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- Report on ICOMOS activities in connection with the World Heritage Convention for 1996.
- Financial report on the 1996 budget (December 1996)
- ICOMOS activities in connection with the World Heritage Convention, Progress Report, September 1997.

ICOMOS activities in connection with the World Heritage Convention 1996

Background

At the meeting of the World Heritage Committee in Berlin (Germany) in December 1995 a sum of US\$ 310,000 was allocated by the Committee to ICOMOS in order to carry out its work as the advisory body on cultural heritage to the Committee during 1996. Contract No 700.084.6 was signed by ICOMOS in respect of this work. The present report conforms with the requirements of Article III.2.iii of that contract.

A Evaluation of nominations to the World Heritage List

During the year ICOMOS evaluated 42 nominations to the World Heritage List. One of these was withdrawn after the preliminary evaluation had been prepared and before an evaluation mission was sent. Three of the nominations related to mixed sites.

In preparing its evaluations ICOMOS consulted experts about the "outstanding universal value" of the nominated properties. These experts came from the worldwide network of ICOMOS and, in particular, from its International Scientific and National Committees, individual members, non-ICOMOS members with special expertise, and specialist non-governmental organizations.

In addition, evaluation missions were sent to 35 of the 41 properties. Four had been visited by ICOMOS experts during the two preceding years and so it was not considered necessary to send further missions to them.

On the basis of the two sets of expert reports, the Bureau of ICOMOS studied the nominations and drafted recommendations. The ICOMOS evaluations were sent to the World Heritage Centre in May and examined by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee in June. Following the receipt of supplementary information these evaluations were revised and presented to the World Heritage Committee at its meeting in December.

B Revision of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*

ICOMOS was consulted during the year by the World Heritage Centre in connection with the revisions to the *Operational Guidelines* that were presented to the Committee.

C Global Strategy

Because of its close involvement with the Global Strategy, ICOMOS participated in two meetings on the natural and cultural aspects of the Convention, the reports of which were presented to the Committee. These were:

- *Expert Meeting on Evaluation of General Principles and Criteria for Nominations of Natural World Heritage Sites* (Parc national de la Vanoise, France, 22-24 March 1996). This meeting, the first on the Global Strategy for the natural heritage, was hosted by the French Ministry of the Environment. It defined concepts relating to World Heritage, established an approach to ensuring better representation of natural properties, and discussed the balance, manageability, and credibility of the World Heritage List.
- *Second Global Strategy Meeting on the African Cultural Heritage and the World Heritage Convention* (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29 July-1 August 1996). Experts from seven countries of the Sudan-Sahara region and the Horn of Africa were invited by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to present reports on the cultural heritage of their countries. As a result it was possible to identify three groupings of significant cultural properties in the region. Recommendations were adopted based on the application of the Convention and the criteria for inscription to the special nature of the region's cultural heritage.

D Thematic Studies

ICOMOS was involved in the organization of several meetings under this heading, and prepared studies on specific subjects (cultural landscapes, industrial heritage, African cultural heritage, traditional heritage, etc), as follows:

- *Regional Thematic Study Meeting: European Cultural Landscapes of Outstanding Universal Value* (Vienna, Austria, 21 April 1996);
- Consideration of the industrial heritage in collaboration with TICCIH (The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage) resulted in the completion of a study of historic canals, which was distributed at the meeting of the World Heritage Committee. The study on historic bridges, a draft of which had been given to the World Heritage Centre, has been completed and will be made available at the meeting of the Bureau in June 1997. A study of railways in collaboration with this non-governmental organization has begun; the detailed proposal for this study will be presented to the next meeting of the Bureau. At a meeting of TICCIH held at Le Creusot ICOMOS proposed subjects for future comparative studies of the industrial heritage.
- Progress was made on the study of the twentieth century heritage, being carried out in collaboration with DoCoMoMo (the International

Working Party for Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites, and Neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement). Following an examination of the Convention and the criteria for inscription on the List and the formulation of a working procedure, this study is moving towards the completion of guidelines for the inscription of cultural properties of this period on the List. A meeting on this subject was organized in Mexico City, with the assistance of the Canadian Government, on 10-13 June 1996.

