



ICOMOS  
ISC Stone

## 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

# ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Stone (ISCS)



*Presentation of S. Abdulac (ICOMOS France) during the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in INP (cl. J.-M. Vallet)*

*Paris, France*

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**Minutes**



*Opening session of the PGC Congress (cl. J.-M. Vallet)*



### JARDINS DE PIERRES

Conservation de la pierre dans les parcs, jardins et cimetières  
Conservation of stone in Parks, Gardens and Cemeteries

14<sup>th</sup> journées d'étude de la SFHC  
PARIS, Institut national du patrimoine, 22-24 juin 2011



The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ISCS was held at the offices of l'institut national du patrimoine (INP), Paris ("salle Lenoir", 3rd floor) from about 09.30 to 18.30.

ISCS Members were warmly welcomed by Tamara Anson-Cartwright (Vice-President, ISCS). She chaired the first session and then handed over to Stefan Simon (President) who flights had been delayed. The order in which these notes are set out follows the Agenda provided by ISCS Secretary (Jean-Marc Vallet).

**Present:**

Name	Acronym	Organisation	State
Samir Abdulac		Vice- president of France ICOMOS) (Guest Speaker)	FR
Tamara Anson-Cartwright	TAT	Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Ontario, Canada	CA
Christine Blaüer	CBR	Conservation Science Consulting SARL, Fribourg, Switzerland	SD
Marc Côté	MCE	Heritage Masonry	CA
Miloš Drdäcký	MDY	ITAM, Prague	CZ
Christoph Franzen	CFN	IDK, Dresden	GER
Messaoud Hamiane	MHE	University of Boumerdes	DZ
Elisa Heikkilä	EHA	National Board of Antiquities, Cultural Environment Protection, Helsinki, Finland	Fd
Gaia Jungeblodt		Director of the International secretariat of ICOMOS (Guest Speaker)	FR
Istvan Kovacs	IKS	DFS Inc., Montreal, Canada	CA
Olivier Labesse	OLE	Paris	FR
Alan McKinney*		Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	UK
Andrew McMillan	AMM	Formerly British Geological Survey	UK
Tadateru Nishiura	TNA	Kokushikan University, Tokyo, Japan	JN
Kyle Normandin	KNN	ICOMOS, USA	USA
Bénédicte Rousset	BRT	Conservation Science Consulting SARL, Fribourg, Switzerland	SD
Stefan Simon	SSN	Rathgen-Forschungslabor - Staatliche Museen zu Berlin	GER/ USA
Zuzanna Slizkova	ZSA	ITAM, Prague	CZ
Ma Tao	MTO	ICOMOS China, Xian	CH
Francis Tourneur	FTR	Pierres et Marbres de Wallonie a.s.b.l.	BM
Jean-Marc Vallet	JMV	CICRP, Marseille	FR
Véronique Vergès-Belmin	VVB	LRMH, Champs-sur-Marne	FR

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## Summary

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The meeting was scheduled so that participants could attend the SFIIC 'Jardins de Pierres' Conference on the following 3 days also at the INP. The day's meeting was convened to discuss the business and activities of the ISCS.

### **1. Agenda**

TAT provided an overview of the meeting and agenda.

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

Members and prospective members introduced themselves.

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

AMM agreed to take notes of the Meeting.

### **4. Notes of previous meeting**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting took place in Petra, Jordan on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Ten members of ISCS were present. Unfortunately the notes of this meeting were lost when the laptop of CFN was subsequently stolen. A brief presentation on Petra meeting and updates since Dec 2010 was made by SSN. The Petra meeting included a common workshop between CIPA and ISCSAR and ISCS. It has strengthened relationships between scientific committees. We were able to learn about documentation procedure and new scanning methods. CIPA is a natural twin with ISCS. SSN also referred to correspondence between the Board and ICCROM (see item 8 TWP 11).

### **5. Newsletters**

The Draft 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter is currently being drafted. The Board aims to circulate it to members in mid July.

