Established in 1979, the Piero Gazzola Prize commemorates an outstanding personality in the history of the conservation and restoration of monuments and sites, closely linked to the creation of ICOMOS. Every three years the prize is awarded during the ICOMOS General Assembly to an individual or a group of people who have worked together and contributed with distinction to the aims and objectives of ICOMOS. For the 15th General Assembly, the following Selection Committee, specially appointed by the ICOMOS Executive Committee, will choose the laureate from among the ICOMOS members put forward by the National or Scientific Committees: Yukio Nishimura (Chair of the Jury, Vice President of ICOMOS international, Japan); Birgitta Hoberg (President of ICOMOS Sweden, former Advisory Committee Vice President, chair of the 14th General Assembly Gazzola Prize jury); Roland Silva (Sri Lanka, Honorary President of ICOMOS international and Gazzola Prize winner); Salvador Aceves (Mexico, founding member of ICOMOS), Cevat Erder (former President of ICOMOS Turkey and former member of the ICOMOS Executive Committee, Honorary member and Gazzola Prize winner).

The Prize is a commemorative medal and has been previously awarded to: Mr. Jean Trouvelot (1981); Prof. Stanislas Lorentz (1984); Prof. Masaru Sekino (1987); Mrs Gertrude Tripp (1990); Sir Bernard Feilden (1993); Dr Ernest Allen Connally (1996); Dr. Roland Silva (1999), and Cevat Erder (2003).

In accordance with Article 6.a. of the ICOMOS Statutes, Honorary Membership is also conferred by the General Assembly, at the proposal of a National Committee, upon individuals who have rendered distinguished service in the field of conservation, restoration and enhancement of historical monuments, sites, and groups of buildings. The selection is carried out by the same Selection Committee as for the Gazzola Prize.

All ICOMOS National and International Scientific Committees have been invited to nominate candidates for the Gazzola Prize and Honorary Membership of ICOMOS by sending their written nomination, by 31 May 2005 at the latest in either English, French or Spanish to the ICOMOS International Secretariat and including a short but detailed explanation setting forth reasons that the General Assembly should consider for awarding the Prize or Honorary Membership to the candidate, as well as the candidate’s curriculum vitae.