

## EDITORIAL

I would like to start the first number of our 2007 CIAV NEWSLETTER by wishing you all a very best 2007.

The CIAV Conference 2006 took place last November in Patzcuaro, Mexico with more than 80 participants who listened to 17 presentations related to the general theme: Pride of Place. In addition, an invited keynote speaker did a presentation on the importance of architectural details. A group of colleagues have written the general conclusions that are included in this issue along with some of the decisions taken during the CIAV meeting.

You will also find enclosed some news about ICOMOS and invitations to other events that will take place this year.

Once again I am inviting you to write a few lines about your work and experience for our Newsletter to inform all of our members of the activities in which we are involved.

Valeria Prieto  
January 2007

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# 1. CIAV CONFERENCE 2006

After a formal opening ceremony, the conference started with a session on the sub theme: “Cultural identity through vernacular heritage”. Maria Ines Subercaseaux was the chairperson of this session, and the following papers were presented:

- Cultural identity reflected in the built vernacular heritage. *Christoph Machat.*
- Identity from the power of place. *Spencer Leineweber.*
- Stockfish and the built environment-Pride of place in Lofoten Island. *Gisle Jakhelln.*
- Maya peasant housing in Yucatán, vernacular heritage and cultural identity: a methodological approach. *Patricia Fernández del Valle.*
- The preservation of vernacular architecture, Objects or processes? *Catherine R. Ettinger.*

For the session on the sub theme: “Preserving traditional materials and local construction systems” the chairperson was Jaime Vargas and the following papers were presented:

- The silent knowledge of building and craftsmanship. *Lena Palmqvist.*
- Pueblo Viejo de Azua. CIAV 1998. Eight years later. *Esteban Prieto.*
- The preservation of traditional materials and local construction systems linked to academic and practical activities. *Luis Torres Garibay y Eugenia Azevedo Salomao.*

Participants visited the village of San Antonio and established contact with the local inhabitants as part of the project to rescue the vernacular architecture of the indigenous community of San Antonio Tierras Blancas. CIAV President Marc de Caraffe presented a special award to the community of San Antonio for their efforts in the preservation of vernacular houses. The Governor of the State of Michoacan and his wife were present during the visit and attended the lunch before going back to Patzcuaro.

On the following day, more papers were presented starting with a keynote lecture by Felipe Leal who spoke about: “Caring for the essential”.

Cathering Ettinger was the chairperson of the next session:

- Raw earth construction at undergraduate education. *Berenice Aguilar Prieto.*
- Documenting camp-a model for international cooperation. *Markku Matila.*
- Historical woods in heritage architecture of West Mexico. *Guadalupe Zepeda.*
- Simulation of the energetic behavior of a vernacular typology in Oaxaca. *José Luis Montesinos.*

In the final session, with Esteban Prieto as chairperson, and under the sub theme “Cultural identity through vernacular heritage” the following papers were presented:

- Vernacular housing as identity factor. Gerardo Torres Zárata.
- The catalog of vernacular architecture of the region lake, 20 years alter. *Esperanza Ramírez.*
- Vernacular architecture in Cuba: the “bohio” and the wooden house. *Daniel Taboada.*
- Vernacular heritage and tourism, a strategy for sustainable development. *Carlos Hiriart.*
- Vernacular heritage, challenges and perspectives of identity in an intense migration context. *Salvador García Espinosa.*
- Authenticity and pride of vernacular settlements in Macedonia. *Petar Namicev.*
- Thermal performance of the *purépecha troje.* *Héctor González Licón.*
- Pride of place. *Masaru Maeno.*

We enjoyed a traditional farewell dinner cooked by women from surrounding small villages.

## 2. CIAV MEETING REPORT

Date: November 10 2006

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: The Ancient Jesuit College, Patzcuaro, Michoacan, Mexico.

