Dear members of ICOMOS ISC on Shared Built Heritage, colleagues and friends,

Benedict Goes kindly prepared and sent to you a couple of days ago the Newsletter N°2. The main topic of the Newsletter N°2 is our forthcoming SBH conference in Suriname, to be held between 18 - 23 October 2010. I thank Peter van Dun and Benedict Goes for their great organisational work and I encourage each of you, your friends and colleagues to participate in this conference and visit Suriname. The conference programme includes visiting international experts, who will present lectures on historic colonial cultural landscapes, the handling of the built remains, and evaluating the shared heritage of plantations. A variety of scientific and practical experiences are also part of the conference programme. Your attendance is most welcome as is attending our annual meeting of the SBH Committee, which will take place at the same time in Suriname.

On behalf of the Bureau may I inform you about some of the issues discussed at the Bureau meeting held in Darmstadt over the weekend of 4-6 June 2010, and which I had the honour to host in my small house and garden.

Present at the Bureau meeting in June were Dr. Siegfried Enders (Germany) President, Sue Jackson-Stepowski (Australia) Vice President, Anand Singh Bawa (India) Vice President, Benedict Goes (Netherlands) Secretary General, Prof. Romana Cielatkowska (Poland), and Dr Claus-Peter Echter (Germany). Apologies were received from Gabriele Horn (Germany) and Beverely Crousts-Knipe (South Africa) who were unable to attend.

The main focus for discussion involved planning the actions of the SBH Committee in 2010 and 2011. Besides the Suriname Conference, the annual meetings of SBH for 2010 and 2011 were considered. Regarding annual meetings, the SBH statutes state:-

1. In the year of the General Assembly, the annual meeting is to be held in conjunction with the General Assembly [the next GA will be held in Paris between 28 November to 2 December 2011]

2. In other years, the annual meeting will be at the same time, and in conjunction with, the conference held in that year [the next annual meeting will be held in Paramaribo, Suriname between 18 - 23 October 2010]

The contents of a general meeting will deal with general business plus an option for a segment on a specific theme each year.

In Suriname, the business meeting will occupy half a day and the other half will be reserved for presentations by our members on issues dealing with shared built heritage arising from their
professional experience. The Bureau would like to call for papers and suggestions for the annual meeting in Suriname as soon as possible. The topics of the papers could and should address SBH themes in addition to those of the conference.

SBH ACTIVITIES AROUND THE REGIONS

Activities of members of the SBH Committee in the Regions of - Asia Pacific, - Europe, - Africa, - North/Middle America, and - South America

Activities in 2010

So far, there are no specific actions planned for 2010 in the regions. The Bureau would appreciate feedback from our members in the above regions about activities which are or could be linked with topics of shared built heritage.

The Bureau of SBH draws your attention to the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium being held between 26-31 October 2010 in Dublin, Ireland, on the theme of “Changing World, Changing Views of Heritage: The Impact of Global Change on Cultural Heritage, Heritage and Social Change.”

Activities in 2011

For the annual international SBH Conference in 2011 we happily received an invitation from ICOMOS South Africa. Our Africa regional SBH officer, Beverely Crouts-Knipe, has kindly offered to organize a conference about shared built heritage in Africa, in cooperation with ICOMOS South Africa, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Cape Town Heritage Trust, City of Cape Town, African World Heritage Fund and the Department of Arts and Culture. Mark your diaries for the date 26-29 April 2011. The conference venue will be at the Casteel De Goede Hoop in Cape Town.

We are also investigating a 2011 Asian Pacific Region Conference/Symposium in collaboration with the Modern Asian Architecture Network (MAAN), the National University of Singapore (NUS) and another ICOMOS ISC and/or TICCIH Industrial Heritage. The theme will be the shared built industrial heritage, with specific focus on breweries and the beer culture as a ‘shared’ heritage.

The Annual Meeting in 2011 will be in Paris in conjunction with the General Assembly. We are looking for a specific theme, which could be linked with French colonial heritage, and welcome any ideas and suggestions. Together with the GA meeting, we intend to organize a Parisian excursion to places having links with shared built heritage.

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Bureau is striving to find ways to increase the SBH membership. Various possibilities have been discussed to achieve this goal. The Bureau is well aware that a call for membership can only be successful if ISC activities attract and engage ICOMOS members and the interest of other experts. Besides asking ICOMOS National Committees to invite applications for new SBH members, activities in the regions should be initiated. Help from SBH members in the regions is most welcome and needed.

Potential collaborative ventures involving SBH may also arise with other ISCs, for example with CIVVIH (Historic Towns and Villages), CIAV (Vernacular Architecture), Cultural Tourism, Cultural Routes, 20th Century Heritage, Cultural Landscapes-IFLA, Cultural Routes, IcoFort, as well as allied organisations, such as TICCIH Industrial Heritage.

We invite your thoughts about establishing joint working groups and cooperative ventures with other ISCs around the theme of shared built heritage.

Any other ideas about ways to increase our membership is sought and heartily welcome, and will be considered by the Bureau.

I looking forward to see you all again in Suriname, and I send you my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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