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Tong Mingkang, President of ICOMOS China, and an ICOMOS China expert group in the earthquake-stricken region

Earthquake in Wenchuan Province, China: Message from ICOMOS Vice President Guo Zhan

Effects of the Earthquake (magnitude 8) which struck Wenchuan (China) at 2:28 p.m. on 12 May 2008 on the Chinese population and their cultural heritage

Dear colleagues,

At a time when all of China has been working, comforted by the concern and support expressed by the whole world, to save people's lives, prevent epidemics, and rule out the possibility of secondary disasters following the earthquake (Richter scale 8) which hit Wenchuan at 2:28 p.m. on 12 May, the ICOMOS/China colleagues who have come back from missions to the disaster-stricken areas wish to provide you with some basic information concerning the situation of the cultural heritage, despite the unfavorable situation encountered in the remote mountain areas and the tragedy of the rising death toll.

Two World Heritage sites, the cultural heritage property of Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System as well as the natural heritage area comprising the habitat of the Giant Pandas, as

well as one cultural heritage site on China's tentative list, the Zangqiang Diaolou (multi-storied defensive village houses) and villages, have been affected by this rare and severe earthquake.

Historic structures situated in the site of Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, mainly the Erwang Temple, and those added during later dynasties, have suffered severe collapse. Several Temple halls built not long ago have been destroyed. Fortunately, the main parts of the ancient hydraulic project including the Yuzui Bypass Dike (water diversion engineering), the Bottleneck Passage (water inlet) and the Feishayan Floodgate (flood and silt discharging engineering) have remained unscathed, despite a 20-meter-long crack that has appeared in the cement part (manually-added) of the Yuzui Bypass Dike. Cultural relics situated in the Erwang Temple, such as the stone statues of Li Bing and his son, founders of the project, have suffered little damage. Professional technology and a large amount of money will be needed to restore these collapsed historic structures, work for which the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH) is currently preparing.

The protection, observation, and guarding facilities situated in the Giant Panda habitat area were badly damaged. Two Giant Pandas were missing, one badly injured and another slightly wounded. In addition, it will now be even more difficult for us to collect information about the Giant Pandas' living conditions in a timely and accurate way as a large area of their habitat has been affected by the earthquake, including mountain landslides, crustal deformation, blocked roads, damaged vegetation and personnel casualties. We are very worried about these lovely Giant Pandas.

The "stone-piled high" Diaolou buildings of Zangqiang Diaolou and villages surprisingly survived this severe earthquake. Only four of them collapsed, while hundreds of others still stand in the mountains and valleys, composing this unique cultural landscape together with the surviving historic villages. On the contrary, most of the modern buildings, which looked solid and were promoted as a model for new countryside construction, built in the vicinity of the Diaolou buildings have collapsed. The solid anti-earthquake performance of the Diaolou buildings has again been demonstrated. However, some of these buildings have nevertheless been adversely affected to different degrees due to the severity of the earthquake. Some of the traditional village houses show cracks. The upper parts of these buildings, which are dozens of meters high, have become dangerous, with stones falling off, whilst some of the foundations have been partly ruined. It is a challenge for us to rescue, reinforce and repair all of them because they are large in number, scattered around a significant area and inconvenient to access. We hope that there will be an emergency intervention to Zangqiang Diaolou and Villages, as these material witnesses of Qiang Culture are rare in the world, and such a large-scale, authentic and excellent natural landscape is of great value. Among the 56 nationalities in China, the Qiang are an ethnic group with a population of only 300,000, one tenth of which died in the earthquake.

In the earthquake-stricken areas, there are also many other cultural heritage sites and thousands of movable relics at provincial, municipal or county level. In a similar situation as the above-mentioned World Heritage sites, these cultural heritage sites and relics suffered damage to different degrees, although thankfully none are totally destroyed. They need urgent rescue, reinforcement or restoration, which is a heavy task to fulfill and will take a long period of time, considering their large number and the size of the area. ICOMOS China colleagues successively visited the earthquake-stricken areas and personally conveyed their support to those who have guarded these heritage sites while grieving for their dead relatives. In addition, ICOMOS/China has organized an expert group to visit the accessible earthquake-stricken areas so as to investigate and evaluate the condition of heritage sites, and make a plan for their subsequent rescue and repair. Some colleagues and their cultural heritage institutions have been charged with specific tasks. Undoubtedly, in-depth discussion, meticulous experiments and actions, as well as large amounts of human, material and financial resources and time will be necessary to rescue and restore this heritage.