Members present:

- Marc de Caraffe
- Christoph Machat
- Valeria Prieto
- Masaru Maeno
- Kirsti Kovanen
- Spencer Leineweber
- Gisle Jakhelln
- Lena Palmqvist
- Esteban Prieto
- Markku Matila
- María Inés Subercaseaux
- Daniel Taboada
- Petar Namicev
- Kirsten Mälzer
- Gisela Medina

Excuses presented by:

- Amund Sinding Larsen
- Panu Kaila
- Augusto Villalon
- Wilson Herdoiza
- Hossam Mahdy
- Miguel Brito
- Miles Lewis
- Pedro de Manuel
- Blanca Niño
- Erick Chávez

1. Opening of the meeting. The annual meeting was held during the CIAV Conference 2006, in Pátzcuaro, México.
2. Approval of the draft agenda. The draft agenda was approved and adopted.
3. Marc de Caraffe presented the Report of the Activities of the Committee during 2006, which included the results of the vote on the revised statutes to widen membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of the new statutes.

Marc also made a report about CIAV Action Plan. He also mentioned the CIAV Award that this year was given posthumously to the late Rashel Anguelova, a founder of CIAV. He asked members to propose additional candidates for 2007.

4. Valeria Prieto presented the Secretary Report.
  - 4.1 New nominations for members were approved:
    - Hassam Mahdy. Egypt
    - Gisela Medina. México
    - Gisle Jackhelln. Norway
    - Gilles Nourissier. France
  - 4.2 The CIAV electronic newsletter was presented. Three issues were published in 2006. All members are invited to write a few lines to maintain and share this communication between the whole membership.
5. Strategic Plan for next year. Maria Inés Subercaseaux proposed to continue with the topics in progress: The Tomo situation was explained by Masaru Maeno who informed that Christoph Machat and other colleagues appealed to the Mayor of Fukuyama City to preserve the cultural route in the inland sea of Japan and stop the construction of a bridge. So far, they have not got a positive response. Gisle Jackhelln proposed to send another letter to high officials in Japan. It was also proposed to write to the local conservation groups.

Marc suggested a membership drive.

6. Kirsti Kovanen presented a preliminary version of the Illustrated Vernacular Charter which should be completed in time for the ICOMOS General Assembly in 2008.
  
7. Planning for the annual meeting of 2007. Marc informed that CIAV has received an invitation to hold the annual meeting of 2007 in the Philippines, and he read a letter sent from our colleague Augusto Villalon in which he mentioned that the Rice Terraces of The Philippine Cordilleras are inscribed on the World Heritage List and invited CIAV members to visit this remarkable place.

It was proposed to include the impact of global warming in vernacular architecture as a sub theme for the 2007 Conference.

8. General Issues. The ICOMOS General Assembly that will take place in Quebec in 2008 was discussed. It was approved to hold the CIAV annual meeting during the GA in Quebec. CIAV has also received an invitation from the ICOMOS ISCEAH (International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage) to participate in a special meeting in 2008 to Mali in Africa. It was decided that CIAV will send a delegation to Mali.

Marc informed that Vice President Milos Duadas never answered any communication during the past year and that it was needed to replace him. Kirsti Kovanen proposed Lena Palmqvist and this was seconded by Maria Ines Subercaseaux. Lena accepted the nomination and was approved as Vice President of CIAV by unanimous vote of the members present.

### 3. INVITATION FROM GUO ZHAN TO CHINA CONFERENCE

Wuxi, a city near Shanghai in south China, is a historic city full of modern vitality. On the International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18, 2006, the mayor of Wuxi and Mr. Shan Jixiang, director of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage of China, initiated in Wuxi a forum for world heritage and held the first annual session with the theme of Industrial Heritage Protection. In the international background of globalization and modernization as well as the trend of all-around development of New-countryside in China, the second annual session is to be held in early April 2007, focusing on the protection of vernacular architectures. I suggest that they should cooperate with ICOMOS CIAV that is under your leadership, jointly to organize a more effective international workshop. I would like to know if you and other members of CIAV are available and willing to attend this event. Of course, if it is possible, I would also like to hear the suggestions from you and your colleagues about the theme and details of the workshop, and discuss with you about the prospective achievements and documents as early as possible. I would be very grateful if you could answer my letter at an early date.

