



ICOMOS  
ISC Stone

## 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

# ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Stone (ISCS)



The 16<sup>th</sup> ISCS meeting in Petra (cl. J.-M. Vallet)

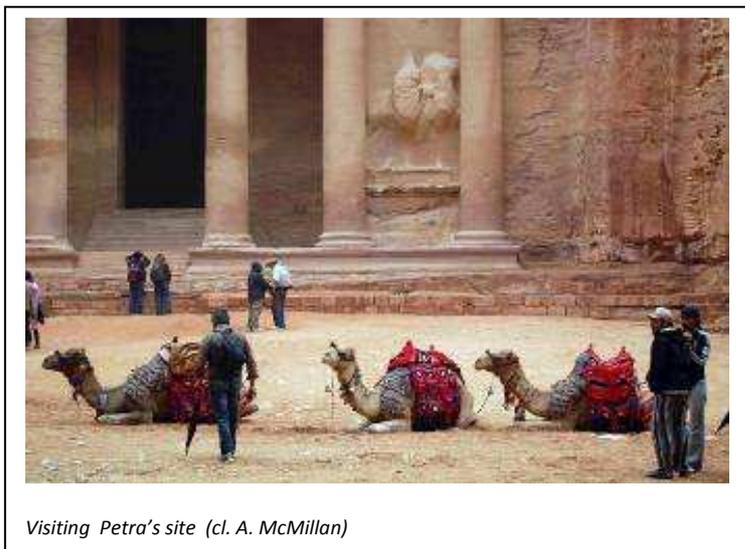
*Petra, Jordan*

December 2010, 8-9<sup>th</sup>

Minutes



Opening session of the Seventh International Conference on Science and Technology in Archaeology and Conservation (cl. J.-M. Vallet)



Visiting Petra's site (cl. A. McMillan)

The 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ISCS was held in the Taybet Zaman Hotel (Petra, Jordania) from about 17.30 to 20.30 and next day end of the morning

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>State</b>
Robert Buciak*	RBK	University Warsaw	PL
Miloš Drdácý	MDY	ITAM, Prague	CZ
Nino Erkomaishvili*	NEI	BP, Thilisi	??
Christoph Franzen	CFN	IDK, Dresden	GER
Messaoud Hamiane	MHE	University of Boumerdes	DZ
Myrin Malin	MMN	Tyrens AB	S
Andrew McMillan	AMM	Formerly British Geological Survey	UK
Maram Naes*	MNS	Jordan Museum	JOR
Stefan Simon	SSN	Rathgen-Forschungslabor - Staatliche Museen zu Berlin	GER/ USA
Zuzanna Slizkova	ZSA	ITAM, Prague	CZ
Magdalini Theodoridou*	MTU	University of Cyprus	CY
Myrsini Varti-Mataranga	MVM	IGME, Athens	GR
Jean-Marc Vallet	JMV	CICRP, Marseille	FR
Véronique Vergès-Belmin	VVB	LRMH, Champs-sur-Marne	FR

\*Guest

## Summary

1. *Agreement on schedule, additions*
2. *Round table: presentation of new participants, guests*
3. *Secretary to be chosen*
4. *2nd Newsletter: comments*
5. *ISCS work plan: Current state of activities*
6. *Checking of the expert- members list*
7. *New candidates*
8. *PGC Congress*
9. *Any other business - conclusions*

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### **1. Agreement on schedule, additions**

schedule was agreed

### **2. Round table: presentation of new participants, guests**

Members and prospective members introduced themselves.

### **3. Secretary to be chosen**

CF was elected to take notes of the Meeting.

### **4. Dresden meeting report: approval**

AMM and JMV reported on the 15th ISCS meeting which held the 15 and 16 January in Dresden (given also in Newsletter No 2)

## 5. Current state of activities 1-16 of the Triennial Work Plan (TWP) as presented in newsletter No 1 and No 2

- **TWP 1:** Annual report to Scientific Council for 2009 written by the board was presented by JMV (full report is given in the ICOMOS annual report)
  
