion de ces conventions en vue de leur approbation.

Votre Association a réglé en 2007 les sommes suivantes :

- à Monsieur Giora SOLAR, Trésorier Général, pour 5.884 € qui se décomposent comme suit :

  Mission d’évaluation en Albanie 1.458 €
  Réunion du Comité Exécutif 475 €
  Réunion annuelle du Comité du Patrimoine Mondial 3.291 €
  Réunion du Panel (Convention du Patrimoine Mondial) 267 €
  Réunion des organes consultatifs (Convention du Patrimoine Mondial) 393 €

- à Monsieur John HURD, Président du Comité Consultatif, pour 5.232 € qui se décomposent comme suit :

  Mission d’évaluation en Israël 2.221 €
  Mission d’évaluation au Maroc 2.511 €
  Réunion du Panel (Convention du Patrimoine Mondial) 500 €
- à Monsieur Michael PETZET, Membre du Bureau Exécutif, pour 520 € qui se décomposent comme suit :

Réunion du Panel (Convention du Patrimoine Mondial) 300 €
Réunion des organes consultatifs (Convention du Patrimoine Mondial) 220 €

- à certains membres du Comité exécutif pour un montant total de 3 092 € se décomposant comme suit :

  - Madame Hortense RAZAFINDRAMBOA
    Réunion annuelle du Comité du Patrimoine Mondial 542 €
  - Madame Christina STANEVA 250 €
  - Monsieur Ray BONDIN 500 €
  - Monsieur Guo ZHAN 300 €
  - Monsieur Carlos PERNAUT 300 €
  - Monsieur Tamas FEJERDY 300 €
  - Monsieur Gustavo ARAOZ 300 €
  - Monsieur Rasool VATANDOUST 300 €
  - Madame Kristal BUCKLEY 300 €

Dans le cadre de la réunion du Panel (convention du Patrimoine Mondial).

Nous avons effectué nos travaux selon les normes de la profession ; ces normes requièrent la mise en œuvre de diligences destinées à vérifier la concordance des informations qui nous ont été données avec les documents de base dont elles sont issues.

Fait à PARIS
Le 4 février 2008

MARCOLLA et ASSOCIES

Jean-Pierre MARCOLLA
Commissaire aux Comptes
ATTACHMENT 1

LIST OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN VOLUME 2

• DOCUMENT 1: Resolutions of the 15th General Assembly (Xi’an, China, 2005)
• DOCUMENT 2: Work plan / Action Plan 2006-2008
• DOCUMENT 3: Policy for the Implementation of the ICOMOS World Heritage Mandate (adopted by the Executive Committee in January 2006 and amended in November 2007)
• DOCUMENT 4: Eger-Xi’an Principles for the International [Scientific] Committees of ICOMOS (adopted by the 15th General Assembly – resolution GA 2005/14)
• DOCUMENT 5: Criteria for the Victoria Falls/ Mosi-oa-tunya Solidarity Fund (adopted by the Executive Committee in October 2007)
COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Executive Committee (2005-2008)

President
Mr Michael Petzet (Germany)

Secretary General
Mr Dinu Bumbaru (Canada)

Treasurer General
Mr Giora Solar (Israel)

Vice Presidents
Mr Gustavo Araoz (USA)
Ms Kristal Buckley (Australia)
Mr Tamas Fejerdy (Hungary)
Mr Guo Zhan (China)
Mr Carlos Pernaut (Argentina)

Chairman Advisory Committee
Mr John Hurd (UK)

Honorary Presidents (ex officio):
Mr Michel Parent (France)
Mr Roland Silva (Sri Lanka)

Executive Committee members
Mr Ray Bondin (Malta)
Mr Andrew Hall (South Africa)
Mr Axel Mykleby (Norway)
Mr Gilles Nourissier † (France)
Mr Yasuyoshi Okada (Japan)
Ms Hae-Un Rii (Republic of Korea)
Ms Angela Rojas (Cuba)
Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh (Belgium)
Ms Hristina Staneva (Bulgaria)
Mr Lazar Sumanov (Macedonia)
Mr Boguslaw Szmygin (Poland)
Mr Javier Villalobos (Mexico)

Co-opted Executive Committee members
Mr Philippe La Hausse de Lalouvière (Mauritius)
Ms Hortense Razafindramba (Madagascar)
Ms Britta Rudolff (Kingdom of Bahrain)
Ms Natalia Turekulova (Republic of Kazakhstan)
Mr Rasoul Vatandoust (Iran)
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Executive Committee Working Groups

