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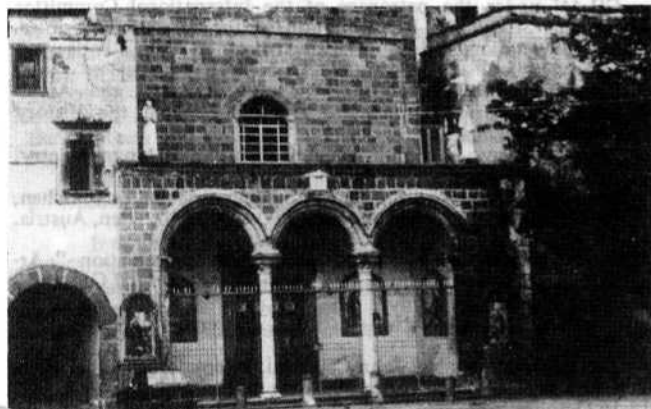
## NATIONAL COMMITTEES

### Executive Committee Changes Closing Date for Annual Activity Reports

National Committees' annual reports for each calendar year should now reach the Secretariat at latest by 31 May of the following year.

### A New Meeting-Place for our Members in Italy

International Centre for the Conservation of Monuments and Sites  
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The tourist authorities of the Province of Naples have kindly offered ICOMOS the use of the convent of Santa Maria del Pozzo at Somma Vesuviana, a little town 12 miles from Naples, as a study and research centre on the preservation of the building heritage.

The convent, a fine example of early 16th-century Neapolitan architecture and a building with a historical importance of its own, will thus henceforward house symposiums, seminars and training and re-orientation courses on all the various aspects of conservation. It can accommodate symposiums or courses attended by 20 people, with eating and sleeping arrangements on the premises, and can offer facilities for simultaneous English-French interpretation.

It is now up to our members not to disappoint the initiators of the project by making the centre a place of intense activity, especially as the duration of the loan of the premises will depend on the extent to which it is used.

ICOMOS expresses its gratitude to the regional government of Campania for its generous patronage of this gesture which cannot but enhance its own prestige and its sincere thanks to the Italian National Committee and its chairman Roberto di Stefano for their part in the initiative.

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## Argentinian National Committee's Active Life

The Argentinian National Committee is one of the most usefully active of our Committees in South America ; in addition to working in the traditional field of protection and restoration at home it does its utmost on a more general level to create awareness of the overall problems relating to the protection of the building heritage.

On the practical level its activity takes the form of such initiatives as the organizing of a congress on the protection of the American architectural and urban heritage, in cooperation with the Argentinian Federation of Architects' Associations and the publishing firm of Summa (November 1980), or the specialized training courses for architects and art historians on the preservation and rehabilitation of the urban heritage at La Plata University.

Other initiatives involve permanent institutions or regular activities, such as the information centre now being set up with the aid of Buenos Aires University which is intended to become the central documentation centre on conservation for the whole of the south-western portion of Latin America (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay), and is to work in close contact with the Unesco-Icomos Documentation Centre in Paris ; or the work being done on inventorying, which falls into two parts. One aspect of this latter programme is the computerizing of the inventory of industrial archaeological sites and rural architecture, with the assistance of the Instituto de Arte Americano and of Mario J. Buschiazco of Buenos Aires University, while the other consists in cooperation with the University of La Plata on the use of the inventory for the rehabilitation of the 19th-century neo-classical town of La Plata.

## Dr. Connally Honoured

At the opening session of the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in New York on 8 October last, Dr. Ernest A. Connally, Secretary-General of Icomos, and Dr. William G. Murtagh were awarded the Louise Dupont Crowninshield Prize for their many years' work on the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program. This is the highest U.S. distinction in connection with conservation of the built environment. Our heartiest congratulations.

## International Committees

The Specialized International Committee for Rock Art, whose creation was decided on in Warsaw in October and whose Chairman is Professor Emanuele Anati, has set itself the task of drawing up an international inventory of rock art sites.

National or International Committees in position to provide useful data on the subject are requested to write to :

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