ICOMOS IVth General Assembly

Rothenburg ob der Tauber (F.R.G)
25th - 30th May 1975

All registration forms for the General Assembly should have been received with the relevant fees by the ICOMOS National Committee in the Federal Republic of Germany some time ago.

All members have not yet sent in their registration forms or confirmed their provisional registration are requested to do so immediately. Please do not fail to settle registration fees and those for the Excursions after the Assembly.

Programme of General Assembly

Sunday 25th May
Arrival and registration of participants (from 3.00 p.m)
7.00 p.m Reception given by Chairman of ICOMOS National Committee in Federal Republic of Germany

Monday 26th May
8.00 am Registration of participants (till mid-day)
10.00 am Opening of General Assembly
3.30 pm General Assembly (continued)
8.30 pm Reception given by Mayor of Rothenburg

Tuesday 27th May
8.00 am General Assembly (continued)
3.00 pm Visit of Rothenburg

Wednesday 28th May
Excursion to Nördlingen and Ellwangen

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May
Symposium on Conservation of Smaller Historic towns (see below)
Rothenburg Symposium

**Agenda**

Introduction to the Symposium by Rapporteur Général (Mr. G. Albers-F.R.G)

**Theme I**: Special grounds for preservation of smaller historic towns  
(Mr. A. Chastel - France)

**Theme II**: Practical conservation of smaller historic towns

a) Problems of rehabilitation and adaptation to modern life, in keeping with existing urban, architectural, historical and aesthetic values
   - living conditions and social balance - motor traffic - commercial life - cultural life - extension of small historic towns  
   (Mr. O. Wildeman - F.R.G)

b) Economic development as a means for securing a high standard of living while maintaining the scale and structure of small historic towns and their dialogue with the countryside
   - Small historic towns in the context of regional planning - selection of economic activities - Problems of balancing preservation of the small historic town with its economic development

c) Sense of community in small historic towns  
   (Mr. W. Scholms - F.R.G.)

d) Development of tourism in small historic towns  
   (Sir Alexander Glen - U.K.)

e) Legal, administrative and financial problems
   - questions of ownership - methods of financing - legal regulations  
   (Mr. A. Van Den Abeele - Belgium)

**Theme III**: Examples and case studies

reports on Western Europe (Mr. P. Prunet-France); Eastern Europe (Mr. K. Pawlowski - Poland); North America (Mr. J. Dalibard - Canada); South America (Mr. J. Gazan - Argentina); Mediterranean Area (Mr. C. Erder - Turkey); Far East (Mr. N. Ito - Japan); Africa South of the Sahara (Mr. A. C. Hyland-Ghana); Middle East (Mr. B. Shirazi-Iran); Scandinavian Wooden Towns (Mr. V. Hålander - Finland)

**Theme IV**: Reports by National Committees

**Discussion - Proposal and Adoption of Resolutions.**

**Excursions after the Symposium**

I Saturday 31 May - Land of the Hohenlohe (1 day)
II Saturday 31 May-Monday 2 June - Valley of the Main and Franconia (3 days)
III Saturday 31 May-Tuesday 3 June - Unterfranken - Altmühlatal - Regensburg (4 days)

**European Architectural Heritage Year** (see also News Letter IV)

The parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe has adopted a resolution calling for the Council's activities in the field of "integrated conservation" to be continued after the end of 1975: in particular, a ministerial conference is to be convened in 1976 to discuss plans for the future. The text of this resolution - n° 750 of 24th January 1975- is available on request from the secretariat of the Council at Strasbourg.
News of National Committees
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Belgium

The Belgian Committee is sharing, with the International Committee on Historic Towns and the International Council of Societies for Industrial Design (ICSID) in the organization of a Seminar on the problems of public transport in historic towns, which is to be held in Bruges in July 1975.

Canada

The Canadian Committee has adopted new statutes which associate it closely with APT - the Association for Preservation Technology - in Canada. From now on, members of APT can take up membership of ICOMOS/CANADA and vice-versa, with a minimum of formalities. The two organisations will share their headquarters and secretariat. At its first meeting, the reconstituted Committee elected new officers:

Chairman: Mr. Bill Mc Kim
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Marcel JUNIUS
Secretary: Mr. François LEBLANC
100 rue Bourqueau
Aylmer, Quebec
Treasurer: Mrs. Ann FALKNER

Dominican Republic

Arq. Eugenio PEREZ MONTAS has been elected Chairman of the National Committee.

Turkey

The Turkish Committee has been recognized officially and its new statutes confirmed by Government decree. Prof. E. AKURCAL, of the University of Ankara, has been named as Chairman, and Mr. C. ERDER, Professor of Restoration Techniques at the Middle East Technical University, Ankara, secretary.

United Kingdom

The British Committee has given its patronage to the Annual Conference of the Council for British Archaeology, which took place in Oxford from 6th to 12th April 1975. The Theme of the Conference was "Archaeology and History of the European Town"; it was planned as a contribution to European Architectural Heritage Year.

ICOMOS Advisory and Executive Committees

The two Committees held their annual meetings in Paris at the ICOMOS Headquarters on 29th and 30th November 1974. The Chairman of 22 National Committees or their representatives attended, with the elected and ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the International Specialised Committees. The Director General of UNESCO was represented by Mr. Gérard BOLLA, head of the Department of
Cultural Heritage, who spoke on his behalf, and by Mr. Hiroshi DAIFUKU, head of the Sites and Monuments Division; the Director of the Rome Centre (Mr. Paul Philippot), the Secretary General of ICOM (Mr. Luis Monreal) and of the International Union of Architects (Mr. Michel WEILL) and the Chairman of the IFHP Standing Committee on historic towns (Mr. Luigi Piccinato) attended as observers. The meetings were declared open by the President of ICOMOS, Mr. Piero Gazzola.

