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ICOMOS Secretariat
International Council on Monuments and Sites
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BY EMAIL

Dear ICOMOS Secretariat

Re: Election of the National Committee and Scientific Council Officers & President and Vice President of the Advisory Committee, 2018-2021, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 4-6 December 2018.

Further to the request for nominations of candidates for the above, the Irish National Committee of ICOMOS hereby confirm their nomination and support for the candidacy of Deirdre McDermott, who is standing for election as an ADCOM Officer during the ADCOM meeting in Argentina 2018.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gráinne Shaffrey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gráinne Shaffrey
President ICOMOS Ireland

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Deirdre McDermott ICOMOS Ireland and ADCOM VP (2015-2018)

Biography

Deirdre McDermott is an architect, planner, urban designer, in private practice. She is an active member of both the Irish National Committee of ICOMOS and of the Advisory Committee.

Elected as VP in Fukuoka in 2015, she has been working with the six ACOs to secure the effective operation of ADCOM in all its aspects. She is responsible in particular for the inauguration of an annual meeting of the National Committee (NC) presidents and seeks to use this NatCom forum to share the experiences and successes of the NCs, to encourage and reanimate struggling committees and to address issues of concern to this constituency. She has worked towards the involvement and integration of the EPs and sustainable access to meetings through streaming and digital technologies.

MUBC (UCD 2011)

RIAI Conservation Accreditation, Grade III (2003)

Dip Arch, MA Urb Des (Oxford Brookes 1987) DipTP (UCD 1978)

Deirdre is a registered architect, a qualified planner and urban designer and principal in Deirdre McDermott and Associates. Currently based in Co Galway, Ireland, she has worked principally in Ireland, the UK, Africa and France. She has worked extensively in area based regeneration, urban design and conservation in Ireland, France and the UK and recent work includes a series of collaborative projects in small towns and villages and restoration and conversion projects on traditional buildings in France, designed to reintroduce sympathetic economic activity in small villages on the mediterranean fringe, as well as a range of conservation projects in Ireland. She has worked with a number of major private and public clients on mixed use developments where the focus has been on integrating new development into existing towns and cities. The practice completed the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage for the North Georgian City of Dublin.

She completed a Diploma in Architecture and a Masters in Urban Design with a double distinction in Oxford, undertook the RIAI Conservation Accreditation Grade III and in 2011 completed the MUBC in UCD.

Deirdre served for six years as a member of the Historic Buildings Council, an advisory body to the Environmental Heritage Service in Northern Ireland, reviewing their First and Second (Listed Buildings) Survey.

She was a co-opted member to an advisory body established by the Irish government to develop policy on architecture and on the architectural heritage in State Care (Action on Architecture 2002 – 2005) which preceded and recommended the establishment of a conservation accreditation system within the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. She was President of the Irish national Committee of ICOMOS for six years and is currently:

- Vice President, ICOMOS Advisory Committee
- Member of the ICOMOS Ireland World Heritage Reflective Working group.
- Founder member and secretary of the Irish National Committee of the Blue Shield
- Member of ICORP (International Committee on Risk Preparedness)
- Member CIAV (International Committee on Vernacular Architecture)
- Member ICOMOS NSCs on Energy and Sustainability and Vernacular Heritage and Small Towns and Villages (Baile)
- Member Building Limes Forum of Ireland

Career Profile

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| 2002 - | Principal, Deirdre McDermott & Ass. |
| 2000 - 2002 | Associate Director, Urban Initiatives |
| 1994 - 2000 | Associate, Brady Shipman Martin |
| 1985 - 1994 | Partner, Peridot Oxford |
| 1984 - 1987 | Partner, Peridot Botswana |
| 1981-84 | Planner, / RIBA Special Entry Student Architect Tswana Design, Botswana |
| 1978-81 | Planner, Department Town Regional Planning, Botswana |
| 1977-78 | Planner, Fergal McCabe Architects, Dublin |

Awards

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| 1985 | RIBA / Construction Industry Student Award |
| 1986 | William Goshawk Prize for Architecture |
| 1989 | Times / Civic Trust Award for Red Barn, Oxford, Conversion |
| 2009 | Granuaile Trust Bursary |

Selected Conservation Related Plans:

- Park West/ Gallanstown Waterworks Conservation Report
- Caledon Integrated Development Plan
- *Renaissance*: Canal Regeneration Strategy for the West Midlands
- Anna Liffey (Shackleton's) Mill Conservation Report
- Wicklow Building Facades Pilot Project
- Burren Monuments Strategy
- Cleggan Village Renewal Strategy, Co. Galway
- Boyne Valley Integrated Plan (with BSM)
- Johnstown Old Church Conservation Strategy

Selected Conservation Related Plans and Projects:

- Restoration and conversion, 18th century racing stable, Askrigg, Yorkshire
- Restoration, coastguard station, Co. Galway
- Restoration and conversion, Red Barn, Oxford
- Restoration and conversion, miscellaneous, Paye d'Oc, France
- Restoration of Osgur Wilde's family's hunting lodge in Connemara
- Restoration, future proofing and extension of early 18th century 'planter' house in Co. Offaly
- Extension of 18th century house in Dublin
- Conservation of important and rare 18th century painted glass window in Co. Meath
- Creation of columbarium within National Monument at Newcastle

Election Platform

My aspirations if re-elected as ACO are to continue to work to support and facilitate ADCOM as a strong and democratic voice within the organisation, acknowledging its current and potential role as the mouthpiece of the National Committees and as a force for positive action. My work over the past triennium has included a review of the role and structure of ADCOM and of its constituent NC members, the collection and collation of topical issues and projects of importance to this constituency and the establishment of a mouthpiece through which to showcase these initiatives and successes, annually at the NatCom meeting of NC presidents.

If elected I will continue to work

- for the integration of ADCOM into the activities of the organisation to provide it with a real and vibrant voice,**
- to disseminate and support the exemplary work being carried out within national committees;**
- to encourage and support the growth of committees in countries and regions not currently well represented and**
- to seek the integration of sustainability and the Rights Based Approach into the philosophy of heritage conservation and the activities of the organisation.**

Election statement:

I am standing for election because I am willing to continue to serve the organisation.

Deirdre McDermott