Immediately after the earthquake, international colleagues expressed their sincere support and great concern with regards to the situation of Chinese colleagues and the cultural heritage in the affected areas. This shows your friendship towards us, and brings hope and determination to the Chinese colleagues. The letters or messages from colleagues were published on the front page of China's Cultural Relics weekly newspaper (29 May 2008 issue).

In our future relief work, we look forward to further corporation with international colleagues in theory, experience and practice.

Guo Zhan
Vice President of ICOMOS
4 June 2008

2008 ICOMOS Asia-Pacific Conference Hangzhou, June 2008



Communiqué

Meeting in Hangzhou, China on 10 June 2008, the participants of the 2008 ICOMOS Asia Pacific conference discussed through case studies and philosophical debate the many issues, achievements and shared learning about cultural heritage practice in Asia and the Pacific. The delegates drew the following six messages from this exchange:

1. **Cultural landscapes are particularly vulnerable in this region.** The shift from living cultural environments to new uses such as urbanism, or abandonment as threats to agricultural resources are exacerbated by the changing aspirations of younger generations, and the impacts of climate change;
2. **The role of community engagement in cultural landscape management is fundamental** in ensuring the success of the practical, day to day conservation management of heritage monuments and sites;
3. **ICOMOS is an essential regional professional network for conservation in Asia Pacific.** We can all share and learn from experience within our region. Six specific opportunities to expand the influence and benefits of ICOMOS in Asia Pacific were proposed:
 - **Formation of a Central Asia sub-regional network** or program or structure within ICOMOS in order to support professional development in those countries and their shared working language of Russian;
 - **Promotion of the role of the ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi'an** to build regional skills through training, professional development and sharing of expertise;
 - **Facilitating regional member involvement in International Scientific Committees**, especially now in the lead up to the Quebec General Assembly;
 - **Developing opportunities for regional sharing of comparative knowledge, especially in relation to cultural landscape management**, perhaps through a Hangzhou based research program;

- **Developing ICOMOS emergency response capabilities** for the Asia Pacific region, for example through the **ICOMOS Volunteers project**;
 - **Developing an Asia Pacific Regional calendar of events**, meetings etc, using the efficiencies offered by the internet.
4. **Presenting and interpreting heritage places is an essential part of the conservation process**, to improve community understanding and visitor enjoyment, as well as respect for conservation needs;
 5. **Learning from old buildings and town plans to inform the design and energy performance of new structures in a time of new imperatives for energy conservation is vital**, as the world develops its responses to climate change.
 6. **Heritage conservation should be seen as a respected resource in economic development**. The integration of cultural heritage conservation, as a resource considered within economic development, is a management opportunity which needs to be integrated in all conservation programs.

The participants at the meeting offered their sympathy and warm support for the people of China and colleagues affected by the Wenchau earthquake of May 12 and noted:

1. The importance of ensuring ICOMOS China has input to the planning process now being undertaken;
2. That ICOMOS regional committees are ready to assist when China is ready to receive support and practical input to the earthquake response efforts; and
3. Support for entry on the World Heritage In Danger List of the Diaolou and villages of Kiang and Tibetan nationality, now on China's World Heritage Tentative List.

We look forward to meeting again in 2009.

Rapporteur: Sheridan Burke

The full report can be downloaded in PDF format from the ICOMOS International Website:

http://www.international.icomos.org/meetings/asia-pacific_2008/Report_Asia-Pacific_Conference_2008.pdf

Longstanding ICOMOS Members Emil van Brederode and Sherban G. Cantacuzino among laureates of European Heritage Awards 2008

Laureates of the annual European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards were honoured at the annual European Heritage Awards Ceremony, which took place on 12 June 2008 in the magnificent setting of Durham Cathedral in the United Kingdom.

Award winning projects, studies, individuals and groups originate from 15 European countries. The awards were presented by S.A.R. la Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón, President of Europa Nostra, and Mr Vladimir Sucha, Director for Culture, Multilingualism and Communication at the European Commission's DG Education and Culture. Dame Liz Forgan, Chair of the UK's Heritage Lottery Fund, gave the closing address: 'One Hundred Thousand Brush Strokes'.