- ICOMOS participated in the meeting working on the finalization of the charter on vernacular architecture in Madrid (Spain) on "The traditional heritage and its relationship with planning."
- ICOMOS has begun preparing a meeting on sacred woods, planned for Gabon in 1997.
- At the request of the World Heritage Committee, a paper on comparative and related studies carried out by ICOMOS in 1992-96 was prepared and presented to the meeting of the Committee.

E Documentation

ICOMOS has continued to be active in this field, making information about the Convention and the nomination dossiers for the cultural properties inscribed on the List available to the public (researchers, students, heritage officials, publishers referred by the Centre, etc).

Following the expert meeting on the management of information about World Heritage, held at UNESCO, Paris, on 27-28 September 1995, ICOMOS has developed a database for the cultural properties on the World Heritage List to serve the internal needs of the World Heritage Centre and the advisory bodies.

F Promotional and educational activities

At the invitation of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS played a leading role in the 1st European Youth Forum in Dubrovnik (Croatia) on 25-31 May 1996, as well as in other meetings at the Centre on promotional and educational projects.

In developing the activities described in this short report, ICOMOS has made wide use of its world network of experts. Its work in the field of World Heritage was presented during the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Sofia (Bulgaria) in October 1996. This provided the opportunity for members to reaffirm their support for the Convention. This spirit of cooperation has also been demonstrated at the annual meetings between the advisory bodies and the World Heritage Centre.

ICOMOS, Paris

December 1996

**PROPOSED 1996 BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION
 ICOMOS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION
 (ALL FIGURES IN US DOLLARS)**

	Budget 1996	Expenditures to 31.12.96	Performance on Budget
A EVALUATION			
1 Professional Support			
a <u>Professional Coordination</u>			
Coordination and management of the evaluation process and support for the development of complementary studies and monitoring:			
- Professional coordination - P5 level (9 months)			
Consultancy fees	38 500	38 600	100
Expenses (travel, DSA)	15 000	12 147	-2 853
- Assistant Coordinator (P3), full-time (12 months)	49 500	62 846	13 346
- Clerical assistant to compile and maintain World Heritage database	5 000	10 314	5 314
b <u>Staff support</u>			
Percentage of ICOMOS staff time (Director, book-keeper, clerical, documentation) devoted to World Heritage (assumed to be 10%)			
	25 000	25 000	0

2 Evaluation Process

a Preparation of evaluations

Consultation of experts on cultural significance of nominated properties Fees, DSA	(8.000)	1 000	965	-35
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b Site evaluation missions

Missions to properties nominated in 1996 and deferred properties by ICOMOS experts (estimated on basis of 30 properties) Fees, travel, DSA	(15.000)	40 000	53 054	13 054
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Missions to cultural landscapes nominated in 1996 Fees, travel, DSA		2 000	5 792	3 792
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c ICOMOS evaluation meetings

Meetings of ICOMOS World Heritage Experts Support Group, Tel Aviv Travel, DSA	(10.000)	5 500	2 519	-2 981
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Interpretation, translation, preparation of working papers, hire of meeting room, hire of interpretation installation, hire of projection equipment		5 500	4 052	-1 448
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d Meetings of World Heritage Bureau and Committee

Attendance of ICOMOS officers, experts and staff

- Bureau, Paris, July 1996 4 travel expences, DSA				
- Committee Mexico, December 1996 3 travel expenses, DSA	(5.000)	13 500	8 226	-5 274

e *Preparation of evaluation documents*

115 copies (65 English, 50 French) for July Bureau Meeting and 175 copies (100 English, 75 French) for December Committee Meeting, plus 25 produced for use of ICOMOS and its experts

Origination costs (preparation of illustrations, translation, slide preparation, litho plates, postage, etc...)

13 750 25 000 11 250

Production costs (printing, collation, binding)

7 250 8 717 1 467

3 Intellectual Development of the Convention (Global Strategy)

Further development of studies on industrial heritage and twentieth century architecture and initiation of new studies on request
Participation in and organization of expert meetings

(10.000) 18 500 17 464 -1 036

4 Communication costs

Telephone, fax

14 000 15 461 1 461

5 Indirect costs

Pro rata contribution to costs of office space, photocopying, computer use, heating, light, etc... for World Heritage staff (Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, clerical assistant)

56 000 56 000 0

310 000 346 157 36 157

ICOMOS activities in connection with the World Heritage Convention

Progress Report, September 1997

Background

At the meeting of the World Heritage Committee in Mérida (Mexico) in December 1996 a sum of US\$ 350,000 was allocated by the Committee to ICOMOS in order to carry out its work as the advisory body on cultural heritage to the Committee during 1997. Contract No 700.435.7 was signed by ICOMOS in respect of this work.

