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ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 December 2006

1. Membership

At 31 December 2006 membership of the IPHC consisted of :

National Representatives

Susan Barr	Norway
Peter Boyarski	Russia
Javier Garcia Cano	Argentina
Paul Chaplin	New Zealand
Louwrens Hacquebord	Netherlands
Håkan Jorikson	Sweden
Jean-François le Mouél	France
Cornelia Lüdecke	Germany
Michael Morrison	United Kingdom
Doug Olynyk	Canada
Michael Pearson	Australia
Glenn Sheehan	USA
Rubén Stehberg	Chile

We continue our efforts to gain additional new members from other countries that have an active interest in polar heritage matters. This is also in line with the new Xi'an-Eger statutes which advocate extension of membership beyond national representatives.

The out-reach of the committee is, however, increased by the efforts of individual members to create networks of polar heritage expertise within their own country. Australia in particular has established a considerable network of relevant experts.

Corresponding Members

Corresponding members are persons co-opted by IPHC from time to time to serve its needs.

At the end of 2006 these were:

Geoff Ashley	Australia
Jaco Boshoff	South Africa
Angie McGowan	Australia

Associates

Associates are “appropriately qualified persons recommended by IPHC members from time to time as interested in the work of the IPHC, able to extend the professional network of IPHC, and able to assist the IPHC to achieve any of its objectives”.

Associates at the end of 2006 were:

Julian Bickersteth	Australia
Nigel Watson	New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust

2. Meetings

Since the formal meeting in Xi'an in October 2005 the IPHC has held a workshop and informal meeting in Munich. This was a 3 day event from 3-5 April 2006 that was also attended by ICOMOS President Michael Petzet.

IPHC President Susan Barr also attended several meetings on behalf of the IPHC. These were:

15-17 June: ICOMOS Scientific Council and Advisory Committee meetings in Rome

7-13 September: ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting in Edinburgh

1-7 December: IPY conference planning in Barrow, Alaska.

At the Scientific Council meeting in Rome 16 June, President Susan Barr suggested the issue of Global Climate Change and its effects on cultural heritage as a programme that could involve some or even all of the ISCs. This was accepted and a small committee is working to bring out information on how we think ICOMOS can get involved. Because this particularly affects the polar areas, especially Arctic, the IPHC can play a significant role in the initiative.

IPHC members Doug Olynyk (Canada) and Mike Pearson (Australia) attended the UNESCO climate change workshop in Paris in March and contributed with talks concerning climate change challenges in their areas.

3. Finances

The IPHC Secretariat is supported financially by a grant from the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Riksantikvaren). These funds are managed by ICOMOS Norway and the Directorate. This system functions well.

It should be noted however that while the current financial status of the IPHC appears strong, the bank balance includes reserves that are required to fulfil our commitment to stage an international conference in 2007. The conference is scheduled from 24-27 September 2007 and will be held in Barrow, Alaska (see the IPHC website for details). It is an officially approved event on the International Polar Year (IPY) calendar. See (<http://www.ipy.org/development/eoi/proposal-details.php?id=135>)

These reserves will be used partly for direct secretariat costs associated with the event and mainly for a subsequent publication compiled from selected conference papers. This will be similar to our successful publication in 2004.

Some additional income was received during 2006 from sales of our last publication.

4. Activities

Sales of our 2004 publication "Cultural Heritage in the Arctic and Antarctic Regions" continue.

Although no expenditure has been involved yet, work has continued with plans and preparations for the 2007 IPY conference in Barrow, Alaska. In December the President made a preliminary visit to Barrow to discuss arrangements. This was supported by the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium – BASC which, through our representative from the US, is acting as host for the event.

Work has also begun to compile a database of the historic sites used during the first IPY (1881-1884).

Consistent with our objective of promoting international cooperation, studies and projects we have worked closely with the New Zealand based Antarctica Heritage Trust (AHT) to raise awareness in Norway of the important Norwegian cultural heritage that the AHT is working to conserve at Cape Adare in Antarctica (Carsten Borchgrevink's expedition huts). This culminated in an event at the Fram Museum in Oslo in November 2006, to launch a website designed to assist this process. The website www.norgesglemteoppdager.org was made possible by funding from the Norwegian Foreign Ministry via Riksantikvaren. The IPHC secretariat contributed to the launching event.

ICOMOS News, Volume 16, No.2, December 2006 had a large first section about climate change and cultural heritage, where the major section on polar heritage issues was contributed by the IPHC President, Susan Barr.

The IPHC President is actively engaged in the evolution of the ICOMOS Scientific Council and in particular a project that focuses on the effects of climate change on cultural heritage sites.

Individual members are active with a wide variety of polar conservation projects and publications in the course of their professional work. These include a paper by Cornelia Lüdecke (Germany): "Bericht über den Workshop des International Polar Heritage Committee (IPHC) in München". In: Polarforschung 75 (1), 43-45, 2005 (erschienen 2006), a report on the IPHC workshop in Munich (see 2. above)

Website

The IPHC website www.polarheritage.com continues to be a useful 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.

The use of this site continues to increase significantly with 125,720 page views during the course of the year. This represents almost a 50% increase on usage last year. A report on the site usage for 2006 is attached.

Cooperation with external agencies

After earlier submissions to both the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the Committee for Environmental Protection in Antarctica (CEP), the IPHC continues in its role as a non-partisan expert group that may be used for consulting and advice concerning polar cultural heritage.

