

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Change within continuity - this phrase explains the new organization of this issue of the Newsletter. You will find certain articles re-grouped under four new rubrics, "**Doctrine & Research**", "**Professional Services & Expertise**", "**Information & Communication**", and "**Administration & Management**"; the four orientations of Icomos's policy as defined by the annual meetings of the Advisory and Executive Committees last December.

It is important that the activities of the National and International Committees follow these orientations in order to harmonize and to promote the public image of our organization.

This is not a new presentation, though we do attempt to make each issue more interesting and more informative, but rather a better organization of the activities of Icomos. You will note that the old headings may still be found on the same page.

Please write to give us your impressions or your suggestions on the presentation of the Newsletter, which brings you information on the world of conservation in general and on Icomos in particular wherever you may be. We would be pleased to publish your remarks.

NEW YEAR S WISHES FROM THE BUREAU AND THE ICOMOS SECRETARIAT

In response to the deluge of holiday wishes which we received from the four corners of the world, the Bureau and the Icomos Secretariat extend their best wishes for 1983.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS POLICY

A new membership subscriptions policy, in effect as of 1983, was adopted by the Executive Committee at its 29th session in Paris, last December 11-12, 1982. (see details under "Icomos Meetings", The Treasurer General's Report).

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Note well this new telex number for Icomos ! You can always reach us here. On the other hand, we must know your telex number if you have access to one. We appeal to **all the members** and especially to **all Chairmen** of the National and International Committees to send us the telex number of their administration, association, office, or simply of their friend where they can be reached.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS AND SITES, 18 APRIL 1984

The Icomos Executive Committee voted to name April 18th the "International Day of Historic Monuments and Sites". So that we may concentrate our efforts for the preparation of this important event, the first day will be celebrated on **April 18th, 1984.**

REPLACEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT IN PARIS

Many of our members proposed their candidatures for the post of director of the secretariat and we would like to thank them.

However, taking into account many considerations, and on the recommendation of the Bureau and the Advisory Committee, the **Executive Committee** decided to proceed to a **broad consultation** of all the National Committees on the possible **modification of the Icomos Statutes** concerning the posts and responsibilities of the Secretary General and the Director of the Secretariat. In this case, the definitive decision on this question may be made only by the **May 1984 General Assembly.**

Until then, the direction of the Secretariat has been given to the present Chief of the Documentation Centre, **Madame Delphine Lapeyre**, who will assume her new functions on May 1st, 1983.

ICOMOS AND THE AFRICAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE AT ABIDJAN

Advanced Seminar on the Principles and Techniques of Conservation Applicable to the African Architectural Heritage, Abidjan, 2-18 December 1982.

Has Africa finally "taken off" ? We may well ask ourselves **this question and be gratified that this continent is now making a concerted effort to protect its architectural heritage.** Unesco initiated this meeting on the **preservation of the architectural heritage** in the francophone countries of Africa, with the cooperation of the **African Cultural Institute (ICA)** for its organization, of **ICCROM** for the seminar leaders, and with the participation of **ICOMOS** through the presence of its President, Mr. Michel Parent.



*The Fort of Elmina St-George, Ghana
(Photo F. Johnson/Unesco)*