Financial Strategy Working Group (FSWG)
Ms Kristal Buckley (Australia)
Mr John Fowler (USA)
Mr Peter Goodchild (ISCL)
Ms Marie Klingspor Rotstein (Sweden)
Mr Axel Mykleby (Norway)
Mr Gilles Nourissier (France)
Mr Peter Phillips (Australia)
Ms Laura Robinson (South Africa)
Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh (Belgium)
Mr Amund Sinding-Larsen (Norway)
Ms Katherine Slick (USA)
Mr Giora Solar (Israel)
Ms Hristina Staneva (Bulgaria)

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Ms Gwenaëlle Bourdin, Programme Specialist
Ms Kristal Buckley (Australia), EXCOM
Mr Michel Cotte, Adviser
Ms Regina Durighello, Programme Director
Mr Tamas Fejerdy (Hungary), EXCOM
Mr Guo Zhan (China), EXCOM
Mr Michael Petzet (Germany), President, ex-officio
Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh (Belgium), EXCOM
Mr Giora Solar (Israel), EXCOM
Ms Hristina Staneva (Bulgaria), EXCOM
Advisory Committee (2005-2008)

Chairman
Mr John Hurd (United Kingdom)

Vice Chairman
Mr Dosso Sindou (Ivory Coast)

Members
Chairmen of the National and International Scientific Committees are de facto members of the Advisory Committee. See lists of Committees below, including attendance to the 2007 Advisory Committee meeting (Pretoria, South Africa).

Scientific Council

Coordinators
Ms Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias (Greece)
Ms Michal Firestone (Israel)
Ms Pamela Jerome (USA)

Members
Chairmen of the International Scientific Committees are de facto members of the Advisory Committee: see list of Committees below, including attendance to the 2007 Scientific Council meeting (Pretoria, South Africa)
### National Committees

By December 2007, ICOMOS counted 110 National Committees. The list below includes their Chairmen.

**NEW** National Committee formally approved in 2007

* The Chairman or a representative of the Committee attended the 2007 Advisory Committee meeting in Pretoria, South Africa;

** The Committee did not send a representative to the 2007 Advisory Committee meeting but sent apologies

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International Scientific Committees

Whilst the ICOMOS statutes speak of Specialised International Committees, common usage over the past years has been the term **International Scientific Committees**.

By December 2007, ICOMOS counted 28 International Scientific Committees: see list below, which includes their Chairman.

* The Chairman or a representative of the Committee attended the 2007 Advisory Committee meeting in Pretoria, South Africa;

** The Committee did not send a representative to the 2007 Advisory Committee meeting but sent apologies

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**Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH)**
- Pere Roca (Spain)

**Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)**
- Brian Egloff (Australia)

**Conservation/Restoration of Heritage Objects in Monuments and Sites**
- Nikos Agrisantos (Greece)

**Cultural Landscapes ICOMOS/IFLA (ISCCL)**
- Luigi Zangheri (Italy)

**Cultural Routes (CIIC)**
- Maria Rosa Suarez Inclan Ducassi (Spain)

**Cultural Tourism (ICTC)**
- Graham Brooks (Australia)

**Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH)**
- John Hurd (UK)

**Economics of Conservation (ISCEC)**
- Luigi Fusco Girard (Italy)

**Education and Training (CIF)**
- Carlo Cesari (Italy)

**Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT)**
- Lidia Klupsz (Poland)

**Heritage Documentation (CIPA)**
- Petros Patias (Greece)
- Cliff L. Ogleby (Australia), 2007-

**Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)**
- Ray Bondin (Malta)

**Interpretation and Presentation (ICIP)**
- Neil Silberman (Belgium)

**Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICICH)**
- Andrew Hall (South Africa)

**Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues (ICLAFI)**
- James K. Reap (USA)

**Pacific Islands (Pasifika)**
- Christophe Sand (Nouvelle Calédonie)
- Rufino Mauricio (Federated States of Micronesia), 2007-