In addition the 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
- British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, UK

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

Consultation

The IPHC continues to consult closely with the Antarctic Heritage Trust (AHT) in New Zealand and has cooperated closely with preparations for conservation work at the historic Norwegian hut site of Carsten Borchgrevink at Cape Adare.

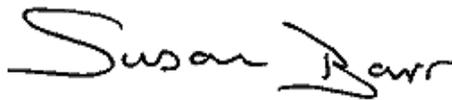
We are also engaged in discussions related to plans and use of the Antarctic sites at Snow Hill and Paulet Island in the Antarctic.

Future activities

In the immediate future most effort will focus on planning the IPY conference at Barrow, Alaska and the publication that is intended to follow this event. These are major undertakings for which we have earmarked some funds from existing resources.

As well as continuing consultations on a range of general subjects, work will continue with the database of IPY sites, the ICOMOS Climate Change project, and plans for work at Cape Adare, Snow Hill and Paulet Island

Working Group – IPHC



Susan Barr – President



Paul Chaplin - Secretary General

2nd February 2006

IPHC WEBSITE – Page view analysis 2006

Page name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 06
Aboutbrochure	55	42	109	109	84	91	110	60	77	77	65	79	958
AboutCommittee	126	116	148	106	118	120	155	159	101	124	114	153	1540
AboutIPHC	127	138	240	213	209	202	168	159	109	140	103	122	1930
AboutStatutes	108	74	144	121	140	97	98	75	51	53	47	94	1102
Annual Report03	64	51	65	54	68	64	61	49	43	57	43	52	671
Annual Report04	47	42	58	52	62	62	57	50	46	40	42	54	612
Annual Report05			76	64	106	110	124	103	115	111	81	98	988
Ant.hut list	120	127	183	171	164	127	172	132	136	186	197	541	2256
Contact info	165	168	289	269	367	383	300	321	371	313	264	243	3453
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IPHC Gen news main	33	27	148	161	113	113	132	103	116	99	77	107	1229
Harrowfield archaeol report						100	152	95	102	115	100	108	772
IPY News												59	59
Home page	1676	1731	2525	2060	1812	2332	1646	1804	1284	1708	1460	1429	21467
Membership criteria						23	49	41	41	49	39	65	307
Microbes	26	23	46	44	49	61	69	55	43	53	48	83	600
News and reports 01	45	41	69	57	61	58	57	43	46	60	52	57	646
News and reports02	44	40	77	64	66	72	65	41	41	57	46	76	689
News and reports02B	42	39	52	49	62	62	57	42	40	46	51	75	617
News and reports Deception	53	47	61	65	68	58	64	47	44	63	51	70	691
News and reports Grytviken	38	26	66	56	67	66	67	62	50	41	66	80	685
News and reports IPHC	134	134	221	183	174	183	164	186	161	152	96	123	1911
News and reports Main	173	161	238	154	170	141	103	115	81	120	149	142	1747
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News and reports Stonington	61	55	89	78	86	64	54	52	37	55	46	61	738
Nordic Arctic plan	80	94	145	120	117	106	130	95	103	106	86	114	1296
NZ hut plans	121	76	74	83	85	69	64	55	45	59	58	82	871
Object Lessons - Mawsons	86	93	151	105	118	107	127	94	107	93	83	105	1269
Pollutants	96	100	167	137	125	128	138	105	113	93	80	101	1383
Privacy	170	141	430	195	224	185	181	154	100	113	109	122	2124
Publication (&Publication B)	146	157	246	191	164	204	211	176	157	155	144	212	2163
Reference material Bibliog	74	52	133	112	95	106	129	91	105	74	70	102	1143
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Reference Other Polar orgs	78	71	99	106	85	96	105	68	83	70	70	89	1020
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Related groups Main	109	183	205	176	185	200	147	140	138	166	105	120	1874
Other relatedHeritage groups	76	56	87	96	69	86	97	70	89	58	64	72	920
Related PHeritage agencies	71	56	115	113	79	90	100	67	85	70	65	81	992
Svalbard archeo depot	78	79	130	102	114	101	122	100	116	99	78	95	1214
Ant Hist sitelist 01up	169	391	384	281	287	292	305	266	245	271	225	265	3381
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Ant Hist sitelist 40up	64	92	114	101	88	90	100	68	113	72	83	123	1108
Ant Hist sitelist 60up	70	83	157	109	86	116	123	94	135	86	88	128	1275
Sitemap	142	313	611	223	237	792	252	167	98	150	217	142	3344
Snowhill	110	55	50	56	73	66	75	42	37	51	44	84	743
WMFShacksHut	123	145	182	161	160	148	164	95	127	96	76	125	1602
WMFsupport04	48	31	61	50	60	56	69	43	36	77	49	74	654
York Factory Canada	70	89	146	104	110	129	130	88	103	92	86	106	1253
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2005 85783
 2004 66988
 2003 60021
 2002 22201

Note : A "page view" is recorded whenever a page is opened on a computer accessing the website. This may mean a page is 'opened' en-route to another so a "page view" may not mean a page is closely read. Page views are a more reliable indication of the use of a site than "hits" which only record individual sections of any page downloaded. A single "page view" therefore, can in some cases, record several "hits".

(Source : IPHC Web server)