



World Heritage USA

Quarterly Newsletter for Members of US/ICOMOS

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2017 Retrospective

2017 was a dynamic year for US/ICOMOS. Chair Doug Comer and the US/ICOMOS Board led the organization in new directions as we spent time getting to know our members better in order to understand their hopes for the organization. Here are some of the highlights of the year:

February, Charleston, SC: US/ICOMOS assisted the US National Park Service (NPS) with a policy workshop on protecting slave-related sites and antiquities. Below: Joe McGill of the Slave Dwelling Project discusses the interpretation of slavery with attendees from Africa, the Caribbean and South America.



April, online: US/ICOMOS, NPS and partners launched WorldHeritageUSA on World Heritage Day 2017. We featured one US World Heritage site and Tentative List sites each day for 24 days in order to raise awareness for World Heritage in the US. Look for an enhanced #WorldHeritageUSA in April 2018.



May, Washington, DC: the 2017 US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program kicked off with 3 days of

orientation and an opening reception for our 13 participants.



July, Washington, DC: US/ICOMOS welcomed 4 new members to the Board of Trustees. Pictured left to right below, our newest trustess are: Aysar Akrawi, Leslee F. Keys, Adam Markham and Kathryn Washburn.



September, Grand Canyon National Park: the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees met with managers and friends from World Heritage sites Grand Canyon National Park (GRCA) and Chaco Culture National Historical Park to discuss conservation challenges. Below: Ben Tobin, GRCA Hydrologist, and Jan Balsom, GRCA Deputy Chief for Science and Resource Management, describe uranium mining and its potential impacts on the world heritage site to trustees Archer Harvey, Doug Comer, and Brenda Barrett.



November, Washington, DC: National and international world heritage leaders met at the Department of the Interior Headquarters for the 2017 Leadership Forum, the first member symposium organized by US/ICOMOS in several years. On the evening of November 30th, guests and sponsors assembled for the Benefit Gala and Awards Ceremony. Below Left: Marie-Laure Lavenir, Director-General ICOMOS, addresses the Leadership Forum. Below Right: Trustees Doug Comer and Jan Anderson present Irina Bokova, outgoing Director-General UNESCO, with the Award for International Cultural Heritage Leadership.



December, Delhi, India: US/ICOMOS members gathered in India for the ICOMOS 19th General Assembly. A longer description of US participation can be found below in "US/ICOMOS News." Below: Steve Kelley, US/ICOMOS Fellow, receives a gift from the General Assembly representatives for his work on *ST02: The Role of Cultural Heritage in Building Peace and Reconciliation*.



2018: The Year Ahead

January: US/ICOMOS Trustees will meet to discuss initiatives for the year based on ideas generated in brainstorming sessions at the 2017 Leadership Forum and member suggestions collected in the 2017 Membership Survey.

All year: We have committed to a communications focus on International Scientific Committees (ISCs) for 2018. This is your opportunity to learn about the value of ISCs, how to join one and what American members of ICOMOS ISCs have to say about them. See "ICOMOS News" below for a reprise of our January *US/ICOMOS at Work* "Introduction to ISCs and ISC FAQ."

All year: the *Africa Initiative* continues as US/ICOMOS partners with well-established national committees and emerging and established national committees in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2018 to advance the efforts of emerging national committees to organize and formulate World Heritage Tentative Lists.

January - August: International Exchange Program 2018. Individual applications are under review now. We are still seeking sponsors in the US and abroad. Please join us or support us in this singular international educational exchange program!

All Year: US/ICOMOS will work to involve more young heritage professionals in the organization via the IEP Alumni Program, whose work kicks off in January. If you are an alum who would like to get involved, please email us at director@usicomos.org.

March: US/ICOMOS, with the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, NPS and UNESCO, will sponsor a major conference "**New Approaches in Interpreting and Representing Slavery in Museums and Sites.**" Stay tuned to our enews and social media for more information.

June - July: The World Heritage Committee meets for its 42nd session in Manama, Bahrain. The [Key Works of Modern Architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright](#) World Heritage nomination is still in play, and work towards nomination continues on the [Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks sites](#) in Ohio, and the [US Civil Rights Sites](#) serial nomination in several states.

November: US/ICOMOS, in partnership with the Presidio Trust, will hold a Member Symposium on the West Coast. Date and location to be announced soon.

December: US/ICOMOS Gala and World Heritage Celebration. Join us in Washington, DC, for our most important fundraiser of the year as we celebrate US World Heritage, award the Murtaugh-Graham Prize to a young professional, and honor major accomplishments in the US/ICOMOS family.

