

ISCARSAH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 2023-09-11

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Location: Hybrid



Seminar Room 4-5, Obaku Plaza,
Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Gokasho, Uji, Kyoto, Japan
2023-Sept-11 from 13h00 to 15h00 Japanese Standard Time
And via Zoom

Recording available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xww8BLWbBBI>

ATTENDANCE

The attendance can be found in Appendix A.

1 WELCOME

President Paulo Lourenco welcome all members for in attendance.

Many thanks to local organizers for ensuring everything is setup on time, and for organizing all the events at the conference, with the dinner to follow.

Acknowledgement of the tragedy of multiple recent earthquakes.

This will be a long session, and we'll aim to move quickly through the various topics.

A special Memoriam is acknowledged for Giorgio Macchi, honorary Italian member of ISCARSAH, who passed away at the end of August. An author of the original guidelines who always reached out to engage emerging professionals. More information can be found in the inaugural Bulletin. A brief moment of silence was observed.

2 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The 2022 Meeting Minutes were distributed. For future meetings they will be approved by E-mail.

No comments were received regarding the 2022 Meeting Minutes. They are approved.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Five new members in 2023, 10 and 2022 and 13 in 2021.

3.1 INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS TO ISCARS AH

Welcome to Andrew Salter from the United Kingdom as our new expert members.

Welcome to our new Associate Members: Rafael Ramirez Eudave, Leonard Iho Nabiufe, and Maryam Rahimli.

Welcome to our new Non-ICOMOS Member Carlo Andrews Arce Campos.

3.2 OPERATIONS UPDATES

An update was provided on membership numbers. ISCARS AH Currently have a total of 174 members, of which:

- 111 are Expert Members
- 7 are Honorary Members
- 56 are Associate Members or non-ICOMOS members.

The intent has always been that Associate members would move up to Expert members, or be removed from our lists if inactive, with reviews occurring every 3 years. These are behind and the Secretary General will be updating this in the coming year.

The Non-ICOMOS members are only for special cases, as any member who can become an ICOMOS member in their home country should be an ICOMOS Member.

There is a historic membership category of Corresponding Member, which is planned to be phased out, given the new remote communication tools.

The distribute of members shows that the largest number of members are in the United States, followed by Italy, Turkey Greece, and Romania.

The Secretary General will be updating ICOMOS Numbers to records and overall status in the coming years.

ISCARS AH now has two listservs. This is a trial, as we want to both have a clear announcement location, as well as allowing community. Feedback received indicated that some members really want to have an easy way to communicate with the group, while others want to filter conversations and find too many responses to overwhelm their inbox. We'll try to address both. This means:

- 1) The iscarsah@lists.icomos.org listserv will be used for announcements. Members should not reply to messages sent from here, nor send announcements without confirming with a Bureau Member.

- 2) The iscarsah@gaggle.email listserv is designed to allow easy discussion and communication among members. Everyone is encouraged to post, respond, and dialogue at this location. Users can set it to provide just daily summaries if they wish.

4 INFORMATION ON PAST ISCARS AH ACTIVITIES

Past activities were summarized by Past President Gorun Arun. The committee had been busy in the past year, including:

- Creating a work group to look at ICOMOS Guidelines for Protecting our Built Landscape and Cultural Heritage from Fires. Initial submissions have gone out, but work continues. Members include: Gorun Arun; Maria Bostenaru Dan; Jinendra Bothara; Mehrdad Hejazi; Marcela Hurtado; Jamal Ilayan ; Fatemeh Mehdizadeh; Khushi Shah.
- The April 2020 Webinar was targeted to Latin America and organized by Marcela Hurtado. ISCARS AH saw an increased interest from the region, but final applications to ISCARS AH were not seen.
- Two ICOMOS missions were undertaken by our members. A mission on the Rethanian Rail by Arkadiusz and for Hotel Palas Ohrid by Kari Avellen. (These draw names from the Expert Database).
- The 2022 AGM was a hybrid meeting held in South Korea. This included a scientific meeting followed by a visit to the Royal Banquet Hall of Gyeonghoeru Palace and dinner.
- There was a 2 day Scientific Seminar in Korea coordinated with multiple local groups, seeing strong Korean involvement.
- There was a 2 day Expert Workshop at multiple sites in Korea to look at and discuss approaches.
- The various Korea events resulted in a publication. Dr. In-Souk Cho is thanked for her hard work to create the series of events
- Work was started to do a workshop with the American based Association for Preservation Technology, Preservation Engineering Technical Committee. It has not yet occurred.
- The ISCARS AH Guidelines, led by Pere Roca, is almost complete. To be discussed further.
- Multiple members undertook Desk Reviews for the UNESCO – ICOMOS 2022 WH Nominations.

