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## UNESCO-ICOM-ICOMOS Documentation Centre Programme moves forward

ICOMOS was pleased to welcome Madame Delphine Lapeyre on 1 October 1977 to the ICOMOS Documentation Centre, a part of the UNESCO-ICOM-ICOMOS Documentation Centre.

The year 1977 was a time of change and development in the Centre following the action of the UNESCO General Conference at Nairobi in November 1976 which called for the establishment of an integrated centre to receive a single UNESCO contract after 1978.

Madame Lapeyre, the first full-time professionally trained documentalist on the ICOMOS staff, was chosen from more than 100 applicants for the position. Her first activity within the concept of an integrated centre was to familiarize herself fully with the documentation programme underway for more than 20 years at the ICOM Documentation Centre. She will proceed with efforts on behalf of ICOMOS to build up the Centre's resources and service capability. The groundwork for this increase in documentary materials was laid by the Deputy Director General of UNESCO who has called on all UNESCO Member States to cooperate with the UNESCO-ICOM-ICOMOS Centres in assuring a continuous flow of materials relating to the conservation and protection of the cultural heritage. ICOMOS chairmen have been asked to pursue the collection of such materials on a continuing and timely basis.

Copies of the UNESCO letter to all UNESCO member states are available from the ICOMOS Secretariat in Paris.

## Monuments in Seismic Zones considered by New ICOMOS Committee

ICOMOS's new international committee on the protection of monuments and sites in seismic areas has begun its work under the direction of Professor N. N. Ambraseys of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.

The Committee's object is the promotion of international cooperation in safeguarding and preserving monuments and sites located in seismic zones and to advise ICOMOS on the development of programmes and activities in the field. The group will provide a forum for exchanging experience, ideas and research results, among administrators, archeologists, architects, engineers, historians and planners.

The committee's first meeting was held in April 1977, at Udine (Italy), and was followed by a second meeting, supported by UNESCO, in Paris in December 1977. Members of the committee, in addition to Professor Ambraseys, are Prof. J. Penzien (USA), Prof. J. Petrovski (Yugoslavia), Dr. R. Mainstone (UK), Prof. J. Grases (Venezuela) and Dr. T. Algermissen (USA). In addition, the committee has established a group of corresponding members representing various related specialties including earthquake engineering, soil and foundation engineering, rock mechanics, as well as a representative of the International Centre for Conservation (ICCROM) in Rome.

## Vth ICOMOS General Assembly: Moscow and Suzdal "The Architectural Heritage Today"

The Vth ICOMOS General Assembly to be followed by a symposium on "The Architectural Heritage Today, Cultural and Historic Monuments in Contemporary Society", under the auspices of USSR-ICOMOS, will open in Moscow on 20 May 1978.

The General Assembly is a very important one for ICOMOS. It will vote on revisions in the ICOMOS Statutes, it will adopt revisions in the Venice Charter, and it will elect new officers and a new Executive Committee to direct the activities of the Council for the three year period, 1978-1981.

The symposium, which will take place in Suzdal, will be under the chairmanship of Vladimir Ivanov, president of USSR-ICOMOS. Sessions will each have a president and presentations from two speakers representing different parts of the world or different points of view. Topics for the symposium will include: The Architectural Heritage and Contemporary Humanism; The Educational Role of Historic Monuments; Historic Monuments in the Urban Environment.

Also, Historic Monuments in the Rural Environment; Historic Monuments and Cultural Identity; Historic Buildings, their role in social and economic development; Youth and Monuments; Tourism and Monuments; Public Opinion and the Safeguarding of Historic Monuments and Monuments as a Factor in International Cooperation.

Participants will visit important historic monuments in Moscow and Suzdal, will take part in excursions to Bogolubovo, Vladimir and Zagorsk, will spend an evening at the Bolshoi Theatre, and will have an opportunity to take part in four post-conference study tours to Leningrad, Samarkand, Tashkent and Bukhara, Yerevan and Tbilisi, and Novgorod-Pskov.

Each member of ICOMOS has received an invitation to the General Assembly from Mr. Ivanov on behalf of the Soviet ICOMOS Committee and a follow-up letter of information from the ICOMOS Secretariat in Paris. The Soviet Committee has sent information and programmes to all members of the Council.

The meeting promises to be an interesting and busy time.

The ICOMOS Committee in the USSR looks forward to this opportunity for its colleagues from other countries to visit, to see and to learn about the important work which is being done in the Soviet Union in its programmes and activities concerning the architectural heritage.

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## Secretary General's Report to 20th Executive Committee Session

At the ICOMOS Executive Committee's 20th Executive Session on November 19, Secretary General Ernest Allen Connally reported on activities during the previous year. His report is summarized below (copies were distributed at the Executive Committee meeting and to all National Committee chairmen).

The Secretary General noted the new committee chairmen who had taken office during the year: Dr. Benavides Solis of Ecuador, Dr. Silva Telles of Brazil, Dr. Berhanou Abbébe of Ethiopia and Dr. Stephen Tschudi-Madsen of Norway. He noted that new National Committees are in the process of formation in Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Morocco and Zaire.