US/ICOMOS News

US/ICOMOS at the ICOMOS 19th General Assembly

The US may have announced its intention to withdraw from UNESCO at the end of 2018, but we at US/ICOMOS remain strongly committed to the [World Heritage Convention](#) and to [UNESCO's sustainable development goals](#). In December, US/ICOMOS leaders, members and IEP alumni played major roles in many events of the ICOMOS General Assembly in Delhi, India. Some of the many achievements that we are proud of include:

Below Left: US member Pamela Jerome was elected to the ICOMOS board of directors for a 3-year term. Below Right: US/ICOMOS honored Gustavo Araoz as he concluded his second term as ICOMOS president. Here Gustavo congratulates new ICOMOS President Toshi Kono with VP Grellan Rourke and Director-General Marie-Laure Lavenir appreciating the moment at the US/ICOMOS-hosted supper.



The [Cultural Landscapes ISC](#) includes many committed, knowledgeable and generous US members. The work of this ISC resulted in two new ICOMOS doctrinal texts adopted at the GA: [ICOMOS/IFLA Principles Concerning Rural Landscapes as Heritage](#) and [ICOMOS/IFLA Document on Historic Urban Public Parks](#). Many of the individuals working on these initiatives also organized a [Culture/Nature track at GA with the IUCN](#). Below left are: Steve Brown (Australia), Lionella Scazzosi (Italy), and US members Brenda Barrett, Cari Goetchus (who is also an IEP alumna), and Nora Mitchell in Delhi.



[ICAHM, the International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management](#), was well represented at GA and oversaw the adoption, pictured below, of the [Salalah Guidelines for the Management of Public Archaeological Sites](#) as a doctrinal text.



The General Assembly's final Resolutions, [Delhi Declaration](#) and the Culture-Nature Journey Statement will be published soon online. Please look for links in our social media and other communications. Meanwhile, an overview of the themes and presentations at the General Assembly can be gained from reading the [Book of Abstracts](#) and the [Guide to the Nature Culture Journey](#).



Introducing Jennifer Rowan US Representative, ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Group



Jennifer (Jenny) Rowan has been selected by the US/ICOMOS Board to represent the United States national committee in the ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Working Group (EPWG). The ICOMOS Board has actively promoted the expansion of Young Professional membership by encouraging National Committees and International Scientific Committees to engage proactively with emerging professionals in the heritage field. A range of initiatives are underway in different committees, including in the United States, where we will utilize Jenny's skills to help recruit and retain emerging professional members and to promote the International Exchange Program (IEP).

Jenny participated in the IEP in 2016 with a placement in Turkey. Currently she is an urban planner in Alexandria, VA. Jenny's background is in architecture and historic preservation and she loves the outdoors and hiking. She is pictured at left at Arches National Park in Utah.

US/ICOMOS Seeks Hosts for the 2018 International Exchange Program Deadline: February 5

Would your organization like to host an enthusiastic IEP participant this summer? This program provides unparalleled opportunities for preservationists early in their careers to gain hands-on experience in a country other than their own. The program is geared toward those nearing the end of graduate school or with 1-3 years of professional experience. Placements are made by matching the skills/experience of each applicant with the needs of each host organization.

We are seeking 6 - 10 US organizations to host highly-qualified, international participants and provide guidance and enriching experiences to these young people while in the United States. We can't do this without your help! [For more information and a link to the application, please visit this webpage.](#)

Introduction to ICOMOS **International Scientific Committees (ISCs)**

Participating in an International Scientific Committee (ISC) is one of the most rewarding aspects of ICOMOS membership. Members gain and share knowledge and make connections across the globe while engaging with heritage sites, projects and professionals that they might never otherwise have discovered. However, as many of our newer members know, the first steps of engaging with an ISC can be challenging.

There are many factors contributing to the challenge of joining an ISC:

- Each ISC has its own standards and methods for admitting new members
- Each ISC operates independently: national committees (i.e. US/ICOMOS staff and leadership) have little real-time insight into ISC membership and activities;
- ISCs are overseen by chairs and leadership committees without paid staff and with very small budgets: responding to new membership requests, providing funding for young professionals to attend international meetings, and paying for and overseeing website and frequent communications are all challenges; and, finally,
- When you apply to an ISC, it is often unclear how dynamic that committee is: some are very active while others are not.

Nevertheless, for any US/ICOMOS member who desires more international experience and knowledge it is well worth the effort to join and engage with an ISC. Below, we answer basic questions about ISCs and how and why to join one.

ISC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What do ISCs do?

International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS address cultural heritage themes, resources and issues through varied activities that include:

- Exchanging and sharing globally
- Developing conservation theory, guidelines and charters
- Undertaking shared projects to advance expertise
- Sharing best practices, current works
- Sponsoring symposia, workshops and study tours
- Sharing expertise, fostering training
- Publishing works, bibliographies, etc.
- Carrying out topical research

What are the primary benefits of ISC membership?

- Access to ICOMOS international members with parallel expertise
- International engagement and networking
- Deepening of expertise through sharing
- Opportunity to develop international heritage conservation doctrine
- Rewarding international volunteer work opportunities
- Invitation to engage with World Heritage through desk reviews and site evaluations of nominated properties

How many ISCs are there?

