

**CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE /
CANDIDAT AU POSTE DE PRÉSIDENT DU COMITÉ CONSULTATIF**

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PLATFORM

During my term of presidency, five task teams have been formed to deal with several aspects of our work to reinforce the activities of ICOMOS international. The recently established NATCOM electronic forum allows national presidents to communicate in an open forum; I look forward to the expanded use of this tool.

Under Gideon Koren's task team leadership, my work is often directed to task team activity. A lot has been achieved during the last 3 years and this is the right time to thank all national committees Presidents, who have contributed to this important procedure. The Valletta meeting will present an opportunity to conclude the framework, amend the Dubrovnik guidelines for our National committees and move our work in to the practical domain.

Given the successful reshaping of the international scientific committees, time has also been devoted to the work of the Scientific Council. With renewed enthusiasm for group co-operations within the ISCs, it has been possible to upgrade the work of our ISCs and their scientific program.

I have decided to stand for re-election, partly because many people have asked me to and partly because the executive is working on topics in which I have been active. I became involved in this process at the Bergen retreat in 2004, was one of the architects of the Scientific Council and the formation of the task teams.

I would like to continue to contribute to this process and see the job through.

To close, it seems appropriate to repeat the promise that I made in Edinburgh: If I am elected, then I will continue to offer common sense, open debate and hard work.

I thank the executive committee of ICOMOS UK and ISCEAH for their kind support.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Following a B.Sc. in the Geology of Clays Bristol (1969), John studied a two-year Conservation Science diploma and an 3 year 'objects' conservation higher National diploma at Lincoln, leading to work as a sculpture conservator intern at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

From 1989 -1998, John was a partner at Lincoln Conservation Studio a busy atelier specialising in large Architectural objects conservation. In 1998 John formed Hurd Conservation International, an International field consultancy with architectural and archaeological projects, planning and training across Asia for several International agencies; he was a senior conservation consultant to UNESCO, World Heritage Centre, on the Silk Roads cities of Central Asia.

Global Heritage Fund.

In June 2006, after a year of consultancy work for Global Heritage Fund, an American non-profit organisation based in California, John Hurd has accepted GHF's offer to take the role of 'International Conservation Director', committing a large amount of his time to this work. John is deeply committed to GHF's immediacy, effectiveness and ability to take well targeted action quickly and with the highest quality of consultation.

ICOMOS ISC and Advisory Committee Chairs.

John has a particular interest in the conservation of World Heritage Sites, both Archaeological and architectural, through his work with ICOMOS U.K. and ICOMOS International. He chaired the earth structures committee of ICOMOS U.K. 1994-2001. In 2006 John was re-elected, President of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Earthen Architectural Heritage. [ISCEAH]. In October 2006 John was elected as President of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee and is an ex-officio member of the ICOMOS International Executive Committee.

Lecturing

He is a regular visiting lecturer at several Universities around the world, and was well known for his contribution to the short course in the conservation of earth at the University of York, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies. John has organised, assisted in and led, short courses and summer schools in Europe, Central Asia, China and India.

Fellowship

John is an Honorary Visiting Fellow at the Department of Archaeology, University of York. (Formerly, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies).

Publications

John Hurd has produced many papers, articles and monographs, both on training, ethics and best practice in objects, architectural and archaeological conservation. He is co-author and editor of Terra Britannica: an introduction to the earthen architecture of the British Isles, for ICOMOS U.K. in collaboration with English Heritage. John Hurd is co-author or contributor to several UNESCO publications, technical reports and Manuals, especially in respect of the conservation of earthen archaeological sites on the Great Silk Roads of Central Asia.