

SBH Newsletter 2015 no. 2 - September

Dear members of the Shared Built Heritage ISC, colleagues and friends,

We trust that this mail finds you well. It is only another month to go until we will meet in Fukuoka, Japan, for the events linked with the Annual General Assembly.

Our highlight will be the SBH - Study tour of Shared Built Heritage in Japan (Oct.16 – 24, 2015). This will highlight the Architecture of the Meiji, Taisho and Showa Periods (1868 - 1950). Taking part in the study tour are 15 SBH colleagues from 9 countries (Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Malaysia, Poland, USA).

Following our study tour, on Oct 25th, 2015, we have reserved a room for a one day meeting of the Shared Built Heritage Committee which will be in two parts, our 2015 Annual Meeting 2015, followed by a reflection and discussion of the results of study tour in Japan.

2015 General Meeting - Agenda

On 1 June, 2015 a bureau meeting was held in Darmstadt, Germany, during which the agenda for the Annual Meeting was discussed: we need to focus on four topics.

1. Membership issues

ICOMOS SBH ISC currently has 77 members from 30 countries, including 71 expert members and 6 associated members (24.09.15). In 2014 around 15% of our membership participated in our activities.

A key question is: How can we encourage more members to take a more active part in the activities of the committee? Please advise us of your ideas.

In 2014 ICOMOS SBH ISC organised and/or was involved in 4 events listed below.

11–22 April 2014 ICOMOS SBH South East Asia Study Tour and Symposia, reflecting the treatment of SBH in UNESCO World Heritage cities in SE Asia with events held in Melaka and George Town, Malaysia, both of which were jointly inscribed on the WH list in 2008, and in Bandung, Java, Indonesia, which aspires to be on the WH list at a future date. These visits and symposia were in co-operation with the national committees of ICOMOS Malaysia and ICOMOS Indonesia, and were hosted by the municipalities and various levels of government at each of the respective three cities. Participants also included representatives from the planning and heritage departments and agencies, from academic institutions, from the community and were assisted by young heritage professionals and researchers. The three symposia each ran for approximately 2-3 days, included site visits and tours to present the cities and their SBH their respective conservation issues and initiatives. The symposia were well attended including approximately 30-60 persons at each session in addition to the various people we met at the various activities organised. **9 SBH international members participated in this study tour.**

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03-18 October 2014 Wuhan Symposium, the 3rd Crossover Forum. Wuhan in Hubei province, is a large river port and commercial city in central China. Located on the Yangtse River it lies between Shanghai and the western province of Sichuan, with a very large number of higher education institutions and a long history of national and international trade. The 2014 Forum focussed on the role of universities in China in the Heritage Management Process. ICOMOS SBH Committee worked in cooperation with the Municipal Government of Wuhan, ICOMOS China National Committee, the Committee of Conservation for Historical City of Wuhan, UNESCO WHTRAP, Shanghai, Wuhan University, Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Central China Normal University, Wuhan Engineering Design Industry Alliance of China. Over the course of the day many presentations were delivered including by ourselves. The symposium was attended by approximately 150 participants including many students and young professionals from Wuhan. In addition we participated in a number of additional meetings with various city agencies in regard to SBH conservation issues and proposed projects. There were **7 SBH participants**.

13 November 2014, Annual Meeting 2014, was held in Florence, Italy, concurrent with the 2014 General Assembly, and attended by **12 SBH participants**.

14–15 November 2014, Florence Workshop “Shared Built Heritage reconsidered”
This was organised in collaboration of: ICOMOS ISC Shared Built Heritage, ICOMOS ISC Theory & Philosophy of Conservation and Preservation, Chair of Global Art History, Heidelberg University, Institute of Art History, Max-Planck-Institute, Florence. This two day workshop included many presentations from international colleagues from around the world who attended the Florence ICOMOS General Assembly, as well as from others from around Europe who were very interested in the subject of SBH. A number of those attended the workshop have since joined the SBH. This workshop was attended by approximately 30 persons, including **13 SBH participants**.

2. Statutes of ICOMOS ISC SBH

The acting statutes of SBH committee date from February 2008. There are at least 2 issues to be discussed and changed: the role of the voting members and the attendance on Annual Meetings.

3. ISC SBH www.site

The upgrading of the ISC SBH web site has had more hick-ups than we anticipated. Our goal is to have this on-line via the ICOMOS Paris server and thus not dependent on the generosity of an outside body for their kind donation to host our web site. The Paris based ISC SBH web site will also contain an e-archival history of ISC SBH and this too will make it easier to transfer to in-coming Bureau members regardless of where they may live in the world. We are attempting to have it on line for the AGM in Fukuoka 25 October 2015 and will notify members of the new web address by a separate e-news email.

4. Activities 2016

So far we do not have any fixed events for 2016. Everyone is encouraged to make proposals.

Our General Secretary, John Ward, is exploring a study tour to shared built heritage places along the north east coast of North America (Nova Scotia Canada to New England USA) in cooperation with ICOMOS Canada and ICOMOS USA, and tentatively to occur in the north hemisphere fall (September – October) 2016.

There will be an Annual General Meeting about this time in 2016 though the date and location is yet to be decided. It is always a good custom to have the annual meeting connected at the same place as a study tour, symposium and meetings.

5. Annual General Meeting

The Bureau invites you for our **Annual Meeting 2015 will be in Fukuoka on 25th October**. If you have any issues or would like to suggest possible future activities or topics for discussion, please do not hesitate to send it to us, so that we can add it onto the agenda.

A call for discussion of issues might also be set up as an electronic chat-group or exchange of documents via facilities such as < drop-box >. Using such electronic technologies may be more accessible for those unable to attend meetings in person due to work, distance and other commitments.

We will keep you informed about the agenda as soon as we know the meeting place in Fukuoka allocated to us by our Japanese ICOMOS colleagues.

Please confirm you attendance as soon as possible.

Warmest regards,



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