



Activity report ISCARSAH Annual meeting: 11-14 May 2002

Saturday May 11, 2002:

Arrival of participants:

Gorun ARUN + Pere ROCA + Paulo LOURENCO+ Androniki MILTIADOU + Ramiro SOFRONIE +
David YEOMANS + Koen VAN BALEN

20:00 - Dinner together in the evening, appointment at 19:30 at hotel.

Sunday May 12, 2002:

Arrival of participants:

Pierre HALLEUX + Kenichiro HIDAKA + David W. LOOK + Giorgio MACCHI + Heinrich
SCHROETER + Yaacov SCHAFFER + Wolf SCHMIDT + Pali WIJERATNE

14:00 - Visit to the Great Beguinage and town of Leuven

Start in the afternoon at 14:00h (with explanation of **Mrs. Suzanne Van Aerschot**)
meeting place at entrance of the St. John Baptist church in the Great Beguinage

19:00 – Dinner offered by ir. J. Depoorter, Groep Monument, Building contractor

(restaurant: De Vlaamsche Reus, Naamsestraat 53, Leuven)

Monday May 13, 2002

08:30 Departure at Hotel New Damshire with bus to Tournai for technical visit

Place Paul Emile Ganson (Axe de la rue qui vient de la gare).

- 10:30 Greeting and welcome
- Start guided technical visit with expert commission of the Cathedral and discussion
- 12:30 Reception and lunch offered by Province du Hainaut
- 14:00 continuation of discussion and conclusion
- 15:30 closing

16:00 departure to Leuven

Arrival of participants:

Giorgio CROCI + Christiane SCHMUCKLE

18:00 light dinner in Leuven (in “The Lodge” at the place in front of the Arenberg Castle)

20:30 conference “International experiences with conservation of historical structures”

Auditorium, Castle of Arenberg, Kasteelpark Arenberg 1, Heverlee
organised in collaboration with ICOMOS-Belgium and K.U.Leuven

- 20:30 Welcome (B. Libois, Vice-President Icomos-Belgium)
- Introduction (P. Halleux / K. Van Balen)
- 20:35 Short introduction to ISCARSAH activities
- Prof. G. Croci, President ICOMOS-ISCARSAH
- 20:40 Conservation of the Ramparts of the Dutch Fort in Galle, Sri Lanka
- Pali Wijeratni (Sri Lanka)
- 21:00 Untouched or Unsolved Engineering Conservation Topics in Archeological Sites -- a
Proposal for the Professional Field
- Yaacov Schaffer (Israel)
- 21:20 Study of the Küçük Ayasofya Mosque (The Church of Sts.Sergius and Bacchus).
Gorun Arun (Turkey)
- 21:40 The collapse of the Pavia Tower and criteria of assessment of medieval towers.
Giorgio Macchi (Italy)



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22:00 Closing session
Prof. Y. Willems (Dean of Engineering Faculty, K.U.Leuven)
22:30 Closing

Tuesday May 14, 2002: Meeting

09:00: **start ISCARSAH members annual meeting**, Salle Héraldique, Kasteel Arenberg, Kasteelpark

Arenberg 1, Heverlee

12:00: **lunch** break and visit

14:00: meeting (cont.)

