

## **Minutes of the annual meeting, Athens, 2004**

This meeting was held in conjunction with a conference organized by ICOMOS Greece and hosted by the Ministry of Culture, Directorate of Technical Research on Restoration. This comprised a meeting to present and discuss the Greek translation of the ISCARSAH recommendations and an international workshop on 'Aseismic Design of Structural Interventions on Monuments'. The ISCARSAH committee would like to express their gratitude to these organizations for these arrangements.

### ***The following members attended the committee meeting.***

Prof. Giorgio Croci Italy, (Chairman), Dr. David Yeomans, UK, (Secretary), Christiane Schmuckle, (Architect en Chef) France, (Treasurer), Gorun Arun Turkey, Stephen Kelley, USA, Yaakov Schaffer, (Israel), Wolf Schmidt, (Germany), Patricia Emmett, (South Africa), Lyne Fontaine, (Canada), Predrag Gavrilovic, (Macedonia), Androniki Militiadou, (Greece), Juhani Penttinen, (Finland), Michael Pittas, (Cyprus), Pere Roca, (Spain), Ramiro Sofronie, (Romania), Prof. Koenraad Van Balen, (Belgium)

Two members who were unable to attend asked to be represented by other members from their countries as observers. Prof. Kenichiro Hidaka, Japan, was represented by Toshikazu Hanazato and Mehrdad Hezazi, Iran was represented by Azadeh Nahvi (a landscape architect resident in Athens).

### **No-voting members**

Nikolas Charkiakas, (Greece), Wilfred Ferwerda (Canada), David Look, (USA), Claudio Modena, (Italy), Heinrich Schroeter, (Germany), Gennaro Tampone, (Italy)

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### ***Apologies***

Maria Margarita Segarra Lagunes, Mexico, and Paulo Lourenco, Portugal, were unable to come at the last minute. A number of apologies were received earlier but the secretary regretted that the failure of his computer resulted in the loss of the emails containing these.

### ***Newly elected members***

During the past year Peru has nominated three members to the committee. These are Fernando Fujita, Pedro Hurtado and Judith Soria. These nominations were approved with Judith Soria as the voting member. Two other new non-voting members had been proposed during the year who were present at the meeting and who were also approved. There were Eduard Knoll, (Germany), Giovani, Manieri Elia (Italy),

### ***Future meetings***

As the timetable for this meeting allowed limited time for committee business it would be desirable to have another meeting for this fairly soon. The principal business at that meeting would be

The election of new officers

A review of comments on the Recommendations

Future developments based upon the Recommendations.

There was general discussion on these points at both meetings and the following is a distillation of the two.

There was a discussion of venues for future meetings with a number of possibilities suggested. It was expected that there would be a meeting associated with the General Congress in China.

Stephen Kelley proposed a meeting in the USA to be in tandem with a meeting of the Association for Preservation Technology (APT). He proposed to put this idea to the forthcoming APT meeting in November. In addition Strasbourg and Sri Lanka were mooted, the latter if Pali would be willing to organize it. No decision was taken on these tentative suggestions.

It was resolved that the committee should meet in Barcelona in May or June of next year with three principal items on the agenda:

### ***The election of new officers***

As a relatively new committee the majority of the voting members will need to be replaced at the same time as the election of new officers. Therefore it was agreed that the present voting members should elect the new chairman.

The present secretary has agreed to serve for a further full year (assuming there are no objections) – although as a non- voting member – so that both these offices should not change at the same time.

It was agreed that all who wished to stand for election to chairman should notify the present chairman and secretary before 15<sup>th</sup> January. They should also make a brief statement of their intentions as chairman of the committee. The secretary would then circulate this information to all the members before the meeting in Barcelona.

Stephen Kelly said that he assumed that if the voting member of a country was unable to attend a meeting but a non-voting member was able to be at that meeting then the non-voting member could act as the proxy for the voting member. This proposal was accepted without opposition.

### ***Membership***

The secretary is to send a list of members to everyone.

Nothing has been heard from the member for the Netherlands the secretary is also to write to the Netherlands ICOMOS explaining the situation. (Since the meeting I have discovered that I had been given an incorrect email address.)

### ***Recommendations***

There was some confusion about different wordings that have been noted in the Principles. The position is as follows:

The Principles that were translated into French and forwarded to Paris were ratified at Zimbabwe. While the Chairman and Secretary had made some amendments to clarify the wording of both the Principles and Guidelines no French translation of the amended version was available for Zimbabwe. Therefore it is the original version that has been ratified and so is the official version of the document. It is this amended version that the secretary has been circulating because that is the version that he had available (having deleted the original version from his computer in the hope of avoiding confusion). It is this version, which has been used as the basis for some translations. It was suggested that after Barcelona some changes might be needed to the translations of the Principles.

There was also confusion about the list of members attached to the document. This is (or should be) the list of all those who were members of the committee at the time of the completion of the document. (This would account for some deceased members being on the list.) A definitive list was drawn up at the 2001 meeting in Paris.

There was considerable discussion of the Recommendations. Giorgio Croci noted that in many respects the Recommendations are very general and we might well look towards the production of more specific documents that considered their application in specific situations, such as that for Angkor. Seismic resistance and the structure of Gothic cathedrals were other possible topics suggested. Pere was concerned that the present document deals extensively with investigation and that more guidance needs to be given on interventions.

For the dissemination of the Recommendations, Giorgio Croci wanted an event that resulted in something that could be published as an ISCARSAH document, noting that conference papers have little effect.

Yaacov Schaffer noted that: i) The Recommendations have no reference to maintenance and suggested the need for an annex to cover that. ii) Some reference needs to be made to the environment as it affects the building.

Koen Van Balen agreed with Yaacov's second point and noted (on the basis of comments made on during the conference) that some of the wording of the document is unclear and that we need to take account of this. He hoped that Androniki Militiadou would make notes of some of the comments that had been made. The ideal would be for those speakers with criticisms of the document to make notes of them at the appropriate point on the text. If she could gather these together we would be able to review them.

Michael Pittas reported that he is forming a working group in Cyprus to review the Recommendations and will send the results to the secretary.

Pere Roca would like to see a compilation / synthesis of the comments to be available before the Barcelona meeting.

Androniki Militiadou considered that Part 5 needs more elaboration. It was suggested that Part 5 should become an annex to the document and that the glossary should be removed as an annex. Patricia Emmitt says that we should be careful to use currently accepted definitions and suggested those in the Burra Charter. Heinrich Schroeter opined that we should not attempt a comprehensive glossary – it should simply be a list of the terms we have used clarifying our understanding of these. Stephen Kelley described how the glossary was developed the terms being drawn from the

document and the definitions written to suit the way in which they were used within the document. It was suggested that half a day might be allocated to a discussion of the glossary at the Barcelona meeting.