

# ICAHM 2009b Annual Meeting Valletta, Malta

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**ICOMOS/ICAHM**

International Committee on  
Archaeological  
Heritage Management



**Welcome**

Member Notice

6 October 2009  
Heritage Malta Executive Meeting Room  
Valletta, Malta

# AGENDA

- 1. Status of ICAHM reorganization: implementation of functions, offices and duties
  - Establishing and launching the programs and activities of the committees
    - Board of Registration
    - Communication Committee
    - Standards Committee
  - Enhancing participation by ICAHM Expert Members
  - Tracking participation and guiding involvement to advance strategic goals
  - The role of ICAHM Vice-Presidents in ICAHM programs
  - Strategic selection of additional Expert Members
- 2. ICAHM website (including Listserv)
- 3. Updates on special activities including:
  - Economic impact of inscribing archaeological sites on the World Heritage List
  - Assistance to nomination of archaeological sites to World Heritage List
  - Contributing to training of military organization on sensitivity of cultural resources
  - Liaison with Intangible Culture scientific committee
  - ICAHM co-sponsor with NASA of Society for American Archaeology symposium on use of aerial and satellite remote sensing in archaeology

# What is ICAHM?



- The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management
- Ultimately, it will likely be the largest of the approximately 28 ICOMOS scientific committees, which deal with subjects from Stained Glass through Polar Heritage to Documentation of cultural resources

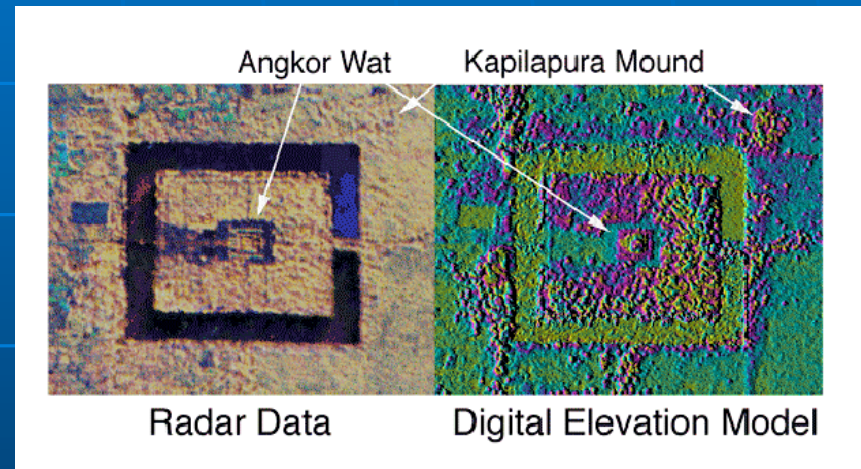
# Eger/Xi'an Principles for International Scientific Committees

- “ICOMOS expects the International Committees to be at the heart of scientific inquiry and exchange in their domains,” and, further, they should “... actively pursue programmes which define research needs, stimulate and support research activity, and increase exchange and dissemination in order to promote greater understanding in the field.”

