

**Preliminary report on the 14th General Assembly of ICOMOS
and the International Scientific Symposium :**

**« Place – Memory – Meaning : Preserving Intangible Values
in Monuments and Sites »**

Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 27 – 31 October 2003

Awaiting the first issue of ICOMOS News in 2004, which will be dedicated to the results of the 14th General Assembly, this short report aims at providing National and International Scientific Committees with information on the outcome of this important event to be able to inform their membership.

Over **196 delegates from 71 countries** attended the **14th General Assembly and Symposium** and over **58 countries and 10 International Scientific Committees** were present at the **Advisory Committee meeting** held on the 28 October.

Thanks to generous **grants** provided by the **Getty Grant Programme** and **Africa 2009** (a programme of African Cultural heritage organisations, ICCROM, UNESCO World Heritage Centre and CRATerre-EAG) the ICOMOS International Secretariat was able to support the participation of in total 38 delegates from 36 countries to attend the meetings.

The **other sponsors and partners** of the event were : Government of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Ministry of Home Affairs, National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe, Zimsun Casinos, Zimsun Hotels, Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, UNESCO Sub-regional office, Afdis, Pioneer Transport, Elephant Hills Hotel, University of Zimbabwe, ICOMOS South Africa, Department of National Parks and Wildlife and the Rainbow Tourism Group.



Delegates in the plenary meeting room at the Elephant Hills Hotel during the opening session

Pre-assembly workshop

**“Towards a declaration on intangible heritage and monuments and sites”
24 to 26 October 2003, Kimberley, South Africa**

Organised by **ICOMOS South Africa**, in conjunction with the **McGregor Museum** and the **Northern Cape Provincial Department of Sports, Arts and Culture**, this event was open to all ICOMOS members, and aimed at preparing a first draft for a declaration on the management of sites with intangible values for discussion at the General Assembly and possible future use as a doctrinal text of the organisation, it also hoped to develop a work programme for ICOMOS in this field. The Kimberley meeting also provided an opportunity for delegates to initiate discussions that further developed in Victoria Falls, where participants of the Kimberley meeting made specific contribution as session chairs or members of the General Assembly's Committees.

A **grant** from the **Norwegian Government** enabled the organisers to sponsor the participation of a certain number of participants through the International Secretariat.

21 participants from 15 countries attended the meeting which resulted in the drafting of the “**Declaration of the Kimberley workshop** on the intangible heritage of monuments and sites” – see **Annex** for the declaration and the list of participants. This text was used as the basis for a draft resolution that was submitted to the General Assembly.

Chaired by Andrew Hall, of ICOMOS South Africa and outgoing President of the Advisory Committee, the Kimberley meeting was also attended by the Secretary General, Dinu Bumbaru, and Axel Mykleby, a member of the Executive Committee. A delegation of ICOMOS Australia, including current Chair Kristal Buckley and past Chairs Marilyn Truscott and Robyn Riddett also took part. Special thanks went to all the sponsors and to the organising team lead by Andrew Hall.

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**Strategic Planning Meeting of the International Scientific Committees
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 27 October 2003**

At the invitation of the Vice President responsible for the International Scientific Committees, Gustavo Araoz, **15 representatives from the following ISCs** and taskforces : CIIC, ICAHM, ICLAFI, ICORP, ICUCH, ISACRSAH, CIAV, CIF, CIPA-Heritage Documentation, CIVVIH; CIP – Stone, Fortification and Military Heritage Task Force; as well as the Secretary General, 5 Bureau and Executive Committee members, and observers from **National Committees or others** (Bangladesh, Belarus, Canada, Holy See, India, Japan, United Arab Emirates) participated at this one day meeting designed as a peer review and constructive dialogue where ISCs could exchange and learn from each others experiences so as to improve the functioning and output of these Committees who represent the core of ICOMOS' scientific expertise.

Discussions were structured along three main **topics : membership, programmes and administration** and the meeting concluded with a consensus on the need to continue discussions and a search for a common platform that will re-energize the ISC structure. Issues like the development of a prospective Scientific Development Programme for ICOMOS or the relations between the current or potential work of the ISCs and activities or ICOMOS in connection with UNESCO's Conventions, were also raised.

