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Membership

At 31 December 2002 membership of the IPHC consisted of :

National Representatives

Susan Barr	Norway
Peter Boyarski	Russia
Javier Garcia Cano	Argentina
Paul Chaplin	New Zealand
Rosamunde Codling	United Kingdom
<i>(Has indicated her wish to withdraw - replacement member being sought)</i>	
Louwrens Hacquebord	Netherlands
David Hart	South Africa
Jean-François le Mouël	France
Cornelia Lüdecke	Germany
Doug Olynyk	Canada
Michael Pearson	Australia
Glenn Sheehan	USA
Rubén Stehberg	Chile
Urban Wråkberg	Sweden

Active efforts to have ICOMOS USA formally appoint a national representative have finally succeeded as an oral agreement. Written confirmation has been promised.

We are still interested in gaining additional new members from other countries that have an active interest in polar heritage matters, but the main effort now is put into encouraging each national member to create a network of relevant polar expertise within their own country.

Australia has already gathered a considerable network of relevant experts.

Corresponding Members

In addition to the formally appointed national representatives noted above.

Geoff Ashley	Australia
Jaco Boshoff	South Africa
Angie McGowan	Australia
Martin Weaver	USA & Canada

Associates

At the IPHC committee meeting in Madrid 4th December 2002 a new class of affiliated experts was approved. It was agreed that this was consistent with the aims and objectives of the IPHC which include: “to promote international cooperation ...” ; “to provide a forum for

interchange of experience , ideas, knowledge ...” ; and “to expand technical cooperation ...”. It was agreed that this would create a wider constituency of interested and qualified people who indicate a wish to be kept informed of our work and from whom we could draw increased input for our publications, web-site etc.

It was emphasised that such people should not have any formal rights or obligations within the framework of the committee, but they should be drawn into the extended professional fellowship of the IPHC and could act as a valuable resource should they be needed.

Meetings

The President Susan Barr attended the Nordic ICOMOS meeting in Fredrikstad, Norway 19-20th January 2002.

The President attended the ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting in Sevilla 27-29th November 2002, prior to the General Assembly.

The President and Secretary General attended the ICOMOS General Assembly in Madrid 30th November - 6th December 2002.

The 2nd formal meeting of the IPHC was held in Madrid 4th December 2002 in conjunction with the ICOMOS General Assembly. Problems for attendance were created by the relatively late notice of the change of venue and timing for the ICOMOS meeting from Zimbabwe to Spain, so that the final total of attending national members was four. However, the Agenda had been distributed by email in good time beforehand in order to secure any comments and additions from the members. Afterwards the minutes were distributed in the same way and have been approved by the members.

The Working Group, which consists of president Susan Barr and secretary general Paul Chaplin, was re-elected.

Finances

The IPHC Secretariat is supported financially by a grant from Riksantikvaren in Norway (The Norwegian Ministry for Cultural Heritage). These funds are managed by IOCMOS Norway and Riksantikvaren.

In addition to the grant from Riksantikvaren the President, during her period on Deception Island in February 2002, received from tourists 2 cheques totalling USD 350. The donors wished these to be used on some form of conservation activity at the Whaler’s Bay site on the island. The funds are being held for this purpose pending a suitable project.

Activities

Consultation with external agencies

The IPHC has presented itself for both the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the Committee for Environmental Protection in Antarctica (CEP), and has been accepted by both as a non-partisan expert group that may be used for consulting and advice concerning polar cultural heritage.

In addition IPHC has established an informal association with several institutions with an interest polar heritage protection. These include:

- Antarctic Heritage Trust, New Zealand
- The Arctic Circumpolar Route, Canada

- The International Studies Centre of the Kola Science Centre, Russia
- Elmer E. Rasmuson Library/Alaska & Polar Regions Dept., USA
- Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge UK
- International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
- The Getty Conservation Institute
- Danish Polar Centre
- Swedish Polar Research Secretariat
- World Wildlife Fund/Arctic Division
- Norwegian Polar Institute
- Australian Antarctic Heritage Newsletter AHSIG
- Antarctica New Zealand

President Susan Barr is the formally appointed polar contact person for TICCIH, the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage.

Consultant work

The IPHC has, after a request by Antarctica New Zealand, contributed to a review of the Management Plan for Scott's Hut at Cape Evans on Ross Island, Antarctica.

IPHC Brochure

A brochure to explain and promote the role of the IPHC was an early priority and was completed later in 2001. It has continued to be distributed widely to members and related organisations and offered at meetings where IPHC has been represented. Further supplies are available.

Website

The IPHC website www.polarheritage.com went online in April 2002 as a resource for practitioners working in the field of polar heritage protection. It also provides a means of communication and cooperation between individuals and organisations with similar aims and objectives.

French representative Jean-François le Mouél has translated and adapted parts of the website to present a modified French version at www.transpolair.com/sciences/icomos/iphc.htm. Use of the website has exceeded expectations - see Appendix 1. Website usage analysis. The continued success of the website depends on a continuing supply of relevant information and material both from members and others.

Logo

The logo on the IPHC website and letterhead was amended to include the Spanish wording of the committee "*Comitè internacional de patrimonio cultural polar*". This will be used in the future together with the French and English.

Other Publications

The Working Group has provided illustrated reports on polar cultural heritage to the ICOMOS "Heritage at Risk" publication for both 2001 and 2002.

Canadian representative Doug Olynyk wrote of the *Establishment of the International Polar Heritage Committee* in the ICOMOS Canada Bulletin vol.9, No.1, 2001. We are not aware of any similar publications undertaken by other members but this may have occurred.

Taking up the challenge of the ICOMOS Executive Committee the IPHC started work on the compilation of a series of articles on various aspects of polar heritage protection for a special edition of the ICOMOS Monuments and Sites series. Late delivery of contributions from some members meant that the publication could not be completed in time for the General Assembly in December, as was hoped. Financial provision for this was made in 2002, but the process will not be completed until the first half of 2003.

Working Group – IPHC

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