



US/ICOMOS at Work

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Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work” e-news blast, a monthly update on what US/ICOMOS is doing to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters.

Pictured above: Assembled candidates for the ICOMOS board and officer positions onstage at the 19th ICOMOS General Assembly, Delhi, India.

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Happy New Year from US/ICOMOS!

2017 has drawn to a close and 2018 is underway. [Have you renewed your US/ICOMOS 2018 membership?](#) We have many events and opportunities planned for the year in which we hope you will participate. Many, but not all, of these require membership. One opportunity that requires International membership is participation in an International Scientific Committee (ISC).

Perhaps you have heard of ISCs and wondered why or how to join? One of our 2018 goals is to make the process of joining and getting involved in ISCs clearer to our members and thus more accessible. We will follow the Introduction and FAQ below with a series of monthly ISC profiles featuring specific committees and their work.

Warning: Acronyms ahead!



Above: ICOFORT committee members visited the Taj Mahal after attending the ICOMOS 19th

General Assembly in Delhi. Educational travel with professional peers is one of the many advantages of ISC membership.

[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)
CIAV (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)	ISCOMP (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)	
ISCLL (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 below 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/>.



Highlights of the ICOMOS 19th General Assembly

ICOMOS India hosted a successful 19th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in New Delhi, India from 11-15 December 2017. Over 1090 participants and guests from 102 countries gathered in New Delhi, with over 65 ICOMOS National Committees represented.

One of the primary tasks of the General Assembly was to elect new ICOMOS leadership. Mr Toshiyuki Kono (Japan) was elected as President; Mr Peter Phillips (Australia) was elected as Secretary General; Ms Laura Robinson (South Africa) was re-elected as Treasurer General, along with 5 Vice-Presidents and 12 other elected members. The new Board includes one US/ICOMOS member--Pamela Jerome, see below--and representatives from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mali, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, and Uruguay. For the full list, [click here](#).



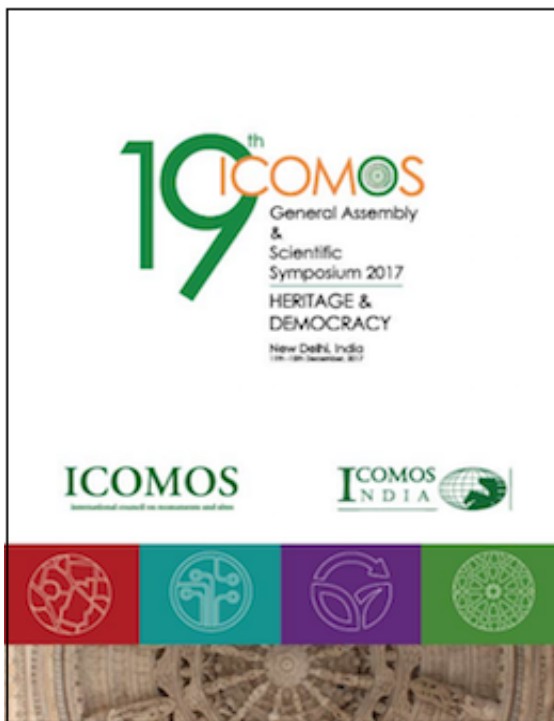
Above Left: Pamela Jerome, shown speaking to the General Assembly, was elected to the ICOMOS board for a three-year term. Pamela is a Fellow of US/ICOMOS and is active in the CIAV (Vernacular Architecture) and ISCEAH (Earthen Architectural Heritage) ISCs.

Above Right: US/ICOMOS celebrated the new ICOMOS officers and Doug Comer, Chair, presented the Ann Webster Smith Award to our own Gustavo Araoz, outgoing ICOMOS President, at the residence of Jeffery R. Sexton, Counselor for Public Affairs, US Embassy, Delhi. It was an energetic and poignant event filled with emotion for all in the room. The Ann Webster Smith Award is presented, rarely, for extraordinary and sustained achievement in perpetuating Ann Webster Smith's quest to make the United States a respected partner and trustworthy pillar to support the conservation of the cultural heritage in all parts of the world.



Above: many alumni/ae of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program participated in the General Assembly. Below are pictured Jenna Dublin, Anushi Garg, Komal Potdar, Brian Lione, Sara Lardinois, Bill Pencek (US/ICOMOS Executive Director but not an alum!), Maanvi Chawla, and Nityaa Iyer. Richa Pandey also attended but was not present for the photo. We're very proud of their achievements and our sponsorship of this one-of-a-kind heritage exchange opportunity for students and young professionals.

Below: 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, a very good 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](#).



Reminder: Call for Participants, Host Organizations and Sponsors: 2018 International Exchange Program

US/ICOMOS announces the call for applications for participants, hosts and sponsors for the 2018 International Exchange Program (IEP). Graduate students and those new to the heritage profession (1-3 years of experience) specializing in historic preservation and heritage conservation are invited to apply. Participants will be assigned practical working internships, under professional supervision, with a public or private nonprofit preservation organization. Internships for U.S. citizens are in other countries, organized in many cases in cooperation with the local ICOMOS National Committee. Internships for non-U.S. citizens are placed throughout the United States.

US/ICOMOS is also seeking hosts and sponsors for the 2018 IEP. For more information, visit our Internship pages at <http://www.usicomos.org/internship>. The deadline for applications for participants is January 15, 2018. The deadline for applications for hosts is February 5, 2018. Should you wish to support the IEP, donations can be made at www.usicomos.org/donate; select 'Contribute directly to the International Exchange Program.'

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