

ISCARSAH Meeting Minutes 11 July 2009, Bristol Hotel, Mostar, Bosnia



Attendance

Present: Görün Arun (Turkey); Kari Avellan (Finland); Luigia Binda (Italy); Miloš Drdácý (Czech State); Peter Elliott (UK); Lyne Fontaine (Canada); Predrag Gavrilovic (Macedonia); Toshikazu Hanazatu (Japan); Wolfram Jäger (Germany); Jerzy Jasieñko (Poland); Stephen Kelley (USA); Randolph Langenbach (USA); Giovanni Manieri Elia (Italy); Berndt Mittnacht (Germany); Claudio Modena (Italy); Michael Pittas (Cyprus); Pere Roca (Spain); Ya'acov Schaffer (Israel); Ramiro Sofronie (Romania); and Ahmet Turer (Turkey).

Apologies: Susan Balderstone (Australia), Vitor Coias (Portugal); Giorgio Croci (Italy); Wilfred Ferwerda (Netherlands); Don Friedman (USA); Mehrdad Hejazi (Iran); Pedro Hurtado-Valdez (Peru); Paulo Lourenco (Portugal); Peter Phillips (Australia); Heinrich Schroeter (Germany); Pat Sparks (USA); Will Teron (Canada); David Yeomans (UK); and Gerry Zegerius (Canada);

Visitors: Adisa Džino (B+H); Mirzah Foco (B+H); Armin Hadrovic (B+H); Medina Hadžihasanovič-Katana (B+H); Mustafa Humo (B+H); Alisa Marjanovič (B+H); and Salko Kulukcija (B+H).

The Quebec meeting minutes (29 September 2008) were approved unanimously.

ISCARSAH Statutes

The ISCARSAH Statutes dated 11 July 2009 which had been revised to be in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles were reviewed, revised and approved unanimously. A few clarifications were added to the July 7 version as follows:

Art. 2.5 Objectives of the committee include the development of recommendations and guidelines in addition to international standards.

Art. 4.6 Corresponding members "choose to maintain Committee involvement".

Art. 4.8 Non-ICOMOS members will be encouraged to apply for ICOMOS membership.

Membership Criteria

The Membership Criteria dated 11 July 2009 was reviewed, revised and approved with one opposed (Fontaine on the issue of Non-ICOMOS members).

A number of clarifications were discussed as follows:

A.2. A Non-ICOMOS members category was added

B.4.a There was extensive discussion on the qualifications requirements for Expert Members. Experience requirements for practitioners are now described as "significant experience in the field of analysis and restoration of structures of architectural heritage with a minimum of five relevant studies or practical realizations, involving such work."

B.5.b Experience requirements for scientists are described as "responsibility has been taken on assessment and/or restoration of heritage structures."

B.7 minor editing

B.14 triennial extension are now allowed to a maximum of 2

B.15 Non-ICOMOS members are afforded the same rights and responsibilities as Experts and Associate Members. (Experts was added)

D.1, D.2, D.4 The term "Grade" was changed to "Category."

D.3 Rewording: Applicants will be accepted or rejected in writing.

The rule of one vote per country, as opposed to one vote per Expert Member presents administrative difficulties for the Committee. The Statutes as they stand comply with the operating principles of one vote per country. One vote per country would make the voting process complicated as some National Committees have refused admission to some most valuable and active ISCARSAH members.

Moreover voting members are expected to be registered as ICOMOS members though the Statutes do not exclude non-ICOMOS Expert members from voting. Recently some ISCARSAH members have enquired directly to the International ICOMOS Secretariate and have received their ICOMOS membership.

There is no category of Institutional Members in ISCARSAH Statutes and Criteria for Membership documents because ISCARSAH is more about individual experience and qualifications to maintain high level of expertise in the committee. France is the only group that has made a submission for Institutional Membership.

The Evaluation Subcommittee (ES) that is defined in the Membership Criteria will be composed of Lyne Fontaine, Pere Roca, Claudio Modena, David Yeomans, Steve Kelley, and Ahmet Turer. The ES has agreed to do the following: review the one vote per country principle; and review Non-ICOMOS voting status.

New Membership

New Membership submissions were reviewed and the following persons were extended expert membership status: Alessandro Baratta (Italy); Christophe Bottineau (France); Marcela Hurtado (Chile); Ahmet Turer (Turkey); and Daniel Torrealva (Peru). It was agreed that we would ask Benjamin Mouton (France) to submit a curriculum vitae before extending Expert Member status. The CV was subsequently received from ICOMOS France and he was extended Expert Membership status.

The following persons were extended Associate membership status: Juan Carlos Araiza (USA/Mexico); Eleni Oeconomopoulou (Greece); Nicolas Cheval (France); Megan Reese (USA); and Dechen Tshering (Bhutan). It was agreed that we would ask Bernard Billier (France) to submit a curriculum vitae before extending Associate Member status. The CV was subsequently received from ICOMOS France and he was extended Associate Membership status.

Dr.Seema Bhaduria (India) whose CV was quite impressive was directed to the Stone Committee as her expertise seemed to be a better fit for that committee.

