

# ISCARSAH Annual Meeting

27 May 2021 14.00-16.00 (Paris Time)

On-Line meeting hosted by ICOMOS

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Venue

The ISCARSAH annual meeting has been organized a virtual meeting. If required a recording of the meeting has been retained by the Secretary General.

### 2. Attendance at the Annual Meeting

#### A. Members (in alphabetical order)

Umut Almaç (Turkey); Grigor Angjeliu (Italy/Albania); Görün Arun, President (Turkey); Lukasz Bednarz (Poland); Maria Bostenaru Dan (Romania); Jitendra Bothara (New Zealand); Filippo Casarin (Italy); Radu Cazamir, Vice President (Romania); Cho In-Souk, Vice President (S. Korea); Wan Wong Chung (Singapore); Angela Curmi (USA); Stephanos Dritsos (Greece); John Dumsick (USA); William Dupont (USA); Khalid El Harrouni, Vice President (Morocco); Endo Yohei (Japan); Wilfred Ferwerda (Netherlands); Donald Friedman (USA); Federica Greco (Italy/UK); Liviu Gruia (Romania); Natasa Gurnick (Slovenia); Toshikazu Hanazato (Japan); Robert Hotes (USA); Marcela Hurtado Saldías, Vice President (Chile); Yoshinori Iwasaki (Japan); Sangsun Jo (S. Korea); Stephen Kelley, Chair (USA); Ayse Esin Kuleli (Turkey); Arkadiusz Kwiecień (Poland); Paulo Lourenço, Chair (Portugal); Sebastian Lungu (Romania); Tim Michiels (Belgium); Tom Morrison, Secretary General (Canada); Marius Moşoarcă (Romania); Rebecca Napolitano (USA); Şerife Özata (Turkey); Peter Phillips (Australia); Michael Pittas (Cyprus); Nirzary Pujara (India); Satwant Rihal (USA); Pere Roca (Spain); Savvas Saloustros (Greece); Mario Santana Quintero (Belgium/Canada); Yaacov Schaffer (Israel); Michael Schuller (USA); Marek Skłodowski (Poland); Pierre Smars (Belgium); Ramiro Sofronie (Romania); Patrick Sparks (USA); Evan Speer (USA), Ivan Strelbitsky (Russia), Hamidreza Taravat (Australia); Romuald Tarczewski (Poland); Will Teron (Canada); Carl Thelin (Sweden); Christos Tsatsanifos (Greece); Fernando Vegas (Spain); Els Verstrynge (Belgium); and Nabi Yüzer (Turkey), Mustafa Humo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

#### B. Guests

#### C. Regrets

Şolá Akíntúndé (Nigeria); Kerimcan Apak (Turkey); Kari Avellan (Finland); Rosario Ceravolo (Italy); Nicolas Cheval (France); Lyne Fontaine (Canada); Wolfram Jaeger (Germany); Randolph Langenbach (USA); Fatima Mehdizadeh Saradj (Iran); Arun Menon (India); Androniki Miltiadou-Fezans (Greece); Berndt Mittnaccht (Germany); Olimpia Niglio (Italy); Luca Pelà (Spain); Maria Margarita Segarra-Lagunes, Chair (Mexico); Mislav Stepinac (Croatia); Nicolas Tarque (Peru); Koenraad Van Balen (Belgium); Meltem Vatan (Turkey)

### 3. Memoriam of Prof. Giorgio Croci

Steve Kelley presented Memoriam of Giorgio Croci followed by a minute of silence.

### 4. Approval of the Krakow Virtual meeting minutes

The meeting minutes from the Krakow meeting on 5 July 2020 were approved without amendments.

## 5. Membership Announcements

### A. New Expert members:

Rafael AGUILAR (Peru)  
Arturo CRUZ (Australia)  
Marco HUTTANEN (Finland)  
Esin KULELİ (Turkey)  
Kai WEISE (Nepal)  
Lessandro Estelito O. GARCIANO (Philippines)  
Michael SCHULLER (USA)

### B. New Associate member:

Nilgün OLGUN (Turkey)  
Ian Tan LONG (Hong Kong)  
Mislav STEPINAC (Croatia)  
Angela CURMI (USA)  
Nirzary PUJARA (India)

### C. Non-ICOMOS member:

Jitendra Bothara (New Zealand)

### D. Membership Composition:

Based upon the expert membership database ISCARSAH is made up of 65% Expert members, with 28% Associate members, and the balance being carried by Honorary members, Corresponding members, and Non-ICOMOS Members. Currently less than 20% of ISCARSAH members are women, and the desire to increase this was discussed and the need to improve gender balance. Eighty percent of members deal with Seismic issues.

