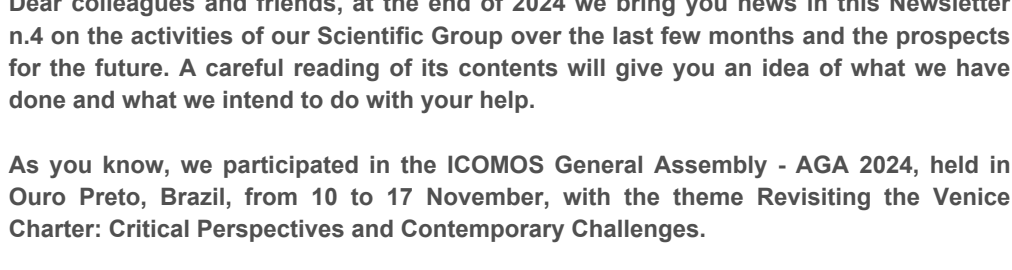


ISCSBH Newsletter n.4 (2024-2027) – December 2024



Dear colleagues and friends, at the end of 2024 we bring you news in this Newsletter n.4 on the activities of our Scientific Group over the last few months and the prospects for the future. A careful reading of its contents will give you an idea of what we have done and what we intend to do with your help.

As you know, we participated in the ICOMOS General Assembly - AGA 2024, held in Ouro Preto, Brazil, from 10 to 17 November, with the theme Revisiting the Venice Charter: Critical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges.

This meeting adopted the scientific theme for the next triennium, the ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan TSP 2024-2027 - Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage: Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and we are prepared to work actively on the theme, including collaboration with other scientific groups.

It is also important to note that the next ICOMOS General Assembly in 2025 will be held in the city of LUMBINI in NEPAL and in Malaysia in 2026. We look forward to receiving communications to this effect.

Internally, and with the aim of deepening the different perspectives on shared heritage that we have been able to observe in different places, we have held workshops where the topic is discussed in a comprehensive way among colleagues, academics, university students, heritage associations, as well as others interested in heritage and its preservation.

This was the case in Ouro Preto, Brazil, where, during the ICOMOS 2024 General Assembly, as I mentioned earlier, it was possible to make a study visit and hold a workshop on the sidelines of other conferences, and here we tell you about these situations that have contributed to broadening our points of view and laying the foundations for future discussions on the subject.

We share with you some of the papers presented by members of our Scientific Group, namely Ai Tee Goh, Romeo Carabelli and Yvon Velot, others will follow in the next issues, and it is important that everyone collaborates in this way to give our Scientific Group more visibility and to systematically contribute to deepening its relevance.

Regarding ICOMOS International, we were pleased to announce that our member Kerime Danis, from Australia, has been elected to the position of President of ICOMOS Advisory Committee. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

We were also present at the ICOMOS Africa 24 Conference, held at the Swahilipot Hub Foundation in Mombasa, Kenya, from 25 to 29 November, where our Secretary General, John Ward, presented a paper and took part in study visits on the integration of tangible and intangible heritage, some of which are presented here as an analysis to follow.

Our Emerging Professionals have made a valuable contribution to the continuity of our work and Ghofrane Bioud has made proposals for thematic webinars which have the potential to revitalise our Scientific Group and form part of our three-year activity plan.

The results of the working group survey will be published shortly and we believe we have a critical mass of people ready to work and contribute to the scientific progress we want to see. We are well on the way, with over 90 members at the moment, and I believe we can go further.

On 6th December we held our annual meeting, this time online, with active participation from some members, where we presented the results of the current year's exercise. Here's a summary and a YouTube link will be available soon.

Finally, as it's the festive season, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025!

Yours truly

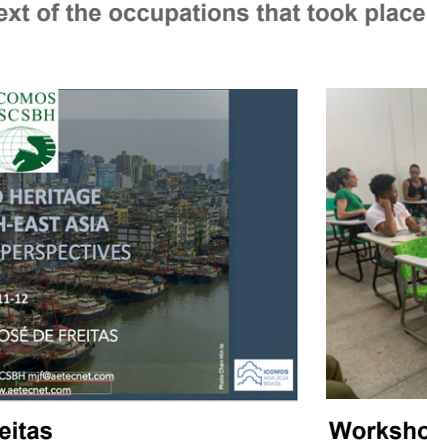
Maria José de Freitas
President ICOMOS ISCSBH

WG01- WEBINAR Séries - ISCSBH Concept

As you already know, the first webinar of 2024 was held in May this year under the title Unboxing Philippine Architecture's Multiple Links. Although we already published a summary of it in our August newsletter, I am now attaching a text prepared by our member Liliane Manahan of ICOMOS Philippines, who was behind the organisation of this webinar and to whom we are very grateful, Here is her testimony for you to read.