The subject of the WuXi-hold international conference is currently "**How should we treat & protect our rural construction**". It is both OK to discourse overall status or individually case, to talk about theory or practice. But it'll be better to hand in the paper by Mar.20th.

The conference is scheduled around this Apr. 10, for 4 to 5 days. We'll pay for the costs of 5 specialists' stay (from CIAV) in China. Of course we welcome more confreres to join us if they themselves may take care of attending costs.

Guo Zhan

*All the colleagues who would like to participate in this conference should contact Marc de Caraffe ([Marc.DeCaraffe@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Marc.DeCaraffe@pc.gc.ca)) who as President of CIAV he will coordinate our presence at the Wuxi conference focusing on vernacular architecture. I hope many of us will be interested to accept the invitation from Guo Zhan.*

*Valeria Prieto*



## 4. Triennial Action Plan

Dear Colleagues,

As we are about to jump from 2006 to 2007, I take the opportunity to offer you my best wishes for the coming year and share with you some thoughts on actions ICOMOS will undertake in 2007, the midway year of the triennium marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our organisation.

On 13th September in Edinburgh, the Executive Committee adopted the 2005-2008 Triennial Action Plan after the Advisory Committee had a possibility to comment on it. The ICOMOS Newsletter which members will receive soon exposes its content. Here are the four main axis of the Plan:

- a. **Improve the conservation and protection of cultural heritage** (charters, World Heritage programme, International Heritage Observatory, ICOMOS Committees' involvement, professional meetings)
- b. **Reinforce and develop the organisation of ICOMOS** (governance, human resources, finances, membership, young professionals)
- c. **Reinforce our network of strategic partnerships** (UNESCO, ICCROM, ICOM, Blue Shield, regional organisations, foundations)
- d. **Plan for the future of ICOMOS** (strategic planning, forward-looking scientific programme, next General Assemblies)

This Plan was prepared with the help of the Executive Committee and the Secretariat. It is based on the resolutions of our General Assembly and their follow up, and on strategic orientations taken to improve how ICOMOS operates or achieve stimulating and relevant projects.

Its implementation will engage all members of the Executive Committee, some of which have already been formed into working groups on finances or World Heritage activities. It will also engage our Secretariat's team whom I'd like to thank for their dedication and professionalism. Its success will also need your cooperation and that of the Committees you lead; for example, in supporting or carrying on activities in close coordination with the responsible members of the Executive Committee or the International Secretariat. Don't hesitate to contact me about it as I won't hesitate to contact you to seek your advise or collaboration.

In 2007, we will initiate a reflection to identify the components of a draft Action Plan which would be submitted to the next General Assembly in 2008. This process will be carried in phases and incorporate comments from our members and reflections and recommendations from the formal constituting instances of ICOMOS, starting with the Advisory Committee you're a member of. It will also make use of the survey of National Committees carried by our Vice-President Gustavo Araoz. This survey brought a better understanding of the reality of our National Committees and the scientific and professional topics which they're concerned about. On that point, I'd invite you to inform me, if possible before next March, of the subjects you and your committee see as priorities so we can take them into account as early as possible in this process.

## **A Comprehensive ICOMOS Annual Report**

Part of this Action Plan is to achieve a more sustainable and collaborative ICOMOS through a better understanding and acknowledgement by our current or potential partners, of the great diversity and intensity of activity carried out by the ICOMOS network of members and committees, beyond the impression given by our prestigious mission or the general description of the organisation.

This tool would take the form of a comprehensive Annual Report similar to that produced by many international organisations. It is essential to establish our organisation either at the national or international level, on more solid foundations, to access better resources or to form new or stronger partnerships so as to better accomplish our mission of serving the cultural heritage and its conservation.