There was agreement that in 2004 the ISCs dedicate themselves to planning. Task forces will be established to explore and develop the issues discussed in this session in greater depth and more broadly. This planning stage will culminate in a 2-to-3-day strategic planning retreat to be held next year for the ISC leadership. The ISC's will then keep working, and in 2005, there will be a full day meeting prior to the Beijing General Assembly in which a six-year plan for the ISC's will be presented for adoption.

To this end **three task forces** with members volunteering to serve on them were established as follows:

**TASK FORCE ON
MEMBERSHIP:**
Gilles Nourissier (CIF)
Alberto Martorell (ICLAFI)
Robert Grenier (ICUCH)
Robin Letellier (CIPA)

**TASK FORCE ON
PROGRAMMES:**
Marilyn Truscott (ICAHM)
Benjamin Mouton (CIP)
Dinu Bumbaru (ICORP)
Peter Waldhausl (CIPA)
Maria Rosa Suarez-Inclán (CIIC)

**TASK FORCE ON
ADMINISTRATION**
Robyn Riddett (ICORP)
Todor Krestev (CIVVIH)
Michel Polge (CIVVIH)

Other volunteers will be accepted to these task forces, with a maximum of six members in each. Each Task Force will elect its leader, who will also act as spokesperson and liaison to the other Task Forces.

The full report of this meeting is being finalized at present by the ISCs and will be circulated in due course to the National Committees.

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Election of the Advisory Committee President and Vice President Advisory Committee, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 28 October 2003

The Advisory Committee at the beginning of its meeting on 28th October 2003 appointed the following National and International Scientific Committee representatives as **tellers** for the election of the Advisory Committee President and Vice President :

Birgitta Hoberg (Sweden)
Robert Grenier (International Scientific Committee on Underwater Cultural Heritage)
Gabor Winkler (Hungary)
Maria Claudia Romero (Colombia)
Jose Battle Perez (Dominican Republic).

The above mentioned tellers examined the list of National and International Scientific Committee representatives present at the meeting and the proxies received and established the list of **63 Committees eligible to vote**.

The election was held by **secret ballot in two separate rounds of votes** – one for the position of Advisory Committee President and one round for the position of Vice President. The tellers examined the ballots in the meeting room and proclaimed the overall results.

Round 1 : Election of the Advisory Committee President

Andrew Hall (South Africa)– 26 votes
Dosso Sindou (Cote d'Ivoire)– 29 votes
Sekou Kobani Kourouma (Guinée) – 1 vote
Blanc ballots – 1
Total number of votes cast = 57

Mr Dosso Sindou is elected new President of the Advisory Committee.

Round 2 : Election of the Advisory Committee Vice President

SS Biswas (India) – 47 votes
Sekou Kobani Kourouma (Guinée) – 7 votes
Blanc ballots – 2
Total number of votes cast = 56

Mr SS Biswas is elected new Vice President of the Advisory Committee

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The full minutes of the Advisory Committee will be circulated to Committees shortly.

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**14th General Assembly of ICOMOS and Scientific Symposium
29 – 31 October 2003**

Please consult the definite overall programme for the event in **the Annex**

Opening Ceremony

The 14th General Assembly elected the following persons to hold **official positions** during the meeting:

President of the General Assembly:	Dr Godfrey Mahachi (Zimbabwe)
Vice Presidents of the General Assembly:	Zhang Bai (China), Maria Rosa Suarez Inclan Ducassi (Spain) Faika Bejaoui (Tunisia)
Secretary General of the General Assembly:	Dinu Bumbaru (Canada)
Rapporteur of the General Assembly:	Angela Rojas (Cuba) assisted by Alfredo Conti (Argentina)
Credentials Committee:	Susanna Sampaio (Brazil) – Chair RC Agrawal (India) Hae Un Rii (Korea) Bako Rasoarifetra (Madagascar) Andrzej Tomaszewski (Poland)
Resolutions Committee	Nobuo Ito (Japan) - Chair Ephrahim Kamuhangire (Uganda) Benjamin Mouton (France) Guy Masson (Canada) Ruth Shady Solis (Peru)

Besides the **addresses** by the President of the 13th General Assembly, Maria Rosa Suarez Inclan Ducassi; the President of the General Assembly, Godfrey Mahachi; the President of ICOMOS, Michael Petzet; the Minister of Home Affairs of Zimbabwe and the official opening by the President of the Republic, the following **international organisation representatives** spoke during the opening session : Mr Mounir Bouchenaki (Assistant Director General for Culture of UNESCO); Mr Joseph King (ICCROM); Prof. G. Pwiti (Pan-African Association of Archaeologists); Monsignore Tullio Poli (representative of the Holy See); Dr Reuben Mutiso (International Union of Architects) and Mr John Stubbs (World Monuments Fund). A vote of thanks was given by Dawson Munjeri, former Vice President of ICOMOS and member of ICOMOS Zimbabwe.