UNBOXING PHILIPPINE ARCHITECTURE'S MULTIPLE LINKS – An Introduction to the Shared Built Heritage of the Philippines.

By Liliane Rejante Manahan



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WG01- WEBINAR Séries - ISCSBH Concept

SHARED HERITAGE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

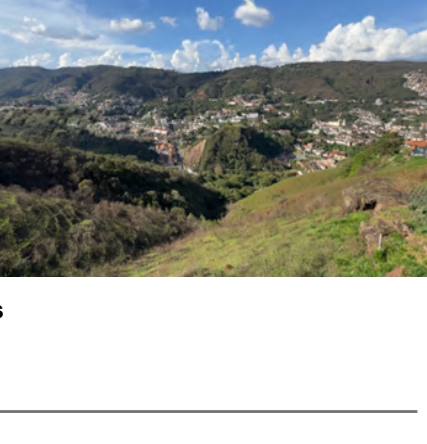
2024-11-12 OURO PRETO, BRASIL

During the ICOMOS 2024 General Assembly in Ouro Preto, Brazil, from 11 to 17 November 2024, it was possible to go on a study tour and to hold a workshop on 12 November, in the margins of the other conferences, and we report here on these situations that helped to broaden our points of view and to lay the foundations for future discussions on the subject.

The study tour was organised by Prof. Bárbara Campos with the aim of gaining a better understanding of the relevant aspects, beyond the uniformity of the area protected by UNESCO, through a deeper experience of the history and the sense of belonging of the inhabitants, based on the observation of the buildings and the genesis of the city in relation to the phases of occupation and local experiences.

This had an impact on the discussion that followed the presentation of the theme I had brought to the workshop: SHARED HERITAGE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA - DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, as it is another perspective to consider.

The workshop was led by Maria José de Freitas and the theme dealt with the concept of 'Shared Heritage' and its implications for Southeast Asia in a contemporary reflection on the context of the occupations that took place between the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.



Slide Photo by M J Freitas

Workshop photo by J Ward

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WG02- MEMBERS DIRECTORY

ISCSBH Proposed Working Groups Invitation Results

Article Prepared by: John Ward, Secretary-General ISCSBH
Date: 21 December, 2024

Background:

Further to the proposal dating to the term 2020-23 and 2023-26 terms, and the 2023 ISCSBH Three Year Plan, Maria Jose de Freitas (MJF), President, requested the Committee Secretary JW in the Spring of 2023 to invite ISCSBH members for their interest to join one or more of the 10 Working Groups (WGs).

A draft ISCSBH WG Invitation communique was prepared, reviewed with Bureau members, and sent out to all members on 12 October. The communique included a table listing each of the proposed WGs, together with tentative goals, objectives and deliverables. Members were requested to respond to the Invitation by this date.

As reported at the ISCSBH Annual Meeting held on 6 December, the following table lists the proposed WGs and the number of ISCSBH members who have confirmed to date their interest to participate.

Proposed Working Groups	WG Title/Theme	Members Interested to Participate
WG-1	SBH: Concept, Principles and Guidance Discourse and Document	11
WG-2	SBH Members Directory	2
WG-3	SBH ISC Virtual Tours / Events WG	4
WG-4	SBH ISC Virtual Tours / Webinars	3
WG-5	SBH at Risk	6
WG-6	SBH ISC Website + Publications	2
WG-7	ISC SBH Bylaws/Internal Affairs/ Secretariat Support	4
WG-8	SBH ISC Activities and Events	4
WG-9	SBH and Climate Change	6
WG-10	SBH Emerging Professionals (EPs)	3

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WG03- STUDY TOURS

ISCSBH/ICOMOS STUDY TOUR - OURO PRETO/BRAZIL

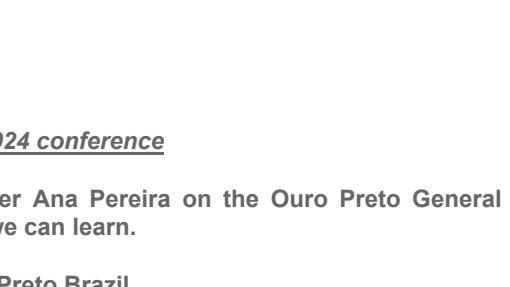
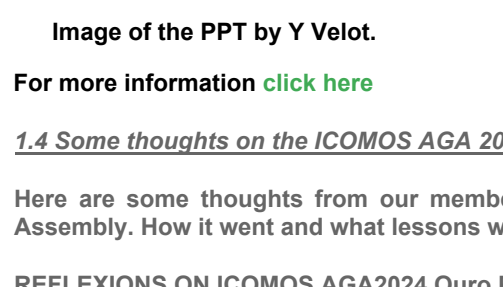
By Maria José de Freitas

AGA 2024 as previously mentioned, a study tour was held on the sidelines of the ICOMOS AGA 2024 on 12 November.