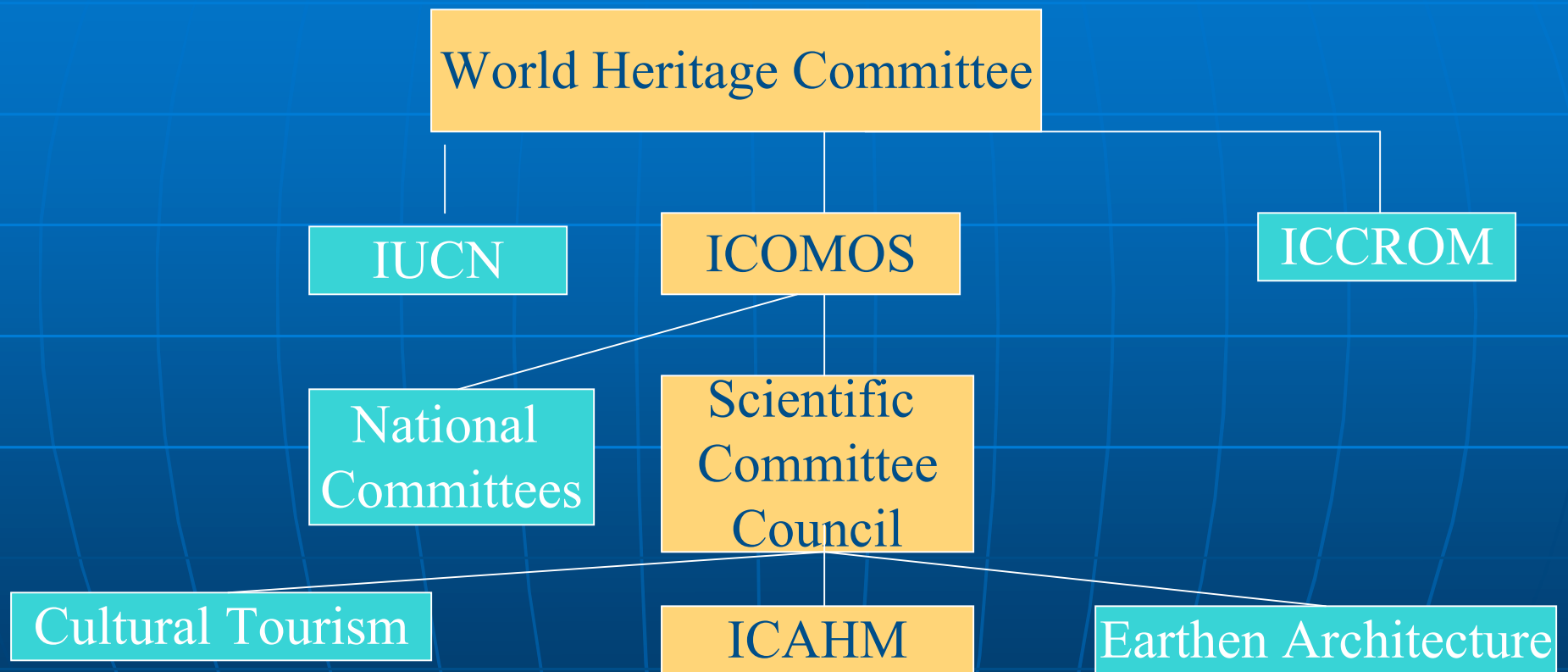


# ICOMOS Is Moving to Enhance to Role of Scientific Committees

- To enhance the evaluation of sites nominated to the World Heritage List
- To provide for a better distribution of sites around the world
- To provide for better monitoring of World Heritage Sites
- To develop more effective networks of professionals
- To develop publications of value to the purposes of ICOMOS



# World Heritage Organizational Structure



# What ICAHM Has Been

- A President and Executive comprised of regional VPs and a Secretary
- Products
  - Desk audits and site visits to provide input for evaluation of nominations to the WHL
  - Statements to the press and resolutions to ICOMOS regarding specific issues affecting archaeological heritage management (most often about specific sites)

# We Have Undertaken a Variety of Tasks at the Request of ICOMOS

- Review of Controversial Projects
  - Rosia Montana, Romania, destruction of Roman and pre-Roman sites by mining company
  - Zeugma, Turkey Dam Construction and flooding of mosaics
  - Akrotiri on Santorini, Greece, site shelter collapse

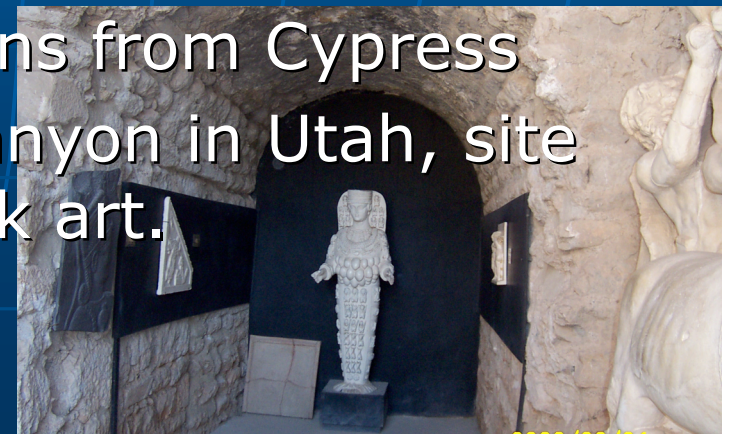


# Tasks Undertaken at the Request of ICOMOS

- Developing a statement on the effect of climate change on archaeological sites
- Developing a Statement on Tourism and Heritage for UNESCO
- Providing and sometimes coordinating review of the Ename Charter on Interpretation
- Consideration of guidelines for ICAHM charter (supported by GCI)

# ICAHM Advocating for Archaeological Resources

- Letter to *Time* in response to an article on collecting archaeological antiquities as an investment and *resolution at the Quebec City General Assembly*
- Circulating information and petitions regarding threats to archaeological heritage
  - Legalizing sale of ancient coins from Cypress
  - Development of Nine Mile Canyon in Utah, site of extensive collection of rock art.



