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I joined ICOMOS in 2011 upon my return to Israel after 8 years of studies and work in Belgium. After 4 years, in 2015, I had joined the board of the NC and in the end of 2018, I was elected as the chair of the board and our NC representative in national and international Heritage forums.

My way of being dedicated to heritage and its protection professionally and publicly, was not linear or obvious from the beginning. I started my professional internship at architectural firms in Jerusalem (1995) and there I was exposed to the complexities of planning in historic and politically charged environments. These experiences brought me later to pursue heritage studies abroad. Due to the varied projects and international teams I collaborated with during my studies at Raymond Lemaire Center for Conservation and in the Brussels based firm SUM Projects & SUM Research (2002-2010), I gained international experience in the field of architectural conservation. My long involvement in

designing modern architecture and urban settings, gives me important perspectives on the inseparable relations between conservation and development.

The awareness of the importance and advantages of an international professional network have grown even stronger from the moment I joined the board of ICOMOS Israel (2015). In this capacity I led three delegations of Israeli professional in the fields of heritage and decision makers to Europe (Belgium, Netherlands and Portugal). I had, again, the chance to witness the importance of cultural exchanges, lessons that can be learnt from others, and the power of having a common language and ideas with heritage colleagues abroad.

As an associate teaching fellow (since 2010) in the faculty of Architecture & Town planning, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, I raise the awareness of architecture student to historic settings and train them how to design in those environments. I promote international workshops and academic collaborations of students and teachers alike. This, again, is done with the conviction that cultural exchanges can benefit both individuals as well as the protection of local and world heritage.

My work of more than 12 years in archaeological heritage conservation and management, in the Israeli Antiquities Authority, as well as my involvement in WH procedures and heritage campaigns in Israel, have all proven to me the need to promote better policies, legislation and public awareness regarding heritage protection, in places where all those lack or are almost nonexistent – in Israel and in other countries. Working internationally - in the context of ICOMOS and its board – seems to me a direction I should pursue.

Political circumstances placed ICOMOS Israel in an international setting (belonging to Europe WG) out of its natural geographical and cultural contexts. This situation, thus far from ideal, can also bring new possibilities. I believe that ICOMOS should be a place to leave behind political borders and concentrate on cultural exchanges and professional support in promoting heritage protection. Our forced "in between" situation can serve as a bridge instead of being a barrier. New Middle East connections are being created in the last years and can widen this bridging role I believe I need to serve. Yet, the main conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is still here with us and highly explosive. As we share the same land and heritage, I believe we should share expertise, support, and professional cooperation – things I might promote even better through the international board and its umbrella.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, few weeks after I was elected to lead ICOMOS Israel board, the State of Israel had withdrawn from UNESCO. This act left ICOMOS Israel in a delicate situation regarding its role and budgetary perspective. Facing this challenge brought experience in delicate diplomacy and in convincing our relevancy – experience which can be helpful on the international level.

From the moment I was elected to lead the board of ICOMOS Israel, I have had the chance to be more exposed and involved in the international level of ICOMOS through the participation in the Europe Working group, as well as the GA's and other activities. I met dedicated group of people, from all over the globe, who share passion to culture and tolerance. Sharing those passions, I find myself aspiring to be part of the leadership of this group of people and ready to take upon myself the responsibilities and duties which come along it. Hereby I confirm that, in case of my election to the board, I will serve and attend board meetings.

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Architect (Technion – Israel Institute of Technology Haifa Israel 1996). He holds M.Sc in Conservation (RLICC, University of Leuven, Belgium 2005).

Works 26 years as an architect on various architecture, urban design and conservation projects in Israel and Belgium. Since 2011 planning projects of archaeological conservation in the conservation department of the Israeli Antiquities Authority. Among the sites he recently planned and supervised: Acre, Jerusalem, Safed, Tel Dor, Scythopolis (Bet Shean), Tel Megiddo, Afula, Yodfat, Magdala, Hippos, Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas) and many more.

Since 2017 he is the Northern Region Architect in the Israeli Antiquities Authority focusing on archaeological Heritage management.

Since 2010 teaches architecture, urban design and Conservation in the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion, Haifa. Visiting lecturer in Italy (Politecnico Di Milano) and Belgium (St. Lukas Architecture School, Brussels). Associate Teaching Fellow since June 2021

ICOMOS member Since 2011, member of the board NC ICOMOS Israel since 2015 and from 2018 he serves as Chairman of the board of directors of ICOMOS Israel. Expert member of ICAHM

As part of his role in the board of ICOMOS Israel, Eran had written several reports regarding World Heritage sites in Israel and lectured about their current situation. He represents ICOMOS Israel in the World Heritage advisory committee, initiated by the Israel National Commission for UNESCO Ministry of Education.

Eran is a fellow at Kedem - The National fellowship leadership program for heritage and cultural conservation leadership in Israel, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel 2021 – 2023 (in progress)