

## ISCSBH Newsletter n.11 – December 2023



## Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After a few months' break, we're back in action, sharing news with you through the newsletter.

Here we report on what happened in Sydney during the General Assembly, where the call for everyone's participation was evident and where we learned the value of the intangible heritage shared by Australia's Indigenous people, or First Nations people.

Yes, they are the First Nations people in many ways, and we have much to learn from all those who shared their ideas and concepts with us: the connection to the land, respect for others, the rejection of material goods, and many other things that modern life makes us forget.

We listened, we reflected, and we certainly came back different, wanting to explore this new way of looking at things.

Within this ontology, and as a relevant part of this gathering, the seminar in Haberfield, organised by Susan Stepowski, was important, because it gave us the opportunity to reflect on the concept of shared legacies in different latitudes.

Susan's account of what happened should be read carefully as it has much to do with our common concerns.

Other reflections tell us about what happened during the General Assembly, and its transversal themes, the exchange of ideas and the message to be kept: respect for others, acceptance of differences and mutual help. Let us remember what followed the General Assembly in Morocco, and the crucial support and solidarity ICOMOS offered.

Romeo Carabelli was in Morocco in October and brings us an account of what he saw, heard and what will be done.

We are determined to continue offering our support and appeal for the respect of human lives and international humanitarian law.

That's the message from the International Secretariat of ICOMOS and our President Teresa Patricia, which we have transcribed here. The same can be said for the wars that are raging close to us.

During the General Assembly in Sydney, we also had the opportunity to hold our own Annual General Assembly, where the members were elected to compose the Bureau for the next three-year period of 2023-2026, an election we will be addressing in the following pages.

To the outgoing members: Ai Teh Goh - Vice President, Ding Yuan - Secretary General and Mariana Pereira - EP Representative, we wish you all the best and thank you for your support and work over the last three years. It has been invaluable and positive for our Scientific Group.

We welcome the new members of the Bureau, Sopher Hartono - Vice President, John Ward - Secretary General and Mohamed Fareed - EP Representative.

We thank you for your willingness and generosity in accepting the new positions. We are counting on you to do more and better!

The Festive season is coming, and we will prepare for it in the knowledge that new challenges await us and we must move forward.

Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Maria José de Freitas

President ICOMOS ISCSBH

## WG 01 - ISCSBH CONCEPT

Talking about the notion of shared built heritage and what underpins the concept has been an objective within our group, not only to find out why it exists, but also to find out what impact this notion has on the communities that share it.

To this end, we have already organised online conferences with former members of the bureau, and we have also held meetings and workshops with the populations that have hosted annual ICOMOS events, such as the 2022 AGM in Bangkok, Thailand, and more recently during the 2023 GA in Sydney.

The results of these meetings are interesting and lend themselves to more careful analysis, which we will continue to do. In the meantime, for our and your reflection, here are some notes on the most recent activities we have carried out.



Webinar towards Sydney 2023

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## WG 03 - HABERFIELD SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR

During the ICOMOS AG2023 in Sydney, Susan Stepowski, former Vice President of the ISCSBH, organised a seminar in Haberfield on 31 August 2023, which we report on here for its symbolism and opportunity.

The following report is enlightening in terms of the organisation and scope of the topics covered, which are representative of the values of shared heritage and the way in which different experiences are lived.

The seminar included a guided walking tour of the Haberfield suburb and a visit to "The Bunyas" Arts & Crafts House.

GA23 Haberfield seminar photographs



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## WG 05 - HERITAGE AT RISK

In many places our heritage is under threat, whether from natural disasters or from wars that ravage the world and threaten our built heritage and, above all, our human heritage. These are times of crisis and we must join forces.

No sooner had we returned from the General Assembly in Sydney than we heard of the earthquake that struck Morocco in October, causing countless human and material losses.

A report prepared by ICOMOS Morocco explains the impact suffered and emphasises the actions and methodologies to be implemented with a view to reconstruction.

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## WG 07 - ISCSBH Annual General Meeting

During the ICOMOS General Assembly held in Sydney, we also held our Annual General Meeting 2023, this time with the aim of electing the bureau for the next three-year period 2024-2026, in accordance with our bylaws.

Those of you who were there in person and online already know the results, and for those of you who couldn't attend, here are the results:

President: Maria José de Freitas (Portugal, second continuous term).  
 VP President Europe: Romeo Carabelli (France, second continuous term).  
 VP President Asia: Soehardi Hartono (Indonesia, first term).  
 Secretary General: John Ward, (Canada, first term since 2020.)  
 Emerging Professional representative: Mohamed W. Fareed (Egypt, first term).



Richard Mackay welcoming members of the ISCSBH to the ICOMOS Sydney 2023 GA at the Sydney Opera House on 2 September, 2023. (JW).



ISCSBH President Maria José de Freitas speaking at the ISCSBH meeting to those present and to those participating virtually. (JW).



## ISCSBH 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 6.30 – 8pm, 2 September 2023 (Note: Meeting start delayed due to some participants having to travel from the International Conference Centre). Some members were unable to attend as they were attending other ISC meetings held at the same time.

Location: Utzon / North Meeting Room, Sydney Opera House, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Meeting was held in hybrid style, with participants in the room and others participating virtually.