ICOMOS currently has 28 International Scientific Committees

What topics do ISCs address?

General categories addressed are:

- Heritage Themes & Types: 12 (43%)
- Conservation Practice: 10 (36%)
- Materials & Techniques: 6 (21%)

What are the specific Committees?

<u>Heritage Themes & Types</u>	<u>Conservation Practice</u>	<u>Materials & Techniques</u>
CAR (Rock Art)	CIPA (Heritage Documentation)	ISCV (Stained Glass)
CIIV (Vernacular Architecture)	ISCEC (Economics of Conservation)	ISCARSAH (Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage)
CIIC (Cultural Routes)	ISCES (Energy and Sustainability)	ISCEAH (Earthen Architectural Heritage)
CIVVIH (Historic Towns and Villages)	ICAHM (Archaeology and Heritage Management)	IWC (Wood)
IcoFort (Fortifications and Military Heritage)	ICTC (Cultural Tourism)	ISCMP (Mural Painting)
ICICH (Intangible Cultural Heritage)	ICORP (Risk Preparedness)	ISCS (Stone)
ICUCH (Underwater Cultural Heritage)	CIF (Training)	
IPHC (Polar Heritage)	ICLAFI (Legal, Administrative, and Financial Issues)	
ISCCCL (Cultural Landscapes, ICOMOS-IFLA)	ICIP (Interpretation and Presentation of Cultural Heritage Sites)	
ISCSBH (Shared Built Heritage)	TheoPhilo (Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration)	
ISC20C (20 th Century Heritage)		
PRERICO (Places of Religion and Ritual)		

Links to individual ISC's websites can be found [here](#). For a list of contact names for ISCs, please [follow this link](#).

What ISC membership types are there?

- Expert Members - meet the criteria for expertise in the field as defined by the committee; voting on all matters except election of committee bureau and amendment of bylaws
- Expert Voting Members - Expert members designated by their national committees who may vote on all issues including election of the bureau and amendment of; one voting member per national committee
- Associate Members - Individuals who do not meet criteria for expert membership but wish to gain knowledge and build expertise in the field; conditional for three years; reviewed on three-year cycles
- Non-ICOMOS Members - Individuals who can make a contribution to the committee; encouraged to become a member of ICOMOS; no voting rights
- Institutional Members - institutions, academic programs, government agencies or other legal entities with a mission aligned with the ISC
- Honorary Member - elected by the committee; no voting rights

More information on membership types can be found [here](#).

How do you join an ISC?

- Secure US/ICOMOS International Membership: [join or renew here if you are not currently a member](#)
- Be Nominated
 - Most frequently: members nominate themselves
 - More rarely: ISCs occasionally invite new members directly to join; US/ICOMOS may nominate members
- Each committee has a review process; applications should be made through the contact for the ISC you wish to apply for. Contacts are listed here: <https://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/Adresses/adresses-csi.pdf>
- All Expert and Associate members of an ISC must remain international members of ICOMOS in good standing
- High priority placed on recruitment and advancement of young professionals
- Applicants denied membership may appeal to the ICOMOS Board

Please reach out to us with any questions you might have that aren't answered above by emailing us at director@usicomos.org. Please note that to belong to an ISC you must be an International member of US/ICOMOS. To renew or join, visit <http://membership.usicomos.org/>.

Get Involved

Have you Renewed your US/ICOMOS Membership?



If you haven't renewed, this is the last Members' Newsletter that you will receive! We encourage you to renew now to continue receiving member benefits and to get the full calendar year value out of membership.

Please [rejoin here](#). If you don't know the email address that you registered with initially, please contact jspreitzer@usicomos.org for assistance.

For those of you who work for larger organizations, we encourage Institutional membership. For more information about institutional membership benefits and options, please [click here and scroll down to the "Institutional Membership" section](#).

World Heritage Watch Call for Papers

In conjunction with the 42nd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, and in partnership with its network of indigenous peoples' and civil society organizations, World Heritage Watch is organizing the **5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage**, June 22-23, 2018, in Manama, Bahrain.

The Forum will discuss cases of World Heritage Sites where there is a concern for their protection and safeguarding which should be brought to the attention of the World Heritage Committee and the general public. Presentations shall provide information about the sites which

- is new and relevant for the protection and safeguarding of the site; and/or
 - has not received adequate consideration by the State Party or UNESCO; and/or
 - reflects the perspective of the local population at the site and/or civil society actors;
- in order to help the World Heritage Committee and its Advisory Bodies to have a more comprehensive assessment of the site and thus arrive at better decisions during its session.

Papers should cover sites which will be on the agenda of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's 42nd Session (see Annex below), or which should be put on the agenda with urgency. In addition to sites which are inscribed on the World Heritage List, the Forum will also consider sites which are nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List, which are on a Tentative List or should be on a Tentative List.

[More information about the NGO Forum on World Heritage and how to submit a paper can be found](#)

[here.](#)

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