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**on Archaeological**  
**Heritage Management**

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
18 and 19 October 2005

**Venue** Avignon in Sofitel Convention Centre on Renmin Square

**1. Opening of meeting**

18 October meeting opened at 19.30, closed at 22.30

19 October meeting opened at 19.30, closed at 22.45

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

(on date, or dates as specified)

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**Apologies:**

Christophe Rivet, Canada, Secretary ICAHM – not at Xi'an  
Kevin Jones, New Zealand, VP Pacific - (18/10 – sick)

**Caveat regarding the minutes:**

Christophe Rivet, Secretary, was unable to attend the annual general meeting of ICAHM but did send by courier an agenda. Not knowing that Christophe had prepared an agenda, due to 'firewall' email transmission problems, Brian Egloff prepared a second agenda. For the meeting on the 18th the items in the Egloff agenda were followed and on the 19th those items on the Rivet agenda were picked-up. M C Truscott took the minutes on the 18th and Brian Egloff and Doug Comer endeavoured to do the same on the 19th. Egloff considers himself to be responsible for any errors in transmission as it was he and Truscott that drafted the minutes that follow.

**Introductions:**

While awaiting the arrival of members, informally B. Egloff discussed the role of Vice Presidents as adding regional representation to the executive and mentioned that to some extent this was 'stretching' the ICOMOS statutes. Overall ICAHM had an inclusive structure and if a member of ICOMOS wished to be included in the activities of ICAHM, it was possible to fit them into the working structure of the committee.

Observers from ICOMOS Greece and CIPA explained that they were at the meeting to press the case for ICAHM advocacy and support on certain issues (outlined in minutes below).

**3. Additions to the agenda**

- Threats to Akrotiri archaeological site, Santorini, Greece (N Agriantos)
- Support for a Turkish archaeological monitoring program (P Waldhäusl)

**4. Minutes of ICAHM Annual Meeting, Lyon, 2004**

For adoption, W Willems proposed that the minutes be accepted and B Egloff seconded the acceptance of minutes – carried.

**5. Business arising from Lyon 2004 Meeting**

Items of business arising from the Minutes of the 2005 AGM in Lyon are for the most part covered in the following reports by the President and Vice-Presidents; to note being:

- APPEAR - Urban archaeology accessibility held its final international symposium on 4 and 5 October in Brussels (*Urban pasts and urban futures: bringing urban archaeology to life: Enhancing the values of archaeological remains*: <http://www.international.icomos.org/appear.htm> & [www.in-situ.be/A\\_conference.html](http://www.in-situ.be/A_conference.html)). This project is in the ICOMOS budget showing an income of €15,000.
- Agreed in Lyon that would work on ICAHM Charter that had been sidelined by work on Enane Charter (now no longer needed; ensuing discussion at this stage of meeting reported on as part of D Comer's report given below) would focus upon preparing ICAHM guidelines (refer also to 6.3 below).
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- Heritage @ Risk - M. Truscott reported that since Lyon meeting, H@R 2004-2005 had been published in early 2005 with an ICAHM report consisting of an Eastern European, a North American and a Japanese report (refer also to 8.4 below).

## **6. Report of the President**

The report of the President was circulated at the meeting as well as being included in the ICHAM Annual Report, which included all major documents acted upon in 2005, that was tendered to Gustavo Aroz, Vice President of ICOMOS in charge of ISCs and President, Australia ICOMOS, Krystal Buckley.

### **6.1 Eger principles, discussion of action to date**

B Egloff reported on the results of the ISC workshop held in Xi'an on 14 October, following on from workshops in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (2003) and Bergen, Norway (2004) regarding structural and administrative changes to the workings of International Scientific Committees. The recommendations were in the process of being endorsed by the Advisory Committee and Executive Committee of ICOMOS.

B Egloff stated that given that the ICAHM next elections are to take place in early 2006, it would be that new executive committee that would implement the changes.

**Action:** Members of ICHAM are urged to refer to the attached resolution 14 of the General Assembly; 'Adoption of Eger-Xi'An Principles' as well as the ICOMOS website for the full text of the draft principles. If members wish they may send their comments on the draft principles to C. Rivet, Secretary, ICAHM.