While congratulating the laureates, the 3 speakers talked of the need to engage the wider public in the protection of Europe's cultural heritage in order to effectively maintain and enhance our built and natural environment. Europe's cultural heritage is one of its most valuable assets with regards to sustainable economic development and cultural tourism, social cohesion and our quality of life.

ICOMOS Laureates

The two longstanding ICOMOS members Emil van Brederode (Netherlands) and Sherban G. Cantacuzino (Romania) received a 2nd prize medal in the category "Dedicated Service". ICOMOS International cordially congratulates the laureates on the prizes honoring their work in conservation!

Website

Info on Emil van Brederode: http://www.europanostra.org/awards/2008/nl_vanbrederode.html

Info on Sherban G. Cantacuzino: http://www.europanostra.org/awards/2008/ro_cantacuzino.html

All the laureates: www.europanostra.org/awards2008.html

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ICOMOS China: Elections

The second ICOMOS/China Membership Meeting was convened on April 28, 2008 in Beijing. At the meeting, the report on the work of the Commission, the financial report, and the report on the revising of the constitution were discussed and approved; members of the executive committee of the commission were re-elected in compliance with related regulations of the constitution. **Tong Mingkang**, Deputy Director-General of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH), was elected as Chairman of the 2nd Executive Committee. In addition, the following were elected as Vice Chairman: **An Jiayao**, researcher of the Institute of Archaeology of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; **Lü Zhou**, Deputy Director of School of Architecture, Tsinghua University; **Chen Tongbin**, Director of Institute of History, China Architecture Design & Research Group; **Gu Yucai**, Director of Department for the Protection of Monuments and Sites of SACH; **Guo Zhan**, vice president of ICOMOS; **Hou Weidong**, researcher and Deputy Chief Engineer of the Chinese Academy of Cultural Heritage.

The 2nd Executive Committee was constituted by 37 elected experts and management personnel.

On April 29, the 2nd Session of Chairman Meeting of the Executive Committee was convened to appoint **Gu Yucai** as the Vice Standing Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Chief Financial Officer, **Guo Zhan** as Secretary-general, Executive Committee member **Zhu Xiaodong** as Vice Standing Secretary-general, Executive Committee member **Lu Qiong** as Vice Secretary-general concurrently.

Postal addresses of ICOMOS/China Chairman and Secretariat remain unchanged at present.

I hope that the new ICOMOS/China Executive Committee will keep close and efficient corporation with other colleagues.

Guo Zhan

Vice Chairman and Secretary-general, ICOMOS/China

US ICOMOS: Lisa Ackerman is US/ICOMOS 2008 Ann Webster Smith Laureate

US/ICOMOS is pleased to announce the selection of Lisa Ackerman as the 2008 recipient of the Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement. The Award was instituted by US/ICOMOS in 2007 to honor an American individual, group of persons or institution, in the public or private sector, for extraordinary and sustained achievement in perpetuating the lasting spirit of Ann Webster Smith's vision to make the United States a respected partner and trustworthy pillar to support the conservation of the cultural heritage in all parts of the world. Ms Ackerman is the first Ann Webster Smith laureate, and will be presented the Award on May 29th, during the opening ceremonies of the US/ICOMOS International Symposium at the Grosvenor Auditorium of the National Geographic Society in Washington, DC.

Ms Ackerman's accomplishments are, as were Ann Webster Smith's, prolific, varied and unwaveringly focused on the goal of protecting cultural heritage. Both of these remarkable women have advanced not just conservation practice but, through their vision and capacity to implement it with clarity, have propelled hundreds of young aspirants into the world of heritage conservation. Quietly but relentlessly, Ms Ackerman has supported and advanced international cooperation for the protection of the cultural and artistic heritage of humanity through her enduring participation in and support for US/ICOMOS; through her volunteer work with numerous cultural organizations in the United States and abroad; and

from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation in New York, where she served as Program Administrator, Chief Administrative Officer, Vice President and Executive Vice President. Her work on the Board of US/ICOMOS is emblematic of the larger role she plays. She was invaluable as an advisor who knew more than the subject matter imbedded in the organization's mission statement; she knew the means and methods of achieving it; and understood the need to balance finances, planning, politics and the aspirations of individuals.