**Polar Heritage (IPHC)**
- Susan Barr (Norway)

**Risk Preparedness (ICORP)**
- Dinu Bumburu (Canada) - Interim President

**Rock Art (CAR)**
- Ulf Bertilson (Sweden)

**Shared Built Heritage (ICSBH)**
- Peter Van Dun (Netherlands)

**Stained Glass (joint Committee with Corpus Vitrearum)**
- Stefan Trümpler (Switzerland)

**Stone (ISCS)**
- Véronique Vergès-Belmin (France)

**Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration**
- Andrzej Tomaszewski (Poland)

**Twentieth Century Heritage (ISC20C)**
- Sheridan Burke (Canada), co-chair
- Christiane Schmuckle-Mollard (France), co-chair

**Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICUCH)**
- Robert Grenier (Canada)

**Vernacular Architecture (CIAV)**
- Marc de Caraffe (Canada)

**Wall Paintings**
- Nimal de Silva (Sri Lanka)

**Wood (IIWC)**
- David Michelmore (UK)
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World Heritage Unit
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ICOMOS Server
Mr Gordon Dewis (ICOMOS Canada), supervision of the ICOMOS server space, and technical support for the web site.
ATTACHMENT 3

PARTNERS

International Intergovernmental Organisations

**UNESCO** - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Paris, France)

ICOMOS maintains *formal associate relations* with UNESCO, involving sustained cooperation both upstream and downstream from the Organisation's programming and priorities, and in particular with:

- the Culture Sector: Under the UNESCO-ICOMOS "Framework Agreement", ICOMOS runs the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre, provides expert advice and support in the context of the [2001 Convention on the protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000013224) and regularly publishes its "Heritage at Risk" reports. It also supports Culture Sector activities in other areas such as the [1954 Hague Convention for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000007208) and its two protocols.
- the World Heritage Committee and World Heritage Centre: ICOMOS is officially recognised as an advisory body to the World Heritage Committee. ICOMOS evaluates nominations submitted by the States Parties for inclusion on the World Heritage List, and is also involved in thematic studies and in monitoring the state of conservation and management of listed World Heritage cultural properties.

**ICCROM** - The International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (Rome, Italy)

ICCROM is an intergovernmental organisation dedicated to the conservation of cultural heritage. It exists to serve the international community as represented by its over 125 Member States and aims at improving the quality of conservation practice as well as raising awareness about the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

ICOMOS is a non-voting ex-officio member of the ICCROM Council and the ICOMOS Statutes under Article 5 formally stipulate cooperation between the two organisations. ICCROM is also an advisory body to the World Heritage Committee, and cooperates with ICOMOS in some aspects of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

**Council of Europe** (Strasbourg, France)

The Council of Europe is a regional organisation grouping 47 Member States. It has developed numerous standard-setting instruments in the field of cultural heritage including 4 Conventions, 24 recommendations, numerous programmes and activities including the European Heritage Days.

ICOMOS has observer status at its Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage (CDPAT).

International Non-Governmental Organisations

**ICBS** - The International Committee of the Blue Shield

The ICBS was set up as a cooperation mechanism to work to protect the world's cultural heritage threatened by wars and natural disasters. The ICBS is recognised in the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict. ICOMOS is one of the 5 Non Governmental Organisations composing ICBS, the others being:

- ICOM - The International Council of Museums
- ICA - The International Council on Archives
- IFLA - The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, and
- CCAAA - Co-ordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations

In September 2006, the creation of an Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield was agreed.
ICA – the International Council on Archives (Paris, France)
ICA is the professional organisation for the world archival community. A non-governmental organisation, it promotes the management and use of records and archives and the preservation of the archival heritage of humanity around the world. Its global network of more than 1,400 institutional members in 190 countries brings together national archive administrations, professional associations of archivists, regional and local archives and archives of other organisations. It also has over 200 archivists and records managers as individual members. ICA and ICOMOS work together in the context of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS).

ICOM – The International Council of Museums (Paris, France)
ICOM is the international non-governmental organisation of museums and museum professionals, with 24,000 members in 150 countries, organised into 117 National Committees and 30 International Committees. ICOM observers attend the ICOMOS Executive and Advisory Committee, and vice-versa.

IFLA - The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (The Hague, Netherlands)
IFLA is the leading international non-governmental organisation representing the interests of library and information services and their users. With 1600 Members in approximately 150 countries, it is the global voice of the library and information profession. IFLA and ICOMOS work together in the context of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS).

