

## **Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting (New York City; 21-24 / 10 / 2012)**

Two meetings were held in NYC in the framework of the international conference on deterioration and conservation of stone: the first one on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the New York Public Library and the second one on October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Columbia University. The second one was open to the all interested participants of the conference.

Many thanks to Kyle Normandin and George Wheeler, who kindly organized these two events with the Board.

Many thanks also to V. Fassina, K. Normandin, S. Sikka, H. Svahn- Garreau, V. Vergès- Belmin and D. Young who joined the Board for the first discussion in the Public Library.

The first meeting was an informal exchange of opinions in order to prepare for the second, the regular ISCS meeting. Discussions were about the multilingual glossary, the content of the next triennial workplan, and a suggestion to modify the ISCS statutes.

S. Simon (SSN) announced first the death of our colleague Boris T. Sizov, representative of the Russian Federation in ISCS, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He notably spoke about the work in stone conservation of our departed colleague. An obituary will be presented in our next newsletter.

### **1. Current developments of the multilingual glossary**

Completed glossary (printed version and pdf file): English, French, German, Czech (the Czech is not yet available for download on ICOMOS and ISCS websites)

Completed glossary as a pdf file: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish

Translation completed: Arabic, Farsi, Georgian

Translation in progress: Dutch, Italian, Greek, Hebrew, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Swedish, Turkish

Translation to be initiated: Hindi (and regional languages), Hungarian; Akos Török (Hungarian) and Sandeep Sikka (Hindi) volunteered to set up a translation committee and coordinate the translation.

### **2. Talks**

Andrew McMillan (AAM) presented an “update on the newly formed Scottish Geodiversity Forum and raising awareness & public appreciation of stone-built heritage”.

SSN gave a short talk on the “issue of shelters and in- situ museums in stone conservation”.

### **3. Next triennial work plan**

Practical work

- Set up of a working group on simple field methods

- Disseminate multilingual ISCS glossary and encourage the best practices
- Increase the offers of our assistance in our field of expertise to institutions

#### Communication survey

- Develop a strategy to disseminate our knowledge in stone conservation and geodiversity to the public in a cascade from the peer to the public (including youth)
- Promote sharing of our knowledge on the wider field of Inorganic and Porous Building Materials
- Develop the exchange information for conservation and restoration between Europe and Asian countries

#### Internal work

- Foster the connections and links with other ISCs
- Help the creation of National stones committees and have good connections with them
- Disseminate our newsletters in the three official languages of ICOMOS
- Create a facebook profile and a forum for discussion
- Update the website

#### 4. new members

Emine Caner- Saltik (Turkey), Amelia Dionisio (Portugal), Tarek Nazel (Egypt) and Jacques Neguer (Israel) are accepted as new expert members of ISCS. In order to validate these elections, some of candidates need to send their ICOMOS membership number to the ISCS Secretary.

Hee Sook Lee- Niinioja (Norway) and Charlotte Trigance (France) are accepted as associate members of ISCS.

#### 5. Modification of the ISCS statute: Proposal of amendment

The first sentence in Article 5.4 of ISCS Statute:

*“The Committee elects a Bureau: a president, a vice-president and a general secretary, when possible from three separate countries and a treasurer for a three year period.”*

Is proposed to be replaced with:

*“The Bureau shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary General and a Treasurer, all from different countries, for a three year period. The Bureau has the option to co-opt up to 2 or 4 additional Vice Presidents to assist in achieving regional representation and fulfilling the Committee's Work Plan.”*

*NOTE: The regions reflect the 5 UNESCO regional groups as follows: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Arab States.*

This modification will be submitted to the voting and expert members for advice and consultation in December 2012. The voting members will have to vote electronically before the January 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. If the change is accepted, it will be subsequently submitted to ICLAFI and ICOMOS Headquarters for approval.

## 6. Next meetings and conferences

SSN proposed to devote a next ISCS conference on the issue of shelters and in- situ museums in stone conservation". It could be held in Asia in 2014.

Another proposal is to organize a conference which would include the cheap Non Destructive Techniques for stone conservation as one of its main topics.

SSN replies to all that ISCS has received the offer to host a session at the next CIPA meeting which will held in Strasbourg September 2<sup>nd</sup> -6th 2013. ISCS has also received the offer to co-organize a conference or workshop together with ISCEAH.

AMM announces that the third Historic Mortars Conference will be held in (11-13 September 2013 ([www.uws.ac.uk/engineering/3rd-historic-mortars-conference-hmc13/](http://www.uws.ac.uk/engineering/3rd-historic-mortars-conference-hmc13/))). He suggested that it might possible to have an ISCS meeting just before or after this meeting.

Jean-Marc Vallet announced that the next RIPAM (International meeting on Mediterranean architectural heritage) will be held in Marseilles next October 2013 and proposed also to have an ISCS meeting just before.

Jean-Marc Vallet  
General Secretary

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