4.1 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Updates on the website. The current website is on the WordPress platform, which has been easy to use and effective for what has been used so far.

Facebook has 1.9k followers, and 1.8k likes. The last post was made in March 2023. LinkedIn has 0.4k followers. There were 16 posts in 2022 and 2023. YouTube has 45 subscribers, has 8 videos, and a total of 350 views. There is an interest in increasing social media.

A review of traffic analysis sees an increase in traffic following webinars, which quickly drops off following. Italy, USA, and France see the greatest number of visits.

Following discussions on what is needed it was decided that ISCARS AH needs to update the site for greater functionality. One area will be to create a members' section, and as a location to move the various expert database information.

Additional ISCARS AH Principles have been added.

4.2 NATIONAL COMMITTEES

The ISCARS AH National Committee review looked at the Active Committees and the Emerging Committees. In both there is a June 2020 Guideline that aims to help committees. It is important that the National Committees develop a clear mission statement for approval by ISCARS AH. The committees need to establish their own requirements, and report to ISCARS AH every year.

The active committees include: Turkey (2017), Italy (2012), UK (2017), and India. These committees have each undertaken different types of activities. They have included conferences, workshops, webinars, communication with governments, being involved with conservation projects, and sharing knowledge.

Some of the emerging national committees include Japan and Iran.

Members are encouraged to reach out to ISCARS AH where they are looking to contact their national committee or to establish a new one. They can contact Mehrdad Hejazi (mm.hejazi@yahoo.com) or Tom Morrison (tmorrison@heritagestanding.ca) for more information.

Yohei Endo announced that they are prepared, today to launch the Japan National Committee.

Clarification was requested regarding if a member is having trouble registering in their own countries to be involved. This relates to the National ICOMOS committee, and it was suggested that local issues are hard to comment on a global item. The intent is to move forward.

5 PLANNED ISCARS AH ACTIVITIES

There is now a new Bureau, and some time is being taken to organize and undertake issues.

The first decision was to recognize a new Honorary Member – Gorun Arun, our past president. Her extensive service and involvement is summarized in the Bulletin, and we want to say thank you and pass on our congratulations.

The Bureau is now meeting monthly, and looking at how to develop more engaging initiatives and find ways that people can take part. Both new members and emerging professionals are seen as key points

in how those connections are made. There is also an interest in strengthening the image beyond the committee. This is a mission of the entire committee, not just the Bureau.

Some of the new actions being considered include:

- Creating a consolidated triennial action plan
- Revision of By-laws, consider what size of Bureau is required and some of the membership criteria.
- Apply to the European COST Action plan. This helps create a network, and can fund (a very limited number of) non-European members as well.
- Inspire the ISCARSAH National Committees by example. Keep the ISC focus, but provide examples and coordinate with Mehrdad Hejazi. We would like to see the National Committees presenting at the AGM.

Other aspects being undertaken include:

- Revising organization aspects, membership records, annual reports, AGM planning, etc.
- Improving communication to members. This includes looking at how to get information out more often. The Newsletter plays an important role and is very high quality, but it is difficult to generate content. The Bulletin has been started as something to create more frequent but 'lighter' reading to keep engaging with members. The Editor of the Newsletter, María Margarita Segarra Lagunes, confirmed a new issue for September and another one for December with existing past material. Once this is completed, a new call for papers will be issued aiming at a new issue.
- Website and Social Media continue to be important for how to communicate both internally and externally. Looking at ways to boost this relevance.
- The webinars are being looked at as how to create regular events that are done effectively and serve as education for both internal and external.
- Providing special consideration for emerging professionals.
- Completing the revisions to the ISCARSAH Guidelines. This will be covered further in a Webinar as well.
- We are also looking to start multiple new initiatives to be covered. ISCARSAH will send out an E-mail soon to ask for everyone to get involved to help. Details summarized under agenda items 6.4 to 6.7.

We are also interested in any members who want to raise additional potential initiatives.

6 ISCARSAH INITIATIVES

6.1 ISCARSAH GUIDELINES

The ISCASRAH Guidelines were presented by Pere Roca. The sub-committee has been very active. The initial document has been largely improved, with a final draft to be sent to Members following this meeting.