The International Secretariat is at present collecting the speeches and plans to publish them on the ICOMOS web site beginning 2004.

Gazzola Prize and Honorary Membership

Nominated by the Turkish National Committee, the 14th General Assembly awarded the **Piero Gazzola Prize to Professor Cevat Erder (Turkey)**. During the prize giving ceremony in Victoria Falls, Birgitta Hoberg, chair of the selection committee, presented the highlights of his distinguished career devoted to spreading good conservation practice among the younger generation of professionals both in Turkey and all over the world and underlined his varied contribution to the development of ICOMOS.

“The list of international awards Professor Cevat Erder has received is as impressive as anything that concerns him – he has already obtained almost all distinctions in the world except the Gazzola Prize. Born in Istanbul in 1931, he obtained a Ph.D in Classical Archaeology at the University of Ankara and since 1977 has been Professor for restoration and preservation of historic monuments at the Middle East Technical University where he is still active. Besides being a regular visiting professor at Princeton University (USA) since the 1960s, Professor Erder has lectured at ICCROM in Rome since 1974 where he was Director from 1981 to 1988. Author of a long bibliography of published books, articles and reports, he has worked as a consultant for UNESCO and the Council of Europe where, among other, he acted as advisor and Executive Committee member for the 1975 Architectural Heritage Year.

In the life of ICOMOS, Professor Erder has played an important role as member of the Executive Committee from 1972-1981. Founding member and President (1978-1982) of the Turkish ICOMOS National Committee, he also participated in the creation of the International Committee for Architectural Photogrammetry. His contribution to other NGOs both in Turkey and internationally is also significant. Last but not least, he was Piero Gazzola’s student, working with him for over 20 years.”



Professor Cevat Erder receives the Gazzola Prize from the hands of the ICOMOS President, Michael Petzet, and in the presence of the Chair of the Selection Committee, Birgitta Hoberg, during the opening ceremony of the 14th General Assembly in Victoria Falls

The Piero Gazzola Prize was established in 1979 in memory of one of the greatest defenders of the conservation and restoration of historic monuments and sites, and a founder of ICOMOS.

The prize is awarded every three years at the General Assembly of ICOMOS to an individual or a group of people who have worked together and contributed with distinction to the aims and objectives of ICOMOS.

The beneficiary must be a member of ICOMOS and is chosen by the Selection Committee itself elected by the Executive Committee of ICOMOS. The Prize is a commemorative medal and has been previously awarded to: Mr. Jean Trouvelot (1981); Prof. Stanislas Lorentz (1984); Prof. Masaru Sekino (1987); Mrs Gertrude Tripp (1990); Sir Bernard Fielden (1993); Dr Ernest Allen Connally (1996); Dr. Roland Silva (1999).

The 14th General Assembly also decided to confer **honorary membership** of ICOMOS upon the following **ten ICOMOS members** for their contribution to the life of our organisation and their distinguished service in the field of the conservation, restoration and enhancement of historical monuments, sites and groups of buildings (Article 6A of the ICOMOS Statutes). Sadly three among them passed away in the last two years and the awards were made posthumously :

Robertson Collins – USA (posthumously)
Carl Filip Mannerstrale – Sweden (posthumously)
Mihaly Zador – Hungary (posthumously)
Rachelle Anguelova – Bulgaria
Marta Arjona Perez – Cuba

Yves Boiret – France
Henry Cleere – UK
Jacques Dalibard – Canada
CL Temminck Groll – Netherlands
Krzysztof Pawlowski – Poland.

The International Secretariat has since written to all the members or families concerned with copies to their respective National Committees

Since 1975 this honour has been given to 47 ICOMOS members in total.

The 2002/2003 **selection committee** for the Gazzola Prize and Honorary membership was composed of : Birgitta Hoberg (Chair); Jorge Gazzaneo (Argentina); Ernst Bacher (Austria); Carmen Anon (Spain); Nobuo Ito (Japan); Saleh Lamei (Egypt).