### **6.2 Actions with respect to Rosa Montana, Romania**

B Egloff reported that the proposed mining at Rosa Montana, Romania threatens the historic Roman settlement and mining site in Romania and that the issue had occupied a good bit of his time. Egloff had drafted a review of the report of the EU fact-finding mission to Rosia Montana. It was sent to the ICOMOS Executive Committee and is attached to the ICAHM Annual Report.

**Action:** ICAHM to continue to be involved in the process via Z Visy (refer to 8.6 discussion of the 19<sup>th</sup>).

### **6.3 Review of archaeological principles and ICAHM Charter**

B Egloff reported on the process that had been initiated when Senake Bandaranayake was President of ICAHM and involved Lord Renfrew and Henry Cleere in a review of the UNESCO Recommendation on International Principles Applicable to Archaeological Excavations, New Dehli 5 December 1956. Lyndel Prott, then Director of UNESCO Heritage Standards Section, had reported on the situation of this Recommendation in 1990 and urged B Egloff that further work was appropriate. The question raised is whether UNESCO would support ICAHM working further on this matter, ICAHM being well aware of the fact that any formal change to the status of the Recommendation is a matter for UNESCO member states. Giora Solar was to discuss this matter further with UNESCO. Currently UNESCO is overwhelmed with work and issues on the new Underwater and Intangible conventions. Also, N Sanz reported that the Cultural Heritage division and the World Heritage Secretariat are being reorganised.

B Egloff reported that at Lyon it had been decided that ICAHM would not proceed

with this, but would develop guidelines to the ICAHM charter on its own and not seek support from or the involvement of UNESCO. With respect to this matter, ICOMOS Executive Committee had censored ICAHM for being in direct contact with UNESCO on this matter.

In the ensuing discussion, P Waldhäusl (CIPA) outlined CIPA's system with ICOMOS on such matters as their executive has direct exchange with UNESCO. Nikos Agriantos as a member of ICOMOS Executive Committee for past six years noted that this was indeed a problem with the Executive Committee and suggested that ICAHM press the Executive Committee on this matter. D Comer, in regarding to pressing EC, suggested instead that ICAHM resolve to seek clarification regarding ISCs and UNESCO.

**Action:** B Egloff to press the drafting of guidelines but to make further inquiries of UNESCO taking into account the structural reorganisation.

#### **6.4 Consideration of ICOMOS draft 'Charter for the Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Sites' (Ename Charter), current status**

B Egloff noted that ICOMOS draft 'Charter for the Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Sites' had been discussed at the ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting at Bergen, Norway, 2004, but only after he had left to attend the ICAHM meeting in Lyon, due to a clash of timing, and therefore was not reported on at that time. His understanding is as a result of a lack of agreement on the charter, there is now a move to have an ISC on interpretation formed to press this matter further.

#### **6.5 Guidelines for World heritage Archaeological Sites, progress to date**

B Egloff reported that Kevin Jones was sick and not at ICAHM meeting to report on this, and that K Jones had met with Giora Solar and Henry Cleere in Israel; an update is needed. B Egloff also noted that ICOMOS International had funded the consultancy for this project with €15,000 spent in 2005, and €15,000 to be spent in 2006 budget. (On the 19<sup>th</sup> K Jones reported more fully on this matter, refer to 7.2 below).

**Action:** B. Egloff to make inquiries as to how the sums of money allocated to the guidelines were being expended and if it is for a publication then the ICOMOS publications committee should be involved.

#### **6.6 Review of papers for X'ian scientific symposium**

B Egloff outlined the abstract review process stating that the selection of papers was strung out over perhaps as much as 6 weeks as the abstracts came to hand and that at no time were all of the abstracts compared. Also, there was considerable variation in which papers the reviewers believed were best and the information as to how many papers were to be delivered was not at all clear. It appears as if each review committee adopted individual procedures. He noted that ISCs should press harder for a fair and transparent process. B. Egloff has sent a review of the 2005 process and a model for a more equitable system to the Executive as well as included the information in the ICAHM Annual Report.

