

Edinburgh 2010 Meeting Minutes



Meeting 1:	June 23	9:30 – 18:00	Archers Hall, Edinburgh
Meeting 2:	June 24	9:30 – 16:00	Newhailes House, Scotland Heritage Site
Event:	June 24	16:30 – 19:30	Roslyn Chapel site visit & Bill Harvey lecture
Meeting 3:	June 25	9:30 -16:00	Scottish Mining Museum
Event:	June 25	16:30 – 18:30	Firth of Forth Bridge and dinner at the Elliott's

Regrets

Kari Avellan (Finland); Juan Carlos Araiza (USA); Gorun Arun (Turkey); Susan Balderstone (Australia); Alessandro Baratta (Italy); Luigia Binda (Italy); Nicolas Charkiolikis (Greece); In Souk Cho (Korea); Vitor Coias (Portugal); Ian Constantine (St Lucia); Dina D'Ayala (Italy); Tiziano Destino (Italy); Stephanos Dritsos (Greece); Wilfred Ferweda (Canada); Predrag Gavrilovic (Macedonia); Mustafa Humo (Bosnia + Herzegovina); Pedro Hurtado Valdez (Peru); Wolfram Jäger (Germany); David Look (USA); Giorgio Macchi (Italy); Giovanni Manieri Elia Italy); Androniki Miltiadou-Fezans (Greece); Peter Phillips (Australia); Heinrich Schroeter (Germany); Ya'acov Shaffer (Israel); Paulo Lourenco (Portugal) Androniki Miltiadou (Greece); Claudio Modena (Italy); Megan Reese (USA); Pere Roca (Spain); Christiane Schmuckle-Mollard (France); Luc Schueremans (Belgium); Marek Skłodowski (Poland); Pierre Smars (Belgium); Ramiro Sofronie (Romania); Patrick Sparks (USA); Will Teron (Canada); Daniel Torrealva (Peru); Christos Tsatsanifos (Greece); Dechen Tshering (Bhutan); Ahmet Turer (Turkey); Koenraad VanBalen (Belgium); Meltem Vatan (Turkey); Elizabeth Vintzileou (Greece); Rachel Will (USA); Gerry Zegerius (Canada)

Attendance:

Nicholas Cheval, France (meetings 2 and 3)
Peter Elliott, UK
Patricia Emmett
Lyne Fontaine, Canada
Donald Friedman, USA
Yoshinori Iwasaki , Japan
Steve Kelley, USA
Toshikazu Hanazato, Japan
Randolph Langenbach, USA
Bernt Mittnacht, Germany
Gregoire Onillon, France (ISCARSAH internship student) (meeting 3)
Michael Pittas, Cyprus
Maria Segarra-Lagunes, Mexico
Pal Stennson, Sweden
David Yeomans, UK

Meeting 1: Administrative Issues

The minutes of the Wojanow meeting held in December 2009 in Poland were approved without any revisions (moved by Kelley and seconded by Elliott).

Membership

The following Expert Members were accepted by the Committee: Takayoshi Aoki (Japan) non-ICOMOS; Arash Boostani (Iran); William Dupont (USA); Orestos Castillo del Prado (Cuba); Luis Fernando Rohden (Brazil); Päl Anders Stensson (Sweden); Eric Delony (USA).

The following Associate Members were accepted by the Committee: Thomas Morrison (Canada); Daniel Ureña Muñoz (Costa Rica); Curt Rohner (USA).

Each new Committee member will receive a congratulatory letter which spells out the responsibility of membership and a copy of the newly adopted Membership Criteria.

Listserv and Web-Based Meetings

A discussion was held on the use of the listserv. It was agreed that postings on the listserv need not be in English but can be in the language that is most suitable for the contributor. Everyone should keep contributions to the listserv short and should not use colloquial expressions.

A Task group led by Langenbach has been established to investigate the use of web-based meetings.