The Committees were given reports on ICOMOS activities in 1974, both internationally and nationally, and on the Council's financial situation. A draft text for the revision of the Statutes was adopted for submission to the General Assembly. Also on the agenda: the organisation of the IVth General Assembly; the programme for 1975-77: ICOMOS participation in UNESCO's activities and in UNEP, and cooperation with other international organisations; the launching of UNESCO/ICOMOS documentation centre; the training of conservation specialists; the geographical distribution of seats on the Executive Committee; and the possibility of regional groupings within ICOMOS.

The Executive Committee also decided to propose to the General Assembly that the ICOMOS subscription, unchanged at £ 5.00 since 1965, should be increased to £ 10.00 for 1975.

Forthcoming Meetings

To be held by ICOMOS or under ICOMOS auspices in 1975

12th to 15th May 1975
Bruges, Belgium
International Symposium on the Rehabilitation of Historic Towns, organized by the city of Bruges, in association with ICOMOS, under the patronage of HRH Prince Albert of the Belgians

23rd and 30th May 1975
Rothenburg ob der Tauber
International Symposium on the Conservation of Smaller Historic Towns (following the IVth General Assembly of ICOMOS - see above)

19th to 21 June 1975
Bologna, Italy
International Symposium on the Conservation of Stone, organized by the Centro di Studi per la Conservazione delle Sculture all'Aperto, Bologna in cooperation with the International Centre for Conservation, Rome, and the ICOMOS International Committee on Stone.

8th to 12th September 1975
Zeist, Netherlands
IIIrd International Symposium on the Conservation and Restoration of Historic Gardens, organized by ICOMOS and IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects)

23rd to 30th September
Plovdiv, Bulgaria
International Conference on the Conservation of Popular Architecture, organized by the Bulgarian National Committee of ICOMOS

Autumn 1975
Yazd and Ispahan, Iran
IIind International Symposium on the Conservation of Unbaked Brick, organised in cooperation with the International Centre for Conservation (Rome) by the Iranian National Committee of ICOMOS, with the aid of the Iranian National Commission for UNESCO.

N.B: This symposium, planned for April 28-May 2, 1975, has been postponed for practical reasons until the autumn.
Calendar of Meetings organized by other bodies having similar aims to ICOMOS.

7-10 January 1975  Centre for Environmental Studies, Conference: Urban Sociology (Centre for Environmental Studies, 5 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1)
York, U.K

New-York, U.S.A

5-10 April 1975  International Ass. of Regional and City planners (AIU) Congress: “Town planning and Cultural Heritage” (AIU, Wassenaarseweg, 43, the Hague 2018, Netherlands)
Edinburgh, Scotland

Arc et Senans, France

Teheran, Iran

17 April- 2 May 75  3rd Session of Governing Council, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP, P.O Box 30552, Nairobi)
Nairobi, Kenya

Paris, France

21-24 April 1975  Council of Europe, Confrontation, the social implications of rehabilitation of historic town centres (Council of Europe, 67006 Strasbourg, France)
Krems, Austria

21-26 April 1975  International Centre for Conservation, General Assembly
Rome, Italy

29 April- 4 May 75  IUA, XIIIth Assembly, (CIS, Largo Donodossola 1 20145 Milan, Italy)
Venise, Italy

1-5 May 1975  International Union of Speleologists, Conference on the protection and management of caves (Verband Oster, Hohlenforscher, Obere Donautrasse 99/77/1/3 - A 1020 Vienna)
Obertreun, Austria

5-10 May 1975  IUA, XIIth Congress: “Architectural Creativity = Ideas + Technology” (XII Congress Mondial UIA, Paseo de la Castellana, 10, Madrid 28)
Madrid, Spain

27 May- 3 June 75  United Nations (Economic Commission for Europe) Seminar: “National and Regional planning as the Framework of Local Planning” (UN/ECE, Palais des Nations, CH- 1211 Genève 10)
Helsinki, Finland

1-7 June, 1975  International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC) International Congress (Nordisk Konservatorforbund, Stockholm)
Stockholm, Sweden

28-29 June 1975  Civitas Nostra, Annual Congress: The participation of residents in the restoration and revivification of their district. (Civitas Nostra, Steilad 14, CH- 1700 Fribourg)
Fribourg, Switzerland

Amsterdam, Netherlands
17-20 September 1975, Warsaw, Poland
NGO Symposium on "The Environment and the Visual Arts"
(International Association of Art, 1 rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France)

End September 1975, Cologne, F.R.G.
European Cement Association, Seminar: Civil Engineering Works in Support of Conservation and Reanimation of Historic Buildings and Areas (Comitée, 2 rue Saint Charles, 75740 Paris Cedex 15, France)

28 Sept. - 2 Oct. 1975, La Rochelle, France
Centre de Recherches et d'Etudes Océanographiques, Symposium on the Action of Protective Products and Techniques for Stone Masonry (CREO, 73-77 rue de Sèvres, 92100 Boulogne sur Seine, France)

13-18 October 1975, Dubrovnic, Yugoslavia
United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe, Conference on Tourism (ECE, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10)

22-25 October 1975, Amsterdam, Netherl. Council of Europe, F-67006 Strasbourg

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Exhibition:

April - December 1975, Berl, Etalie: "The Sources of Romanesque: 11th Century Apulia" (Pinacoteca Provinciale)

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