- **TWP 2:** Sub Committees
  - Two National ISCS sub committees exist, one in Canada and the other in Japan
  - Discussion concerning technical SUB committees (e.g. glossary, PGC- Congress), no agreement reached, question postponed to the next board, already existing sub com of PGC will end its activity with end of the congress
  - Discussion on national sub committees as Japan, Canada, Sweden - ask for more information, JMV will ask for reports from Takeshi, Tamara and Myrin
  
- **TWP 3:** proposition of voting members
  - Only few national committees had responded yet to the calls, asking for information on the management of voting members to Gaia Jungeboldt
  - JMV will follow up including the information about the mortar topics of ISCS
  
- **TWP 4:** Updated membership list
  - JMV presented a current updated membership list (see in annex)
  
- **TWP 5:** Glossary on ICOMOS pages
  - Almost 100.000 downloads have been done
  
- **TWP 6:** Promotion of the Glossary
  - ISCS members promote the glossary to their national ICOMOS committees and to technical training and conservation institutions in each member's country
  - ISCS members continue to promote the Glossary
  - A PowerPoint presentation is available
  
- **TWP 7:** Multilingual glossary: state of the current translations, proposals about the dissemination of the new bilingual glossaries.
  - Guidelines on how to proceed with the translations are set up and available (see annex)
  - All versions including information about the translations must be sent to JMV

- Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Greek, Korean, Japanese, Polish, Swedish and Hebrew translations of the glossary are in progress. Portuguese and Russian have not started yet. The German and the Spanish versions are in completion. German will be printed soon.
- SSN asked of translations to be presented on the next ICOMOS general assembly
- Discussions have addressed the problem of raising funds to produce printed versions and pdf- files. Guidelines must be invented first.
- **TWP 8: ISCS website**
  - Develop the ISCS website to improve communication of the activities of ISCS such as provide PDF version of Glossary, newsletters and to have a clearing house of key stone conservation conferences and link to technical publications.
  - Our current website must periodically update. VVB did it recently. Discussions were also focused on its location. No decision has been taken.
- **TWP 9: Plan and schedule annual meeting (2009, 2010) possibly to coincide with key international stone conferences to help increase participation of ISCS members and reduce travel expenses to members for attending meetings.**
  - ⇒ Not progressed (done in 2010; this congress)
- **TWP 10: Develop a joint initiative of ICOMOS international scientific committees in the field of conservation, dissemination and training e.g. CIPA, ISCARSAH and Historic Gardens.**
  - ⇒ See item 9 of this report (see TWP9)
- **TWP 11: Build ICOMOS - ICCROM relations in stone conservation training by offering an ISCS representative to any ICCROM course planning**
  - ⇒ No action has been taken. It is difficult to see how Stone experts from the ISCS can be integrated into the already well-established ICCROM training regime. A more positive move might be to highlight the pool of expertise in stone to Gustavo Araoz and also consider the possibility of developing short courses in stone conservation in other parts of the world. (see point 12 of this meeting)
- **TWP 12: Explore the opportunity to build a collegiate collaborative (hybrid) with ICOM –CC stone committee. We are considering the possibility to write to the President of ICOM-CC on this topic.**
  - ⇒ No action

- **TWP 13:** Further explore an opportunity to advance the understanding of traditional building technology and conservation methods through the development of a centralized digital portal (CDP) such as the Carleton University Immersive Media Studio, Ottawa, Canada.
  - ⇒ A contact with those working at Carleton University to get an update on activity will be made in 2010 in order to see how ISCS members could become involved (nothing more has been done)
  
- **TWP 14:** Explore opportunities to promote the understanding of traditional use and conservation of stones to the public and youth.
  - ⇒ It was recognized that there are many national educational initiatives but for ISCS to take this forward there needed to be some general topics of international relevance which could be developed. We plan to collect information about this topic in 2010 and 2011 (not begun)
  
- **TWP 15:** Provide advisory services and support to the key initiatives of the ICOMOS World Heritage working group initiatives including expert members to multidisciplinary teams for ICOMOS missions or review of the state of conservation of World Heritage sites. Dissemination of information on stone could form a theme for the next ISCS conference. Questions of whether knowledge of stone travels with the material (i.e. is there sufficient knowledge of how imported stone will perform in different countries and latitudes; how does stone perform in varying climates?).
  - ⇒ It was considered a valuable task for ISCS to identify how schools in countries across the world promoted education in topics such as stone, geology and heritage and economic relevance. Feedback might be sought from national ICOMOS committees. (not begun; promote available guides on stones?)
  - ⇒ Participants of the 15th meeting suggested creating a dedicated sub committee in 2010. (not begun)
  