Potential Future Meeting Venues

The following venues were discussed for future meetings (those in **bold** are already established):

***Shanghai (set for 6-8 October, 2010)**

***Havana (confirmed for late May 2011)**

Verona or Vicenza, Italy (Modena)

Lima or Cuzco, Peru (Torrealva)

***ICOMOS General Assembly & Congress, fall 2011 in Paris (venue confirmed on June 26)**

Austin, TX, USA (Patrick Sparks)

Sweden (Pal Stensson)

Japan (Yoshinori Iwasaki)

Durban, SA June 2014 in conjunction with Union of International Architects Congress (Emmett)

Request for Assistance Related to Earthquake in Bhutan

A request for professional assistance in response to a recent earthquake has come from Associate member Dechen Tshering of Bhutan in November 2009. A preliminary assessment report including some photographs was sent to Kelley in December 2009 and discussed with the committee in Poland. Kelley will undertake the mission in July 2010 with World Monument Fund support.

Committee Member presentations

Haiti WMF-ISCARSAH Mission – April 2010

Langenbach, Kelley, and Onillon presented their work assessing the damage to the Gingerbread historic district of Port-au-Prince as well as Jacmel and Léogâne with support of funding from the World Monument Fund, the Prince Claus Fund, and the Fondation de Connaissance et Liberte. The mission also included ISCARSAH member Patrick Sparks.

Masonry Conservation in Sweden

Pal Anders Stensson from the Sweden National Heritage Board made a short presentation on current practices and challenges relative the conservation of heritage masonry. One of the most important challenges is finding appropriate replacement stone where the original (Gotland Sandstone) quarry is no longer in use.

Presentation on Esfahan Mission

Yoshinori Iwasaki undertook a World Heritage Site mission in Esfahan, Iran during the first week of March 2010. A presentation was made to the committee on the main issues. The main concern is the construction of a 3.5 km subway line proposed to pass under the main square.

Presentation on Seismic Modeling in Peru

Toshikazu Hanazato presented academic work on modeling of the seismic resistance of unreinforced brick masonry structure with and without seismic strengthening. The load tests were performed in laboratory facilities located in Japan and in Peru (Catholic University) where there is a joint collaboration program.

Meeting 2: Planning of Cuba Workshop and ISCARSAH Publication

Cuba Workshop

The Committee discussed at length the program of the Cuban meeting and workshop. The meeting was recently confirmed with the Cuban authorities. Post-disaster response and emergency preparedness have become in recent decades a major preoccupation, and even more in the last year with 3 major earthquakes (Abruzzo, Haiti, Bhutan, and Chile) that have devastated the built environment and impacted so many human lives.

The intent of the workshop will be to provide opportunities for an in depth analysis of the current situation, practices, and lessons learned to allow for the development of recommendations to advance knowledge and practice, including the development of a list of subjects for research. The organization of this event will be done in close collaboration with the Cubans colleagues and authorities. Because of the focus nature of this event, and the need for sufficient time to analyze and formulate recommendations, the committee felt that four days would be appropriate, two days workshop and two days meeting.

The proposed program is as follows:

ISCARSAH Workshop: Hurricanes and Earthquakes - Lessons Learned

Day one

Heritage Properties Emergency response - what happens after the event

- Morning - hurricanes/typhoons and surges
- Afternoon - earthquakes and tsunamis

Day Two

Heritage Properties Disaster preparedness - how to prepare for the next one

- Morning - hurricanes/typhoons and surges
- Afternoon - earthquakes and tsunamis

Selected speakers will be invited to present on Lessons Learned with their respective disasters:

Hurricanes/Typhoons - Nargis, Katrina, Rita

Earthquakes/Tsunamis - Haiti, Chengdu, Chile, Kobe, Turkey, Abruzzo, Phuket - Sri Lanka

Required papers must be submitted prior to the conference to allow the rapporteurs to synthesize the lessons learned and to formulate recommendations to be discussed during the following two days at the ISCARSAH meeting. A publication is desired. While electronic version is more affordable, there is still a strong desire to have a hard copy, but not an oversize proceeding. Options to post the papers on the ISCARSAH website will be considered.

There are still a numbers of questions to be resolved and discussed with ICOMOS Cuba:

- Shall we have a protocol or Declaration?
- Who will be the editorialists and rapporteurs?
- Should we talk about new construction (infill) in historic districts and code controls through these districts? How about one paper on this topic?
- Should we include ISC on Historical Cities?
- What other ISCs should be included?
- What kind of publication is possible?

