

23rd – Meeting of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Stone (ISCS)

Hosted by the Building Stone Team of the British Geological Survey, and Andrew McMillan

at Murchison House, Edinburgh, Scotland UK

20th-21st of May 2015

Presents

Name	Acronym	Organisation	State
<i>From ISCS</i>			
Göze Akoğlu	GAU		TR
Ann Bourgès	ABS	LRMH	FR
Takeshi Ishizaki	TII	Tohoku University of Art and Design	JN
Jiyoung Kim	JKM		RK
Mazayuki Morii	MMI	National Research Institute for Cultural Properties	JN
Andrew McMillan	AMM	Formerly BGS	UK
Ingval Maxwell	IML	Honorary member	UK
Stefan Simon	SSN	Yale University	GE, USA
Jean-Marc Vallet	JMV	CICRP	FR
<i>Guests</i>			
Hilde de Clerq	HDC	IRPA-KIIK	BE
Alan Fyfe	AFE	Formerly BGS	UK
John Hughes	JHS	University of Glasgow	UK
Olivier Malavergne	OME	LRMH	FR
Martin Gillespie	MGE	BGS	UK
Colin Tennant	CTT	Historic Scotland	UK

Emily Tracey	ETY	BGS	UK
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Apologies: M. Assénat, C. Blauer, E. Bourguignon, P. Bromblet, E. Charola, C. Cornu, M. Côté, M. Drdácáký, E. Hyslop, H. Leisen, J. Łukaszewicz, D. Michoinová, K. Normandin, M. Theodoridou, F. Tourneur, V. Vergès- Belmin, D. Young

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1. Introduction

The committee was welcomed by MGE (head of stone department at BGS Scotland).

AAM introduced the meeting and there was a brief tour de table.

Voting members: 3 voting members are present.

2. Minutes of the 22nd meeting

- No remark.

3. Elections

The current number of nominating voting members is 25. Only 7 voting members voted before the 7th of April 2015 (first deadline). The outgoing board and ICOMOS international commonly decided to extend the deadline to the 10th of May 2015 and to ask for new votes.

16 voting members voted and 9 sent no response. 15 votes were counted because one voting member represents two countries and the scrutator preferred to count one vote for one person.

The votes were unanimously for the new proposed management team: S. Simon for President, T. Ishizaki for Vice President and A. Bourgès for Secretary General.

The results have been approved by both international ICOMOS (Gaia Jungeblodt) and ICLAFI (Gideon Koren who was our scrutineer)

The votes highlighted two administrative points:

- Quorum that must be reached for elections is not clearly defined in our statutes that should be then modified;
- Our scrutineer reminded us of the article IV B 4 of the Eager Xi'an principles: it stipulates that the bureau executive's voting will be restricted to one expert member per state. So he concluded that the best option would be to have one voting member each country. He was seeking the opinion of SC officers.

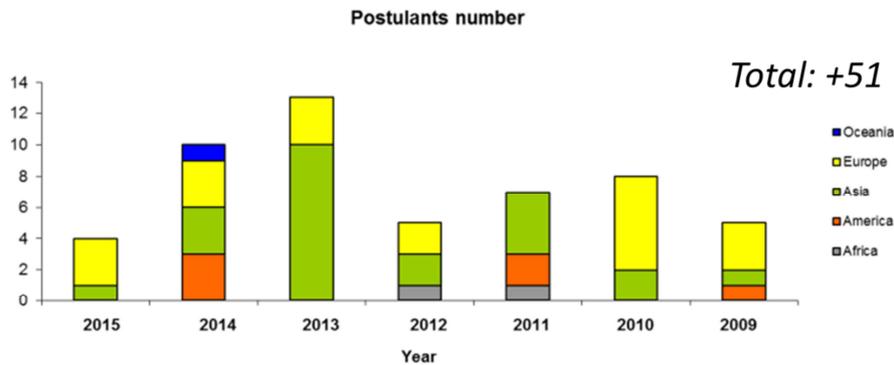
4. Applicants

4 new applications were received:

Evangelia Kardara (Greece), Ronald Lusia (Latvia), Satish Pandey (India) and Delphine Vandevoorde (Belgium) join the committee as expert members.

E. Kardara is the new voting member representing Greece.

JMV presented the evolution of the numbers of applicants from 2009 (see the graph below)



5. Discussion and agreement on the next Triennial Work Plan

The main point of agreement for the next triennial is to get a better involvement from members of the committee; indeed, the board may ask first for some short slides of ongoing projects and interest to members (starting with new members of the last 4 years). The board will group and format the slides to be in open access from the ISCS web site. From this active membership, common axes of interest may emerge which would be a source of discussion and material to build, for instance, focused conferences.

The ISCS web site can be a tool to facilitate communication. Then active links can be added to the site, as actualities on conferences of interest for the group, but also stone congresses acts to be uploaded.

6. Update on the multilingual glossary

The Japanese version is online since the last annual meeting.

- Persian: has been ready for 3 years but the file is too large to be uploaded on the web site.
- Portuguese: request from J. Delgado Rodrigues for a contact person. JMV will be the contact person and the link between the Board and the Portuguese translation team.
- Polish: J. Łukaszewicz informed the committee that the Polish version is ready and she is waiting for the layout etc. JMV will send her all the files she needs to make the Polish version ready-to-publish.
- No news from authors of the Arabic and Chinese versions.

7. Update on the website

Database: OME agreed that the best solution is to create a database of the glossary illustrations on ISCS website.

JMV suggested to write first a user manual to submit the photos and some rules for involved experts in the review of the photos, legends etc.

OME is in touch with AAM and AFE to transfer the content of the current database that is hosted by LRMH.

AAM is in charge of the development of the database in relationship with AFE and JMV.

8. Other

IML suggested contacting the members in order to receive images reflecting on what they are working. It will be an input to the website and will give an overview of the current issues.

9. Relationships between ICOMOS-ISCS and the scientific committee of the international stone congresses

All agreed that the proceedings will be available on ISCS website as one or two pdf files that can be downloaded and allow keywords search.

JHS agreed providing the proceedings of the next stone congress (it will be held in Glasgow at September 2016).

10. Presentations

6 presentations were given the 20th of May afternoon.

Ingal Maxwell: Work of COTAC (Council on Training & Architectural Conservation) of which he is Chairman of the Trustees.

Colin Tennant: Presentation on the Engine Shed in Stirling (creation of Scotland's first Building Conservation Centre).

Göze Akoğlu: Using Non Destructive Techniques for the Evaluation of Nemrut Dağ Sandstone Deterioration and Their Conservation Treatments.

Masayuki Morii: Reconstruction of the shelter for Buddhist image carved on tuff cliff.

Takeshi Ishizaki: Deterioration mechanism of stone building materials by frost heave process in cold region

Ann Bourgès: Review and new understanding of earthen material consolidation with ethyl silicate.

An illustrated abstract for each of these presentations will be given in the newsletter 5.

A. Bourgès, A. McMillan and J.-M. Vallet