18:00: (assumed) end of the meeting

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Report on the meeting in 2001 in Istanbul and Paris:
 - Meeting report
 - Follow-up of actions
 - Report from Gorun Arun on the Istanbul initiatives (Mr Child, church of the St Sergius and Bacchus, etc.)
 - Preparation of short report on the visit at Tournai Cathedral relative to the viewpoint of the committee
2. Information on membership of ISCARSAH:
 - General check of the ISCARSAH members: full addresses including the dates of the membership (it would be useful if you give a copy of that to all the members);
 - Proposals for new members;
 - Anila Naeem, Pakistan
 - Miloš Drdácký, Czech Rep.(associate member)
3. Functioning of the committee:
 - Strategy about management of the committee in the future;
 - Request of Secretary-General to transfer the secretariat;
 - Appointment of board members and their task;
 - Short report from the co-ordinators of the working groups (Safety: W. Schmidt - Structural and technological aspects of buildings: Y. Schaffer – Map of Risk: S. Kelley);
4. Collaboration with ICOMOS:
 - request from the Heritage at Risk task force (D Bumbaren, S. Burke, M. Petzet) to give a contribution to the Heritage at Risk Report 2002;
 - strategy for the 2002 ISCARSAH elections
5. Recommendations document:
 - Agreement on the list of names to be put on the Recommendations document
 - Initiatives taken from the members to disseminate the Recommendation in their own countries;
6. Future activities:
7. Any other matter

20:00 dinner in Faculty Club

K. Van Balen
08/05/2002



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Report meeting of May 14, 2002
Most important conclusions and actions:

Present:

Gorun ARUN, Giorgio CROCI (President), Pierre HALLEUX, Kenichiro HIDAKA, David W. LOOK, Paulo LOURENCO, Giorgio MACCHI, Androniki MILTIADOU, Pere ROCA, Christiane SCHMUCKLE, Ramiro SOFRONIE, David YEOMANS, Yaacov SCHAFFER, Wolf SCHMIDT, Heinrich SCHROETER, Koen VAN BALEN (Secretary-General), Pali WIJERATNE.

Apologies:

Luigia BINDA, Nikos CHARKIOLAKIS, Stephen KELLEY (represented by David LOOK), Claudio MODENA, F. Wenzel

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Report on the meeting in 2001 in Istanbul and Paris:

- Meeting reports:
have been approved with slight modification that W. Schmidt was Justified absent and represented by H. Schroeter at the Paris Meeting in September 2001;
- Report from Gorun Arun on the Istanbul initiatives (Mr Child, church of the St Sergius and Bacchus, etc.)
The initial proposal for training and implementation (risk map) has been split. A UNITWIN application (deadline May 27) for interuniversity funding for 2-4 years will be prepared in the margin of this meeting in the afternoon, working group: Gorun, Ramiro, David, Ken, Yaacov and Androniki.
The first application is still pending in Turkey;
The problem with the risk map proposal including dwellings is that it requires access to private houses and that is a problem with privacy, therefore it is proposed to change the topic to traditional masonry (public) buildings.

2. Meeting of the committee at the occasion of ICOMOS General Assembly in Madrid

As there will be a meeting of the General Assembly in Madrid November/December 2002 it has been decided to have the next meeting of ISCARSAH at that occasion on Saturday November 30, 2002 in the afternoon and Sunday December 1, 2002 in the morning. As it is unclear where the meetings will be, it is proposed to have the meeting in Sevilla if ICOMOS meets in Sevilla on December 2 OR in Madrid if the ICOMOS meetings are in Madrid on December 2.

3. Statement on the TOURNAI cathedral case study visited on May 13 (prepared by P. Halleux and G. Macchi):

During its meeting in Leuven (11-14 May 2002) the International Scientific Committee for the Analysis and Restoration of Structures of the Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH) took the opportunity to visit Tournai Cathedral which is one of the monuments of the World Heritage list of UNESCO.

The ISCARSAH members were impressed by the architectural-historical importance of the building demonstrating its long history. The Romanesque nave, the splendid gothic choir and the transitional transept decorated with 5 towers are the evidences of this history.

They appreciated the extended archaeological investigations inside and outside the church, which show the occupation of the site from the Roman period on.

They understood that the interest of such a cultural heritage is not only in the building itself, but also in the continuity of the use of the site from the Roman period till today, with the same objective (worship and teaching) which constitutes an intangible heritage. This continuity is also documented by an exceptional set of archives also preserved in a continuous way from the middle-ages on.