### **6. Candidates for membership of ISCS**

Seven new candidates were presented for membership of the ISCS (see more details in annex). The meeting agreed that the following should become ISCS Members, subject to confirmation that they are members of ICOMOS:

Nino Erkomaishvili, chemist, Georgia (Expert); Ewan Hyslop, Depute Director, Historic Scotland (Expert); Kwon-Woong Lim, curator, Korea (Expert); Jadwiga Lukaszewicz, Pr. Dr., Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland (Expert); Maram Na'es, conservation scientist in the Jordan Museum (Associate); and Dr Matthieu Piavaux, Namur University Belgium (Associate).

More information is required from Kwon, Ki-Hyuk, PhD, Korea (Expert) before his membership can be ratified.

### **7. ISC By-laws overview for new members**

More members would be welcomed. CVs must be written in Times New Roman 12 and exceed a half A4 paper. Information required includes first name, surname, nationality and email address, a photo (JPEG format, 80 to 150 dpi), Academic training, main degrees and qualifications, employment (e.g. self-employed or member of an institution, a company etc. Include office address and website), a summary of key activities (research, studies, training etc.). The applicant should include a brief

rationale and interest for joining the committee and list the committee's key activities (according to Triennial Workplan) or sub-committee which they wish to participate in. If possible, the applicant should provide references of three relevant publications in the field, two of them less than 3 years old. Expressions of interest / application should be sent to the ISCS secretary ([jean-marc.vallet@cicrp.fr](mailto:jean-marc.vallet@cicrp.fr)).

## 8. ISCS work plan: discussion and comment on the annual report

### GOVERNANCE

- **TWP 1:** *Provide annual report to Scientific Council*
  - Annual report to Scientific Council for 2010 written by the board was presented by JMV (full report is given in the ICOMOS annual report).
  - ISCS has 80 members at present.
  
- **TWP 2:** *Identify the need and create sub committees to support ISCS activities*
  - SSN noted there were currently two national ISCS subcommittees. These were established in Canada and Japan.
  - It was queried whether there was also a national ISCS subcommittee in Poland. JMV needs contact details.
  - ISCS is thinking about the opportunity to develop some work on mortars.
  
- **TWP 3:** *Invite all national ICOMOS committee to propose members to the committee according to 2008 ISCS statutes*
  - Membership categories and the committee's technical mandate have been expanded to include inorganic porous building materials (IPBM).
  - There has been little response to the invitation sent out to national committees to nominate new members of ISCS.
  - VVB will promote ISCS during her presentation at the Jardins de Pierre conference.
  
- **TWP 4:** *Update and maintain membership list and email distribution list*
  - ISCS needs to update and maintain its membership list ensuring who are Expert Members and Associate Members; and who, amongst the Expert Members, is eligible to vote (one representative per country).
  - The list of recipients is now complete. However, some members from the previous list never answered emails.

- **TWP 5:** *Launch and promote the “Illustrated Glossary on Stone Deterioration patterns/ Glossaire illustré sur les formes d’altération de la Pierre”*
  - The German-English version is now available.
  - From March-Dec 2010 some 100, 000 free downloads had been made of the French-English translation.
  
- **TWP 6:** *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.
  - We need to advertise the web link.
  
- **TWP 7:** *Multilingual glossary: state of the current translations, proposals about the dissemination of the new bilingual glossaries.*
  - SSN reported all the activity.
  - Arabic
    - MHE explained that more than one version could be prepared: the language is similar but there are different views on the application of the terminology in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.
    - The version also needs to be sent to experts in Egypt, and Iraq. The translation is complete and has been and sent to SSN.
    - A beginning has been made to a Jordanian version (SSN). Need to compare this too.
    - Two options are either to merge terms or make explain comparable technical terms. MHE emphasised the need to know scientific literature very well.
  - Chinese
    - MTO has almost finished 1<sup>st</sup> draft and distributed it amongst conservators for comment
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> draft possible before November
    - Key research laboratories including brick & stone conservation laboratories need to be consulted
  - Czech
    - ZSA and MDY said that translation is finished but will be sent to experts.
  - Farsi
    - The document is almost ready
  - Georgian
    - Nino Erkomaishvili’s last update referred to a hand written translation. It will need lot of time to complete
  - Greek
    - Myrsini Varti-Matarangas reports that it is 80 % ready.
    - She has been working on it for two years
  - Indian
    - some interests have been expressed (SSN)