Spanish-English translation will be needed. This event should provide an opportunity for international and local experts to interact. This ISCARSAH event will also be the first one to take place in the Caribbean –South-America area, a major milestone.

A task group was formed, including the following members: Toshikazu Hanazato, Randolph Langenbach, Steve Kelley, Patrick Sparks, Claudio Modena, Maya Segarra, Lyne Fontaine. Maya Segarra-Lagunes, ISCARSAH Mexico Expert Member, will be taking the lead for the communication with the Cuban colleagues.

It is also acknowledged that the meeting in Shanghai which will also discuss post earthquake disaster response will be instrumental in the preparation of the ISCARSAH Cuban workshop and meeting.

ISCARSAH Publication

David Yeomans has initiated contact with a publisher in the UK to discuss ISCARSAH plans to publish a hard copy handbook including the ISCARSAH charter (Principles). The publisher responded enthusiastically to the proposal, including a possible link to the SCIEN website. He will be waiting for ISCARSAH's decision on the subject of the website. The publisher will put ISCARSAH proposal to the editorial board once the website question is clarified.

An outline was previously developed and is included in the Wojanov meeting minutes. The audience for the publication is deemed to be architects and engineers. The publisher wants to identify primary market, and secondary market. While the primary market at this point is intended to be engineers, the primary market could also be defined as design professionals, and the secondary market could be the students. The focus will be on technical aspects, and aesthetics and architectural aspects would be minor. The intention is to capture in depth knowledge of the structural conservation practice.

David Yeomans will be the editor in chief of the book, assisted by Don Friedman. An editorial board will be required. Contributions to the book are expected to come from the ISCARSAH community. One of the contributions to be included would be a commentary on the application of the ISO13822 Standards, Evaluation of existing structures, and its Heritage structure annex, scheduled to be published in 2010. Fontaine will take the lead on this contribution.

Meeting 3: the SCIEN Project

Presentations were made on the proposed SCIEN website by David Yeomans, Grégoire Onillon, and Seamus Phillips from Elliott's office. The PowerPoint presentation on SCIEN is attached to the meeting minutes.

Nottingham University, Head of Conservation Studies, has expressed interest into collaborating on the SCIEN project. While project approval could be initiated in the short term, delays are expected in the staffing action.

Other options to set up the site, apparently offering significant potential because of the simple procedure to access grant, include working with other organization that would specialize more in the dissemination of information and education, and would offer sufficient financial support to initiate and run the project for a few years.

The committee discussed the following:

- Need to have affordable access to the information; JSTOR for example is about 35USD for an article which is considered to be too expensive and constitute a barrier.

- Could an income be generated to cover the cost of the curator in the long term?
- Could advertising be another source of income for the website? It is important that the site remains independent.
- Could user fees be another source of income?
- Need to have a critical mass at an early stage to justify the cost of the curator and access grant.
- Need to offer more than just the abstract.
- Need for peer review, and monitoring of the site content.
- The committee needs to be prudent to avoid creating an undertaking that would become too large to manage. ISCARSAH could be the trigger and allow other group to take over. Working with Universities would seem to offer great potential.
- The committee is already involved in publication with the SAHC group and the *International Journal of Architectural Heritage*. Mutual interests were discussed with Pere Roca with positive response for collaboration. Need to discuss the terms with publishers.
- The book initiative should go ahead, regardless of the development of the website. Timeline may be different. Compatibility will be sought during the development process.
- The website should exhibit the voice of the practitioner.

Seamus Phillips gave some precision on the question of website design:

- Web Design need to be flexible – but first we must understand the need
- Need to think bigger first so that it can accommodate further development

It was agreed that ISCARSAH would proceed with development of the website. A task group was formed to work on further development that included David Yeomans; Nicolas Cheval; Seamus Phillips; Patricia Emmett; Donald Friedman; Lyne Fontaine; and Randolph Langenbach.

It is hope that a mock up of the website can be launched by October 1 (prior to the Shanghai meeting with papers gleaned from recent symposiums in Mostar; Wojanow; Bath; New Delhi; Chicago; and Antalya.