

# MINUTES

## REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE FIRENZE FIERA CENTRO CONGRESSI

DATE | TIME 13/11/2014 16:30 | MEETING CHAIRED BY PETER COX

### IN ATTENDANCE

Helmuth Albrecht (Germany), Erik Anderson (Sweden), Susan Barr (Norway), Anne Brake (Australia), Sigrid Brandt (Germany), Gill Chitty (UK), Peter Cox (Ireland), Audrey Farrell (Ireland), Jeremy Foster (UK), Angela Garvey (Canada), Patricia Glanville (Canada), Rob Goodbody (Ireland), Stephen Hughes (UK/Wales), Irina Iamandescu (Romania), Peter Lovell (Australia), Patrick Martin (USA), Mary-Liz McCarthy (Ireland), Mary McMahon (Ireland), Miles Oglethorpe (UK), Mona O'Rourke (Ireland), Massimo Priete (Italy), Grellan Rourke (Ireland), Julian Smith (Canada), Florence Hachez-Leroy (France)

### PRESENTATION

Mary McMahon, president of ICOMOS Ireland Industrial Heritage NSC gave a short presentation on the review by ICOMOS of its operational arrangements for industrial heritage, the scope of which is to explore whether or not it is necessary for ICOMOS to form an International Scientific Committee on industrial heritage, which would operate complimentary to TICCIH (see copy of presentation attached). It is proposed to establish an International Working Group to progress the Review, and the following was a suggested brief for the WG:

- “ 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.

A lively discussion followed the presentation.

### DISCUSSION

The discussion opened with Patrick Martin giving a brief explanation as to the composition of TICCIH, its board and arrangements for meetings. The links between TICCIH and ICOMOS were outlined including the projects which have been carried out jointly by the two organisations.

He referred to the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICOMOS and TICCIH which had been agreed and approved at General Assembly. Issues were raised concerning the structure of ICOMOS and the problems that often exist in contact between ICOMOS and the TICCIH Executive. The question as to who TICCIH liaises with in ICOMOS was

asked and it appears that there is no one point of contact, but different people for different issues. It is implied in the MOU that liaison should be through the Executive.

It was agreed that communication within ICOMOS can be complex. The lack of any internal structure regarding industrial heritage was highlighted by the fact that the new MOU had not been circulated within ICOMOS to its members. The point was made that for the MOU to work satisfactorily a structure needs to be established which will facilitate communication where issues can be addressed and work achieved in a timely way.

There was concern raised that the setting up of an ISC on IH could potentially lead to ICOMOS duplicating the work of TICCIH. The fear was expressed that the position of TICCIH as an advisor to ICOMOS would be eroded over time.

The view was given that the methods of communication within ICOMOS itself needs to be improved so that ICOMOS is fully informed and has structures in place whereby it can express its opinions on industrial heritage issues. It must be recognised that ICOMOS and TICCIH are two separate organisations.

There clearly needs to be an exploration of all these issues as outlined and it is essential that the Working Group looks at all the issues raised.

## CONCLUSIONS

It was agreed that an international Working Group would be established to carry out a review of the current operational arrangements concerning industrial heritage within ICOMOS. To be effective it was agreed that the Working Group should be kept to a small number with broad international representation. The call for interest in joining the Working Group will be made to the attendees and to those who had sent expressions of interest but for personal reasons could not attend the meeting.

Mary-Liz McCarthy, of ICOMOS Ireland & IH NSC, agreed to act as Secretary to the Working Group.

It was agreed that the Working Group would submit a report to the ICOMOS Scientific Council at the 2017 General Assembly.