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They realized the degree of difficulty that poses the stability problems of the building. This risks seems to have been encountered from the beginning of the works in the middle-ages. The stability problem should be solved now if it is intended to save the fabric. The particular geo-technical situation of the building constructed partially on a rock bed of the old valley of the Escaut river, induces hinges and cracks in the structure and moreover the buttressing design of the choir is not perfect.

Temporary measures have been taken to guarantee stability of the choir and must be realized fast to avoid the collapse of one of the towers which is dangerously leaning.

After that the ISCARSAH members think that it is absolutely necessary to understand very well the behavior of the building by a really complete monitoring during a sufficient long time before any discussion on the definitive interventions.

They adjure the owners of the building to avoid any decision taken in a hurry and to wait the necessary time span, a few years of observations if necessary, before beginning the final work.

There is a risk that premature decisions would be taken induced by administrative and financial constrains.

The ISCARSAH members thank the organizers of the visit: the Province du Hainaut, Diocese, General Contractor, architect and experts of the Cathedrals Commission for the hearty welcome and the reception.

Gorun ARUN (Turkey), Pierre HALLEUX (Belgium), Kenichiro HIDAKA (Japan), David W. LOOK (USA), Paulo LOURENCO (Portugal), Giorgio MACCHI (Italy), Pere ROCA (Spain), Ramiro SOFRONIE (Rumania), David YEOMANS (UK), Yaakov SCHAFFER (Israel), Wolf SCHMIDT (Germany), Heinrich SCHROETER (Germany), Koen VAN BALEN (Belgium), Pali WIJERATNE (Sri Lanka).

- Follow-up of actions

David Yeomans informs that some members have reacted on the visit of the library in Istanbul. The Committee can only “react” by a statement if it is requested to do so; general statements should be kept for the recommendations.

4. Information on membership of ISCARSAH:

- General check of the ISCARSAH members: full addresses including the dates of the membership (it would be useful if you give a copy of that to all the members);

The list of members should be updated changing the excel table differentiating title and description; members that can not be reached directly should be contacted through the national committees;

There is a list of non active members . It is proposed to eliminate them from the list, those indicated in bold will be contacted by G. Croci first with the request to confirm their active participation.

list discussed: Fabrizio AGO, Ali Abd AL RAHMAN, **Mamadou BERTHE**, José Maria BALLESTER, Azzedine BESCHAOUCH, **Claude BORG**, Carlos CASABONNE, Eric DELONEY, Irine ELIZBARASHVILI, Aime GONCALVES, Melvyn GREEN, Svebor HERUC (no mail address anymore), Dan IONESCU (no mail address anymore), **Jukka JOKILETHO (has yet confirmed)**, **Eric JOKINEN**, Olga KANTOVA, Denis LESAGE, **Bryan MORTAR**, Ibanez NONTOYA, **Snejanka POPOVA**, **Vito RENDA (has yet confirmed)**, Jeremy SALMOND, **Fritz WENZEL**)

New associate members accepted to the committee will receive a letter from G. Croci:
Associate members: **Wilfred FREWERDA (Canada)**, **Anila NAEEM (Pakistan)** and **Milos DRDACKY (Czech Rep.)**



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5. Functioning of the committee:

- Short report from the co-ordinators of the working groups (Safety: W. Schmidt);
W. Schmidt reports on the activity of the working group on safety. At various occasions different members (W. Schmidt, L. Fontaine, C. Modena, D. Yeomans, H. Schroeter) met but not all together. A German text was produced in July 2002, an English translation is being financed by Icomos Germany and the Tournau-Club; it is a working paper with different experiences, the professional translator found approx. 120 words difficult to translate. If ready they will be placed on the home page of H. Schroeter; members of the working group plan to come together in spring 2003 during 2 days to finalize the document; copyrights issue is still to be discussed.
The document is a discussion document and has its own purpose, it's not a matter of prestige only to generate operational steps to create links: we need comments, professional comments. At a certain stage the document will be submitted to the whole committee and it can then be approved and get the status of a reference document.
- Structural and technological aspects of buildings (Y. Schaffer)
The group on antique and historical technology of building structures hasn't progressed that much; it wants to concentrate on development of technological history (how and where to find information and documentation; structure technology, ...). There is a lot to do and a concern has been expressed about how to collect work on that material within the committee and to guarantee authorship. Y. Schaffer proposes to activate the group and the following members join this activities: D. Yeomans, R. Sofronie, H. Schroeter, A. Miltiadou and K. Van Balen.
- Map of Risk: (S. Kelley): S. Kelley is asked to provide an update of the information about the activities of the working group.
- Request of Secretary-General to transfer the secretariat: K. Van Balen requests to the other members to take over the task of secretary-general as he is convinced that a certain circulation of "positions" within the committee is a healthy thing for the survival of committees in general; according to the statutes members can be for 9 years and to avoid a simultaneous move of the secretary and the president this would be the best moment to do this; above that he will be on a sabbatical leave to the Getty Conservation Institute in Los Angeles which would not allow him to fulfill the task as secretary-general in the best conditions. After some exchange of ideas the members present at the meeting request David Yeomans to consider being in charge of this task, as they are confident that he will do this very well.

6. Collaboration with ICOMOS:

- request from the Heritage at Risk task force (D. Bumbaren, S. Burke, M. Petzet) to give a contribution to the Heritage at Risk Report 2002;
Yaacov, Pali and Gorun will prepare a document to be sent to the "Heritage at Risk" strategy for the 2002 ISCARSAH elections

The ISCARSAH board has to be elected at the next meeting of the committee. The following procedure was proposed:

Candidates to become member of the board should send a short statement about their candidature and their ambitions to Christiane Schmucke-Mollard before JUNE 30, 2002

This information will be sent around to all members together with an updated member list (update based on the replies of the letters G. Croci will send to "sleeping" members) at the end of July 2002. Members will be asked to vote in a way that when they can not be present their vote will be collected by C. Schmucke-Mollard and will be brought to the next meeting in Madrid or Sevilla for official counting of votes.



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7. Recommendations document:

- Agreement on the list of names to be put on the Recommendations document
It is decided that on the recommendations all members of ISCARSAH who became member before the Paris meeting in September 2001 will be put on the list, except those “sleeping” members that have not reacted on the letter that Giorgio will send them
- Initiatives taken from the members to disseminate the Recommendation in their own countries;

R. Sofronie made a Romanian translation of the document which is printed beside the English one as to allow readers to check for the original in case of doubt; he gives a copy of the document to the president and the secretary-general.

G. Croci has made an Italian translation;

The contribution of A. Miltiadou will be useful for later improvements, G. Croci suggest to make a working group within 2 years to collect the comments and integrate them in improvements. With the example of Cambodia he suggested that specific documents referring to the recommendations but more specific for certain typologies should be developed.

He appeals to give value to the document, to valorize the work done, to bring it to reality and to make translations to make it more accessible.

In the discussion it appears that safety evaluation was lacking and a small addition was proposed to page 22 and a new version will be send around including this short improvement.

8. Future activities:

- G. Croci insists that contacts should be stimulated and that members should be more active in between the meetings of the committee.
- Pali and Ken are planning a regional Asian meeting on the recommendations covering the following countries: Japan, Sri Lanka, Israel, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India and China;
- Next meeting will be in Madrid or Sevilla in the margin of the next general assembly;
- Christiane announces a meeting on gothic churches in Strasbourg (France) mid-June 2003
- A. Miltiadou expresses the intention to organize a meeting in spring 2004 on “40 years of Venice Charter” that will allow to debate on our activities as well.

9. Any other matter

- The Ethical commitment send around by ICOMOS should be commented before the meeting in Madrid (November/December 2002), comments can be send to the National committees and the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS.

Report made by K. Van Balen, finished June 10, 2002

Please accept my apologies in advance as I might have missed some parts being myself also the organizer of the meeting and having some practical things to arrange at the same time. All improvements or additions from the participants at the meeting are therefore very welcome.