DOCOMOMO – International working party for documentation and conservation of buildings, sites and neighbourhoods of the modern movement.
With 52 working parties and more than 2000 members, DOCOMOMO act as watchdog when important modern movement buildings anywhere are under threat, provides a platform for the exchange of ideas relating to conservation technology, history and education and works to elicit responsibility towards this recent architectural inheritance.

IFLA – The International Federation of Landscape Architects
IFLA represents the landscape architectural profession globally, providing leadership and networks supporting the development of the profession and its effective participation in the realisation of attractive and sustainable environments. ICOMOS and IFLA have a joint International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes (formerly Historic Gardens)

ISPRS - The International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
ISPRS is a non-governmental organization devoted to the development of international cooperation for the advancement of photogrammetry and remote sensing and their applications. It has 88 National member organisations, 10 Associate member societies and 12 Regional member associations. In 1968, ICOMOS's International Committee for Documentation of Cultural Heritage (CIPA) was established in collaboration with ISPRS. ISPRS and ICOMOS created CIPA because they both believe that a monument can be restored and protected only when it has been fully measured and documented and when its development has been documented again and again, also with respect to its environment, and stored in proper heritage information and management systems.

IUCN - the International Union for Conservation of Nature (Gland, Switzerland)
IUCN is the world’s oldest and largest global environmental network, with more than 1,000 government and NGO member organisations, and some 10,000 volunteer scientists in more than 160 countries. It helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges. IUCN is also an advisory body to the World Heritage Committee, and cooperates with ICOMOS in the context of the World Heritage Convention, in particular for ‘mixed’ cultural-natural properties.

TICCIH – The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage
TICCIH is the world organisation for industrial heritage, promoting preservation, conservation, investigation, documentation, research and interpretation of our industrial heritage. TICCIH acts as
consultative body to ICOMOS in relation to industrial heritage in the context of the World Heritage Convention.

**UIA – The International Union of Architects** (Paris, France)
UIA unites the architects of the world and federates their national organisations. A non-governmental organisation, it encompasses the key professional organisations of architects in 124 countries and territories, and represents, through these organisations, more than 1,300,000 architects worldwide.

### National Public Authorities

**Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication** (Ministry of Culture and Communication) (France)
Continuing France’s commitment to welcome ICOMOS in France made in 1965 by André Malraux, former Minister of Culture, the Ministry of Culture financially supports the activities of our International Secretariat through an annual subvention.

**City of Paris** (France)
Paris continues its longstanding support to ICOMOS by a significant financial contribution to the rental costs for our International Secretariat premises.

**Ministry of Education, Science and Culture** (Austria)
Austria generously provides ICOMOS with an annual voluntary financial contribution towards the running of its UNESCO – ICOMOS Documentation Centre.

**The Holy See**
ICOMOS has an official cooperation agreement since 1993 with the Holy See, whose official representatives attend the major ICOMOS meetings, such as the General Assembly.

### Other Organisations

**Conservation Information Network (CIN)**
The Conservation Information Network (CIN) is the product of international collaboration. It is intended to facilitate the retrieval and exchange of information concerning conservation and restoration of cultural property. The Bibliographic Database of the Conservation Information Network (BCIN) provides access to over 200,000 bibliographic citations for conservation literature. The partners of the network are: The Getty Conservation Institute, ICCROM, Canadian Conservation Institute, Netherlands Institute for Cultural Heritage, ICOM, Libraries and Archives of Canada, Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute and ICOMOS. The ICOMOS Documentation Centre contributes with this project by sending to BCIN all the bibliographic records of the ICOMOS Database.

**Ecole d’Avignon - Centre de formation à la réhabilitation du patrimoine architectural** (Avignon, France)
Under the leadership of its Director, Executive Committee member Gilles Nourissier, the Ecole d’Avignon provided technical support for developing the new ICOMOS Membership Expertise Database.

**Fondation du Patrimoine** (France)
The Fondation du Patrimoine is a private independent non-profit organisation whose mission is to safeguard and enhance endangered heritage properties that do not benefit from state protection, the "local heritage" which is not listed or inventoried. The Fondation du Patrimoine provided financial support for developing the new ICOMOS Membership Expertise Database.

**Leonardo da Vinci Programme**
This European Union vocational education and training programme has sponsored several of the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre interns.
ICOMOS Publications


This special edition is devoted to the architectural heritage of the 20th century, especially in Russia and the former Soviet Republics and gathers 38 contributions by distinguished authors in English, Russian and German. For the most part the articles and case studies are based on papers presented at the Moscow conference “Heritage at Risk - Preservation of 20th-Century Architecture and World Heritage” held in April 2006 on the occasion of the International Day for Monuments and Sites and co-organised by ICOMOS.

