

Mr. Guo Zhan

Mr. Guo Zhan, an archaeologist and leading researcher in the field of heritage preservation and management, is the Vice President of Chinese Society of Cultural Heritage and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee of World Heritage Research. Mr. Guo is concurrently the Co-Chair of the International Coordination Committee of the Serial Transnational Nomination for World Heritage, Director of ICOMOS International Conservation Centre-Xi'an. Mr. Guo was Vice President of ICOMOS from 2005-2014.



Mr. Guo started his career with the State Administration of Cultural Heritage in 1976, and participated in the all major world heritage-related events since China's ratification of the 1972 Convention in 1985. Mr. Guo was involved in ICOMOS evaluation missions to Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara, Shrines and Temples of Nikko, Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu in Japan; provided consultancy for many other important properties including Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty in Korea. Mr. Guo was an advisor to the joint nomination of transnational property "the Silk Road Network: Chang'an to Tianshan Corridor", the upstream process of the dossier revision of Kamakura, World Heritage Tentative List of Mongolia, and the evaluation to the reconstruction of Bamiyan Buddha, entrusted by UNESCO. He was a member of the Compiling Workshop of "Nara Document on Authenticity" in 1994.

Mr. Guo is very familiar with the rules and proceedings of the World Heritage Committee. He attended its annual sessions in 1994, 1995 and all sessions from 1997 to 2017. Mr. Guo played a pivotal role in the establishment of ICOMOS/China and served as its Vice President and Secretariat General from 1993 to 2017. He attended ICOMOS General Assemblies from 1996 to 2014, ICOMOS Panel meetings from 2005 to 2015.

Mr. Guo obtained his master's degree in history of Yuan Dynasty at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and is able to use English as working language. He translated and published Professor Jukka Jokilehto's A History of Architectural Conservation in Chinese.

Professor LYU Zhou

Professor Lyu Zhou is a professor and the director of the National Heritage Center in Tsinghua University. He is the Vice President of ICOMOS-China. Professor Lyu is one of the leading experts of World Heritage in Chinese. He has participated in a lot of works such as to draft out the nomination dossier, to make the management and conservation plan for heritage sites, the monitoring and the preparation of periodic reports of Chinese World Heritage sites.



As an expert of ICOMOS and ICCROM, Professor Lyu has taken site missions, desk reviews, assessments of nomination sites for inscribing World Heritage List and also reactive monitoring mission for World Heritage Sites. He has participated many international training programs on heritage conservation and management as a resource person. With his team, he has published the Annual Observation Report on World Heritage Committee Session since 2013. The Annual Observation Report plays a very important role to introduce the development of World Heritage concept to China and Chinese visions to World Heritage community. His book "30 years of World Cultural Heritage in China" is the most important research for the World Heritage nomination, conservation and management in China.

Professor Lyu has served as the Cultural Heritage Advisor of the Chairperson in the 28th World Heritage Committee Session in Suzhou, China. He also promoted the establishment of the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (category II center). His conservation projects won the "UNESCO Asia-Pacific Cultural Heritage Conservation Award", twice. For his great contribution in the cultural heritage conservation field, the General Assembly 2013 of ICCROM awarded Professor Lyu Zhou ICCROM Award.

He obtained his Master's degree at Tsinghua University, China, and is able to use English as working language.

Dr. MA Keping

Dr. Ma Keping is a professor of Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IBCAS). He is the Vice-Director and Secretary-General of Biodiversity Committee of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Chair of the IUCN Asia Regional Members' Committee, the Vice-Chair of Committee of Experts on World Natural Heritage of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China, and the Vice-Chair of National Nature Reserve Evaluation Committee of State Forestry Administration of China.



Dr. Ma Keping is one of the Chinese scientists who initiated biodiversity research in China, and he has been playing a critical role in biodiversity research and international cooperation. He initiated the establishment of Asia Biodiversity Conservation and Database Network (ABCDNet) and is the Co-chair of its Working Group. He also initiated the establishment of Chinese Forest Biodiversity Monitoring Network (CForBio) and China Biodiversity Observation and Research Network (Sino BON). He has been participating in evaluating and nominating many China's World Natural Heritage sites for many years, like the Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan, the Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries, the South China Karst, Xinjiang Tianshan and the Hubei Shennongjia world natural heritage site. As the Vice-Chair of the national Expert Assessment Group, he has been promoting the implementation of IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas in China. He has also participated the 10-year periodic evaluation for Baotianman and Fenglin Biosphere Reserves.

He has rich experiences and achieves a lot in the field of natural protected area research and management, publishing more than 320 academic papers, including more than 160 papers in international journals.

Dr. Ma Keping is familiar with biodiversity conservation, World Heritage and other related international affairs thanks to serving in many international organizations. Since the first Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in 1994, he has participated the conferences for many times.

He obtained his PhD degree at Northeast Forestry University, China, and is able to use English as working language.

Dr. HE Lu

Dr. He Lu is an associate professor at World Natural Heritage Conservation and Research Center of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China. Her research focusses mainly on sustainable development strategies, management standards, measures and instruments for China's natural and mixed World Heritage sites and National Parks, as well as related policy-making at the national level. She has rich practical experiences in the natural World Heritage nomination and serial heritage management. She was one of the main participators in the nomination work of Hubei Shennongjia and Qinghai Hoh Xil. She also took part in the establishment of the conservation and management plan for South China Karst.



Dr. He Lu has previously been involved in the Conservation and Adaptive Management of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems, an international partnership initiated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Her research focused on the multi-functions of agriculture, agrobiodiversity conservation and community sustainable development. She participated in value assessment and nomination work of Wannian Rice Culture System and Pu'er Tea Culture System GIAHS sites. She promoted to launch the project of Conservation of China Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems supported by the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of China and she also took part in some works on related policies. She participated to initial the East Asia Research Association for Agricultural Heritage Systems (ERAHS), which is a new platform for the exchange of regional information and experiences on agricultural heritage systems.

She obtained her PhD degree at the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences. And she is able to use English as working language.