- Italian
  - not a single stone expert is a member of ISCS/ICOMOS
  - Marisa Tabasso has to be the coordinator and only recently have other experts been in contact with her
- Japanese
  - TNA has just completed a draft
  - A national stone group was established.
  - They have money to raise the layout
  - Next step is printing, the cost of which will need to be estimated
  - Distribution could be by ICOMOS and/or national (Japanese) ICOMOS group
  - The Quark Express files require to be sent to VVB for scrutiny
  - SSN noted that German translation was fund by Ministry of Culture & Media. 7k Euro was need for printing. Proceeds of sales were to be returned to the ministry.
  - In future funding organisations, it would be encourage to consider forwarding a proportion of the sales proceeds to ISCS.
- Korean
  - Kwon-Woong Lim was ready to proceed (in correspondence with SSN)
  - He needs to check who are the contributing team
- Polish
  - Robert Buciak had volunteered but a professor in Torun is about to finish
  - She should send draft to conservators in Poland and to Daniel Kwiatkowski (Sweden) to review.
- Portuguese
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Working Group with Marisa Pamplona will take place in Paris
- Russian
  - progress unknown
- Spanish
  - José Maria Garcia de Miguel is now in possession of Q Express file
  - Funds are negotiated. The book will be ready in 2 months
  - Note that compiler needs to send pdf to VVB and ICOMOS International for scrutiny.
- Swahili (Tanzania)
  - SSN will have to meet a representative in July to discuss
  - A team is identified
  - Possibly ready for GA, Paris in December?
- Swedish
  - Daniel Kwiatkowski new leader Helene Swansson
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> draft is ready
- Turkish
  - SSN reported that it been started in May 2011

- **TWP 8:** *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*
- VVB updated the website with the help of JMV at the end of last year.
- International ICOMOS can host our site. Its website will have new templates at the end of the year, so we have to wait.
- **TWP 9:** *Plan and schedule annual meeting (2009, 2010, 2011) possibly to coincide with key international stone conferences to help increase participation of ISCS members and reduce travel expenses to members for attending meetings.*
- ISCS meetings have been held in association with conferences in Petra (December 2010), Paris (June 2011)
- The next meeting will be held in association with the ICOMOS GA, Paris (November/December 2011)
- **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*
- Petra's congress (in collaboration with CIPA and ICARSAH) and the Jardins de Pierres conference (Sfiic) represent such initiatives
- Contact has been made with ISC Earth and ISC Wall paintings
- **TWP 11:** *Build ICOMOS - ICCROM relations in stone conservation training by offering an ISCS representative to any ICCROM course planning*
- SSN outlined the exchange of letters between ICCROM and ISCS President. ICCROM letter (22/10/10) invited ISCS to support/endorse the new course to be held in Rome. The Board decided to answer by noting the history of the course. In 2004 the course needed to be revitalized. This happened in 2008 in Venice. When last year there was an announcement that it would transfer to Rome, there was reaction from Prof. Lorenzo Lazzarini who had not been consulted. After discussing the issues in Petra, the ISCS Board sent a positive reply to ICCROM in Feb 2011. SS summarized the Board's recommendations. The tone of the response from ICCROM surprised the Board.
- VVB reported that she recently presented a one day lecture and hands on workshop (two half days) in the lab on desalination. Two lab technicians were available to assist the teacher. The students were very pleased. The lab has 2 ventilated ovens. It was a good experience and good use of the glossary. There is one student from each country and a wide range of teachers.
- The meeting recommended that correspondence with ICCROM should continue. Acknowledge the course was success. Note that we wish to strengthen collaboration. Be positive, and congratulate. Feedback from the course would be welcomed.
- Experts retire, so ICCROM could recruit more people possibly from ISCS Alison Heritage Conservation scientist (wall painting conservator, with Clifford-Price). Encourage ICCROM to gather experts. Merging meeting with ICCROM meetings.