It was agreed that each new Committee member would receive a congratulatory letter which would spell out the responsibility of membership and a copy of the newly adopted Membership Criteria.

Triennial Plan

The executive committee will prepare a triennial plan as required by the Statutes. The draft triennial plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

Appropriate Responses to the ICOMOS General Secretariat Missions

We discussed the two desk top consultations that we have taken on from the ICOMOS Secretariat: the Saint Sebastian Fort on the Isle of Mozambique and the High Speed Rail Tunnel beneath the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona (the Secretariat has requested that we not post either of these reports on the ISCARSAH website). We approached these consultations using two different methods and discussed which approach might be better.

- Saint Sebastian Fort - this consultation was done by 10 Committee members and their comments were collected and edited by Kelley. This approach was successful but put a strain on the final editor.
- Sagrada Familia - This project was taken over by three Committee members and written by two. This approach was also successful.

It was agreed that either approach is valid. In the future we will need to develop approaches to suit specific missions. We also need to assure that proper caveats are included within future reports. The

most important is that we request all available documentation and insist that site access is required to make an appropriate diagnosis of problems. We also need to request reasonable deadlines from the ICOMOS Secretariat when taking on these consultations.

With the understanding that collective and diverse expertise is invaluable it is important that future desktop consultations utilize an array of expertise from within the Committee. However, we should limit the size of the consultation groups so that they are manageable and establish a lead person. We should also establish a review committee.

Cooperation with other Scientific Committees (ISCs)

This discussion was inconclusive but it was agreed that cooperating with other ISCs is important. Fontaine took a poll of Committee members present and found that numerous Committee members are also members of other ISCs: Jasieńko - Wood Committee; Avellan - Stone Committee; Fontaine - ICOFORT, Stone Committee, Polar Committee; Drdäcký - Historic Cities; Langenbach - Earthen Architecture; and Kelley ISC20C, Stone Committee. Fontaine suggested that we do a survey through the Committee to more accurately measure the extent of the cross-ISC makeup of our Committee.

New Business

The following commentary was provided by Ya'acov Schaffer:

- Are our documents having an impact within our profession?
- There are numerous new technologies with unproven results. There is now the potential for computer modeling of ancient and/or simple structures. We need to develop guidelines and suggestions for the use of these technologies and modeling.
- Few laboratories in the private sector are available that have the ability to provide good solutions to problems. There is information missing from available research.
- Technological advancement is occurring quickly and the professional landscape is constantly changing. There is ten times as much printed data as was in available just 20 years ago.

The committee members discussed at length Schaffer's points. There is a need for more cross-fertilization and cooperation between the countries. European Framework is a good example of joint research efforts where several ISCARSAH members are working together. Modena suggested that we pick up our work on the Guidelines that were to be a companion to the *ISCARSAH Principles* that were ratified by ICOMOS in 2002. The following Working Groups were then established to begin this work on the Guidelines:

Working Group on Assessment: This group will be led by ~~Luigia~~ Binda and Elliott, Avellan, Schaffer, Drdäcký, [Miltiadou](#), and Arun agreed to participate.

Working Group on Modeling (Computer Analysis): This group will be led by Pere Roca and Turer, Jäger, Langenbach, and Hanazatu agreed to participate.

Working Group on Interventions: This group will be led by Claudio Modena and Fontaine, [Pittas](#), and Kelley agreed to participate.

[This work can be done through correspondence.](#)

Presentation by Wolfram Jäger

Professor Jäger made a brief presentation of a number of projects where his company is or was involved, including the Sagrada Familia, Charles Bridge in Prague, the Old City of Damascus buildings, and the Krack des Chevaliers in Syria. This was a lead up to the proposed new bridge in

Dresden which has caused that city to lose its World heritage status, and the unsuccessful attempts his company has made to convince the city government to consider alternative plans that might be acceptable to the World Heritage Committee.

ISO 13822, Heritage Structures Annex

The document is moving along very well. A first round of ballot was held in winter 2009 and the document was surprisingly well received with essentially no required changes. The document is currently going through the final ISO edits. Because of the copyright issues the document can only be share on an “as required basis”.

Next meetings

It was agreed that future meetings will separate business and administrative issues from the intellectual work of the Committee. Much of the Mostar meeting was taken up by the Statutes and Membership Criteria which took a lot of energy. In the future these issues will be discussed by the executive committee and evaluation committee ahead of time. Results and recommendations will be presented to the entire Committee for their approval in accordance to the Statutes. Matters not requiring approval of the committee will be summarized for the entire Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee will meet in Wrocław, Poland in December during the REMO 2009 Conference, more specifically at the Wojanów Palace. Jerzy Jasięko presented this possibility to us during the meeting. He asked that some of the Committee members should prepare a lecture for the Conference along with their participation in the Committee meeting.

The Committee will also meet during the SAHC 2010 Conference to be held in Shanghai, China on October 6-8, 2010.

Plans are still being drawn for a potential meeting in Havana, Cuba in 2010 and Teheran Iran in tandem with GA in the fall of 2011.

Adjournment