Due to time constraints related to the organisation of the ICOMOS AGA 2024, it was only possible to carry out the Study-Tour in the afternoon, having covered the itinerary corresponding to points 1 to 6 of the planned route, which allowed a more focused perception of the sense of belonging of the locals, more linked to values closely related to their professional practice and daily experience, intertwined with nature and a deep and simple religious feeling.

The remains of the town, with the houses that line the hillsides, together with the origins of mining activity and the endogenous nature of the places, reflect a sense of belonging that is deeply rooted, where the tangible and the intangible merge into a shared feeling.

The visit had a visible impact on the exchange of ideas that followed the presentation of the PPT during the workshop that took place hours later.



Study-tour in Ouro Preto. Pictures by MJ Freitas

For more information [click here](#)

WG07- ISCSBH AGM 2024

On 6 December we held our Annual General Meeting – AGM 2024 online.

The meeting was chaired by Maria José de Freitas, President of the ISCSBH, and attended by members of the Scientific Group.

The different topics were presented according to the previously distributed agenda, namely the activities carried out in 2024 and the proposals for 2025.

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ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON SHARED BUILT HERITAGE

ISCSBH Annual General Meeting (virtual)

December 6, 2024
13:00 CET

Follow the link:
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#	Item	Action
2	Welcome / Introduction President Brief Report - 3 years Plan - ICOMOS Ouro Preto	MJF MJF
3	VP Brief report - Communications - Webinars	RC
4	Secretary-General - Membership numbers - Bylaws etc. - Working Groups reactivation	JW
5	Activities 2024 - Newsletters - Website - Social Networks - Philippines Webinar - Working Groups - Emerging Professionals Activities - ICOMOS AGA Ouro Preto – SBH Study Tour and Workshop (Images)	MJF/RC/SJW/WJF
6	Activities 2025 - May 2025 EP Webinar - Webinar on 'SBH Concept' - ICOMOS AGA Oct 2025: Lumbini, Nepal – Workshop and Study Tour? - ICOMOS GA 2026: Sarawak, Malaysia – Workshop and Study Tour? - Working Groups	MJF/RC/SJW/WJF
7	Other business/Member Questions	

PPT Slide Photos by M J Freitas

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WG08- ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

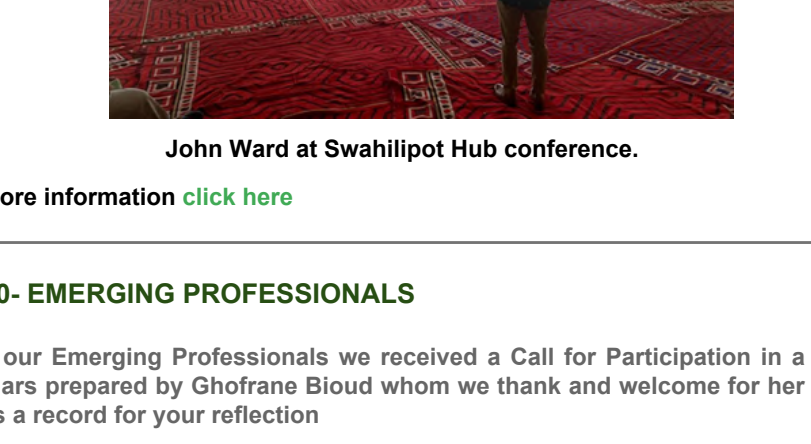
1- ISCSBH November 2024

OURO PRETO, BRASIL: ICOMOS AGA 2024

Here you will find texts and publications by our colleagues who took part in this event and helped to deepen concepts and discuss ideas during the conference on the theme of the Venice Charter on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

1.1. Malayan New Villages: Re-Imagining the better way of life

By Ai Tee Goh (former ISCSBH Vice President)



For more information [click here](#)

1.2. Enriching the Venice Charter with a de-colonial reinterpretation

By Romeo Carabelli ISCSBH Vice President

ENRICHING the Venice Charter with a DE-COLONIAL reinterpretation

- Venice Charter limits
- Post modern, planning and commons
- An example – Grand Chambord area community
- Conclusion and ... and so what?

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Image of the PPT by R Carabelli

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1.3. Global Vision of the heritage site as a shared living heritage

By Yvon Velot

SUMMARY

Introduction

1. Heritage responsibility of humanity
2. Interdependence between cultural heritage and natural heritage
3. Shared living heritage

Conclusion

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Image of the PPT by Y Velot.

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1.4 Some thoughts on the ICOMOS AGA 2024 conference

Here are some thoughts from our member Ana Pereira on the Ouro Preto General Assembly. How it went and what lessons we can learn.