- **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*
  - ⇒ We are considering the possibility of writing to the President of ICOM-CC on this topic. No action yet. We need to find a person to do the link between ICOMOS and ICOM which seems to have no expert
  
- **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*
  - ⇒ no further action yet since 2010
  
- **TWP 14:** *Explore opportunities to promote the understanding of traditional use and conservation of stones to the public and youth.*
  - ⇒ 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?)*
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  - 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?)
  
- **TWP 16:** Support and contribute to the scientific program for the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly (2011).
  - ⇒ To be discussed

## 9. ICOMOS Secretariat Update

Gaia Jungeblodt (Director of the International secretariat of ICOMOS) was welcomed to the meeting. She focussed on new developments for ISC and 17th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium - November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.

**There are 4 members of staff** covering embassy, liaison, documentation centre, archive, administration, contracts, working with world heritage (Unit). A most important facility is the conservation library which houses 40 000 titles, 600 periodicals, and 34 000 slides; there is a range of visitors including professionals, academics, archaeologists, planners; digitisation of documents and preparation of online bibliographies is proceeding; it is possible to blog and chat with the librarian. The Secretariat will move to Charenton-le-Pont in 2013. Advantages include a 400 seat lecture hall.

**The Membership database** serves several functions and allows the secretariat and management to interface with scientific committees via committee membership managers who have special access. *NB. ISCS should appoint membership manager.* Individual members should complete their membership profile. This is especially important for expert members who may indicate their specialism and knowledge of world heritage sites and monuments. Completed profiles will help discover appropriate expertise within ICOMOS and is better than word of mouth. The most difficult task of ICOMOS is to propose experts for missions. ICOMOS International Secretariat has contact with World Heritage Centre. It establishes a list of missions and then approaches scientific committees for possible experts. Desk reviews are carried out by people who know the site and one person goes on the mission; advisors who work with secretariat. Therefore up-to-date membership profiles are very important. A Password is needed to log on to the membership database. An Automated response system is in operation. ICOMOS has 50 national committees but uptake is slow so far. Feedback will improve system. The Executive committee created Task Force to examine the possibility of opening access to external parties.

An Open access archive has been developed. It is open to entire international community. There is a document download and upload facility. Events are not published (no funds) but this facility is offered for free. The Archive includes a range of documents including PowerPoint presentations, books, journals, peer-reviewed papers in range of formats. Users need to register. Documents are checked by an editor, the author owns copyright. Metadata are required. It is mandatory for ICOMOS committees to deposit their business, scientific, and conference reports within 6 months of production. Creative Common Licences can be granted. Advantages include quick access, exchanges, and increased visibility. A URL is created for each item. Partnerships with other organisations (e.g. EuroMed heritage) will be established.

<http://openarchive.icomos.org> : open access movement; possibility to put documents following the procedure

**The General Assembly** at UNESCO HQ Paris will take place from 27 November – 2 December 2011 (see [www.icomos-paris2011.com](http://www.icomos-paris2011.com)). The Scientific Symposium is entitled 'Heritage, Driver of Development'. Registration is 400 Euro before 27 August, thereafter 550 Euro. Post- Conference tours are scheduled for 3-5 December. A Youth & Universities event will take place from 1400-2030 on 30 November (10 university presentations). Meetings of ISCs will be organised between 16.00-20.00 on 2 December.

Gaia Jungeblodt highlighted three important points for ISCS to note:

- Joint meetings with other bodies including ISCs are to be encouraged
- Risk preparedness and response
- 3 years scientific plan

#### **10. FaceBook pages for the Scientific Council and for ICOMOS**

KNN described the Prototype format basis and group page (interactive pages and links to information). The Dublin meeting of the Scientific Council considered an overview of social networking. The interest is to promote ISC to youth. It offers also the possibility to have sponsors.

Examples of existing pages include: ICCROM page which contains organisational information.

**Q:** Do you have to be a member?

**A:** Yes, but another model for ICOMOS has the open pages. By the time of the GA (December 2011) nearly 6 committees will be ready to be linked to FaceBook pages (e.g. ISCARSAH pages engage with students and practitioners to become familiar with ICOMOS)

Each committee is expected to prepare its own page Naming of pages is an issue. Logo of ICOMOS is to be embedded on front page photo. The pages are more dynamic than conventional web pages. But some institutions do not permit their employees to use FaceBook (TAC, Canada).