Already, many National Committees produce and send us such reports. Other gave useful information in their answers to Vice-president Araoz' questionnaire. So that we work this on common basis, the Secretariat will send you by February a concise number of questions and format to answer them with easy and promptitude.

I personally call for your personal attention to take care of this so that we can produce quickly this tool which will benefit all of us.

### **Membership and Young Professionals**

The number of ICOMOS members shows a remarkable increase thanks to the action of our committees, in particular those which, like US/ICOMOS or ICOMOS Greece, have undergone dynamic recruitment campaigns which will hopefully inspire others. Yet, we will have to put even more efforts to bring into ICOMOS ranks the new generations of conservation professionals. It is a major issue in achieving the fundamental mission of ICOMOS and answering the ever growing needs of places of memory and heritage we care for.

Besides the strategic reflection carried by the Executive Committee on the matter, we're working with ICOMOS Canada and Canadian universities to organise an international young professional forum just before the next General Assembly. This should be much more than a «juniors' symposium» but an opportunity to bridge the generation gap. In order to contribute to the success of this exercise, National Committees will be invited to include young professionals in their delegation coming to.

### **Protection in question**

Heritage has been enriched in its definition by the inclusion of new types such as landscapes or routes which are bringing us closer to the concepts of heritage ecosystems. It is also exposed in its meaning and matter, to new or more pressing threats. Our work on World Heritage, traditionally centered on the nomination files, the state of conservation and necessary scientific developments is currently carried out by our Secretariat under a special World Heritage Working Group set up by the Executive Committee. Yet, we'll have to pay a greater attention to the overall protection framework for heritage by building on the Article 5 of the World Heritage Convention which I encourage you to analyse with your colleagues so as to inform us on its implementation.

On another hand, the Scientific Council formed in 2005 in Xi'an adopted two priority themes: climate change and historic urban landscapes. About climate change, National and International Committees will be invited to help document cases of its impact on monuments, sites and other types of heritage places, and produce ICOMOS Recommendations on their adaptation and protection from these new threats. About urban landscapes, ICOMOS is urged to define more precisely its positions on this concept and on documents like UNESCO's Vienna Memorandum which offers potential theoretical progress while, at the same time, justifications for damaging intervention on cities' heritage. We'll have to rely on your experience. I'd also like to thank our colleagues Kyle Normandin and Pamela Jerome who helped in organising a very fruitful ICOMOS meeting in New York on the theme of heritage and the metropolis which we'll continue the exploration of in 2007.

Finally, there's the issue how to give heritage safety and security. Besides the publication of the Heritage @ Risk reports you contribute to, ICOMOS has an international committee on risk preparedness whose creation was authorised in 1997. I have the interim chairing charge of the committee while our colleague Robyn Riddett acts as its Secretary. Ten years later, 2007 will give an opportunity to review its original mandate and organisation at a meeting we plan for next May. In preparation for it, I invite all Committees, particularly our National Committees, to identify among their members, colleagues whose experience in risk management, security and emergency situations.

### **18<sup>th</sup> April – Annual International Heritage Day**

For 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007, **Cultural Landscapes and Monuments of Nature** is the propose theme. This theme will enable our committees and members to explore the landscapes as heritage territories shaped by human activities or mind, and the often overlooked and poorly protection cultural dimensions of so-called natural sites. Among these dimensions, let's remember the identity value of rocks like Rio's Sugar Loaf, Capetown's Table Mountain or Edinburgh's Arthur's Seat. Also, legends are associated with water springs, traditions to rivers or seasonal winds. Some sites like Niagara Falls are treated as movie characters. The cultural dimension is also expressed in the naming of individual trees or entire forest like the New Forest, the Amazon or, in British Columbia, Cathedral Grove. Here again we can see the relevance of ICOMOS' founding interests.

