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The Executive of the International Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management is pleased to present the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2003 to 31 June 2004.

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Section 3 Executive report

ICAHM has an elected executive; a representative nationally endorsed voting membership, sufficient honorary and associated members to provide a broad and active base of expertise; a track record of convening annual regional meetings; an up-to-date web site; and, specific tasks or purposes that reflect the concerns of the membership. The Executive suggests that ICAHM is one of the more active and inclusive International Scientific Committees.

2003 Annual General Meeting

The ICAHM 2003 Annual General Meeting was held in conjunction with the World Archaeology Congress, in Washington, D.C. At that meeting it was decided to proceed with preparations to hold the 2004 ICAHM Annual General Meeting, a conference session and a panel discussion in conjunction with the European Archaeological Association conference at Lyon, France (8 and 9 September 2004). The topic of the session and workshop is 'The Management and Protection of Archaeological Heritage in Development and Public Works Environment'.

General Assembly 2003, Zimbabwe

ICAHM made a substantial contribution to the General Assembly held at Zimbabwe through our representative Marilyn Truscott. A full-day strategic planning meeting was held on October 27th at the Elephants Hills Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe to address the concerns raised at the General Assembly at Seville. The meeting was conceived as a peer review process of the work and accomplishments of each committee, in which the chairs would evaluate comparatively the overall ISC membership, agenda and accomplishments.

Annual General Meeting 2004

Preparation for the 2004 Annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the EAA at Lyon, France to a great extent has fallen upon the desk of the Secretary of ICAHM, Christophe Rivet. Christophe has prepared the draft of the minutes from 2003 Annual General Meeting in Washington, D.C. as well as the agenda for the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

ICOMOS Advisory Committee, 2004 in Bergen, Norway

Brian Egloff and Marilyn Truscott, will participate in the International Scientific Committee workshops at Bergen from the 4th to the 5th of September. ICAHM will not be able to participate in all of the Advisory Committee meeting on the 6th and 7th due to the unfortunate clash with the ICAHM activities at the European Archaeological Association annual conference. ICAHM will suggest that ICOMOS International take into account the needs of the International Scientific Committees prior to scheduling Advisory Committee meetings that directly conflict with the scheduled activities of the ISCs.

4. Working groups

ICAHM has various working groups that reflect the needs of the membership as well as the pressures, condition and responses required by ICAHM.

ICAHM Charter

The ICAHM Charter (International Charter for Archaeological Heritage Management) was drafted in 1990 at a hinge-point in time when the discipline of archaeology was being transformed from a purely academic pursuit to a broader field encompassing and then coming to be dominated by cultural heritage management. Archaeological heritage management through time came to accommodate commercial development, tourism and various community needs. Processes have become highly political and key players are no longer academics but are consultant archaeologists working outside of the academia. It is fairly clear that the ICOMOS charter needs to take these new forces into account. In addition, ICHAM must press for a recognition that the UNESCO 'Recommendations on International Principles Applicable to Archaeological Excavations of 1956', although once playing an important role, now needs to be supplanted by a more timely document.

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The following documents and or sources of documents have been distributed to the
working group with a request for comments by August:

- ICOMOS Guidelines for Intercultural Relationships with Indigenous peoples (with special reference to cultural mapping) draft of 2 September 2000
- Recommendations on International Principles Applicable to Archaeological Excavations 1956 (a review by Patrick O'Keefe and Lyndel Prott of UNESCO 1986)
- Principles for the Conservation of Heritage Sites in China, The Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles, California, 2002
- ICOMOS International Charter on the Protection and Management of Underwater Cultural Heritage
- ICOMOS Charter of Cultural Tourism
- Charter of Krakow 2000

No responses to the request for comments have been received which is not surprising considering that key members of the working group have had their time devoted to commenting on the draft ICOMOS Charter for the Interpretation of Cultural Sites.

Correspondence from Brian Egloff to Mr Mounir Bouchenaki, Assistant-Director of Culture, Division of Cultural Heritage, UNESCO (dated 29 July 2004) opens discussion on the need to supplant the 'Recommendations on International Principles Applicable to Archaeological Excavations' and the role that ICAHM can undertake in the process as part of the revision of the ICAHM Charter of 1990. No response to the letter has been received by 20 August 2004. It is anticipated that there will be a positive response from UNESCO such that support for workshops may be forthcoming.

ICOMOS Charter for the Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Sites

ICAHM made a formal submission to the draft ICOMOS Charter for the Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Sites, version 2. Willem Willems has participated together with Henry Cleere in a workshop organised by the Ename Centre in Belgium on 9-10 June 2004 to discuss the second draft of the proposed ICOMOS Charter for the Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Sites (Ename guidelines). A number of comments on this draft from ICAHM members and from colleagues in the US and Australia had been received and were discussed. This has led to substantial amendments that have been incorporated in a third draft.

The view of the workshop participants is that there is a need for this charter that enlarges upon the ICAHM Charter and the Cultural Tourism Charter and is no a duplicate of the earlier charters. Willem and Henry suggested that the third draft is now much more encompassing than previous drafts and will be widely applicable.

