

ICOMOS GA Marrakech 2019

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ADCOM ISC

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Review of Eger-Xi'an Principles 2005

- *Scientific council is looking for volunteers to join the Eiger Xian Review Working Group*

Task ISC: "Gather, study and disseminate information concerning principles, techniques and policies" related to heritage protection."

ISC Health and Compliance:

- OK voor ISCS

Memberships

- ISC members should be indicated in international database. Visible for ISC, Secretariat, and National Committees.

Eger-Xi'an Principles 2005

The review will examine the activities of each International Scientific Committee to determine whether the Committee is in compliance with the ICOMOS Statutes and Ethical Principles, the Eger-Xi'an Principles, and the Malta Guidelines for International Scientific Committees, and in particular:

- *whether the Committee has provided a **list of its members** to the International Secretariat*
- *whether the Committee has submitted an **annual report** of its activities to the International Secretariat*
- *whether the Committee has acted in a way that is **inconsistent** with the aims and objectives of ICOMOS*
- *whether the Committee is in **breach of any decision** of the Advisory Committee, the Board or the General Assembly*
- *whether the **By-Laws** of the Committee are in accordance with the Model By-Laws for International Scientific Committees, and whether the Committee is in breach of its own By-Laws*
- *whether the Committee has held **annual meetings and elections** in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles*
- *whether the Committee has refused to **admit new members** without adequate reasons*
- *whether the Committee continues to be **professionally active** in its area of expertise*

What does an active ISC do between AdCom meetings?

EIGER XIAN	IMPLEMENTATION
Submits annual member list	DATABASE ENTRIES
Provides Annual report	ANNUAL REPORT (March)
Holds regular elections	+ NEW BOARD MEMBERS
Organises annual meetings	ACTIVE & PROFESSIONAL
Abides by ICOMOS rules and objectives	ACCOUNTABLE & RESPONSIVE
Uses ICOMOS by-laws	UPDATED BY 2020
Admits new members	OPEN & GROWING
Professionally active (Triennial work plan)	Research, doctrine, ICOMOS Working Groups, practice standards, collaborations
Engage with Emerging Professionals	EPs on ISC Boards, involved in projects
Communicates	AT ADCOM, VIA WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA

How active are ISC?

- Several very small committees?
- Several committees recycling officers?
- Some silent committees?
- Ancient data bases of inactive “members”?
- Defining Activity
- Is there overlap or GAPS?
- Are inter-disciplinary Working Groups the future format?
- Invite membership annually
- Succession Planning is needed
- Support communications
- ICOMOS database available
- Review of Eiger Xian principles by the Scientific Council 2020
- New ways of working

ISC By-Laws

The adopted Model by-laws are sent to all ISCs on June 26, 2019

“All ISCs are therefore invited to initiate already this year the revision and updating of their Committee’s By-laws on the basis of this new model, with the aim to adopt their new By-laws at the latest at the ISC meetings which they will all be having on the occasion of the 2020 General Assembly in Sydney, in October 2020.”

International membership database

For ISCs:

- help you list your members
- check their contact details
- verify your members are “active” during any given year (i.e. if they have paid their annual membership fees or not).
- extract a list showing your members’ names, status and contact details. This is for example important when organising the elections of your Committee

Save

ICTC – Cultural Tourism

Details Addresses Members

Select Existing

Member	Status	Position	Member Status	Unselect
Dupond Jacques	Expert Member	President	✓	✗
Doe Jane	Associate Member	- None -	✓	✗
Dupond Pablo	- None -	Secretary	✗	✗

Example of a list of ISC members (the names are not real of course). Green symbol: the member is “active”; red symbol: the member is “inactive”

Annual report ISC

- What are the main priorities and scientific issues in heritage discourse NOW?
- How active are ICOMOS ISCs?
- How can ICOMOS demonstrate its leadership in good conservation practice?


ICOMOS NCs AND ISCs ANNUAL REPORTS ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Every year, the International Secretariat analyses the annual reports submitted by ICOMOS National Committees and International Scientific Committees. These annual reports are tremendously helpful for the International Secretariat to assess the health of the Committees, and thus be able to adapt its response to the issues they might be facing.