For 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2008, the proposed theme will be **Religious Heritage and Sacred Places**. This is a major heritage theme and a subject which already generated resolutions of our General Assembly. It will require more attention from ICOMOS and its committee as even the UN shows interests in it. Also, this theme will be a good opening on the theme of our 2008 General Assembly in Quebec which will focus on the genius loci which as the core of our action.

Regarding the 2008 General Assembly, I encourage you to send in as soon as possible your comments on the thematic structure of the symposium and the documents ICOMOS Canada had circulated to you. These comments will be very helpful to us to finalise with the Organising Committee and other relevant ICOMOS instances, a high level scientific programme, open for a greater participation and a contribution to the preparation of a Final Declaration which should be as marking as the Xi'an Declaration.

Once again, my best wishes and my thanks for all the efforts you and all our colleagues, in particular those who, like you, take a responsible role in the members of the Executive Committee, put to ensure the progress of our organisation.

Midway in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary triennium, 2007 promises to be a year of many activities. Along with our Executive Committee colleagues, I look forward to meeting you next October in Cape Town for the annual meetings of ICOMOS instances where we can measure our impact and improve our common strategies. It will be an outstanding cultural and professional experience our ICOMOS South Africa colleagues and their partners will offer us and another opportunity for different world to meet and join.

Dinu Bumbaru

Secretary General

In Seoul, 26<sup>th</sup> December 2006

# 5. THE FUTURE OF HERITAGE

## Changing Visions, Attitudes, and Contexts in the 21st Century

Dear Colleague:

The Province of East-Flanders, the Provincial Archaeological Museum - Ename, the Flemish Heritage Institute, and the Ename Center for Public Archaeology and Heritage Presentation are pleased to announce **a first call for papers for the:**

**3rd Annual Ename International Colloquium**  
to be held **21-24 March 2007** in **Ghent**, Belgium

At a time when the field of cultural heritage is undergoing series of far-reaching yet contradictory transformations, this three-day colloquium will present a wide range of perspectives and predictions on the future of heritage policy, funding, interpretive technologies, and public involvement in Europe and throughout the world.

We are therefore seeking innovative contribution from heritage administrators, cultural economists, archaeologists, historians, educators, and cultural policy specialists under the following four themes:

- **Philosophy and Public Policy:** How will governments and heritage administrations view their responsibility toward tangible and intangible heritage in the coming generation? What are the major trends now affecting the development of public policy? What role will universities, NGOs, and international organizations play?
- **Economics**  
How will the combination of public and private funding sources and of state and private management of heritage sites and museums evolve? With the continuing reduction of public culture budgets and increasing reliance on independent income generation, what economic strategies can be most effective in preserving the integrity of cultural heritage sites?
- **Technologies**  
How can emerging digital technologies contribute to the long-term preservation, documentation and public interpretation of heritage resources? In which contexts are they sustainable and/or affordable? What is their social and intellectual impact on the public perception of heritage itself?
- **Community Participation**  
Do heritage sites belong only to a nation, to regional and local administrations, to the communities that produced them, or to the specialists that study and conserve them as "universal" heritage? What is the role of the general public? What kinds of innovative programmes can most effectively enhance education and community identity?

**Abstracts for poster presentations, short papers (10 min.) and research papers (20 min.) on these themes will be accepted until 1st December 2006.**

They should be a maximum of 300 words, in English, and be sent by fax to +32-55-303-519

or by email to colloquium program coordinator Claudia Liuzza at [claudia.liuzza@enamcenter.org](mailto:claudia.liuzza@enamcenter.org).

All authors should include full contact information (name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address).

Notification of acceptance will be sent by 15 January 2007.

For questions or requests for additional information, please visit our website [www.enamecenter.org](http://www.enamecenter.org) or contact Eva Roels at [colloquium@enamecenter.org](mailto:colloquium@enamecenter.org).

We would like to remind you that the **deadline** for the submission of abstracts for this year's Ename International Colloquium, *The Future of Heritage: Changing Visions, Attitudes, and Contexts in the 21st Century* is **January 15, 2007**.