Ms Ackerman's sustained achievements in the field of cultural heritage will continue from her new position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of World Monuments Fund in New York. It is another significant step in a brilliant career molded and refined at Middlebury College, New York University and the Pratt Institute; a career that has, in turn, influenced, molded and refined countless other students of the arts as well as professionals in ICOMOS and ICCROM, and at the National Gallery of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, The Lincoln Center Institute, Columbia University, The New York Preservation Archive, The Historic House Trust of New York and, of course, the United States Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites.

Over 600 young and mid-career professionals from more than 70 countries have benefited directly from Ms Ackerman's unwavering interest in the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program, and in many of the individual interns. She understands that the trans-cultural exchange of ideas is not just good for conserving heritage; it is fundamental to co-existence on the planet.

The Ann Webster Smith Award will be given annually, commemorates the work and achievements of US/ICOMOS Chair Emerita Ann Webster Smith as a model world citizen and champion in building a global culture of protection for the cultural heritage of the entire world. For three decades Ms Smith was at the very core of the dreamers and doers who nurtured ICOMOS to its maturity, personifying a spirit of cooperation and teamwork. A true visionary never fearing change for the sake of improvement, Ann Webster Smith conceptualized, supported and enabled numerous cultural programs for international cooperation; influenced major decision-makers both in the United States and overseas towards the preservation ethic; steered private and public funds for the support of international preservation initiatives; and mentored dozens of young preservationists into their full professional capacity, gently leading them into key leadership positions.

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ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) / ICOMOS Greece: Proceedings of CIVVIH Symposium in Patras (9-12 March 2006) published

The Proceedings of the Scientific Symposium organized by CIVVIH, ICOMOS Greece, and the Technical Chamber of Greece, held 2006 in the city of Patras, have been published under the title "Historical city ports of the Mediterranean region and urban operations of the 20th century" (ISBN: 978-960-98316-0-4).

The Publication will soon be available in the UNESCO-ICOMOS Documentation Centre. If you wish to receive a copy of the publication, please contact:

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At the Scientific Symposium which was held from 9-12 March 2006 in Patras, thirteen lectures by Mediterranean members of CIVVIH were presented. The meeting also saw the constitution of CIVVIH's Mediterranean Sub-Committee, whose aim it is to promote the collaboration between members of CIVVIH that represent the Mediterranean region, in the framework and spirit of the ICOMOS Eger-Xi'an principles (2005) and the Euromediterranean Collaboration (Appeal of Barcelona - 1995). More specifically, the aim of the Sub-committee is the development of solidarity and collaboration in relation subjects like sustainable protection, and management and development of historical cities. This will be achieved through collaborative meetings, where the particular characteristics in the common historical space of the Mediterranean will be analysed and relative studies, researches, and educational programs for all stages of education will be promoted.

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ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) : Documentation and Resolutions of the second meeting of the Mediterranean Sub-Committee of CIVVIH in Corfu (18-20 April 2008) now online

The documentation and the resolutions of the second meeting of CIVVIH-ICOMOS for the Mediterranean in Corfu (April 18-20, 2008) are now available on the website of the Technical Chamber of Greece.

Website

http://library.tee.gr/digital/ker/ker_m311/ker_m311_contents.htm

ICOMOS-IFLA Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes: Resolution of recommendation for the safeguarding of the historic urban landscape of Bjørvika in Oslo (Norway)

On 20 April 2008, on the occasion of an international expert meeting held at Bogstad in Oslo, the ICOMOS-IFLA Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes passed a resolution concerning safeguarding the historic urban landscape of Bjørvika in Oslo. The recommendation was sent to the relevant Norwegian authorities and is reproduced below.

The Committee has informed ICOMOS International of its conclusions and will, in cooperation with ICOMOS Norway, prepare a report to the General Assembly in Quebec, Canada, in September 2008.

Resolution of recommendation for the safeguarding of the historic urban landscape of Bjørvika in Oslo

May I present you with the following Resolution of Recommendation, passed on April 20 2008 at Bogstad in Oslo, and ask you to find satisfactory planning, legislative and practice solutions for the urgent issues listed herewith.

Every year the ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes visits different countries to discuss problems of preservation and protection of cultural landscapes, including historic urban landscapes. In relation to the World Heritage List established by UNESCO, our committee is the adviser to ICOMOS on the cultural landscapes issue.