Scientific Symposium

“Place- Memory – Meaning : Preserving intangible values in monuments and sites”

Besides the **keynote lecture** by Olabiyi Babalola Joseph Yai, Permanent Delegate of Benin at UNESCO and **introductory lectures** by Mounir Bouchenaki (Assistant Director General for Culture, UNESCO); Dawson Munjeri, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Zimbabwe at UNESCO and former Vice President of ICOMOS; and Michael Petzet, President of ICOMOS, a total of **55 papers were given during the 9 separate sessions** of the scientific symposium.

The **Chairpersons for each session** were :

Sub- theme A : The Intangible dimension – concepts, identification and assessment

A1 : Concepts, definitions and theoretical considerations – Andreas Vogt (Namibia)

A2 : Places and their intangible heritage – Marilyn Truscott (Australia)

A3 : Heritage places and living traditions – Christoph Machat (Germany - CIAV)

Sub-theme B : Impact of Change and Diverse Perceptions

B1 : Changing use of spirit and places – Dosso Sindou (Cote d'Ivoire)

B2 : Diversity of perceptions – Innocent Pikiray (Zimbabwe)

B3 : Conservation and traditional knowledge – Joseph King (ICCROM)

Sub-theme C : Conserving and Managing Intangible Heritage : methods

C1 : Conservation, documentation management methods – Simon Musonda (Zambia)

C2 : Transmission, interpretation and tourism – Kristal Buckley (Australia)

C3 : Legal and other forms of protection - Werner von Trützschler (Germany – ICLAFI)

Attached in the **Annex** please find the draft overall report of the symposium given at the close of the session by the **general rapporteurs of the symposium** – Mrs Janette Deacon (South Africa) and Mr Aimé Gonçalves (Benin).

The International Secretariat will be publishing all the presented lectures and papers on the ICOMOS web site at the beginning of 2004 and the President of ICOMOS is planning a printed publication subject to funding.

The **Scientific Committee** for the Symposium was composed of : Dinu Bumbaru (Secretary General of ICOMOS); Sheridan Burke (Australia); Christina Cameron (Canada); Abderrahamane Chorfi (Morocco); Todor Kretev (Bulgaria); Francisco Lopez Morales (Mexico); Dawson Munjeri and Innocent Pikiray (Zimbabwe) Maria Rosa Suarez Inclan Ducassi (Spain) and Gamini Wijesuria (Sri Lanka).

Evening sessions

After the symposium sessions, on the evenings of Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October, a certain number of meetings and information sessions were held, these included :

- meetings of the **International Scientific Committee on Cultural Routes** – including a presentation by Robin Letellier (CIPA – Heritage Documentation) of the **RecordIM project** (also presented during the ISC Strategic Review meeting)
- a **Heritage at Risk workshop** – run by Mr Christoph Machat, President of CIAV, under the theme Vernacular Architecture and Cultural Landscapes, designed to collect reports for the 2004/2005 issue of the Heritage at Risk report
- presentations by Robert Grenier, John Gribble and Javier Garcia Cano of the **International Scientific Committee on Underwater Cultural Heritage** on the UNESCO Convention and ICOMOS Charter in this field and local experiences in South Africa and Argentina.

General Assembly Sessions

The General Assembly was submitted a number of items to dispose after deliberation. Among those, the **adoption of two doctrinal texts** took place : the “**ICOMOS Charter – Principles for the analysis, conservation and structural restoration of architectural heritage**” by the International Scientific Committee on the Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH) and the “**ICOMOS Principles for the preservation and conservation-restoration of Wall Paintings**” proposed by the International Scientific Committee on Wall Paintings. Both texts raised some discussions and comments, particularly in the case of the Wall Painting principles but the Assembly supported the two texts.

No election procedure took place in the context of that extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee provided a report with some 21 draft resolutions to be examined by the General Assembly. Considering the specific requirements for a statutory quorum to dispose of those resolutions by vote, particularly but not exclusively those draft resolutions proposing amendments to the Statutes of the organisation, and the report of the Credentials Committee which established that the number of available voting rights did not meet this requirement, the Assembly was declared closed and the draft resolutions will be forwarded to the Executive Committee which will examine them at its meeting on 19 - 20 January 2004.

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