This colloquium, to be held in **Ghent, Belgium March 21-24, 2007** will provide a unique global forum for sharing predictions, projections, and warnings about how the field of heritage will look in the coming decades.

As in previous years, we look forward to hosting a wide range of scholars, heritage professionals, educators, and community leaders for three days of stimulating discussions, workshops, and reflections on the current and future state of heritage.

Plenary speakers for this year's colloquium will include:

- **Nezar Al-Sayyad** (University of California, Berkeley USA) on *Post-Tradition, Hyper-Traditions and the End of Tradition*
- **Gilles Nourissier** (Ecole d'Avignon, France) on *New Policy Challenges for Heritage Administration*
- **Françoise Benhamou** (Université de Rouen, France) on *the Evolving Economics of Heritage*
- **Alberto De Tagle** (Netherlands Institute for Cultural Heritage) on *Emerging Technologies of Conservation*
- **Maurizio Forte** (Italian National Research Council) on *the Future of Virtual Heritage*
- **Nancy Morgan and Laura Gates** (Cane River National Heritage Area, USA) on *Communities and their Changing Pasts in the 21st Century*
- **David Arnold** (University of Brighton and EPOCH Network) on *A New Research Agenda for Cultural Heritage Technologies*

Both the plenary sessions and specialized workshops will focus on the colloquium's major themes:

- Philosophy and Public Policy
- Economics
- Technologies
- Community Participation

If you have a unique vision or prediction about the future of heritage in your region or research field, we encourage you to submit an abstract for a short paper (10 min.) or research paper (20 min.) on one of the main colloquium themes.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words, in English, and sent by fax to +32-55-303-519 or by email to colloquium program coordinator Claudia Liuzza at [claudia.liuzza@enamecenter.org](mailto:claudia.liuzza@enamecenter.org). All authors should include full contact information (name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address). Notification of acceptance will be sent by 1 February 2007.

For questions or further information on registration for this event, please visit our website [www.enamecenter.org](http://www.enamecenter.org) or contact Eva Roels at [colloquium@enamecenter.org](mailto:colloquium@enamecenter.org).

Please feel free to distribute this announcement to any interested colleagues. We hope you will find this colloquium to be of interest and look forward to seeing you in Ghent in March!

-- The Ename Center for Public Archaeology and Heritage Presentation

*This event is sponsored by: the Province of East-Flanders, the Provincial Archaeological Museum – Ename, the Ename Center for Public Archaeology and Heritage Presentation, in collaboration with: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Interpretation and Presentation, the European Research Network EPOCH (Excellence in Processing Open Cultural Heritage), and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (USA)*

## **6. TECHNICAL VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE JOURNEY**

Dear colleagues:

I wish you the best for 2007 and at the same this is an invitation to participate at the IV Technical Vernacular Architecture Journey to be held in La Habana, Cuba, from March 26 to 29, under the patronage of the Fundación Diego de Sagredo and the Historian Office of La Habana.

For more information please write to: Daniel Taboada,  
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## 7. ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW PRESIDENT

*Considering that the first message from John Hurd, newly elected President of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee could be of general interest I included in this issue of our Newsletter. V. Prieto*

Dear Members of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee,

As you may know, I was surprised to be nominated by the ICOMOS UK National Committee for the post of President of the Advisory Committee and at the time of the election, willing, but almost apprehensive.

Offering oneself for election is also offering oneself for judgement by ones peers; the result was humbling to me. I offer particular thanks to ICOMOS-UK for their support and confidence in my nomination.

I have been looking at the structure of the Advisory Committee and our statutes are very clear, but I can find no hard mission statement or the normal structures for encouraging focus or engagement of the committee.

The very valuable questionnaire organised by Executive VP, Gustavo Araoz will become very useful and there are several matters he raises, which I will soon put to the committee. All members of the Advisory Committee are voting members and the work of the committee would become clearer if we appointed a well represented board from our members to take business forward. I will discuss this possibility, in due course, with our membership.