- **TWP 16:** Support and contribute to the scientific program for the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly (2011).
  - ⇒ No action. Currently it is not known where the next GA will be held. (see conclusions)

## 6. Checking of the expert- members list

- List given in annex 1
- Constitution of the ISCS-Japan Expert members subcommittee? To be discussed more
- Creation of others subcommittees (for example, ISCS-Sweden one, "Training"...) ? To be discussed more

- What do we have to do in case of:

⇒ No reply to the survey, no news from some participants of past ISCS meetings?

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⇒ Non ICOMOS members who wish to be the list of experts? No possibility for the moment.

## 7. New candidates for ISCS, presentation, discussion

- The Meeting elected new Expert Members of the ISCS
- JMV presented new candidates (more details are to be found in annex 2):

Olivier Labesse	mason, France
Didier Pallix	material engineer, executive vice president on CTMNC, France
Marisa Pamplona	conservation scientist, Rathgen laboratory, Berlin, Germany
May Shear	field project offices, Jordan
Zuzana Slížková	chemist, stone conservation scientist, Czech Republic
Ma Tao	stone conservator, China
Mark Watson	mason, UK
Wanja Wedekind	stone restorer, Germany

- Decision was based on the basis of the CVs and the ISCS statutes the member status as follows:
  - ⇒ as expert members were welcome: Olivier Labesse, Didier Pallix May Shear, Zuzana Slížková, Ma Tao
  - ⇒ as associated members were welcome: Marisa Pamplona, Wanja Wedekind
  - ⇒ More information is needed to statute on the application of Mark Watson. AAM will question him about his ICOMOS membership before a decision on associated membership is to be done

## 8. PGC congress

VVB reported advances in the organization of the ICOMOS-ISCS / SfiIC / LRMH congress:

- abstracts have to be sent before the end of 2010
- papers have to be sent before the end of January 2011
- almost 60 abstracts already received from different countries around the world

## 9. Any other business - conclusions

- SSN submitted the idea to develop trainings with ICCROM
- JMV proposed to create a collection of Technical Documentation. For example, one of them could be: "how to fight against oil spill contaminations"
- MDY proposed to develop some brainstorming workshop in order to identify problems of stone conservation which would be worth to study or deal with in the future work. He gave as an example, the questions of durability of stone for monuments as well as durability of interventions
- CFN wished that the ISCS meetings would be allowed to have News about EU funding for Cultural Heritage projects
- AMM reported bad effects of Scottish government financial cutbacks on the stone activities that would be at least partially provided by Historic Scotland
- MVM proposed to organize other workshops with other ISC

The next meeting will hold the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2011 in Paris (France).

C. Franzen and J.-M. Vallet

**Voting members and board**

Tamara Anson- Cartwright (Canada, Vice- president)  
 Chiraporn Aranyanark (Thailand)  
 Christine Blaüer (Switzerland)  
 Jo Ann Cassar (Malta)  
 José María García de Miguel (Spain)  
 Elisa Heikkila (Finland)  
 Andrew McMillan (Scotland, Treasurer)  
 Dagmar Michoinova (Czech Republic)  
 Stefan Simon (Germany, President)  
 David Aasen Sandved (Norway)  
 Hélène Svahn Garreau (Sweden)  
 Francis Tourneur (Belgium)  
 Jean-Marc Vallet (France, Secretary general)  
 Myrsini Varti- Mataranga (Greece)  
 Véronique Vergès- Belmin (France)  
 David Young (Australia)

