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### **PLATFORM / PLATE-FORME / PLATAFORMA**

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Bogusław Szmygin – a candidate for the Vice-President for Europe

#### **1 Mission of the ICOMOS**

Three fundamental assumptions directed ICOMOS establishment:

- ICOMOS activities concern heritage and its preservation
- ICOMOS members are the specialists in heritage conservation
- ICOMOS aim is to organize the international cooperation

These three assumptions have shaped the mission of ICOMOS:

- to organize the cooperation and exchange of experience between conservators from various countries and regions,
- to represent the issues of heritage protection on the international level
- to organize international awareness, cooperation and aid for endangered heritage all over the world

**The mission of ICOMOS is still valid, however, since 1965 when ICOMOS was founded in Poland, all heritage protection circumstances have been undergoing substantial changes. Therefore, the actions of ICOMOS have to respect new circumstances - ICOMOS mission should adjust to the changing circumstances.**

## 2 Priorities for next three years

3 priorities for the coming years should be pointed out:

- 2.1 The main task is to organize real cooperation between the National Committees and within the Scientific Committees (mainly on regional scale).  
It is a difficult task because currently National and Scientific Committees work independently – they do not interact. In practice, the activities of ICOMOS should be based on regional cooperation of National and Scientific Committees appointing some international groups to accomplish particular aims and programmes.  
The National and Scientific Committees can develop the international cooperation through: publications, workshops for specialists (e.g. summer schools), doctrinal documents and scientific programmes.
- 2.2 An important action of ICOMOS is the cooperation with UNESCO World Heritage Committee. In the recent years decisions concerning WH were increasingly political, which weakened their professionalism. The task of ICOMOS – as the official advisory body – is to draw a particular attention to this fact.
- 2.3 An urgent task is the creation of a *corpus* of Doctrinal Texts concerning heritage protection and preservation. Due to the lack of a universal conservation theory, doctrinal documents on particular groups of heritage gain a great importance. ICOMOS should control the condition of these documents, determine the needs and develop a set of Doctrinal Texts with a proper commentary.

## 3 How to archive the priorities

In 2018 it is particularly important for Europe to use the opportunities presented by European Year of Cultural Heritage declared by Council of Europe. ICOMOS should be an active participant of these actions, organizing conferences on European scale and creating timetable of various actions organized by National Committees.

Under current circumstances only international programmes (above all financed by EU) can lay the financial foundation for an international cooperation, both for individual members of ICOMOS and ICOMOS Committees. The programmes require defining three conditions of effective work: aim of actions, deadlines and financial needs.

National Committees can benefit from European programmes and such opportunity should be taken (Polish National ICOMOS Committee participated in four international projects founded by EU)

The task of the authorities of ICOMOS is to acquire and disseminate the information on possibilities to organize and finance actions dedicated to heritage protection and organization of such.

## 4 Personal interest in contributing to specific activities of ICOMOS.

Considering the many years of my professional, organizational and scientific experience, I declare commitment in (among others) the following activities:

- 4.1 Organization of regional conferences of subjects important for the Euro Group, especially in the frames of the European Year of Cultural Heritage. My experience in this field results from organization of dozens of national and international conferences – among others celebrations of 50th anniversary of ICOMOS in 2015
- 4.2 Organization of works connected with development, verification and publishing of Doctrinal Texts on protection and conservation of heritage. My experience in this domain results from developing guidelines for creation of Doctrinal Texts, contributing in the development of several documents, preparing publications on conservation theory and work for International Scientific Committee Theory of Conservation.
- 4.3 Active participation in works connected to UNESCO World Heritage. My experience in this field results from many years of work in the Polish Committee for World Heritage, participation in many sessions of WH Committee, preparation of many monographs on WH, preparation of documentation and opinions for WH objects.
- 4.4 Organization of International Journal dedicated to problems of modern protection and conservation of heritage. My experience in this domain results from many years of publishing, I initiated and scientifically edited over 30 publications.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Professional positions

Professor at Lublin University of Technology (2001+); head of the Department of Built Heritage Conservation at Civil Engineering and Architecture Faculty (2005+); vice-rector TU Lublin (2012-16); dean of Civil Engineering and Architecture Faculty TU Lublin (2005-12; 2016+).

President ICOMOS Poland (2008+); general secretary of International Scientific Committee of Theory and Philosophy of Conservation (2009+); chairman of World Heritage Committee in Poland (2010+2014); ICOMOS Executive Committee member (2002-2011); member of Scientific Committee Architecture and Urbanism Polish Academy of Science (2011+).

### Education

1982-master's degree (TU Lublin); 1984- Postgraduate Studies of Monument Conservation (TU Warsaw); 1986- Postgraduate Studies of Buildings Reconstruction (TU Warsaw); 1987- Postgraduate Pedagogical Studies (University of MSC Lublin); 1991- doctor's degree (TU Cracow; "Semiotics of Historical Architecture"); 2001- habilitate; (TU Cracow: "Theory of Conservation in Poland in the XX Century"); 2002- professor at TU Lublin.

### Areas of professional interests

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### Professional activities

Author of over 100 scientific publications (e.g monographs *Development of conservation doctrine in Poland in XX century*; *UNESCO World Heritage System – characteristic, methodology, management*; *Standards in displaying outdoor advertisements and signs on historical building*; *Conservation officer's handbook*); organizer of several scientific conferences, scientific and educational programmes; author of over 50 screenplays for educational films.

Coordinator of scientific projects (national and international) granted in competitions – 10 projects; scientific editor of monographs on protection and conservation of monuments – 28; author of conference papers – over 70. All the monographs published under B.Szmygin scientific editorial are available in full text PDF in the Digital Library of the TU Lublin (registered around 130 thousand visits to these files).