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United Nations Economic and Social Council

ICOMOS was granted Consultative Status (Category II) with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations at the Council's 1898th Plenary Meeting on 15th May, 1974.

IVth General Assembly of ICOMOS - 1975

The IVth General Assembly of ICOMOS will be held in the Federal Republic of Germany, at Rothenburg o.d. Tauber from May 26th to 30th, 1975. It will be followed by a conference having as its theme the problems posed by the conservation and development of smaller historic towns. Invitations will be sent to all members shortly.

News of National Committees

India

Members of the Indian National Committee took an active part in the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Conservation of Cultural Property, which was held in New Delhi on 4th and 5th March, 1974.

Italy

Election - Chairman: Prof. Guglielmo DE ANGELIS D'OSSAT
Président du Conseil Supérieur des Antiquités et des Beaux Arts
 Lungotavure Sanzio 9
 ROMA
Mexico

Elections - Chairman: Prof. José VILLAGRAN GARCIA, Arch.
Dublin nº 97
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Secretary: Prof. Carlos Chanfón OLMOS
Treasurer: Mr. Jorge L. MEDELLIN

Convener: Mr. Manuel SANCHEZ SANTOYENA

Prof. Chanfón Olimos has been appointed Director of the Latin-American Centre for the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, Mexico City, which is the regional organization affiliated to the Rome Centre.

United States of America

Mr. Robert R. Garvey, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of US/ICOMOS, has been appointed a member of the US National Commission for Unesco.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Mr. A. Halfourina, Chairman of the Soviet National Committee of ICOMOS has been appointed Director of Museums, Monuments and Plastic Arts in the Soviet Ministry of Culture.

Unesco/ICOMOS/Documentation Centre

The ICOMOS International Committee on Documentation met in Vienna on 10th and 11th April, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Milton E. Lord (USA), to discuss the future programme of the Centre, the financial position, staffing, and cooperation with other Centres working in related fields. The Committee saw the microfilm system to be used by ICOMOS in operation at the Austrian Bunderdenkmalamt.

It was noted that the minimum capital expenditure required to enable the Centre to begin using this system is of the order of US $ 30,000. ICOMOS looks to all its members to help in raising this sum as a matter of urgency, if possible by obtaining from their Governments a pledge similar to that given by the Austrian Government to support the Centre with an annual grant equal to 0.5% of its contribution to Unesco.

International Committee on Architectural Photogrammetry

The Committee has suffered a sad loss in the death of Mr. Miloslav JIRINEK, of the State Institute for the Protection of Monuments and Nature in Prague. Mr. Jirinek was a greatly valued member of the Committee from its foundation.

The annual meeting of the Committee took place in Athens on 17th and 18th May, 1974, following the international Symposium described above. Mr. Wojciech Kozła, head of the photogrammetry section of the Polish Historic Monuments Service, Warsaw, has been nominated to the Committee.
### Forthcoming Meetings

to be held by ICOMOS or under ICOMOS auspices in 1974.

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<td>September 10-17, 1974</td>
<td>International Symposium on the Adaptation of Monuments to Use as Museums, organized by the Polish National Committees of ICOMOS and ICOM. The Symposium will include working visits to Niembror, Cracow, Pleskowa Skala, Kacuk, Baranow, etc. (by invitation only)</td>
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(The Symposium to be held in Romania on the Conservation of Mural Paintings on the Exterior of Buildings, which was announced for October 1974, has for technical reasons been postponed until 1975).

### Recent Meetings

organized by or held under the auspices of ICOMOS.

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<td>May 5 -11, 1974</td>
<td>Symposium on New Social Uses for Historic Monuments organized by the National Committee of ICOMOS in the German Democratic Republic. Attended by some 70 participants including specialists from other countries in Eastern and Western Europe, the meeting recognized that in order to ensure their survival, historic monuments must be given a useful part to play in society - hence the necessity which often areas of finding new uses for buildings which could no longer serve their original purposes. The Institut für Denkmalpflege had prepared a 67 page booklet illustrating this theme and a number of towns were visited, including Frankfurter Neubrandenburg, Güstrow, Schwerin, and Magdeburg (where an exhibition had been arranged in the newly</td>
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restored Cloister of Our Lady). The participants were thus able to appreciate the progress which had already been made in this direction, and to gauge the magnitude of the problems which remain. The Symposium recommended that historic buildings and their surroundings should be protected by law and in the planning process. More efforts should be made to find appropriate new uses without damaging their aesthetic and historical values, while the intrinsic cultural and educational value of the architectural heritage should not be overlooked.

May 13-16, 1974
Athens, Greece

International Symposium on Photogrammetry, organized by the National Technical University of Athens in collaboration with the International Committee on Architectural Photogrammetry. The Symposium attended by about 100 experts including architects and archaeologists, underlined the necessity for photogrammetrical surveys. It also discussed new techniques of photogrammetry and photointerpretation of archaeological excavations and heard reports of results achieved to date using photogrammetrical surveys for the restoration and conservation of monuments and historic towns.

United Nations Environment Programme

ICOMOS has been associated with the United Nations Environment Programme since its inception. For the World Conference on the Environment (Stockholm, June 1972) the Secretary General, Prof. Lemaire, prepared a paper on "The Past in the Present, an Essential Feature of the Human Environment", which will be reprinted in full together with a note on the aims and organization of the Programme in ICOMOS Bulletin III, later this year. Subsequent meetings, and most recently the 2nd Session of the Governing Council held in Nairobi in March 1974, have been attended by Professor Gazzola, President of ICOMOS.