A focal point of the documentation is to show the international correlation between architecture and urban planning in the young Soviet Union, while also putting an emphasis on the intensive German-Russian professional contacts between the two World Wars and immediately after the Second World War.


Issue XIII in the ICOMOS Monuments and Sites publication series gathers the proceedings of the expert meeting held in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, 24 to 26 of August 2005 on the subject of authenticity and integrity in the World Heritage of the Americas.

Full text available online at:
http://www.icomos.org/studies/rockart-sahara-northafrica.htm

This study follows a first study on the Latin American and Caribbean regions, and amasses data on regional characteristics in order to begin to link more strongly rock art images to social and economic circumstances, and strong regional or local traits, particularly religious or cultural traditions and beliefs.

In order to understand these links, further research may be needed on the context of rock art. It is hoped that these thematic studies will help identify where further support is needed. This volume on the Sahara and North Africa will be followed in due course by further volumes on other regions in Africa, and other parts of the world, in order to identify sites that appear to have the potential to demonstrate outstanding universal value.


This thematic study on Cultural Landscapes of the Pacific Islands is edited by ICOMOS, in collaboration with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Belonging to the least represented regions on the World Heritage List, only a few of the Pacific Island countries have documented their cultural heritage sites or have legislation to protect them. The character and diversity of cultural heritage places in the region is therefore not well known. The study aims to give an overview of cultural landscapes in the Pacific Islands.

This volume provides comparative data to support the identification of cultural properties for nomination to the World Heritage List and identifies gaps in current knowledge of particular kinds of cultural landscapes and/or sub-regions in order to set priorities for further detailed studies.

National Committee / Scientific Committee Publications

ICOMOS Australia:


Historic Environment is the Australia ICOMOS journal, available on a subscription basis. 2 issues were published in 2007, on the themes of Historic Roads (selected papers from the 2006 national conference Corrugation) and Heritage on the Margins.

ICOMOS Bulgaria:

Legal Regime of Cultural Heritage in Republic of Bulgaria, by Svetoslav Georgiev
ICOMOS Czech Republic:

*International Documents on the Protection of Cultural Heritage, 2nd revised Edition*

Published by ICOMOS Czech Republic along with the National Institute for Heritage Preservation published a second revised addition of ‘International Documents on the Protection of Cultural Heritage’.

ICOMOS Germany:


ICOMOS Germany organized a conference on “Climatic stabilisation and building physics: sustainable approaches to safeguarding the World Cultural Heritage”, held in Reichenau, 25-27 November 2004.


This volume presents the proceedings of the international conference organised by ICOMOS Germany, “Orangerien in Europa vor fürstlichem Vermögen und gärtnerischer Kunst”, held in Schloss Seehof, from 29 of September to October 1st 2005.


This issue of the Journal gathers the proceedings of the international conference on urban burial culture, held in Munich, 11-13 November 2005. During the conference socio- and art–historical approaches met together with questions affecting restorers and natural scientists. Along with general presentations on new production techniques, changing fashions in the use of stones and types of stone decay and on conservation problems, examples of successful restorations were also introduced.
ICOMOS Italy:


This publication gathers the proceedings of the conference “Archeologia, città, paesaggio”, held in Naples (Italy) on 16-17 December 2005, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the creation of ICOMOS and dedicated to Roberto Di Stefano.

ICOMOS Korea:


These are the proceedings of the ICOMOS Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting held in Seoul in 2007 on the conservation and management of cultural heritage in metropolitan areas. Issues discussed include urban development, cultural tourism, policies, tools, programmes and projects in the Asia Pacific Region.

ICOMOS Lithuania:


Published by the ICOMOS National Committee of Lithuania, this volume gathers contributions about the conservation and protection of cultural heritage in the 21st century at the national and international level.

ICOMOS Macedonia


ICOMOS Mauritius

The award "The historic hotel/restaurant of the year" exists in Switzerland since 1997. This guide, published by ICOMOS Switzerland, presents more than 50 of the most beautiful historic hotels and restaurants in the country.

