

**Comité scientifique international pour la pierre
International Scientific Committee for Stone**

**Minutes of the 4th meeting held at ICOMOS/IGME, Athens
on May 16-17th 2003**

Report

Next ISCS meeting:

Thailand and Cambodia

Dates: 7th - 16th December, 2003

Our hosts: ISCS, ICOMOS Thailand, National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo and APSARA Authority, Cambodia [Detailed agenda](#)

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Friday 16 May, 2003

Morning:

. Visit of the following sites : restoration work of Hadrian's arch ; ancient path of Acropolis archaeological site, conservation work of marble of Acropolis monuments ; ancient agora, restoration work of Hadrian's Library and ancient Kerameikos.

Afternoon :

. Meeting at ICOMOS premises.

1. Approval of the Brussels meeting report

2. Discussion on the location of the next meeting

. Invitation to Tour Cambodia / Thailand.

. Invitation includes up to 15 members (invitation excludes dinners and flight to Cambodia).
. The next meeting will be held in December 2003 in Thailand and Cambodia. Some members will be unable to attend since it is the end of an academic term.

. It is asked whether the host committee can gather and distribute (possibly beforehand) background information and questions on each one of the visited sites, so that discussion can go deeper.

3. Stockholm – Stone Conference June 27 – July 2, 2004

. MKR recommends (supported by members) having an ISCS meeting after the conference on Saturday July 3 – July 4th in Stockholm.

. question to MKR : is it possible to have "live" internet connection to demonstrate ISC website?
. MKR needs to ask ICOMOS Stockholm if it is possible to have a computer terminal with access to the web site, in the trade show or exhibit space, of the conference.

4. Upcoming Stone Conservation Conferences

. Notices: ISCS website will have key conferences listed.

. Request : in addition to the information provided by the web site, ISCS members are kindly asked to continue to use ordinary e-mail for informing fellow ICOMOS members / stone experts about conferences , events etc...

. VVB suggests to committee members to speak about the ISCS work at conferences. They should simply inform ISCS President and Secretary when wishing to represent ISCS.

5. Presentation: the Getty Conservation Institute's Intern and Guest Scholar Programs, by SSN

. www.getty.edu/grants/funding/research/scholars

. Opportunity for guest scholars to finish a project (research / publication) that they would not have the time to complete at job.

. Deadline: July 2003 for 2004/05 program

. Looking for good selection of candidates and in particular seeking applications from candidates from countries that have not participated in the past, for example, Greece.

. SSN extended an invitation to ISCS to host an upcoming meeting at the Getty.

6. Presentation: research Priorities from Historic Scotland, by IML

TML shared information about recent publications from his department, TCR;

. Conference Proceedings: Conservation of Historic Graveyards

. Chemical Consolidants and Water Repellants for Sandstone in Scotland

7. Presentation: "ISCS web site", by VVB

The presentation of the web site, focuses more particularly on the glossary and on illustrations.

On the first page, the sentence introducing the glossaries was considered as not clear enough. "Eight glossaries, covering terms and definitions in English, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Italian and French have been gathered into this glossary. A cumulated alphabetical list, including all the terms that can be found in a specific language in different glossaries, has been set up. A click on a specific term permits to visualise simultaneously all the available definitions and translations of the term".

Suggestions are to be made to clarify this introduction (WKN could help?)

The main points discussed are referring to the illustrations: scale of representation of the decay patterns, comments to be added. BFR suggests that all pictures have the same/a similar scale : e.g. 20 cm < side of picture < 1 m. He stresses that for better understanding, two pictures describing a form should have the same scales. On the other hand other attending persons think that a multiple scale illustration can provide better illustration of a decay pattern. For instance, 1st photo / overview (part of a facade) 2nd photo a detail (single alveole for instance).

As a consensus cannot really be obtained, the group agrees on the following:

. for each term, illustrations at several scales can be accepted. Comments or graphic indications should

be added on the photos which are illustrating several decay patterns. Detailed images of some parts of the photos can also be added as an help for understanding the morphology of the decay.

. each photo should have an indication of :

- scale

- location

- kind of stone

- date

- author

. BFR will send to VVB a selection of 100 photographs.

Saturday 17 May, 2003

1. Glossary

A table including all the terms of the cumulated list in English, to which the terms of the Fitzner's system are added, is distributed to the participants. No term is eliminated yet, but a specific notification on the status of each one is mentioned:

. eliminated/kept during the Brussels meeting ;

. remarks by colleagues (Charola/Snethlage) who did not attend the Athens meeting.

As a result of the work on that day, and some days after, the table is completed with:

. definitions proposed by the group in Athens,

. definitions proposed by colleagues after the Athens meeting, following special request.

The resulting table is a starting point for further work until and during next meeting.

The group agrees that each definition to be set up in the future should:

. Take the pre-existing definitions as a basis (much work already done by colleagues)
. Give the following information: definitions of the term, description of the morphology, size, color, consistency of the decay pattern, provide short information on its behavior, relationship to the sound stone. Example:

Crust: Surface layer of alteration of the stone material or of chemicals used as previous treatments. The layer has a variable thickness, is fragile and it is visibly distinguished from the underlying parts by its morphological characteristics and very often by the color (its chemical and mineralogical nature and physical characteristics are partly or completely different from those of the material from which it can be separated). It can detach, even spontaneously, from the substrate, which, generally, is disaggregated and pulverulent.

2. Stockholm paper

The Headlines of the paper on the activities of ISCS to be presented in Stockholm congress are discussed. WKN proposes to ask A. Arnold for a contribution to the § “historical background”.

3. Visit to Cap Sounion

Myrsini and her husband kindly drive the group to an ‘almost sunset’ visit of the temple of Poseidon in Cap Sounion. Nice dinner in a tavern on the way back

ANNEX 1: Members list

ANNEX 2: MAY 2003 ICOMOS-ISCS CUMULATED GLOSSARY (ENGLISH): available on request