## Participants:

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## WG 08 - OTHER EVENTS

## Sustainable Development and Public Participation of the Great Wall

Text by Ding He

At the ICOMOS GA2023 conference in Sydney, Associate Professor He Ding from China delivered a speech on the research and practice of sustainable development in Linear Cultural Heritage (LCH) in China. The project aims to promote scientific decision-making for sustainable heritage development and the sharing of the World Heritage and well-being of diverse communities.

The study takes the Great Wall as a typical case, and based on the problems of threatened heritage, fragile ecological environment and lagging economic development in the region, it constructs a multifaceted database based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the 2030 Agenda, including heritage type and density, ecological and geographic environment, and infrastructure and support system. A sustainable development suitability assessment index system covering 15 elements is constructed, and the development advantageous types and spatial distribution along the Great Wall are identified by computational method, so as to provide a scientific basis for the development decision of LCH. The study was also published in land journal (<https://doi.org/10.3390/land12091761>).

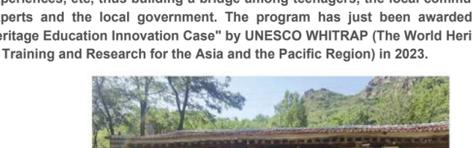


Figure 1. Integrated zoning map of development suitability grades in the Beijing Great Wall Cultural Belt based on computational method (Left); Development suitability types identified using Triangle Graphical Method (Right).

Prof. He Ding also shared his team's project "Heritage education in non-core/non-tourist areas of the Great Wall". It is a collaboration project between Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture (BUCEA) and The Great Wall Post joint team, carried out in Shixia Village by the Great Wall in Beijing. Using the concepts and methods of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), the project draws on the protection of traditional villages, the interpretation and exhibition of the Great Wall culture, intangible heritage experiences, etc, thus building a bridge among teenagers, the local community, heritage experts and the local government. The program has just been awarded the "Global Heritage Education Innovation Case" by UNESCO WHITRAP (The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region) in 2023.



Figure 3. A traditional dwelling and a child in Shixia Village along the Great Wall of Beijing



Figure 4. The sustainable education program in Shixia Village featuring Traditional Armour making, arch-building and traditional defense training.

## WG 09 - Climate Change

Check out this report on environmental sustainability, prepared by ICOMOS GA2023 Committees



Australia ICOMOS is proud to have delivered a sustainable and responsible General Assembly and Scientific Symposium, with more than 1,800 participants from around the world taking part in more than 150 individual events in Sydney from 31 August to 9 September.

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## WG 10 - Emerging Professionals

Stain, Grain, Reframe: a report from the 2023 Youth Forum in Sydney, Australia

Looking back at this year's 2023 GA in Sydney and its very diverse programme is a reminder of how working on heritage and with heritage entails processes of community building and expertise exchange. Perhaps no other event at the GA was as driven by this aspect of community building as the Youth Forum.

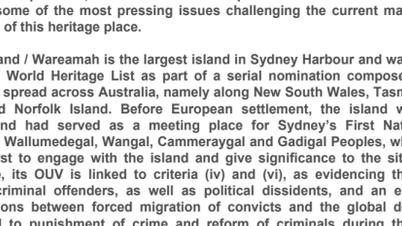


Photo 1: ISCSBH EP Mariana P. L. Pereira, alongside Karla Núñez Penna, one of the workshop facilitators at the Youth Forum, Teresa Patricia, President of ICOMOS, and Flavia Kiperman, a representative from ICOMOS Australia.

The Youth Forum 2023 was held from the 1st to the 3rd of September on the World Heritage-listed site of Cockatoo Island / Wareamah, in Sydney Harbour. The Forum preceded the General Assembly and welcomed Emerging Professionals between the ages of 18 and 35 years old, several of whom were not ICOMOS members and were engaging with the organisation for the first time. Among the participants selected to take part in the Youth Forum is the outgoing Emerging Professional (EPs) of our ISCSBH, Mariana P. L. Pereira.

Gathered for the event were almost 90 EPs and heritage professionals from a range of countries and disciplinary backgrounds, including archaeology, urban planning and architecture. Participants were invited to stay in the island's campground for the duration of the Forum, which, in itself, was an amazing opportunity to exchange knowledge and socialise with colleagues. The aim of the Forum was for the youth participants to contribute to the ongoing process of creating the heritage Master Plan for the site. For this reason, all events and activities were crafted in collaboration with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, who presently manage Cockatoo Island / Wareamah, in order to provide an immersive experience, as well as the in-depth and in situ knowledge needed to understand some of the most pressing issues challenging the current management and safeguarding of this heritage place.

Cockatoo Island / Wareamah is the largest island in Sydney Harbour and was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as part of a serial nomination composed of 11 penal historic sites spread across Australia, namely along New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia and Norfolk Island. Before European settlement, the island was known as Wareamah and had served as a meeting place for Sydney's First Nations Peoples, including the Wallumedeagal, Wangal, Cammeraygal and Gadigal Peoples, who were in this sense the first to engage with the island and give significance to the site. As a World Heritage Site, its OUV is linked to criteria (iv) and (vi), as evidencing the suffering of millions of criminal offenders, as well as political dissidents, and an example of the interconnections between forced migration of convicts and the global development of ideas related to punishment of crime and reform of criminals during the modern era (Australian Government, World Heritage Nomination 2008: 71). Cockatoo Island / Wareamah was listed because of the penal establishment that operated on the island from 1839 to 1869, where re-offending convicts were sentenced for hard labour and endured harsh living and working conditions.

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