# ICAHM Advocating for Archaeological Resources

- ICAHM members have contributed many articles to Heritage at Risk (H@R)
  - Independence National Historic Site (US) The Parliament Buildings in Upper Canada
  - Early medieval stronghold at Napole in northern Poland
  - The practice of rescue archeology on Japanese islands

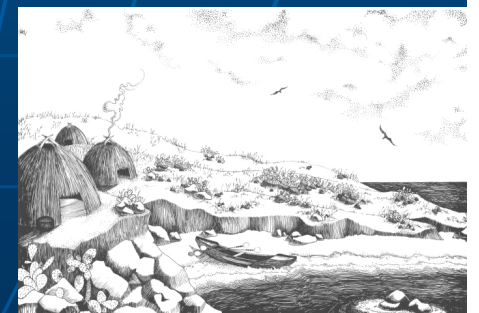
# ICAHM Advocating for Archaeological Resources

- New airport construction in Quito, Ecuador found to be adequately surveyed and mitigated
  - Confronting neo-Colonial sentiment in our own field?



# ICAHM and National Committees

- Some examples from the revised US agenda:
  - Advocating for World Heritage Sites
    - What it means and does not mean to be a World Heritage Site (no loss of sovereignty)
  - Assisting the State Party in the formulation of Tentative Lists by providing input on archaeological sites
  - Forming Friend's Groups



# But What Are We Supposed to Do?

*More People and a Developed Structure will be needed*

- International Scientific Committees are to do the much of the work of ICOMOS
  - Desk Audits of World Heritage List nominations
  - Site visits
  - Monitoring of site conditions, especially management
  - Participation in efforts to formulate and update standards
  - Providing expertise via a network of professionals
  - Reviews of development in terms of best practices
  - Establishing best practices for archaeological work around the world

# We Need More Members and a Revised Structure

The Executive (Pres, VPs, Sec)

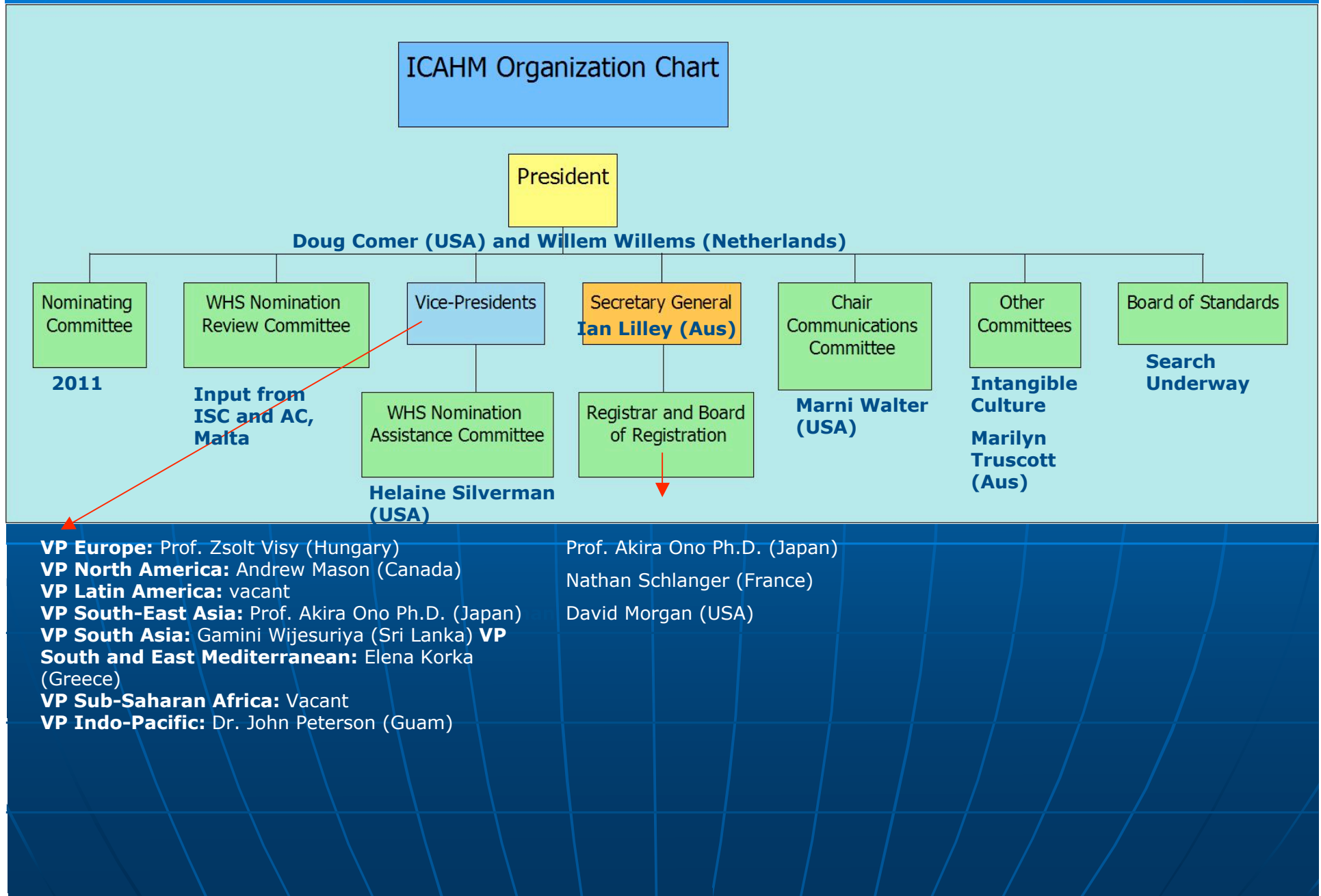
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Standing Committees:

