The Constitutive Assembly of ICOMOS was held in Warsaw (Poland) on 21 and 22 June 1965. The year 2005 therefore marks the 40th anniversary of our organisation. There will be special celebration during the opening ceremony of the 15th General Assembly in Xi’an, on the occasion of which a special exhibition on the achievements of ICOMOS during the last 40 years is also being planned. All ICOMOS Committees are encouraged to organise special events in their countries, in particular on 18th April 2005 – International Day on Monuments and Sites to celebrate this important date in the history of ICOMOS, and will also be invited to contribute to the exhibition by providing short texts and photographs on the three major achievements the Committee feels it has made at its national level or in its specific scientific field since its creation.