REFLEXIONS ON ICOMOS AGA2024 Ouro Preto Brazil

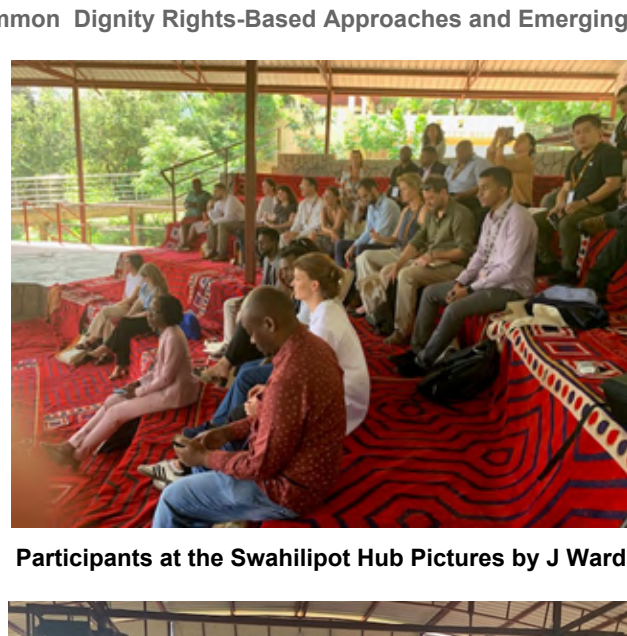
By Ana Pereira

The City

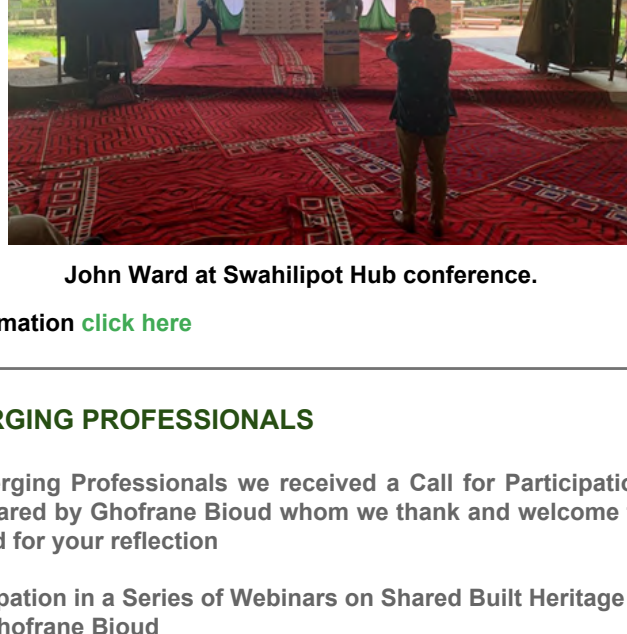
The city is exceptional in terms of its location, the consolidation of its built artefacts and the experience of its population and environment.

The churches on the hillsides stand out for their exuberance, peculiarity and importance, indicating the differentiation of hierarchies and the specificity of each place. The settlements are concentrated around the churches, with no prior or hierarchical plan for urban structuring.

The morphological layout is sedimented along the hills and watercourses. The streets slope steeply along the watercourses and do not follow the contours.



Museu da Inconfidência em Ouro Preto, Brasil, 2024. Picture by M J Freitas



Picture by M J Freitas

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2- ISCSBH December 2024

MOMBASA, KENYA: ICOMOS Africa24

Conference Report
Prepared by John Ward,
Secretary-General ISCSBH

To briefly report, during the last week of November, the ICOMOS Africa24 Conference was held in Mombasa, Kenya, at the Swahilipot Hub Foundation. This is the first large ICOMOS meeting to be held in Africa since the Victoria Falls General Assembly in 2002, and the first to be held in the East Africa region which includes Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

The five day meeting held between 25-29 November, 2024, was organised by members of six ICOMOS ISCs including CIAV (Vernacular heritage), ISCEAH (Earthen Architectural Heritage) ICTC (Cultural Heritage), ISCLL (Cultural Landscapes) ICiH (Intangible Cultural Heritage) ISCES (Energy and Sustainability) together with assistance of ICOMOS International in Paris and Working Groups related to Common Dignity Rights-Based Approaches and Emerging Professionals.

Participants at the Swahilipot Hub Pictures by J Ward

John Ward at Swahilipot Hub conference.

For more information [click here](#)

WG10- EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

From our Emerging Professionals we received a Call for Participation in a series of webinars prepared by Ghofrane Bioud whom we thank and welcome for her initiative. Here's a record for your reflection

Call for Participation in a Series of Webinars on Shared Built Heritage
Prepared by Ghofrane Bioud

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