A Evaluation of nominations to the World Heritage List

At the beginning of the 1997 cycle, ICOMOS was required to evaluate 37 new cultural nominations, 5 nominations of properties that had been deferred in earlier years, and one mixed cultural-natural nomination. These came from 22 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention.

Expert missions were sent to all the new nominations. In all, 32 experts were involved, from 22 countries, plus ICCROM and ICOMOS Headquarters personnel. In addition, ICOMOS consulted its International Scientific Committees, its National Committees, associated bodies (TICCIH, DoCoMoMo) and individual experts on the cultural values of all the properties involved.

Written evaluations were prepared and considered by the Executive Committee of ICOMOS at a three-day meeting at the end of March. The texts of the evaluations approved by the Executive Committee, with recommendations, were printed and supplied (in English and French) to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre for circulation in advance of the meeting of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee in June.

An ICOMOS delegation, consisting of the Secretary General, President of the Advisory Committee, World Heritage Coordinator, and Assistant World Heritage Coordinator, were in attendance at the meeting of the Bureau (the Director was also in attendance for certain sessions). The ICOMOS evaluations were presented to the Bureau, with slides. Nearly all its recommendations were adopted by the Bureau.

Additional information requested by the Bureau in the case of six nominations that had been referred back to States Parties was studied and incorporated into revised evaluations. ICOMOS also evaluated one cultural property, consideration of which had been deferred earlier, and a mixed site which had originally been considered only under natural criteria. In both cases evaluation missions were sent to the properties.

Bound volumes of revised evaluations were prepared (in English and French) and supplied to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre for distribution to members of the World Heritage Committee.

ICOMOS will be represented at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Bureau and the meeting of the Committee in Naples in late November/early December, when illustrated presentations will again be made.

B Reporting on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties

ICOMOS carried out (or will carry out before the end of 1997) missions to evaluate the state of conservation of the following properties, either independently or in association with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre:

- Butrint (Albania);
- the Canal du Midi (France);
- Quedlinburg and Trier (Germany);
- Machu Picchu (Peru);
- Granada and Segovia (Spain).

C Development of the Convention

ICOMOS has been or will be represented at a number of meetings concerned with the development of the Convention during the year. These include the following:

- Symposium on World Cultural Heritage, Hildesheim (Germany), February/March;
- Preparatory meeting for the 1998 conference on the Global Strategy (natural and cultural), Paris, June;
- Global Strategy regional meeting, Fiji, July;
- Seminar on Nordic World Heritage, Iceland, August;
- Meeting of African experts in the field of cultural heritage, Bagamoyo (Tanzania), August;
- International Conference on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention, Budapest (Hungary), October;
- Working group meeting for the 1998 Global Strategy meeting, Paris, October;
- 3rd General Assembly of the Organization of World Heritage Cities and 4th Annual Symposium on "Tourism and World Heritage Cities - Challenges and Opportunities," Evora (Portugal), September.

During the year comparative studies will be completed on the following topics:

- fossil hominid sites;
- Iberian colonial towns in the Americas;

- Islamic military sites in central and south Asia;
- castles of the Teutonic Order in central and eastern Europe.

The joint ICOMOS/TICCIH study of historic bridges was published during the year. A major comparative study on the world's historic railways, financed in part by a grant from the Government of Austria, was initiated and will be completed in 1998. In association with TICCIH projects were also launched on dams, mining, and food-production installations.

During the year a number of meetings and seminars were organized by ICOMOS National Committees around the world to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Heritage Convention.

D Administrative meetings

ICOMOS participated in the meeting of the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM) with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre held in Rome on 3 February and hosted that in Paris on 8 September.

Representatives of ICOMOS will be in attendance at the 11th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention in Paris on 27-28 October.

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September 1997