The ensuing discussion raised different views about the structure of the scientific symposium to be held at each General Assembly. Z Visy proposed a theme on archaeological sites, while A McConnell asked what had happened at past General

Assembly scientific symposiums; the attempt to have a session for each ISC at a different venue in Mexico had evidenced some organisational problems. M C Truscott noted that although archaeology had had separate sessions at past scientific symposiums, the value of ICOMOS conferences was the inter-disciplinary approach to the particular topic of the scientific symposium. G S noted that her experience with Parks Canada that suggested that heritage archaeology is often neglected and as a result she had been involved in training to raise profile of heritage archaeology. B Egloff noted the opportunity to press for a real involvement with the development to the scientific symposium theme and sub-themes for Quebec 2008.

**Action:** C. Rivet to engage in discussion with ICOMOS Canada and ICOMOS EC about ICAHM input to next scientific symposium.

### **6.7 World Megalithic conference, Korea**

B Egloff reported on the background to his participation in World Megalithic conference, Korea. The extensive megaliths found in Korea, both South and North, and that research into this type of archaeological sites is very well funded, and also highly regarded in Korea. Not only this, but Korea is keen to work on the World Heritage listing of megalith complexes that span both parts of Korea and is actively seeking assistance and advice from UNESCO on how to proceed. B Egloff attended the conference as a representative from the Australian Government's Department of the Environment and Heritage. UNESCO attended but has not replied to correspondence as to how they are planning to proceed with assisting Korea with this matter (correspondence included in ICAHM Annual Report).

## **7. Report of Vice-Presidents and Secretary**

### **7.1 Various reports**

**Doug Comer, VP North America, reported involvement on two main issues:**

With respect to the Ename Charter, D. Comer reported that a considerable amount of time had been spent on this for ICAHM, soliciting and making comments, culminating in Draft 3 in 2004, noting that he is a bit dismayed that the project had gone somewhere else, ie to another, new ISC, for whilst there is a good reason for widening Ename beyond its original focus on archaeological sites, but in the case of archaeological sites and ICAHM there was still much to do.

B Egloff reported that he had sent an e-mail asking for information prior to the Advisory Committee meeting just held in Xi'an. D Comer and W Willem suggested perhaps ICAHM could join the new ISC, or as B Egloff suggested have some interface with the new ISC. M C Truscott noted that new structure of ISCs had proposed more than one ISC joining in on certain issues or projects and this might be such an example. D Comer stressed need to ensure that archaeological management interest is not lost.

Iraq had been a focus of work for D. Comer and he reported that he had been heavily engaged with involvement on archaeological issues, including offers of assistance from various members, and met with Donny George; the situation is now on 'stand by' given security risks in Iraq

**Willem Willems, VP Europe, presented report:**

APPEAR held a meeting with the EU Scientific Council in Brussels in early October, just before Xi'an. W Willems was not able to attend the meeting. But indicated that the text for guidelines should be ready by the end of 2005 (refer to ICOMOS website).

**Kevin Jones, VP Pacific, reported:**

World Heritage Archaeological Heritage Management meeting was held in Israel, February 2002 with Giora Solar, Henry Cleere, Gamini Wijesuriya (Sri Lanka), Christopher Young (UK) and Nicholas Stanley Price, ICCROM present. An outline of contents for Guidelines for World Heritage Archaeological Heritage Management has been drafted. Funding to publish the volume was to be provided by ICCROM, but ICCROM has since indicated that it is no longer interested in discipline specific guidelines. Nicholas Stanley Price considered that these World Heritage guidelines should include more than only archaeological sites, being extended to a broader range of site types.

D Comer asked about the quality control of these proposed guidelines and the role of ICAHM. M C Truscott noted that this was a general issue for the current Publications Committee (of which she is a member) regarding ICOMOS publications and a lack of any process to ensure quality and editorial control.

**Action:** B Egloff to write to Henry Cleere asking where this project is up to and how ICAHM and Publications committee can help.

VP South Asia: **Gamini Wijesuriya** (Sri Lanka) not present at the meeting and no report was tendered, although in Xi'an. The meeting noted that he had just started at ICCROM as a project manager.

VP Latin America: **Nelly Robles Garcia** (Mexico) absent and no report was tendered.

VP South-East Asia: **Akira Ono** (Japan) absent and no report was tendered.