Urging National Committees to appoint secretaries to improve communication with the ICOMOS Secretariat, he commented on the need for active efforts on the part of committees to supply the Documentation Centre with a continuing supply of information and materials such as inventories, legal, administrative, financial and technical measures for the protection and conservation of the architectural heritage. Dr. Connally noted that the "How to" series now includes *What is ICOMOS? How to Establish an ICOMOS National Committee, Model Statutes for ICOMOS National Committees and Guidelines for the Organization of International Committees* (now being given its final review prior to publication). He called on committees to review their own activities and programmes in the light of ICOMOS Goals and Objectives and urged that they contribute ideas and materials for the revision of the Goals Statement.

His report noted that, in addition to the Documentation Centre, the ICOMOS publications programme, the various international, regional and national technical meetings and symposia, ICOMOS had undertaken a series of contracts on behalf of UNESCO including those on Use of Computers in the Conservation of Monuments, Meeting of Experts to Prepare Documents for Submission to the World Heritage Committee, Study on Systems for Inventorying Immovable Cultural Property, Meeting of Experts on Inventorying Immovable Cultural Property, Organization of Training Course on the Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Quarters, and Organization of Meeting of Experts on the Protection of Monuments Located in Earthquake Zones. He urged National Committees to respond to Secretariat requests for assistance in carrying out such UNESCO contracts.

ICOMOS's continuing role in connection with the implementation of the World Heritage Convention was noted. National Committees were urged to review the recommendations of the Meeting of Representatives of Monuments Services [see article on *Monuments Service Representatives Recommend Dynamic Future Course for ICOMOS*]. In addition, National Committees were encouraged to develop close and continuing working relationships with their National Commissions for UNESCO.

Dr. Connally noted that the ICOMOS Secretariat and Documentation Centre had handled 12,500 pieces of correspondence during the year, had distributed three issues (or 5,000 copies) of the ICOMOS Newsletter, 1,650 copies of the new *Annuaire or Directory of Members*, 1,650 copies of the *Bulletin*, and had established a cable address, ICOMOS PARIS, for the Council.

In looking to "New Directions" of the Council, he concluded:

1978 will be another important year in the history of the International Council on Monuments and Sites. The Vth General Assembly in Moscow followed by the Symposium on "Historical and Cultural Monuments in the Culture of Today" will see a healthy and maturing organization which has gone far beyond the hopes of its founders at its Constituent Assembly at Warsaw in 1965.

The Council will be a truly world-wide organization, global in its membership and global in its influence. The proposed revisions in the ICOMOS Statutes should make it possible for the Council to broaden its membership to include private organizations and public administrations. Their interest and support, along with that of the professionals who, to a large degree, make up ICOMOS today, should make it possible for the Council to continue to grow and develop, to structure its programmes and activities even more effectively, and to increase its efforts and its influence to insure the protection, the enhancement and the development of those monuments, groups of buildings, and sites which are so important as the evidences of the creative genius of mankind.

(Copies of the Secretary General's Report are available from the ICOMOS Secretariat, Hôtel Saint-Aignan, 75 rue du Temple, 75003 Paris.)

## Yugoslav Meetings to discuss Relocation of Monuments

The Yugoslav ICOMOS Committee has announced preliminary plans for an international symposium on the topic, "The Relocation of Historic Monuments because of Major Public Works", to be held in Belgrade from 26 until 29 September.

In addition to a series of presentations and discussions, participants will have an opportunity to visit a number of important monuments in the region including several which have been relocated as a result of public works projects; Lepinski Vir and the Plaque of Trajan, the fortress of Petrovaradin, the monastery of Dobricevo, the bridge of Arslanagic and the monastery of Piva.

Following the meeting, a special issue of the ICOMOS Bulletin dealing with the meeting and the papers presented there, will be published by the ICOMOS-Yugoslav Committee.

For information concerning inscription in the meeting, ICOMOS members should write to the ICOMOS Yugoslav Committee, Professor Svetislav Vucenovic, president, Institute for the Protection of Historic Monuments of the City of Belgrade, Kalemegdan-Gornji grad 14, 11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

### COMMITTEE EXAMINES SANCTIONS TO ENSURE TIMELY PAYMENT OF ICOMOS DUES

The ICOMOS Executive Committee, concerned over the fact that a number of National Committees continue to be very late in forwarding their membership subscriptions to ICOMOS Paris, has asked the Bureau to examine the situation and to propose remedies.

Among the courses of action being considered are the possibility of demanding paid-up subscriptions from individual members as a condition for participation in General Assemblies or for running for ICOMOS office, suspending invitations to Advisory Committee meetings for those National Committee chairmen whose committees are in arrears, or suspending distribution of ICOMOS publications such as the ICOMOS Newsletter and Directory of Members to those individuals and committees whose dues payments are not up to date.

Recommendations will be made to the Executive Committee at its meeting prior to the General Assembly and could go into force at that time.

