Buenos Aires 2018: Videos of the sessions and first outcomes

Dear ICOMOS members,

The ICOMOS Annual General Assembly, Advisory Committee and Scientific Symposium “Sustainability: Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development” recently came to a close. We extend our warmest thanks to ICOMOS Argentina who so generously hosted us in Buenos Aires and La Plata, enabling participants to experience many aspects of Argentinian culture and find time to exchange among each other through a wide variety of cultural events and excursions. We are grateful to the President of ICOMOS Argentina, Pedro Delheye, and his team of members and volunteers for the immense effort and enthusiasm they put into making this such a memorable event.

Before the close of the year – we are pleased to provide members with some initial feedback on the sessions – the draft minutes of the statutory meetings will follow at the start of 2019.

Videos of the sessions

Click on the links below to view the:

- Annual General Assembly (working documents here)
- Advisory Committee (working documents here)
- Scientific Council (working documents here)
- National Committees meeting (working documents here)
- Emerging Professionals meeting
- World Heritage Information Session (programme available in English, French and Spanish)

NB – the recordings are in the original language of the speaker (not the interpretation).

The videos of the Scientific Symposium are currently being edited and will be available in early 2019.
New Advisory Committee Officers

As foreseen by Article 12 b. of the Statutes, the Advisory Committee elected its new officers, as follows:

**President of the Advisory Committee:**
Mr Mikel Landa - President of IWC (ICOMOS International Wood Committee) and Vice President of ICOMOS Spain

**Vice President of the Advisory Committee:**
Mr Douglas Comer - President of US/ICOMOS

**Advisory Committee officers:**
- Ms Sheridan Burke – Secretary of ISC20C (ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Twentieth Century Heritage)
- Mr Christer Gustafsson - Secretary General of ISCEC (ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Economics of Conservation)
- Ms Deirdre McDermott - Member of ICOMOS Ireland
- Mr Tiong Kian Boon - Honorary Secretary of ICOMOS Malaysia

ICOMOS thanks the outgoing Advisory Committee officers, Ms Susan McIntyre Tamwoy (ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Intangible Heritage), Mr James Reap (ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Financial and Administrative Issues), Ms Hae Un Rii (ICOMOS Korea), Ms Ofelia Sanou (ICOMOS Costa Rica) for their dedicated service to this task over the past years.

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**Buenos Aires Declaration**

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ICOMOS adopted the **Buenos Aires Declaration** entrenching Human Rights into cultural heritage activities.

ICOMOS supports the right to enjoy and partake of cultural heritage and reiterates its commitment to supporting Rights Based Approaches to World Heritage.

ICOMOS has taken important initiatives over the last decade to respect, protect and fulfill the rights to culture for individuals and communities by including Rights Based approaches in its work, through its Ethical Principles and the Our Common Dignity Initiative.

ICOMOS members, Committees and groups are therefore encouraged to:

- Build strong relationships with communities and peoples in their work.
- Embrace the principle of free, prior and informed consent of source communities before adopting measures concerning their specific cultural heritage.
- Offer all possible assistance so that communities and right holders are consulted and invited to actively participate in the whole process of identification, selection, classification, interpretation, preservation and safeguarding of, as well as the stewardship of and development of cultural heritage.

Download the **Declaration** (includes versions in English, French and Spanish).
Mendoza Declaration

ICOMOS Argentina and the ICOMOS IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes (ISC CL) hosted a very successful Symposium at Mendoza, Argentina from December 9 to 15. A wealth of presentations by ISC CL members and many colleagues from the region offered insights and future directions for the identification, protection and management of cultural landscapes of the urban, peri-urban and rural zones. The symposium was especially successful in bringing together a robust group of individuals interested in the cultural landscapes of the Latin American and Caribbean region that will form a nucleus for revitalized regional activities.

With a focus on the unique Mendoza region, the members of the ISC CL worked together to provide the "Mendoza Declaration" recognizing the importance of the region and offering guidance for future heritage recognition and preservation. That declaration is provided here in three languages.

Download the Declaration in English - French - Spanish.

With best regards
The ICOMOS International Secretariat