It needs a FaceBook master. It offers the possibility to create a Forum of discussions.

Each committee has to check the quality of the information. A moderator is needed.

#### **11. Elements on 17th General Assembly**

Samir Abdulac (vice- president of France ICOMOS) was welcomed by SSN and explained more of the details concerning the forthcoming GA in Paris (see also above, item 9). There is an Organisation committee, PR services, scientific committee, ISC meetings, Youth and Universities, tours

Estimated Budget is 1 million Euros – the GA will probably run at a loss.

TAC asked if a visit to the Valmy Monument might be linked to the Amiens study tour.

Mr Abdulac also mentioned the possibility of the establishment of a national sub group for stone in France which will involve wider group of people interested in stone.

#### **12. Jardins de Pierres conference**

VVB presented the conference. She needed to register interest for tours before the opening.

It has a great success: 220 participants, 40 lectures and 19 posters.

Participants come mainly from Europe but also Algeria, Brazil, China, Japan, US.

Delegates include active Associations and professionals.

The introductory lecture would be given by a specialist history of gardens and parks.

### **13. Future opportunities for collaboration with other ISC**

Possible future ISCS meetings were discussed. Proposals included a meeting in Athens in 2012 or 2013 and a proposal to hold a meeting in Asia. The Central and Eastern Asia Annual conference in China is one which an ISCS meeting could be attached. A meeting in New York is also a possibility. Defer decision until November. A business meeting and a scientific progress (update) meeting on a focused topic would be desirable.

### **14. Next triennial workplan (2011-2014)**

Next ISCS Executive elections (December 2011). TAC said she would be standing down as Vice-President. We need to invite proposals or volunteers to develop existing WP and also nominations of potential candidates for the new board. Next newsletter will contain Board's suggestions and proposals. We seek feedback.

JMV noted that decisions are needed on:

- Subcommittees
- Websites with a webmaster
- Possible ISCS Bank account (currently funds are held on ISCS behalf centrally by ICOMOS)
- Sponsorship

### **15. Other scientific activities**

- It was regretted that time did not permit OLE to discuss lime in construction (uses, norms and other issues). He will circulate his presentation by email to anyone interested.
- Mission to Indonesia: we spent a lot of time. We need to have a feedback.
- Next International stone Conference will hold in New York in 2012. G. Wheeler is the organiser.

### **16. Date of next ISCS meeting and acknowledgements**

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011, following the ICOMOS GA, Paris

We thank the INP for use their facilities for the meeting.

One of the next meetings in 2012 or 2013 should be hold in Asia.

Andrew McMillan and Jean-Marc Vallet

**ANNEX: A brief presentation of the new Expert Members**

**Nino Erkomaishvili, (Georgia)**



- Current activity: Cultural heritage advisor in BP Georgia, expert for several institutions
- Academic degree in: Chemistry
- Other specialty: Experience in research projects, trainings (for ICCROM etc.)

**Ewan Hyslop, (Scotland, United Kingdom)**



- Current activity: Depute Director (Historic Scotland)
- Academic degree in: Geology
- Historic Scotland Conservation Group
- Other: Member of Native and European commissions for normalization

**Kwon-Woong Lim, (Korea)**



- Current activity: curator
- Academic degree in: conservation- restoration
- Specialty: Conservation and Restoration for Wall Paintings and Stone Objects
- Other: Lecturer in several universities, consultant of world heritage centre UNESCO



Jadwiga Lukaszewicz, (Poland)

- Current activity: Professor at the Nicolaus Copernicus University
- Academic degree in: Chemistry
- Other: Conservation of stone, ceramics, adobe, amber

***A brief presentation of the new Associate Members***



Maram Na'es, (Jordan)

- Current activity: conservation scientist in the Jordan Museum
- Experience: Specialist on Wall paintings and stones
- Academic degree in: Chemistry
- Other: Graduated in conservation Management



Matthieu Piavaux, (Belgium)

- Current activity: Lecturer at the University of Namur (Department of Art History and Archaeology)
- Academic degree in: Archaeology