This final version included many improvements to clarify and better align with ISCARSAH Principles. Some of the important improvements include:

- Re-naming the phases of study to match the Principles.
- Creating a new section on Control measures
- A new section on Structural Analysis has been included, while further discussion is contained in multiple locations.
- Section 1.5 has extended discussion of the phases of study and how the projects can be approached. This includes new flowcharts to aid users that help with the complex process required.

Many section have been revised, with extensive re-writing to meet the goals. Additional Annexes have been added with a glossary and check list.

The proposed procedure is for the updated guideline to be distributed. Members are asked to provide suggestions to November 15th. This feedback will be revised and incorporated by January. The goal is to disseminate the document in March, including the webinar.

6.2 WEBINARS PLANNED

2023 webinar updates: We have not yet had one this year, as we had been aiming to coordinate with an external group as well.

The goal now is to do an ISCARSAH Webinar in November on the 2023 Turkey-Syria Earthquake, followed by a spring 2024 webinar on the New ISCARSAH Guidelines. The current goal is to do at least 2 a year.

6.3 COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTER

The new Bulletin was created. The idea would be to use short letters from members alongside small updates. Pictures, small amount of text, experiences, are all valuable. The goal is to produce 2 a year, and the first Bulletin has just been distributed.

6.4 CATALOGUING MASONRY ISSUES

Covered in the presentation section.

Historic masonry assemblies are complex problems. Improved coordination of information will benefit ISCARSAH members. The overall plan is to create clearer pictures of what is being done in the various global regions so that all professionals are more able to learn from each other.

This Working Group will aim to help countries find simplified but sufficiently reliable approaches to apply to local problems.

6.5 ISCARSAH EXAMPLES

Presented by Kai Weise. His proposed initiative is to create a database for examples. This was based around a few starting points, such as:

- The ISCARSAH members are working all over the world.
- They have a wealth of knowledge
- How to share experience?

From here a number of key points were highlighted for what can be done. If members submit examples, they would focus on particular projects where a member has been closely involved so that they can provide a critical analysis of what was done.

Each contribution would be discussed in the Working Group, lessons learned identified, and differences of opinions documented.

Potential examples could include:

- Interventions, pros and cons, results
- Discussion of anastylosis use
- Safety standards for historical structures, how is this assessed alongside codes.
- Discussions on understanding traditional technology, material, and involvement of traditional craftspeople.
- Lessons learned by themes, as diverse as: technology, materials, procedures, funding, research, community, change, etc.

Tentative timeline is to establish the committee by the end of October. The end of December will look at collecting case studies. End of July 2024 to complete online meetings for reviews. End of December 2024 to complete a draft report on the examples for external publication. With a Webinar on the topic before July 2025, aligned with uploading the report to the website.

6.6 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTIVE REUSE

This working group is looking at Climate Change and Adaptation White Paper that explores the intersection between climate change and the analysis and restoration of architectural heritage. The timeline will be similar:

- October 2023 establish the team
- November 2023 selection of co-authors
- December 2023 start online meetings
- July 2024 complete online meetings
- December 2024 finish report and do a journal submission

Looking forward to interest.

6.7 BUILDING CODES AND ISCARSAH PRINCIPLES

The final working group will look at the challenges codes not being aligned to the ISCARSAH Principles. The ISCARSAH Principles highlight the challenge in this regards, particularly under Item 2.8. This creates a problem as it is a challenge to justify an alternative approach to safety. Experience can be very different in different countries.

This working group would elaborate on this topic, looking at how to influence the harmonization of codes and the ISCARSAH Principles. If this is accepted, the goal would be to establish a working group that will refine the plan and develop a strategy to undertake the problem.

Starting late October, the information from members will be collected by the end of April 2024 so that the working group can process and analysis data, creating a report for December 2024, with publication for July 2025.

The team looks forward to interest and involvement from members.

Global discussion:

It was confirmed that the Bureau would send around a survey for members to become involved. These are not intended to be closed groups, but to provide a starting point for Working Groups, where the Working Groups will further develop as needed.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 FUTURE AGM ANNOUNCEMENTS AND 2024 AGM

We are hoping to announce the 2024 meeting in the next two months so that members can plan ahead. The aim is to include a technical visit or coordinate with a local conference. It is hoped that all future meetings will be announced early.

7.2 2025 AGM TO BE WITH THE NEXT SAHC MEETING

The next SAHC conference will be in Lausanne Sept 14-16th , 2025. It is hoped that a ISCARSAH AGM would occur there.