We have a direct interest in the Programme. Successive meetings of the Governing Council of UNEP have given the highest priority to the problems of "human settlements", especially in the underdeveloped countries. A Housing and Human Settlements Foundation has been set up to provide seed capital for housing and related projects, and "Human Settlements' is the theme of the UN Conference/Exposition which is to be held in Vancouver from 31st May to 11th June, 1976.

UNEP is governed by a Council of 58 member states of the United Nations (among which 30 have ICOMOS National Committees), and administered by a Secretariat in Nairobi, under the direction of Mr. Maurice Strong of Canada. Up to now an Assembly of NGOs has met concurrently with the Governing Council, and an NGO Environmental Centre has now been set up in Nairobi. It has, however, become increasingly clear that closer and more specific cooperation between organizations will be necessary both at head-office level and within member countries, if they are to make a really effective contribution.

The President of ICOMOS wrote last year to ICOMOS National Committees in all the countries concerned to ask them to make the necessary representations for their national delegations to Nairobi to include persons with a direct
personal knowledge of the problems of human settlements. and at our
initiative a number of NGOs specifically concerned with the built environ-
ment (and its natural elements) met at the Hôtel Saint Aignan before the
March meeting, and decided to coordinate all their activities in connexion
with UNEP.

In the same spirit the NGO Assembly at Nairobi sanctioned the creation,
among others, of a working group of NGOs interested in the UN Conference/
Exposition at Vancouver. It is with great pleasure that we have invited this
wider group, together with representatives of intergovernmental agencies, to
meet at the Hôtel Saint Aignan on 2nd July, 1974. This meeting will be pre-
sided over by Mr. J.G. van Putten, Secretary General of the International
Union of Local Authorities, and will deal with NGOs involvement in the pre-
parations for Vancouver, their projected activities during the Conference/
Exposition, and the formation of national committees of NGOs for Vancouver.
It is felt that only through such committees - which might be represented on
the delegations themselves - will NGOs be able to influence national delega-
tions, and induce their governments to react to the environmental challenges
which confront them.

1974 Calendar of meetings organized by other bodies
having similar aims to ICOMOS

June 2-3
Lyons, France
Civitas Nostra, 10th Annual Congress: 'Balance Sheet of
Ten Years' Restoration of Historic Towns
(Renaissance du Vieux Lyon, 5 pl. de la Baleine, Lyon)

June 5-14
Copenhagen
Denmark
ICOM (International Council of Museums): General
Conference: 'Museums and the Modern World'
(ICOM, 1 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris)

June 10-12
Bologna, Italy
Fédération Mondiale des Villas Jumelées
Conference on Urban Traffic Problems
(13 rue Racine, 75008 Paris)

June 17-22
Vienna, Austria
International Federation of Landscape Architects and
International Federation of Park and Recreation Admin-
istrators, Congress: 'A naturally planned environment'
(IFPRA/IFLA Kongresssekretariat, Postfach 1466, A-1011 Vienna)

July 1-5
Paris, France
1st World Congress of Medicine and Biology of the
Environment (AIMBE, 115 rue de la Pompe, 75116 Paris)

July 3-5
Paris, France
UNESCO Standing Committee, Symposium on
World Population (7 pl. de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris)

July 4-7
Paris, France
Europa Nostra, General Conference
(86 Vincent Square, London SW1 2PG)

August 16-24
Vienna, Austria
International Federation of Housing and Planning (IFHP)
32nd World Congress: 'Aims of Urban Development -
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow' (Wassenaarsweg 43, The Hague)

August 19-31
Bucharest, Romania
(United Nations, New York 10017, USA)
Sept 6-10 Munich, W. Germany
International Association of Town Planners (AIU)
'Town Planning and Political Options'
(AIU, Bagijnestraat 46, Delft, Netherlands)

Sept 6-14 The Hague, Netherlands
International Ecology Association, 1st International Congress (Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts and Sciences, 21 Kleveniersburgwal, Amsterdam)

Sept 10-12 Rotterdam, Netherlands
CIB/RILEM, 2nd International Symposium on Humidity in Monuments (9 rue Lapérouse, 75016 Paris)

Sept 16-21 Strasbourg, France
Council of Europe, European Conference of Local Authorities: 'Environmental Problems Facing Local Authorities in Europe' (Council of Europe, F - Strasbourg 67008 Cedex, France)

Sept 20-27 Prague, Czechoslovakia
IBI (Internationale Burgen-Institut)
International Congress (IBI, Château de Rosendaal, Gelderland, Netherlands)

Sept 27-30 Boston, USA
AAPT (Association for Preservation Technology), Annual Meeting: Sessions on 'Fire Protection in Historic Structures', 'Probing without Stripping', 'Wooden Farts of the Early West' and 'Landscapes and Historic Gardens' (Mr. J. Dalibard, President, Box 25882, Ottawa, Ont.)

Oct 3-10 Budapest, Hungary
CIB (Conseil International du Bâtiment), 6th Congress 'The Influence of Research on Built Surroundings' (Scientific Building Institute, POB 71, 1502 Budapest)

Oct 3-12 Belgrade, Yugoslavia
International Union of Architects, International Seminar: 'Permanent Education of Architects' (IUA, 1 rue d’Ulm, 75005 Paris)

Oct 12-22 Bucharest, Romania
UN Economic Commission for Europe, Seminar on 'Construction in Seismic Regions and in Regions with Difficult Ground Conditions' (ECE Environment and Housing Division, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10)

Oct 15-18 La Rochelle, France
Symposium: 'Products and Techniques for the Protection of Dressed Stone' (CRED, 72-77 rue de Sèvres, 92100 Boulogne/Seine, France)

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