Heritage and Development

This working group is headed by Tom Wheaton and is responsible for the session and workshop on 'The Management and Protection of Archaeological Heritage in a Development and Public Works Environment' to be held in conjunction with the European Archaeological Association meeting, Lyon, France from 8 to 9 September.

Responses to Endangered Heritage

Responses to Endangered Heritage working group is headed by Tsolt Visey with Willem Willems and David Breeze/Tom Hassall as support. The activities of this group have been limited to a consideration of the Rosia Montana Roman gold mine remains and later vernacular villages in Romania. ICAHM sought advice on how it should deal with the threats posed to the Rosia Montana ancient gold mines in Romania. ICAHM was unable to determine the most appropriate action and the executive of ICOMOS assumed priority for action, drafting a communication and we believe visiting the place. ICAHM's offer for assistance was not acted upon by the ICOMOS executive.

World Heritage

During the year, the ICOMOS International Secretariat in Paris requested that ICAHM suggest the names of seven experts to evaluate nomination proposals for the World Heritage List. Experts were identified to provide these evaluations, including experts that were not part of ICAHM. This exercise demonstrated that there is a need to have a better understanding and better representation of the range of expertise within ICAHM.

Kevin Jones continues to contribute to a set of guidelines for archaeological heritage management at World Heritage places following on from a meeting at Kibbutz Malagan, Israel convened on the initiative by Giora Solar and Henry Cleere.

EU-sponsored project APPEAR

Williem Willems has been designated to represent ICAHM at the APPEAR meetings. Many cities have sub-soils full of traces of the past and their conservation, enhancement and accessibility offer real opportunities for the sustainable socio-economic development of urban centres. There are numerous examples of successful archaeological site enhancements. Unfortunately, some are less successful. Failure can occur when the interests of all stakeholders, or the many complex factors impacting upon each specific site, are not sufficiently taken into account. Such unfortunate experiences demonstrate that decision-makers in this field lack a reference framework to deal with the difficult processes involved.

APPEAR is a EU-sponsored project that attempts to develop the concept called “accessibility project”. This refers to all actions which, together with the progress of the research, aim to conserve, integrate, enhance and exploit urban subsoil archaeological remains in a sustainable way so as to make them available to the population. The presentation of the remains, that is, making them visible, attractive and understandable in a manner compatible with their preservation and their usefulness to the research, is the meaning that should be given to « accessibility ».

The Appear research Consortium examines the pursued objectives and the methods to be used in order to make judicious choices in the many areas of intervention concerned by this problematic, from the planning stage up to the exploitation stage. The aim is to produce a « guide » of methodological and practical tools structured into step by step instructions to help the different stakeholders of an accessibility project carry out their activities. This approach will include the establishment of a common course of action based on logic and practices that are often geared towards quite diverse and not necessarily compatible goals peculiar to each participant and discipline.

On the basis of the preliminary needs identification of end users involved in accessibility projects, the research carried out until now gives the way to the production of the first prototypes of tools relating to the different aspects to be considered in order to make an archaeological site accessible to the public: the decision-making process, the socio-cultural impact, the architectural and urban integration of archaeological sites, conservation and the enhancement and exploitation concept. This work is mainly based on case studies. The selection of these cases is based on the site inventory produced during the first stage of the project.

At the same time, a draft structure of the APPEAR guide has been developed. It includes a general outline of the various chapters of the guide and a first orientation for the integration of the different tools produced by the partners. The APPEAR guide should allow future users to easily identify and classify the different actions to be implemented in the framework of an accessibility project.

At present each of the researchers intends to produce practical results and find common elements between the various approaches while maintaining their autonomy

and rigour. Finally the first step concerning the production of a glossary through a repeated learning method has been achieved. This glossary will include a list of concepts and definitions chosen by the researchers in the framework of the APPEAR project. At the same time as the scientific results production, methods and networks have been created in order to maximise the dissemination and exploitation of the research results while the scientific coordination has ensured to maintain a consistent approach to the work of the multidisciplinary Consortium.

Willem has so far taken part in two general meetings of this Consortium, in Barcelona and in Rome. The role of ICOMOS is primarily the dissemination of the results and making available its network for information gathering at all stages on various aspects of the project.

Heritage@risk

[Heritage@Risk](#) contributions were received by both Marilyn Truscott and Chjrisptophe Rivet from Douglas Comer (USA), Akira Ono (Aisa), Zbigniew Kobylinski (Eastern Europe) and Christophe Rivet (North America). The Executive thanks these members for their contribution.

Towards 2005

Communication will again be the main focus during the remainder of 2004. The membership database will be complete and functional by the end of the year. This will help ICAHM get better access to information and circulate it more efficiently by having a clearer picture of its membership's expertise and location. The type of information circulated will be directly related to the committee's mandate of promoting the charter, advising ICOMOS and UNESCO on archaeological heritage management issues, and addressing broader issues of archaeological heritage management.

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20 August 2004