ICOMOS Thailand:

Pong Sanuk: Small People and Conservation
The publication is composed by students of Silpakorn University as a record of the conservation procedure which was a collaboration between an academic institution and the local community.

Cultural Heritage Conservation with His Majesty’s Guidance
Written by a member of ICOMOS Thailand who has a great appreciation of His Majesty, the King’s gracious kindness and ingenuity in cultural heritage conservation. This work was a consequence of the special scientific seminar in celebrating the 60th Anniversary of His Majesty’s Accession to the Throne and His Majesty’s 80th Birthday Anniversary.

Travelling through the History & Art of Myanmar
The work of a member who recorded details of our trip to cultural heritage sites of Myanmar, which resulted in an informative work on history, art and architecture. Part of the income from the sale of this book will be contributed to the Fine Arts Department of Myanmar for the restoration of monuments that were damaged by the Nargis storm.

A Visit to Khao Phra Viharn, by Professor Silpa Bhirasri
First published in 1960, this is an old publication of the Fine Arts Department which was reprinted in 2007 in order to distribute and promote information on the monument and its correct interpretation of the Preah Vihear Temple.

Visitor’s Guide to Prasat Phra Viharn, by Mr Manit Vallibhodom
Reprinted in 2007

ICOMOS Ukraine:


East European Countries: Architectural History Course / by VECHERSKY V. = Вечерський В. Курс історії архітектури країн Східної Європи – Київ: видавництво «АртЕк», 2007 – 270 с.)


**ISC Heritage Documentation (CIPA)**


**ISC Vernacular Architecture (CIAV)**

Living Landscapes and Cultural Landmarks / by Augusto Villalon

This report focused on World Heritage properties in the Philippines and was launched at the UNESCO Salon des Délégués on 6 June 2007.

The Victorian Barn / Edited by Miles Lewis. Melbourne: University of Melbourne, Australia, 2007.

**ISC Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH)**

Publication of the Proceedings of the 12th Science and Technology Conference Renovation Problems in Constructions and Historic Building, 2007

Publication of the Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions, 2007


**ISC Polar Heritage (IPHC)**

Preparation and publication of the Proceedings of the International Polar Year Conference can be found in the ICOMOS Monuments and Sites series (XVII).

**ISC Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH)**


ICOMOS contributions to other publications


This volume examines various problems, opportunities and challenges encountered in current heritage debate and practice worldwide. The first part outlines the general background and current issues central to understanding the discourse on culture, heritage and identity at the beginning of the 21st century, not only in Europe but also throughout the world. The second chapter deals with the specific situation and developments in Central and Eastern Europe since 1989, highlighting the many achievements and challenges brought about by the economic and political transformation in the region. The third chapter records the proceedings of the first official scientific session conducted by the members of the new ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation, presenting issues and problems of current heritage protection theory and practice in different contexts, circumstances and cultural circles. The final section of the book brings to light the rising importance of non-governmental and civil society initiatives in fostering heritage education and protection.

**ICOMOS Web pages**

In 2007 the International Secretariat prepared the following special web pages:

- **International Day for Monuments and Sites – 18th of April 2007:** "Cultural landscapes and monuments of nature": History of the 18th of April, Call for participation to ICOMOS National Committees, Ideas for the celebration, Introduction to 2007 theme from Dinu Bumbaru, Secretary General of ICOMOS, Introduction to 2007 theme from the coordinator of the Scientific Council on Cultural Landscapes IFLA, Luigi Zangheri, Charters and other doctrinal texts, Cultural landscapes included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, List of endangered sites by the World Monuments Fund, Calendar of events on 18 April 2007, Calendar of related events on 2007 and a bibliography on cultural landscapes by the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre.

- **Heritage at Risk Special Reports:**
  - Appeal to save Allianoi, Turkey: “Stop the flooding of Allianoi”
  - Risk in the historic urban topography of Istanbul,
  - Appeal on Subotica Theatre, Serbia,
  - Letters concerning Rosia Montana, Romania

**ICOMOS Documentation Centre - Bibliographies**

In 2007, the Documentation Centre prepared the following new thematic bibliographies:

- Intangible heritage
- Restoration of historic gardens.
- World heritage properties

The following bibliographies were also updated and are available to consult and download on the website:

- World heritage hominid sites
- World heritage cultural landscapes
- World heritage industrial sites
- World heritage urban sites
- World heritage in Africa
- World heritage in Arab States
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