VP South and East Mediterranean: vacant

VP Sub-Saharan Africa: vacant

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Location of the next ICAHM regional annual meeting**

B Egloff noted that during his presidency, ICAHM had aimed for annual meeting co-joined with other international or regional conferences and that the options for 2006 included:

SAA - Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 26-30 April 2006 ([www.saa.org/meetings](http://www.saa.org/meetings))

IPPA - Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Manila, Philippines, 20-26 March 2006  
(<http://arts.anu.edu.au/arcworld/ippa/ippa.htm>)

EAA – European Association of Archaeologists, Krakow, Poland, 19-24 September 2006 (<http://www.e-a-a.org/europe2.htm>)

Roman Frontier Studies, León, Spain, 4-11 September 2006  
(<http://www.20fronteraromana.unileon.es/ingles/first%20circular.htm>)

It was agreed that this would be discussed further on 19/10

Z Visy suggested that at the regional level, ICAHM should encourage members to go to other conferences to raise the profile of ICAHM.

Discussion ensued about other related ISCs and connections or meetings with them, for example as mentioned by Nuria Sanz there was a forthcoming meeting of archaeologists in Italy.

Rock Art ISC with World Heritage Centre - Archaeology and Rock Art in Caribbean, Guadeloupe February 2006 (date and location to be confirmed)

Archaeological Sites and Tourism Sites, Alhambra, Granada, Spain, March 2006 (date and location to be confirmed)

**Action:** B Egloff to seek details from Nuria Sanz, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO (this matter was overtaken, see item 8.14)

### **8.2 Electronic elections in 2006**

Confirmation that electronic elections are to proceed as in 2003, scheduled for January 2006

### **8.3 Request for expert advice**

Andrew Hall has passed on the following information for action by ICAHM: together with a natural heritage expert, I recently ran a workshop for UNESCO in Eritrea to assist it as a recently independent country and signatory to the World Heritage Convention to set up its tentative list of World Heritage sites. An appeal from a colleague working in the closest thing they have to a national heritage authority for examples of management plans so that they can develop one for Qohaito, a large former trading town between Axum and the former Red Sea port of Adulis.

**Action:** Members of ICAHM are free to contact Andrew Hall, (ICOMOS Executive) directly on this matter.

### **8.4 Heritage@Risk**

Reports have not been solicited in 2005 but that ICAHM had had a presence in the last published volume (refer to 5.1 above).

### **8.5 Requests for advice on World Heritage sites**

B Egloff reported that C Rivet had asked for list of people who can go on World Heritage missions, and had circulated a list of 10 places which Gwenaille Bourdin of

ICOMOS Secretariat had approached ICAHM and other ISCs about finding experts for potential World Heritage assessment missions.

Discussion ensued and B Egloff reported that the process has been for the ICOMOS Secretariat to forward lists of sites needing assessment to Christophe Rivet (ICAHM Secretary) who then forwarded the list to ICAHM members suggesting they communicate directly to the ICOMOS Secretariat. The 2005 list of sites is as follows:

- Incallajta: la Pierre fondamentale du pouvoir Inca, Boliva
- Les ruines de Loropéni, Burkina Faso
- Yin Xu, China
- Senegambein Stone Circles, Gambia/Senegal
- Bisotun, Iran
- Tel Dan - The Triple Arched Gate, Israel
- Nyika National Park, Malawi
- Aapravasi Ghat, Mauritius
- Aflaj irrigation system, Oman
- Chateaux de Syrie, Syrian Arab Republic

M C Truscott noted that expertise relevant to World Heritage assessment missions needed to not only include knowledge of site types or region or cultural periods relevant to site but also to heritage significance assessment and site management. B Egloff noted that there were three different options for the process: members to make direct contact with the ICOMOS Secretariat (current process) or members to make direct contact with ICOMOS Secretariat and copy to ISC or ISC to vet the expertise of members proposing themselves and forward to Secretariat.

Z Visy noted that perhaps the ICOMOS Secretariat should be asked as to their preference.

**Action:** B Egloff to approach ICOMOS Secretariat World Heritage staff (Regina Durighello and Gwenaille Bourdin) regarding the options for ICAHM (and other ISCs) to identify assessment experts and their preferred process.