The aim for 2026 would be to do a AGM with the ICOMOS GA, possibly with a 2nd ISCARSAH meeting at APT.

7.3 NOTRE-DAME TECHNICAL TOUR

Would there be interest from membership to have a technical tour at the site. The room was asked for interest, and multiple members expressed interest. The potential for this will be investigated.

7.4 POSSIBLE MISSION TO MOROCCO

There is the hope to organize a mission to Morocco. This discussion is just starting.

8 PRESENTATIONS

All presentations can be viewed in YouTube. They include:

- Conservation of Main Tower, Bayon Temple, Angkor, Cambodia. Presented by: Yoshinori Iwasaki
- World catalogue of Masonry Types per homogeneous area/country and their mechanical characterization through laboratory, onsite testing and numerical modelling. Presented by: Filippo Casarin
- Reconstruction/restoration of wooden structure – Relocation, restoration, intervention and Adaptive reuse of Ajaedang Hall in Paju Korea. Presented by: In-Souk Cho
- Future On The Past: From early 20th century architecture photography collection to database: digital humanities applied to investigate local seismic, flood, fire culture. Presented by: Maria Bostenaru Dan.

9 ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX A: ATTENDANCE LIST

Last Name	First Name	Country	Attendance
EXECUTIVE BOARD			
Lourenco	Paulo	Portugal	In person
Cazamir	Radu	Romania	In person
Hejazi	Mehrdad	Iran	Virtual
Michiels	Tim	Belgium	Virtual
Napolitano	Rebecca	USA	Virtual
Vatan	Meltem	Turkey	Virtual
Menon	Arun	India	In person
Morrison	Tom	Canada	Virtual
EXPERT MEMBERS			
Al-Murri	Tariq	Egypt	
Almac	Umut	Turkey	
Almazova	Nataliya	Russia	
Aguilar	Rafael	Peru	
Aoki	Takayoshi	Japan	Regrets
Avellan	Kari	Finland	
Baratta	Alessandro	Italy	Virtual
Beckh	Matthias	Germany	
Bednarz	Lukasz	Poland	Virtual
Boostani	Arash	Iran	
Bostenaru Dan	Maria	Romania	Virtual
Caillaut	Pierre Yves	France	
Ceravolo	Rosario	Italy	In person
Cheval	Nicolas	France	Virtual

Cho	In-Souk	Korea	In person
Chung	Wan Wong	Singapore	Virtual
Coias	Vitor	Portugal	Regrets
Corbi	Ilieana	Italy	
Corbi	Octavia	Italy	
Costa	Alexandre	Portugal	
D'Ayala	Dina	Italy	Regrets
Dupont	William	USA	
Drougkas	Anastasios (Tasos)	Greece	Virtual
Dumsick	John	USA	Regrets
El Harrouni	Khalid	Morocco	In person
Emmett	Patricia	South Africa	
Endo	Yohei	Japan	In person
Ferwerda	Wilfred	Netherlands	Regrets
Friedman	Donald	USA	In person
Frostick	Robert	UK	
Garciano	Leo	Philippines	
Greco	Federica	Italy/UK	
Hanazato	Toshikazu	Japan	In person
Hurtado Saldías	Marcela	Chile	Regrets
Huttunen	Marko	Finland	Virtual
Iwasaki	Yoshinori	Japan	In person
Jaeger	Wolfram	Germany	Regrets
Jasienko	Jerzy	Poland	
Jigyasu	Rohit	India	
Jo	Sangsun	Korea	Virtual
Kuleli	Ayse Esin	Turkey	
Kwiecień	Arkadiusz	Poland	In person
Laefer	Debra	USA	
Langenbach	Randolph	USA	

Mehdizadeh Saradj	Fatima	Iran	Regrets
Manieri Elia	Giovanni	Italy	
Meli	Roberto	Mexico	
Mileto	Camilla	Spain	
Mittnaccht	Berndt	Germany	In person
Moșoarcă	Marius	Romania	In person
Mosseri	Avi	Israel	
Mouton	Benjamin	France	
Niglio	Olimpia	Italy	Regrets
Padilla-Guerrero	Francisco Javier	Mexico	Regrets
Paradiso	Michele	Cuba	
Phillips	Peter	Australia	Virtual
Pittas	Michael	Cyprus	Regrets
Rihal	Satwant	USA	In person
Ronen	Meir	Israel	
Roseboom	Owen	USA	
Ruggieri	Nicola	Italy	
Sacko	Oussouby	Mali	Regrets
Saloustros	Savvas	Greece	In person
Salter	Andrew Philip	UK	
Santana Quintero	Mario	Belgium/Canada	
Sarhosis	Vasilis	Greece/UK	
Schaffer	Yaacov	Israel	Regrets
Schmuckle	Christiane	France	
Schuller	Michael	USA	Regrets
Sklodowski	Marek	Poland	Virtual
Smars	Pierre	Belgium	In person
Sofronie	Ramiro	Romania	
Sparks	Patrick	USA	Virtual
Stensson	Päl Anders	Sweden	Virtual

