

ANNUAL REPORT TO ICOMOS FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL POLAR HERITAGE COMMITTEE (IPHC)

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MEMBERSHIP

Dr Susan Barr (Norway - President/Chair), Dr. Peter Boyarsky (Russia), Paul Chaplin (New Zealand – Secretary General), Dr Rosamunde Codling (United Kingdom), Prof.dr. Louwrens Hacquebord (Netherlands), David Hart (South Africa), Jean-François le Mouël (France), Doug Olynyk (Canada), Dr Michael Pearson (Australia), Dr. Urban Wråkberg (Sweden).

Corresponding members: Jaco Boshoff (South Africa), Geoff Ashley, Professor Colin Pearson, Angie McGowan (all Australia), Dr Glenn W. Sheehan (USA), Professor Martin Weaver (Canada/USA).

Early in 2002 Professor Hacquebord (Netherlands) asked to have his membership suspended for a period owing to greatly increased workload.

Several members have established consultative networks in their own countries to ensure wider representation and sources of expertise.

USICOMOS is in the process of nominating their national representative to the IPHC. It is expected that other countries **that have an active interest in heritage work in the Arctic and/or Antarctic** will nominate representatives to the committee.

IMAGERY

In cooperation with a design company in New Zealand, basic imagery for the IPHC (logo, colour scheme) has been produced. This will now be used consistently on letter heads, information material and all other material published by the Committee.

INFORMATION BROCHURE

An information brochure explaining the concept and the aims of the IPHC has been produced. 2000 copies have been printed and are being distributed by committee members.

WEBSITE

In collaboration with a New Zealand company, the secretary general has worked hard on the creation of an IPHC website. ICOMOS Canada, which provides technical support for other ICOMOS websites, has been informed of the progress of the IPHC site. The site is currently being loaded with information prepared by the secretary general with contributions from the committee members and will become online from early in April. This site will carry links to the ICOMOS International site.

MEETINGS

Since the founding meeting in Cambridge internal committee business has been conducted by email. It was anticipated that a committee meeting would be held in association with the intended ICOMOS General Assembly 2002 but this is being reviewed and a decision made once the revised plans for the General Assembly are known.

The president attended the Advisory Committee meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia in October 2001.

The president attended the Nordic ICOMOS meeting in Fredrikstad, Norway in January 2002.

EXPERTISE

The IPHC is in the process of compiling a database of relevant experts from all disciplines involved with polar heritage protection. Late in 2001 the committee was asked to provide names and details of experts who could be considered for a reference group for the development of new management plans for New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust's conservation programmes at the historic huts in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica. These include the huts erected and used by the expeditions of Robert F. Scott and Ernest Shackleton, and are therefore amongst the most important historic sites in Antarctica.

CONTACTS

At the Fourth Meeting of the Trustees of TICCIH (the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage), held in Spain in November 2001, IPHC president Susan Barr was unanimously elected Polar Correspondent for TICCIH. This was the first time TICCIH had elected a representative from a type of region rather than a country.

GENERAL

1. Funding for the Norwegian based Secretariat and the majority of the current committee projects is being provided by the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage.
2. A series of more technical papers on matters relevant to polar heritage protection are being considered for publication within the ICOMOS system. It is expected that these will also have value for use in other ways.

Susan Barr
President - IPHC

Paul Chaplin
Secretary General

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