This year we carried out a working meeting in Oslo, discussing, in addition to the guidelines concerning World Heritage cultural landscapes, the tools for the evaluation and protection of significant historic urban landscapes in general. During our meeting we made the following observations:

- The City of Oslo has in a very successful way reconstructed the sea level and water front of the medieval town of Oslo in the form of a lake, thereby creating a distance to the contemporary traffic system and forming a sheltered and attractive recreational area for the experience of the remains of the medieval town.
- The new Opera House in Oslo is very well situated on the water in Bjørvika between the landmarks of Akershus Castle and the Ekeberg plateau, its low, horizontal and diagonal lines corresponding well with the Central Station and the overall scale of the surrounding historic urban landscape.
- The ongoing construction of a motorway tunnel under Bjørvika and Akershus Castle will in the future to a high degree relieve this part of the city of its heavy traffic, improve the visual environment and connection of the medieval city to the core area and thereby improve the whole area even further.

Each of these well planned and decisive initiatives are applauded as far-reaching steps to preserve, honour and enrich Oslo. To safeguard the natural and cultural resources of Oslo inherited from previous generations, these interventions and other planned changes should be considered as a legacy for the future. The stewardship of this legacy embodies both respect for the past and innovation, both of which are in the hands of the community leaders of today. We urge you to practice enlightened stewardship of Oslo.

In light of the medieval city, Opera House and tunnel projects our committee is concerned with the proposed planning for building a new high-rise development between the Central Station and the foot of the Ekeberg plateau, the recently constructed multi-storey Hotel Opera forming only a small part of the proposed development. If the height and scale of these new buildings extend those of the station area and opera very much, we fear that the valuable and so far successfully administered historic urban landscape of Bjørvika will be seriously compromised and damaged.

There is now the possibility to design to a good quality continuous seafront to a scale that does not overpower the new Opera House and retains and enhances public access and views to Bjørvika. This type of planned development would value the historic relation between sea and city for all of Oslo, its citizens and visitors honouring both the past and the future.

The ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes appeals to the City of Oslo, the Ministry of Environment and the Norwegian Government to consider changing the plans for the Bjørvika development in accordance with the historic urban values of Oslo as a seafront city that still to such great degree may be appreciated, for which the international community will be extremely grateful.

We very much hope that our concerns will be fully considered and acted upon, and therefore we, the representatives of 15 countries, appeal to you to do everything in your power to safeguard the historic

values of the Oslo downtown and the Bjørnvika, described above as the cultural landscape of the city evolves into the future.

Bogstad, 20th April 2008

Prof. Dr. Luigi Zangheri, President
ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes

ICOMOS International Training Committee / Comité International de la Formation (CIF): New Website

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23rd IIC Congress, London, September 2008

The International Institute for Conservation is holding its 23rd biennial congress in London in September 2008. All information about the registration process, programme, etc. can be consulted on the congress website.

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Bordeaux, 4-6 Decembre 2008

Organisé par l'Association Nationale des Architectes des Bâtiments de France (ANABF)

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L'Association Nationale des Architectes des Bâtiments de France (ANABF) organise son prochain colloque sur le thème : « Aménagement durable et patrimoines, pratiques européennes ». Celui-ci se tiendra à Bordeaux au TNBA (Théâtre National de Bordeaux Aquitaine) les 4, 5 et 6 décembre 2008.

Le colloque est ouvert à un public national et international d'architectes, d'urbanistes, de maîtres d'ouvrages, d'entreprises, d'élus, d'administrations, d'universitaires...

A l'heure du bilan du Grenelle de l'Environnement, les Architectes des Bâtiments de France souhaitent contribuer efficacement aux changements profonds qui s'annoncent pour notre société face aux défis du développement durable.

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The ANABF - French State conservation architects – (L'association des architectes des Bâtiments de France), is organizing a symposium in Bordeaux (France) on the subject "Sustainable development and heritage: the European perspective". It will take place at the Théâtre National de Bordeaux Aquitaine on 4 – 6 December 2008.

The symposium is open to national and international architects, townplanners, building contractors, mayors, academics, governmental agencies, and heritage conservation professionals.

In October 2007, the French government addressed the issue of sustainable development through the 'Grenelle de l'environnement' meetings. The French State conservation architects wish to make an effective contribution to the issue of heritage and sustainable development.

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