Membership  
Meetings,  
Website,  
Listserv,  
Nomination for  
WHL nomination  
reviews

# ICAHM Structure as of 6 October 2009



# Statement of ICAHM Function

- To establish, promulgate, and encourage adherence to high standards and best practices for a) management of archaeological sites and resources, b) archaeological research, and c) aspects of cultural resource management.
- To develop and enhance a network of professional archaeologists and archaeological site managers for the purpose of transmitting theoretical and practical skills and encouraging high standards and best practices for a) management of archaeological sites and resources, b) archaeological research, and c) aspects of cultural resource management.

# Statement of ICAHM Function

- To organize conferences and workshops, to produce publications, websites, and other mechanisms utilizing a variety of media to promulgate high standards and best practices for a) management of archaeological sites and resources, b) archaeological research, and c) aspects of cultural resource management.
- To provide the best qualified ICAHM Expert Members for desk audits and site visits to archaeological sites that have been nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List

# Statement of ICAHM Function

- To provide the best qualified ICAHM Expert Members for monitoring of condition of archaeological sites that are inscribed on the World Heritage List
- To encourage the nomination of appropriate archaeological sites to the World Heritage List, and to assist in nominations by contributing to comparative studies, giving advice about the preparation of nomination dossiers, management plans or other relevant steps.

# Roles and Responsibilities

- [http://www.icomos.org/icahm/orgchart/ICAHM\\_Function\\_OfficesandDuties.pdf](http://www.icomos.org/icahm/orgchart/ICAHM_Function_OfficesandDuties.pdf)

# Board of Registration

- Criteria for Expert Membership have been developed that apply to all scientific committees
- Board of Registration will develop criteria especially for ICAHM membership


# Board of Registration

- ICAHM Expert Members must be recertified as such each three years by the Board of Registration. All Expert Members are required to be active members of ICAHM in order to be recertified, as demonstrated by
  - 1) maintaining membership in an ICOMOS national committee, and
  - 2) participating in ICAHM programs and activities each calendar year in one of the following ways, and submitting a statement each year that describes the manner and outcome of participation:
    - • Holding elective or appointive office and carrying out responsibilities to the satisfaction of the President and ICAHM Executive
    - • Membership in a committee or sub-committee and satisfactorily carrying out tasks assigned by committee or sub-committee chairs,
    - • Oral presentations at ICAHM meetings
    - • Oral presentations to groups other than ICAHM to further the objectives of ICAHM
    - • Contributing to ICAHM publications by authoring or co-authoring articles, books, or other works
    - • Contributing to ICAHM publications by participating in editorial tasks
    - • Carrying out tasks assigned by the President


# Communications Committee

- A Chair that will liaise with the ICAHM Executive to advise on content and, as relevant, the specific form that it should be given to content among media listed below. The Chair will also solicit content as directed by the Executive, as communicated by the President.
- The other three members will proactively recommend and solicit content and recommend form, but shall be primarily responsible for incorporating content and form in a timely way into the media below. These members will be responsible for, respectively:
  - The ICAHM website(s),
  - The section of the ICAHM website that shall serve as a listserv),
  - Occasional publications, and ICOMOS publications

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### Links

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- › [Members Listserv](#)

### Welcome

The International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) advises ICOMOS and the World Heritage Committee on matters that pertain to all aspects of the management of archaeological sites and

### Member Notice




Members of ICAHM and their

- Will take over maintenance of new website (Google ICAHM)
- ICAHM Blog and Group under development

scientific committees' play in ICOMOS.