**Expert members**

Aires- Barros Luis (Spain), Araoz Gustavo (USA),  
 Bourgès Ann (France), Bourguignon Elsa (France), Bromblet Philippe (France),  
 Charola Elena (USA- Argentina), Coté Marc (Canada),  
 Ersen Ahmet (Turkey),  
 Fitzner Bernd (Germany), Franzen Christoph (Germany),  
 Groux Didier (France),  
 Hees (Van) Rob (The Netherlands),  
 Ishizaki Takeshi (Japan),  
 Klingspor- Rotstein Marie (Sweden), Krumbein Wolfgang (Germany), Kwiatkowski Daniel (Sweden),  
 Labesse Olivier (France), Leisen Hans (Germany),  
 Martinet Gilles (France), Messaoud Hamiane (Algeria), Myrin Malin (Sweden),  
 Nishiura Tadaretu (Japan),  
 Normandin Kyle (USA),  
 Pallix Didier (France), Pallot- Frossard Isabelle (France),  
 Rousset Bénédicte (Switzerland),  
 Shaer May (Jordan), Sikka Sandeep (USA), Slizkova Zuzana (Czech Republic), Storemyr Per (Norway),  
 Tao Ma (China).

**Associated members**

Breda Karel (Belgium),  
 Drdacky Milos (Czech Republic),  
 Elsen Jan (Belgium),  
 Hurd John (UK),  
 Jerome Pamela (USA),  
 Pamplona Marisa (Germany), Poshyanandana Vasu (Thailand),  
 Kelley Stephen J. (USA),  
 Watson Mark (UK), Wedekind Wanja (Germany).

**Honorary members**

Maxwell Ingval (Scotland), Snethlage Rolf (Germany)

**Affiliated (non ICOMOS members or supposed as)**

Arsenault Claude, Chabas Anne, Dejeans Alain, Delgado- Rodrigues Jose, Fassina Vasco, Gillis Tony, Gordon Stephen, Hossack Deborah, Hyslop Ewan, Israelyan Vahagn, Khalaf Roha W., Kovacs Istvan, Mitchell David, Myers Susann, Paradis Isabelle, Price Clifford, Prince Alain, Scherer George, Tabasso Marisa Laurenzi, Tennant Colin, Witte (de) Eddy.

## ANNEX 2a: A brief presentation of the new Expert Members



Olivier LABESSE, (France)

- Current activity: Mason, trainer, consultant (France, Ireland, Morocco)
- Diploma: Mason
- Other speciality: mortar
- Other: 2 books published on the lime



Didier PALLIX, (France)

- Current activity: Assistant general manager (CTMNC) in charge of Natural stones department
- Diploma: Engineer in material analysis
- In the Past: Engineer and Head of research development in ROCAMAT (marketing company of stones)
- Other: Member of Native and European commissions for normalisation

May SHAER, (Jordan)

- Current activity: Field Project Officer, UNESCO- Iraq Office
- Diploma: PhD in conservation science, archaeologist, architect
- Speciality: conservation of stones, management of conservation and restoration team
- Other: Publications, organisation of congresses, trainings etc.

Zuzanna Slížková, (Czech Republic)

- Current activity: Chemist specialized in Conservation
- Diploma: PhD graduated in Chemistry and Civil Engineering
- Other: Publications, partner of lot of native and international research projects on cultural heritage materials and treatments



Ma TAO, (China)

- Current activity: Vice director (X'ian Center for the conservation and restoration of cultural heritage)
- Speciality: Environmental scientist specialised in conservation of stone
- Other speciality: polychromy and wall paintings
- Diploma: Master in Stone conservation
- Other: Involved in research programs on the conservation of stone and restoration projects on stone sculptures and buildings; publications of scientific articles and specifications on the conservation of stone

## ANNEX 2b: A brief presentation of the new Associate Members



Marisa PAMPLONA, (Germany, Portugal)

- Current activity: Stone conservation scientist in Rathgen Research Laboratory in Berlin
- Experience: stone conservation scientist in Lisbon, Perugia
- Diploma: PhD graduated in engineering science, Master in conservation and Restoration
- Other: Publications



Mark WATSON, (England)

- Current activity: Head of Heritage & Conservation management Society
- Other speciality: Stonemason
- Diploma: Undergraduated in conservation Management
- Other: Publications and stonemason workings



Wanja WEDEKIND, (Germany)

- Current activity: Freelance conservator restorer
- Diploma: stones restoration, PhD student
- Other speciality: wall paintings and other mineral materials, plasterer
- In the past: Managing Director, of Wandwerk Restaurierung gGbR
- Other: he works in Germany, Austria, Jordan, Mexico ; publications, restoration workings (including head of restorations in Petra), partner in research projects