

ICOMOS: Review of Operational Arrangements for Industrial Heritage

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Formation of IH NSC - ICOMOS Ireland

- Little awareness of significance of IH
- Poor coverage of IH in National inventories
- IHAI (1990s)
- TICCIH IH Charter (2003)
- ICOMOS Charters
 - Internationally recognised and accepted
 - Best practice guidelines used as planning tool
- Joint ICOMOS-TICCIH Working Group formed
- IHAI requested ICOMOS Ireland to lobby for an IH Charter (2006)
- IH sub-committee formed (2006)

The Memorandum of Understanding

Joint MOU between ICOMOS and TICCIH provides:

- A framework for cooperation and information exchange
- Supports the flow of communication between ICOMOS and TICCIH
- Facilitates cooperation in research and development of improved approaches to conservation of IH
- Acknowledgment that the co-operation between the two organisations will continue to grow
- Ensures that TICCIH will continue to support ICOMOS in implementing the World Heritage Convention

The Memorandum of Understanding

- The question now is whether or not the structures exist within ICOMOS to implement effectively the aspirations of the MOU?
- It is important to state here that the expertise within TICCIH is acknowledged and recognised.
- It is also important to think about how ICOMOS will follow through on the MOU to ensure that within the ICOMOS organisational structures the Industrial Heritage will be given appropriate weight.
- The establishment of the Working Group is to ensure that the positive work which has resulted in the MOU is supported and built upon by ICOMOS

Successful Collaboration

- The collaboration between ICOMOS and TICCIH on the Dublin Principles was a major step in the international recognition of IH and is an example of how two international organisations can work together to achieve shared goals

Promotion of Dublin Principles by IHAI/ IHNSC – ICOMOS Ireland:

- Uploaded to ICOMOS Ireland and IHAI websites
- Held a workshop with Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland
- Presentation to International conference hosted by Local Authority
- Disseminated through local authority network (Heritage & Conservation Officers)
- IH NSC/IHAI in ongoing discussions with Professional Institutes regarding Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Promotion of Dublin Principles by ICOMOS (International)

- How is this being achieved within International ICOMOS?
- Are other ISC's aware of them?
- How do we ensure that IH is appropriately flagged throughout the work of ICOMOS international and through the work of the different National Committees?
- Is the message being communicated in an effective manner?

IH and the ICOMOS Structure

The strength of ICOMOS lies in its ability to draw on the expertise and knowledge of a wide range of disciplines to achieve its aims

International Organisation with National Committees

International Scientific Committees (27):

- Key to advancing ICOMOS objectives (development of Charters on the principles of conservation, etc..)
- Technical working groups (multi-disciplinary specialists)
- Participation in joint projects internationally

National Scientific Committees are being formed and encouraged to mirror their ISC

Structural Changes within ICOMOS:

Dubrovnik – Valletta Principles (2010)

Re-organisation with a view to improving internal links

Streamlining methods of communication

Sharing scientific work performed at international and national level

National Committees to encourage membership of ISCs

National Committees to encourage formation of NSCs

Collaboration within and between ISCs and NSCs at national and international level to further advance ICOMOS goals

Implementing the Dubrovnik – Valletta Principles

The Dubrovnik Valetta principles seek to ensure that there is communication and co-operation between the international and national committees; between ISC's and NSC's and also across ISC's.

An example of the kind of dynamic outcomes enabled through this type of communication is the positive experience we had in Ireland where the Guidelines for Education and Training in Conservation (1993) were reviewed and commented upon in a workshop chaired by Jukka Jokilehto in 2012 in which all of our NSC's participated.

Exploring the Structures within ICOMOS

- We all know that within ICOMOS good communication facilitating ongoing dialogue and information exchange is key
- The task of the Working Group is to review **whether or not** it is necessary to establish an ISC on Industrial Heritage which would operate complimentary to TICCIH
- This meeting today and the establishment of a working group is not the initiative of ICOMOS Ireland's IHNSC but it has been facilitated by us at the invitation of the Scientific Council
- Call for Expressions of Interest has been circulated to all NCs and ISCs to ensure there is transparency and inclusiveness

Cross-Section of Responses

'The issue of industrial heritage is so important!'
'You have all our support and would be very pleased to strengthen collaboration with the future ISC on industrial heritage!' Mónica Luengo, Chair of ISC on Cultural Landscapes

'...query the need for a new ISC...lead to unnecessary and potential divisive duplication of effort.' Michael Pearson, Australia

'...we must keep in mind the special agreement ICOMOS has signed with TICCIH. Jean-Louis Luxen, Belgium

'...such an ISC could benefit a type of heritage not so well attended in ICOMOS structure...' Susan Barr, ICOMOS IPHC

'...need for ICOMOS to ensure that its understanding of the scope of cultural heritage, its core area of interest, includes industrial heritage, and that this is present in the work of all the ISCs' Michael Pearson, Australia

'Establishing a working group...best way to raise a more active interest within ICOMOS...' Jean-Louis Luxen, Belgium

'...here in Israel we still haven't found the right mechanism for promoting effectively the industrial heritage discussion and its conservation.' Adi Har-Noy, Israel

'...ISC on industrial heritage...help establish industrial heritage as a valid and integral part of world's cultural heritage...' Margaret & Carl Doring, Australia

'...strongly encourage the need to establish an ISC on industrial heritage operating complimentary to TICCIH...improve recognition, protection and revitalisation of this important heritage...' Mario Ferrada Aguilar & Marcela Pizzi Kirschbaum, Chile

If...new ISC is recommended, its terms of reference should clearly indicated the intention of working in close collaboration with TICCIH...' Michael Pearson, Australia

'...the engagement of ICOMOS directly in industrial heritage would show a stronger commitment...' *'The formation of an ISC for industrial heritage, if broadly defined, would go a long way towards improving the emphasis internationally and in individual countries...'* Keith Baker, Australia

Working Group

- Working Group to be formed
- Objectives and agenda to be decided arising from discussions during this meeting
- Propose to submit minutes of this meeting to the Scientific Council
- Working Group needs to set a reasonable deadline to produce a preliminary report for Scientific Council (? 12 months)

Suggested Brief of Working Group

- Examine how communication and dissemination of information in relation to IH is currently achieved within ICOMOS and whether this could be improved
- Examine if there are currently any gaps in the way communication is achieved between ICOMOS and TICCIH and if there is a need for improvement
- Would the establishment of an ISC improve the attainment of ICOMOS objectives?
- MOU is a collaborative agreement- what does ICOMOS bring to the table?
- Is there a coherent voice within ICOMOS to deal with IH issues?

Concluding remarks

Open forum