



## **ISCARSAH Meeting Minutes - 29 September - Chateau Laurier Hotel - Quebec, Canada**

**Present:** Kari Avellan (Finland); Alessandro Baratta (Italy); Luigia Binda (Italy); Mete Bye (Norway); Jørgen Frandsen (Denmark); Wilfred Ferwerda (Netherlands); Lyne Fontaine (Canada); Donald Friedman (USA); Marcela Hurtado (Chile); Yoshi Iwasakai (Japan); Stephen Kelley (USA); Randolph Langenbach (USA); David Look (USA); Claudio Modena (Italy); Jocelyn Paquette (Canada); Peter Phillips (Australia); Snejanka Popova (Canada); Heinrich Schroeter (Germany); Doug Stephenson (Canada); Gerard van Rijn (Canada); Yong Xin Qun (China); and Gerry Zegerius (Canada)

**Apologies:** Androniki Miltiadou-Fezans (Greece); Will Teron (Canada); David Yeomans (UK);

Adoption of the minutes from the meeting in Bath UK on 1 July 2008.

### **Presentation of website**

The website presented by S. Kelley was well received. There was a discussion regarding who might take the role of webmaster. It was suggested that the Secretary General may need to play a role in maintenance of the website. R. Langenbach offered to aid in further development of this website.

### **New membership**

A suggested amendment to the statutes as presented by Secretary General Yeomans was presented by President Roca. In summary expert members would be required to either 1) attend a meeting at least once every three years; or 2) write a report to the President (or Secretary general) of the committee outlining the contribution that they have made to the work of the committee. It would then be for the members to decide whether or not that might be considered satisfactory. Failure to present a satisfactory account of their work would result in their being removed from the list of expert members. Any time a member might elect to be removed from the expert member list and placed on the corresponding member list they will then continue to receive notices circulated by the Secretary General. Members whose names are to be removed from the list of expert members through the procedure defined above should be given the option of being placed on the list of corresponding members.

The following persons were unanimously approved for membership in ISCARSAH: Will Teron (Canada) - Expert Member; Peter Phillips (Australia) - Expert Member; Berndt Mittnaccht (Germany) - Expert Member; and Gerry Zegerius (Canada) - Associate Member.

### **Chairman's report**

The chairman described a new initiative led by the Scientific Council, oriented to assess the performance of all ISC's. A warning system will be created to detect problems before they become detrimental. Each year ISC's will be categorized according to three levels of activity (green, orange, or red). If necessary, the Scientific Council will intervene and support. A first round of evaluations will take place in 2009

The chairman reported on the work of the Safety WG and the last meeting of ISO TC98 /SC2/ WG6 held on Orleans Island (Quebec) on September 26. During the meeting, the entire Annex on Heritage Structures was revised, and the resulting version was adopted. The Annex will be presented at the next meeting of ISOTC98 in Washington in October. A copy will be circulated to ISCARSAH members. After its adoption at the ISO/TC98 meeting, the document will be subject to review by the public.

## **Elections**

Elections for a new President were held. There was a tie between candidates Kelley and Modena. It was decided to move ahead with a co-Presidency. This approach was further confirmed by a vote held via e-mail following the election.

Lyne Fontaine was appointed Secretary General.

The following Expert members were appointed to the Executive Committee: Luiga Binda; Yoshinari Iwasaki; Kari Avellan; Randolph Langenbach; Pere Roca; and Wilfred Ferwerda.

## **New activities for the upcoming triennium**

The following initiative and ideas were proposed for the next triennium by Kelley and Modena.

### ***Kelley***

- Inter-Co-operation with other ISCs.
- Global Climate Change Initiative as suggested by the Advisory Committee.
- Develop Recommendations and Guidelines to include 20th Century materials.
- Initiatives for Committee work must come from the bottom up rather than from the top down.

### ***Modena***

- We should select very few items and scopes to pursue.
- We should continue with development of more Recommendations and Guidelines. We should clearly define what is the “state of the art” in our field through these Guidelines. Collect documents and produce Guidelines for NDT
- Seek ways to cooperate with International Standardization bodies.
- Develop and initiative on training and techniques on conservation. To achieve this we should foster research with Universities PhD and Masters Degree programs. Develop connections with Universities as “missionaries.”

## **New Task Groups**

An Emergency response working group (following the EERI model) was established with the following members: Ferwerda; Langenbach; and Patrick Sparks.

The next meeting of the Committee will be established in the coming months. Potential venues in 2009 include Bosnia and /or Poland. There will be a Committee meeting in conjunction with SAIC-2010 to be held in Shanghai in February of 2010.