ICAHM will be especially busy. Of the over 850 sites now on the World Heritage List, two-thirds were inscribed because of universally significant cultural values. Virtually all of these contain archaeological sites, landscapes, or other archaeological materials. [Read the complete](#)



[Objectives and Procedures of the International Committee of Archaeological Heritage Management \(ICAHM\)](#)

# Avoiding Damage to Cultural Properties by Militaries

ICAHM assistance to international efforts for the training of militaries in avoiding damage to sites and cultural objects

Comer and Willems on Advisory Board

Proximity of University of Leiden to den Haag an asset

## Cultural Property Protection in Times of Conflict

The relevance and practical implementation of Cultural Property Protection (CPP) and its connection with the Comprehensive Approach during military operations.

Seminar  
Date: 25 March 2009.



Ministry of Defence

# Economic Dimensions of Inscribing Archaeological Sites

BBL co-sponsored by the Cultural Heritage and and Sustainable Tourism Thematic Group  
and the Local Economic Development Thematic Group at the Urban Anchor

**Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism for Local Economic Development -  
“What, Who and How? Enhancing Economic Benefits of Archaeological World Heritage Sites”**



Monday, September 28, 2009

**12:30 - 2:00 pm**

Room MC8-100

The World Bank, Washington, DC

**Speaker**

**Professor Brent Lane, University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School**

**Chair**

**Stephen Karam, Lead Urban Economist, FEUUR**

Since October 2008 Professor Brent Lane of the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School has been working with the International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) on ways to better measure and enhance local economic impacts of World Heritage Sites (WHS). The outcome of this work will be applications of sustainable tourism and economic development practices that enhance the local economic potential of archaeological World Heritage Sites in targeted developing countries.

# Economic Dimensions of Inscribing Archaeological Sites

- Examination of economic benefit of archaeological site preservation and designation of archaeological sites as World Heritage Sites (Brent Lane)
- Preliminary results suggest some points to include in archaeological heritage management best practices

# Economic Dimensions of Inscribing Archaeological Sites

## Industry Cluster Analysis for WHS

**Cluster are trading networks of local and non-local business and employees**

- Establishment level analysis reveals beneficiary demographics - employment , wages , ownership
- Captures pervasiveness of local economic benefits and extent of indigenous population participation
- Delineates areas of unrealized economic potential by segmenting “monolithic tourism industry construct

# Economic Dimensions of Inscribing Archaeological Sites



# Context for WHL Nominations: Poverty Point

Poverty Point Earthworks: Site Layout



Monumental  
structures  
built by non-  
agricultural  
societies



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 R: inland Caral site: [www.intenseperu.com/ caral-peru-travel-inca-ci..](http://www.intenseperu.com/caral-peru-travel-inca-ci..)

#### Sambaquis of Coastal Brazil

Along the coast of Brazil are *sambaquis* or shell mounds of varying size. They are not the result of sustained domestic activity. Their food remains strongly indicate a hunting and gathering economy focused on aquatic (lagoons, ocean) exploitation – fishing more than shellfish collection. And the sambaquis lack pottery. We now know that the largest of these (rising at least 50 m and covering hundreds of meters) served a mortuary function, involving highly ritualized interment ceremonies (including feasting) encompassing significant numbers of bodies. Their heyday was 2000-1 BC (thus, in the second millennium BC they were contemporary with Poverty Point, and somewhat earlier). The sambaquis correspond to “complex” hunters and gatherers – albeit without a formalized system of inequality. Moreover, the cultural similarity among sambaquis speaks to a strong, shared, widespread, and prolonged cultural pattern.



[pibimirim.socioambiental.org/en/before-cabral/...](http://pibimirim.socioambiental.org/en/before-cabral/...)

#### Marajó Island, Brazil

At the mouth of the Amazon River archaeologists have reconstructed even more notable evidence of complex society in the absence of agriculture, and with monumental constructions. New excavations on Marajó Island and revised interpretations of earlier work suggest that between 400 to 1350 AD Marajoara people built scores of mounds for habitation, feasting,

# Context for WHL Nominations: Poverty Point

# ICAHM Vice-President Roles

- Recommends ICAHM members
- Solicits input to publications
- Recommends Expert Members for desk reviews and site visits.
- Identifies archaeological heritage management needs for region, prioritizes these, and develops action plans to address them.
- Identifies urgent archaeological heritage management developments, issues, events, and controversies for region, develops suggestions and action plans to address these in concert with the ICAHM President.
- In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Vice-President