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Academic training: Architect (Universidad Central de Venezuela), Master in Sciences Conservation of Historic Buildings and Towns (R. Lemaire International Centre for Conservation, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), and PhD in Engineering (R. Lemaire International Centre for Conservation, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

Positions held in ICOMOS: ICOMOS Board Member (2014-2017), ICOMOS Canada Board Member (2017-2020), President of ICOMOS/ISPRS ISC on Heritage Documentation (CIPA) (2010-2014), Vice President of ICOMOS ISC on Heritage Documentation (CIPA) (2009-2013 and elected for 2015-2019), CIPA Executive member (2005-2009), ICORP Expert member (2016 to present), and ISCARSAH Expert member (2017 to present).

PLATFORM / PLATE-FORME / PLATAFORMA

I have been actively involved with ICOMOS for the past 20 years, holding executive positions on the international, scientific and national committees. During this time, I have mentored emerging professionals and contributed substantially to the impact of ICOMOS in the field of heritage conservation worldwide.

If I am elected as Vice-president, I commit to representing the interests of our organization as the most influential cultural heritage organization in the world. The treaties, charters and principles that have been developed by our founders and members have been crucial in drafting of regional and national legislation worldwide, as well as in the education of emerging professionals in our field.

Based on my professional and academic experience at ICOMOS at different levels and degrees of intensity for the last 15 years, I propose to increase our impact and relevance in the world by closely collaborating with national and scientific committees in developing the following strategies:

- **Increase the participation of emerging professionals:** Improve the mechanisms to involve emerging professionals and organizations in ICOMOS' membership by capitalizing on the mentorship provided by experienced members and the resources offered by the vast network of ICOMOS;
- **Accountability of ICOMOS:** Make ICOMOS more accountable for its activities and more transparent in its procedures, and enforce the Ethical Principles;

- **Increase participation in ICOMOS international activities:** given the increasing cost of international travel as a potential obstacle to active participation, I want to integrate social media resources to facilitate streaming and participation from members located around the world during ICOMOS activities. I also propose launching a partnership with Google for Nonprofits (<https://www.google.com/nonprofits/>). These initiatives will ensure adherence to the ethical principle of “fostering the exchange of knowledge” among members.
- **World Heritage:** improve the mechanisms of communication between the different levels of World Heritage in ICOMOS, to ensure that national committees are aware of and involved in fair treatment in World Heritage matters;
- **Addressing the immediate dangers to cultural heritage:** in collaboration with national and international scientific committees, develop an online platform to improve the sharing and dissemination of the reports of Heritage at Risk, potentially partnering with the Getty Conservation Institute/World Monuments Fund to deploy the Arches system. These would raise the profile of our organization (<http://archesproject.org>).
- **ICOMOS involvement in Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development:** support our Sustainable Development Goals team to increase our partnership with other organizations and the impact on the UN agenda;
- **ICOMOS sustaining members:** given the experience obtained at CIPA in raising funds to support the committee activities, I would like to develop a strategy to identify and obtain funds from relevant private sector organizations. These funds would be allocated for sponsorship and support of ICOMOS and its members;
- **Universities and ICOMOS:** this is a twofold task: first, involve universities, with the assistance of national and international committees, in the recruitment of members from their early career stages. Secondly, promote research topics relevant to ICOMOS to be included in the strategic plans of universities. This will benefit both ICOMOS and educational institutions and achieve progress in the field.

ICOMOS allows us to think globally by acting locally. Because our organization relies on the strengths of the national and scientific committees, members of the bureau should ensure accountability across all levels of governance, as well as enhancing cooperation and collaboration. As a Vice-president, I would base my actions on the ethical principles of our organization.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mario Santana-Quintero is an associate professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Carleton University, teaching courses on Architectural Conservation and Sustainability. He is currently an associate faculty member at Carleton Immersive Media Studio (CIMS) and the Director of the NSERC Heritage Engineering Program, both at Carleton University. He has an architectural degree, holding a master in conservation of historic buildings and towns, and he obtained a PhD in Engineering at the R. Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (University of Leuven). He is also a guest professor at Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (University of Leuven). He has also taught at the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico) and Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador). Between 2005 and 2011, he was a Professor at the University College St Lieven and lecturer at the University of Aachen RWTH. Along with his academic activities, Santana-Quintero is currently a member of the boards of ICOMOS and ICOMOS Canada, and Past-president of the ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Heritage Documentation (CIPA). Furthermore, he has collaborated in several international projects in the field of heritage documentation for UNESCO, ICCROM, the World Monuments Fund, The Getty Conservation Institute, the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, UNDP, the Welfare Association, and the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage.