

Report for the 39 Session of the World Heritage Committee

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Name of the Centre: International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage
under the Auspices of UNESCO

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1. Updates on the management of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises)—particularly on meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted

- 1) In 2014, the agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China on the establishment of HIST was amended and resigned. The tenure of Governing Board members was changed from 6 years to 3 years. Thus, the Governing Board of HIST was reconstituted accordingly.

The new Governing Board of HIST was composed of members from UNESCO, Chinese Academy of Sciences, the competent Chinese Ministries, IUCN, ICOMOS and experts recommended by National Commissions of UNESCO Member States:

Chairman	
Ding Zhongli	Vice-President and Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
Members (in Alphabetic Order)	
Douglas Comer	Co-President, International Committee of Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) of ICOMOS
Guo Huadong	Director, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth (RADI) of CAS & Director of HIST
Jonathan Hutton	Director, UNEP-WCMC Office, Cambridge, UK and representative of IUCN
Luo, Jing	Deputy Director-General, Dept. of Science and Technology, State Administration of Cultural Heritage, China
Rosa Lasaponara	Research Fellow, National Research Council of Italy
Patrick McKeever	Representative of UNESCO
Peter Woodgate	CEO, CRC for Spatial Information, Australia
Zuo, Xiaoping	Division director, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, China

- 2) Chinese Academy of Sciences, representing the Government of China, will start to provide annual operational budget to HIST from 2015 in addition to the operational funding provided annually by HIST's hosting institute: Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- 3) The Governing Board of HIST has its annual meeting once every calendar year. The last session of the GB was held in February 2015. It adopted HIST's Annual Work Report (2014), Biennial Work Plan (2015-2016), and amended its Rules of Procedures. To keep the Board members updated of the important activities, the Secretariat is required to report to the Board members quarterly.

2. Programs and activities implemented since June 2014 and planned for the current year

N.	Title of the activity	Reference to WHCBS¹
1	Huangshan Dialogue on UNESCO Designated Places and Sustainable Development - Application of Space Technologies for World Heritage Sites, World Biosphere Reserves and Global Geoparks. 27-30 May, 2014	4.8
2	MOU signed between HIST and ACCIMT (Arthur Clark Institute of Modern Technology, Sri Lanka) on using space technologies for World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka	7.1
3	2nd International Workshop -- Application of Space Technologies in Management and Conservation of World Heritage Site, 1-19 July 2014	3.7
4	A Virtual Ground Station launched in the Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap in Cambodia for China's Satellite Quicklook Data Service, September, 2014	3.6
5	Satellite images for the Ancient City of Aleppo before and after bombing processed and provided to UNESCO World Heritage Centre, September, 2014	7.1
6	Joint Archaeological Test under the "Smart Management of Cultural Heritage Sites in Italy and China: Earth Observation and Pilot Projects", 16-25 October, 2014	7.1
7	"Space Technology for Nomination of Mount Altai onto World Heritage list and the protection of Mount Tianshan World Heritage site" Seminar, 21 November, 2014	2.4
8	International Seminar on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage and the 4th Session of the HIST Governing Board, 2-4 February, 2015	4.8

¹WHCBS stands for the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (see: <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf>)

9	Fine Earth Observation and Cognition of the Impact of Global Changes on World Heritage Sites. 2014-2015	7.1
10	6 th EABRN-UNESCO Training Course. Programmed: 20-30, May 2015	3.7
11	3rd International Workshop -- Application of Space Technologies in Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites. To be confirmed.	3.7
12	Building Partnership with some African countries using space technologies for World Heritage Sites and World Biosphere Reserves. Programmed: the second half of 2015	7.1
13	International Symposium on Earth Observation for Maritime Silk Road, Programmed: November 2015	4.8
14	A pilot database for World Heritage sites of one or more Asian countries where cooperative research and capacity building activities are to be implemented, Programmed: end of 2015	3.6
15	Remote Sensing Atlas for World Heritage sites along the Overland and Maritime Silk Road. Programmed: end of 2015	3.6

3. Website of the Centre (if available):

<http://www.unesco-hist.org>

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