We are a sovereign committee and our job is to supply advice to the ICOMOS Executive Committee, including on many matters of policy. The committee must also respond to instruction and requests from the Executive Committee. We are one of the greatest resources for ICOMOS, supplying finances, expertise and international depth to the ICOMOS family. I have received many emails over the last couple of weeks which have suggested that in recent years the tail of ICOMOS has been wagging the dog. I am sure that many members of the Advisory Committee want the dog to start wagging the tail, gently of course!

I am a reformer, but neither revolutionary nor radical. My wish is simply to see the empowerment of the Advisory Committee as a strong part of the ICOMOS process, especially during this triennium of expansion and inclusiveness. I strongly support the work of the National Committees, the Scientific Committees and the Executive Committee.

As I have said before, a President can work from above as a strong king, or from below as a facilitator and organiser. I favour the latter approach and therefore need to learn a lot from the NCs and ISC's within the Committee and to explore the democratic will of the majority in order to define the best way forward. I will encourage activity to support effectively the work of the Executive Committee.

I greet all members of the Advisory Committee and offer my thanks for voting me in as your President. I also greet those other candidates for the post for which I have been

elected. Someone had to win the election and I am humbled that it was me. All candidates behaved well as the gentlemen that they are and my thanks go out to them. I am grateful to have Dosso Sindou, as the Vice President where his experience and commitment will be invaluable.

I am always accessible at [hurdcon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hurdcon@yahoo.co.uk) and no matter is too small for discussion.

In Edinburgh I promised common sense and hard work, I will also add listening, transparency and straightforwardness to this list.

With greetings, thanks and best regards to my esteemed colleagues.

John Hurd

President of ICOMOS Advisory Committee.

## 8. SOIMA 2007: SAFEGUARDING SOUND AND IMAGE COLLECTIONS

DATES : 6 August - 31 August 2007 (four weeks)  
Application deadline: 10 January 2007

PLACE : Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and São Paulo

### ORGANIZERS

AN (National Archives of Brazil) [www.arquivonacional.gov.br](http://www.arquivonacional.gov.br)  
ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) [www.iccrom.org](http://www.iccrom.org)

With the cooperation of:

- \* School of Fine Arts, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, (Graduate Program in Arts, CECOR - Center for Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Movable Property), Brazil
- \* Cinemateca Brasileira, São Paulo, Brazil,
- \* Centre de Recherches sur la Conservation des Documents Graphiques (CRCDG), France,
- \* Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations (CCAAA), UK
- \* European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA),
- \* Masters Degree Program in Moving Image Archiving and Preservation, New York University, USA,
- \* Office of Records Services, National Archives and Records Administration, USA

### THE COURSE

Audiovisual records are an integral part of our contemporary life and culture. Yet, audiovisual materials all around the world, especially those housed in heritage or other institutions with mixed collections are at risk due to deterioration, technological obsolescence or damage from natural and other disasters. Moreover, preservation and conservation of audiovisual materials is complex, requiring specialized guidance, skills and infrastructure. While digitization offers new possibilities for wider access and preservation, many institutions lack expertise to assess the technological implications and to make informed choices that do not strain institutional resources and at the same time respect the authenticity and inherent values of this heritage.

### PARTICIPANTS

The course is aimed at professionals working with collections containing audiovisual materials of national significance. In particular, it will interest archivists, collection managers, conservators, curators and librarians in charge of preserving such collections. It will also interest Information Technology professionals working on projects involving digitization of

audiovisual collections or allied professionals and managers working for broadcasting institutions. Preference will be given to people actively involved in teaching and advising.

A maximum of 20 participants will be selected.

WORKING LANGUAGE : English

COURSE FEE: 900EUR

APPLICATION Please use the Course application form at

[http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train\\_en/forms\\_en/applfrm\\_en.doc](http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/forms_en/applfrm_en.doc) . Applications should be mailed to the following contact address:

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