#### **8.6 Rosa Montana** (refer to 6.2 above)

Z Visy outlined the issue including the risks of the proposed new gold mine, proposed by Canadian company Alcan. The use of cyanide in mining technology risks polluting the natural environment of the area, including the Maros and Tisza rivers, and the mine and associated modern residential development will remove the cultural heritage evidence of mining continuity from the prehistoric to Roman with its settlement Alburnus Major, the mediaeval period through to the 18<sup>th</sup> century mining town. ICOMOS had made several resolutions at its past General Assemblies and other appeals, in Madrid (2002), Zimbabwe (2003), Pécs, Hungary (2004) and Lyon (2004), but nothing has been done. Issues include the former Canadian ambassador to Romania's statement of support for the mine, with rumours of an agreement between Canada and Romania, yet the Romanian government is said to be against this proposal.

Z Visy seeks a statement indicating that Romanian heritage needs support and that cultural heritage provides a possible socio-economic advantage. The site should be



world heritage listed, the only possibility of saving the site, and Z Visy had tried to propose this the World Heritage Centre via President of ICOMOS, Michael Petzet, as a 'gap' and a means to approach the Romanian government.

Ensuing discussion on procedures with UNESCO as well as issues with the 'Gaps Report' that ICOMOS had provided the World Heritage Centre. B Egloff mentioned his previous review of the EC Rosa Montana report and his letter to Michael Petzet which has not yet been answered. He will repeat his letter; this was agreed, as well that another resolution would be put to the General Assembly.

**Action:** B Egloff is to send another letter to the President of ICOMOS regarding the risks to the cultural heritage at Rosa Montana including his review of the EC report.

**Action:** ICAHM is to submit a recommendation to the 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS at Xi'an (done on 18/10 – see Recommendation 8 as Resolved by ICOMOS General Assembly, Attachment)

### **8.7 Turkish archaeological sites monitoring**

P. Waldhäusl, CIPA, outlined the proposal to monitor Turkish archaeological sites and was seeking ICAHM support for this. N Agriantonis noted that this matter had come up regarding the dams in Turkey and that Turkey ICOMOS was against the dams and discussed possible support from CIPA and ICAHM with ICOMOS Greece. He had sent a letter in support of Turkey ICOMOS's position to the Turkish Ministry of Culture. He will send a copy of the letter to B Egloff. It was also important for ICOMOS International to write to the Turkish government.

**Action:** It was agreed that B Egloff would write a letter in support of Turkey ICOMOS once he has received a copy of the Greece ICOMOS letter.

### **8.8 Akrotire shelter on Thera has collapsed**

N Agriantonis outlined the the situation at Akrotire. The large steel roof of the site shelter at Akrotiri on Thera (Santorini) had partially collapsed in late September causing the death of a British tourist, injuries to six others, leaving part of the archaeological site uncovered. It is currently closed. Subsequent rain has risked the archaeological integrity of the site, with the rainy winter season to come. The Greek Culture Ministry's Central Archaeological Council has not responded publicly to the threat, nor responded to letters from ICOMOS Greece. NA urged ICAHM to submit a resolution to the ICOMOS General Assembly that ICOMOS seek assurance from the Greek Government that it will ensure that the still-standing shelter is stabilised.

**Action:** ICAHM is to submit a recommendation to the 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS at Xi'an (done on 18/10 – see Recommendation 5 as Resolved by ICOMOS General Assembly, Attachment).

### **8.9 UNESCO Institute for Statistics**

A joint workshop is to be held in Canada with ICAHM. Christophe Rivet, Secretary ICAHM, is to take the lead in organizing this workshop. and ICAHM is to submit a paper on statistical indicators perhaps co-authored with Doug Comer or Willem Willems or Hillary duCrois if tourism input is needed.

**Action:** This workshop matter is to be progressed and reported upon by C. Rivet.

### **8.10 Geophysical Technologies in Archaeology, a proposed publication**

USA ICAHM had held a session at the USA ICOMOS meeting in Charleston, South Carolina and Doug Comer is seeking to publish the papers under the cachet of USA ICAHM and ICAHM. European archaeologists commented that GIS was used as a regular management tool in their jurisdictions and if possible it would be advantageous to have some papers from European heritage practitioners. It was pointed out that ICAHM needs to produce more 'products' if it is to be regarded as a viable ISC.