Strelbitsky	Ivan	Russia	Regrets
Stylianidis	Kosmas	Greece	
Tarque	Nicolas	Peru	In person
Taravat	Hamidreza	Australia	Virtual
Teron	Will	Canada	Regrets
Thelin	Carl	Sweden	Virtual
Torrealva	Daniel	Peru	In person
Tsakanika	Eleftheria	Greece	Virtual
Tsatsanifos	Christos	Greece	
Turer	Ahmet	Turkey	Regrets
Vallis	Stacy	New Zealand	
Vargas Neumann	Julio	Peru	
Verstrynge	Els	Belgium	Regrets
Vegas	Fernando	Spain	
Vintzelou	Elizabeth	Greece	Regrets
Weise	Kai	Nepal	Virtual

HONORARY MEMBERS

Arun	Gorun	Turkey	Virtual
Drdacky	Milos	Czech Republic	Regrets
Fontaine	Lyne	Canada	
Gavrilovic	Predrag	Macedonia	
Kelley	Stephen	USA	In person
Miltiadou-Fezans	Androniki	Greece	Regrets
Modena	Claudio	Italy	
Roca	Pere	Spain	Virtual
Schroeter	Heinrich	Germany	
Segarra-Lagunes	Maria Margarita	Mexico	
Van Balen	Prof. Koenraad	Belgium	Regrets
Wijeratne	Pali	Sri Lanka	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS			
Abdollahnejad	Zahra	Iran	
Akintunde	Sola	Nigeria	
Alaboz	Murat	Turkey	
Angjeliu	Grigor	Italy/Albania	
Apak	Kerimcan	Turkey	Virtual
Aranha	Chrysl	India/USA	
Bae	JeeYeon	Korea	
Brookes	Scott	UK	
Casarin	Filippo	Italy	In person
Cascardi	Alessio	Italy	
Cho	Eun Kyung	Korea	Regrets
Curmi	Angela	USA	Regrets
Dritsos	Stephanos	Greece	Virtual
Eudave	Rafael Ramírez	Portugal	Regrets
Giardina	Giorgia	Italy	Regrets
Gruia	Liviu	Romania	Virtual
Gurnik	Natasa Jurgec	Slovenia	Virtual
Hamdon	Alaa	Iraq	
Hotes	Robert	USA	Regrets
Kim	Namhee	Korea	
Kurusco	Ali Osman	Turkey	
Leonard	Iho Nnabuife	Nigeria	Regrets
Lungu	Sebastian	Romania	In person
Malomo	Daniele	Canada	
Olgun	Nilgün	Turkey	
Özata	Şerife	Turkey	Virtual
Palantzas	Thodoris	Greece	Regrets
Pecchioli	Laura	Germany	Regrets

Pelà	Luca	Spain	In person
Phillips	Seamus	UK	
Pujara	Nirzary	India	
Pulatsu	Bora	Canada	
Rahimli	Maryam	Azerbaijan	Virtual
Riggio	Mariapaola	Italy	
Şengün	Rabia	Turkey	
Shah	Khushi	India	Virtual
Speer	Evan	USA	Regrets
Stepinac	Mislav	Croatia	In person
Tan	Ian	Hong Kong	
Tarczewski	Romuald	Poland	Regrets
Urena Muñoz	Daniel	Costa Rica	
Yüzer	Nabi	Turkey	Regrets
NON-ICOMOS Members			
Abdessemed Foufa	Amina	Algeria	
Bothara	Jitendra	New Zealand	Virtual
Campos	Carlos Andres Arce	USA	In Person
Cruz	Arturo	Australia	
Humo	Mustafa	B + H	In person
Thamboo	Julian	Sri Lanka	Virtual
Valluzzi	Maria Rosa	Italy	

Non-members attending:

- Eva Coisson
- Terrence Parret
- Alexander Mosoarca
- Stelian Achim
- Hajjme Yokouchi

- Eisuke Nishikawa

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