Mario Santana provided reminder that there are options for Non-ICOMOS members to gain membership to ICOMOS in situations where it is not possible to do so with their own national committee. One of the projects for the Secretary General is to help any ISCARSAH members currently lacking membership to be registered in some form. This has been required from the new ICOMOS Eger-Xian Principles for the international committees. As expressed by Steve Kelley, there is a desire to ensure no experts in the field encounter obstacles to their involvement in our technical discussion.

## 6. Information on ISCARSAH Activities

### A. Webinars

Stephen Kelley, Webinar Chairs, introduced the webinars and the successes thus far. These webinars have been widely viewed, both live and the youtube recordings. The most popular having been viewed 940 times online. It has also been noted that there has been an increase in membership applications since the start of the webinars.

Some lessons learned so far in the webinar process. There webinars must keep below 2 hours. There should be no more than 2 parts to any theme. Any webinar should have 2 main

organizers. Keep the webinar simple and develop it quickly. These webinars have provided great opportunities for how we can connect with our members.

**B. National ISCARSAH Chapters**

Presented by Mehrdad Hejazi. ISCARSAH has been contacting and encouraging establishment of National ISCARSAH Chapters. Currently Italy, UK, and Turkey have active Chapters, while other locations have chapters that are forming.

**C. ISCARSAH Publications**

Presented by Khalid El Harrouni. Upcoming publications include 2 newsletters and the publication related to the Iranian workshops. The newsletters are also being posted to the ICOMOS website, although there are some delays.

All members are encouraged to submit articles to the Newsletter, ideally an article every two years discussing projects. This is important in establishing how conservation work is being done around the world.

## 7. Initiatives

**A. Expert Database**

The Expert database has moved to a digital format. All members are to have filed out the database. There are 97 members currently listed in the database. Those members who have not yet registered are requested to do so.

**B. Official Representative for ICOMOS Working Groups**

There is a need to have representatives in each of the ICOMOS Working Groups. Currently ISCARSAH is lacking some representatives. In the meeting:

Angela Curmi offered to be a representative to the “Our Common Dignity Initiative”

Fatemeh Mehdizadeh offered to be a representative to the “Indigenous Heritage Working Group”

Fernando Vegas notified everyone that he was already involved in the “Climate Change and Heritage Working Group”

Others interested in being involved should contact those three.

**C. Website and Social Media (Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube) Maintenance**

Radu Cazamir presented. The website has been moved to new hosting to improve stability and flexibility. There has been increase use of the website in the past few months. A separate report was provided and is attached as Appendix.

## 8. New Business

Primary discussion in New Business was regarding what form meetings should take post COVID travel restrictions. There was a strong feeling that virtual meetings were important as they allow everyone to attend, removing economic restrictions. Blended meetings were discussed, but some members felt this was difficult and could restrict the location of in person meetings, missing opportunities.

Final concept was that establishing different meeting types may provide the ideal solution. For general meetings such as AGM or other business then Virtual would allow the most widespread participation. While in person meetings should aim on specific tasks and be more of a working

session. This could allow different workgroups in ISCARSAH to focus on their task, much like the Guidelines meeting to have occurred several years prior.

In both instances it was agreed that there should be some variation in time zones used to host the meetings.

## 9. Presentations

The following presentations were made by iscarsah members during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting:

**Maria Bostenaru-Dan & Alexandru-Ionut Petrisor:** Underground built heritage survey: Romania in European context and outlook to other continents, a contribution to the COST action

**Wong Chung Wan:** Ground Penetration Radar in investigation and assessment of Historic Structures

**Ahmet Turer:** Using glass T beams to support historic structures, instead of visually unpleasant members

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 15:45, Paris time.