**Action:** D. Comer is to approach the editors of the journal *Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites* to determine if a topical issue is feasible and follow through the European aspect.

### **8.11 Archaeology and Law**

Janes Reap on behalf of ICLAFI (Law) had discussed with B Egloff a forthcoming meeting of ICLAFI on archaeology and law to be held in Brussels in November 2005 and sought ICAHM involvement.

**Action:** Willem Willems, as the closest and being intimately involved with heritage legislation, undertook to attend the meeting.

### **8.12 Archaeology and Development**

This item was placed on the agenda by Christophe Rivet who was not at the annual general meeting to provide a brief.

**Action:** C Rivet to explain this matter further.

### **8.14 ICAHM future annual general meetings**

Various venues for the next annual meeting of ICHAM had been discussed the previous day of the annual general meeting. The following was resolved:

Christophe Sands (Pacific) will organize either an informal gathering of ICAHM minded attendees (or perhaps a session if ICHAM members will be attending) at the next meeting of the Indo Pacific Prehistory Association (IPHA) in Manila in March 2006.

**Action:** B Egloff to check with Peter Bellwood, the hub of IPPA events, to see what opportunities were possible with respect to the IPPA meeting.

Nikos Agriantonis, President, ICOMOS Hellenic Committee advised that he would seek support for a meeting in Greece of ICAHM and archaeologists from Greece and the Mediterranean world.

The generous offer was accepted with a provisional date of May 2007 to June.

**Action:** C. Rivett and B. Egloff to communicate further with Nikos Agriantonis with respect to this initiative.

## **Attachment**

### **Recommendation number 5. Akrotiri excavation shelter, Greece**

Proposed by ICAHM International Scientific Committee

That the General Assembly consider most urgently making representation to the Greek Government for the safeguarding of the remainder of Akrotiri excavated site, on Thera (Santorini).

Akrotiri dates to 2000-1500 BCE and provides very significant information of that time in the Eastern Aegean. The lava cover to the entire city from the Santorini volcanic eruption has protected evidence of the culture at that time to a remarkable degree, providing a precious historic record. Knowing that expertise on shelters for archaeological sites is held within ICCOM and the Getty Conservation Institute, they may be able to assist the Greek Government.

The 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS, meeting in Xi'An, China in October 2005 resolves to: ask the Greek Government for assurance that it will urgently ensure that the still-standing shelter is stabilized to protect it over the coming winter.

### **Recommendation number 8. Alburnus Maior, Romania**

Proposed by the International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) and the International Scientific Committee on Vernacular Architecture (CIAV)

Regarding the site of Alburnus Maior in Rosia Montana, Romania, as a potential World Heritage Site,

With reference to the [Resolution 20 of the 13th General Assembly](#) of ICOMOS held in Madrid, Spain; to the Resolution of the 14th Extraordinary General Assembly, held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; to the resolution of the ICOMOS Conference, held in Pecs, Hungary, 22-27 May 2004, and with reference to the ICAHM Statement on the mining concept at Rosia Montana in Lyon, France, 9 September 2004.

Taking into consideration some recent information about the site and its permanent state of threat,

The 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS, meeting in Xi'an, China in October 2005 resolves to:

- Reiterate its deepest concern about the on-going mining operation that has led to and threatens to continue the destruction of the archaeological site of Alburnus Maior in Rosia Montana, Romania, and its surroundings;
- Call upon the urgent intervention of the National Authorities and the international community to ensure the appropriate protection of the site;
- Call for further evaluation of the significance of that site and its archaeological heritage in the context of the cultural heritage of Europe and the world, and

- Express once again its will to collaborate with the Romanian Authorities and other organisations to achieve these.

#### **Recommendation number 14. [Eger-Xi'an Principles](#)**

Proposed by the Advisory Committee and recommended by the Executive Committee

The 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS, meeting in Xi'an, China in October 2005, resolves to support the decision taken by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committees at the third strategic planning session in Xi'an to:

- Create the ICOMOS Scientific Council, which will be composed of the Presidents of the International Scientific Committees (or their official representatives), and
- Adopt the [Eger-Xi'an Principles](#) as the basic brief for the Scientific Council and the International Scientific Committees and to further develop this process.

**Meeting closed 22.45, 19 October 2005**