This document intends to provide a short summary of the International Secretariat's analysis of the annual reports, in order to inform NCs, ISCs and Working Groups of our findings.

This year, 64 out of 107 National Committees and 21 out of 28 International Scientific Committees submitted their annual reports. Although it was not mandatory for Working Groups to send a report, the Secretariat received reports from two Working Groups which were added to the table analysing ISCs' reports.

We would like to thank all the members who took the time to prepare and send these reports to the International Secretariat. Your help is greatly appreciated.



EVENTS

This year **1060 events** were organised by ICOMOS NCS and ISCs

920 events were organised by NCS

140 events were organised by ISCs

MAIN HERITAGE ISSUES

ICOMOS Committees were asked to list the current five main heritage issues impacting their work. A variety of issues were mentioned. Here are the main heritage issues found in the annual reports:

Climate change/
Environment

Awareness/
Information

Endangered
heritage

Lack of funding

Policy

Cooperation

World Heritage

While each Committee noted different heritage issues related to their local context, a few recurring themes were mentioned by a majority of Committees, such as climate change. Numerous Committees and especially ISCs mentioned that the effects of climate change are taking a toll on their country's heritage and that protective measures need to be taken.

Funding, or the lack thereof, is also a recurring problem and generates other issues. It appears that many Committees face a lack of heritage funding from the government or the public sector, which leads to limited resources being allocated to these Committees, thus preventing them from developing their activity. This lack of funding is often attributed to a low level of awareness of the importance of heritage.

Consequently, some Committees noted the absence of or inadequate policies for the protection of heritage.

This lack of awareness or information is another recurring issue, as most Committees note a low level of awareness of the value of heritage from the government, public organisations and the general public. Some Committees have even observed a lack of knowledge among heritage professionals and insufficient professional training, which often leads to inadequate interventions that further endanger heritage.

Additionally, a few Committees mentioned how World Heritage is threatened by urban development, tourism, demolition or inadequate interventions. Some Committees also wish to be more involved in the evaluation and monitoring processes of World Heritage Sites in their countries.

Finally, some Committees expressed their wish to develop more cooperation between ICOMOS Committees (NCs as well as ISCs) - especially Committees that are located in the same region - and with other institutions in charge of heritage protection.



MAIN TRANSPARENCY ISSUES

While various comments were made on the subject of transparency, this summary will only focus on the main transparency issues noted by the Committees.

A significant amount of National Committees expressed their concern regarding the lack of communication between NCs and ISCs.

Generally, Committees would like to receive more information on the decisions taken by the Board and its work. A few Committees suggested that the minutes from the Board and the ADCOM meetings should be sent to the Committees. The minutes of ADCOM meetings are usually circulated and submitted for approval at the following ADCOM meeting, and the minutes of Board meetings are available upon request.

A majority of Committees want to increase the communication between NCs, ISCs and Working Groups to allow for more cooperation and to be informed of the activities of each NC, ISC or WG.

Some Committees wish to be informed by the Secretariat sufficiently ahead of time to be able to participate in activities taking place in their country.

Working Groups & new ISC

Working Groups

- Rights Based Approach **Bente Mathisen**
ISCS Sangeeta Bais
- **SDGs Ege Yildrim**
ISCS Tarek Nazel
- **Climate Change Andrew Potts**
ISCS Ann Bourges
- Syria/Iraq **Samir Abdulac**
- Indigenous Heritage **Christophe Rivet**
- **Emerging Professionals Stacy Vallis**
ISCS Suvarna Jain
- Historic Urban Landscapes **Peter Claus Echer**
- Impact Assessment **Richard Mackay** (draft guidelines will be disseminated to ISC in 2020)
ISCS John Huges

Other news

- Establishment Industrial Heritage (ISCIH)
- Proposal for ISC on Water and Heritage
- ICOFORT: Charter on Fortifications and related heritage, guidelines for Protection, Conservation and Interpretation
- International Cultural Tourism Charter Review