

In addition the IPHC has a number of “General Associates”, who are persons with an interest in the committee’s activities and who can contribute to certain aspects of the committee’s work, but who are not formal members.

2. Meetings

An informal meeting of the IPHC was held in conjunction with the IPY conference in Barrow, Alaska (see under Activities).

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

4th-5th October : ICOMOS Scientific Council Climate Change Symposium in Cape Town where she held the paper “Coastal Erosion threatening Arctic Heritage”.

8th-11th October : ICOMOS Scientific Council and Advisory Committee meetings in Pretoria where she chaired the Scientific Council meeting.

9th November : Nordic ICOMOS meeting in Stockholm.

1st-2nd December : Susan was invited ICOMOS representative at the World Heritage Office’s Expert Meeting on World Heritage and the Arctic, in Narvik, Norway. An important recommendation from the meeting is copied here under Future Activities.

On the 18th -19th January 2007, the President and Secretary General attended the NOAH’S ARK Workshop at University College London which addressed the effects of Global Climate Change on Built Cultural Heritage and Cultural Landscapes.

We have not received reports of meetings attended by other members, apart from the IPHC Barrow conference reported below.

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. Financial accounts for the use of these funds are produced separately.

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 produce a publication combining the presentations made at the IPY conference in held in Barrow, Alaska. This will be similar to our successful publication in 2004. A special grant of NOK 75,000 was received from Riksantikvaren for this purpose.

4. Activities

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

The major activity for 2007 was the IPY conference in Barrow, Alaska. A considerable amount of work went into the planning of this event and we were fortunate to receive invaluable assistance with this from the host organisation, The Barrow Arctic Science Consortium (BASC). A total of 18 people attended in person (with 3 others attending via video conferencing) the event from 24th-28th September, of whom 11 are IPHC members. In addition the conference was open for the local population and visiting scientists at BASC. 11 papers were held within the theme of the conference “The protection and preservation of

historical polar scientific bases”. These will be published (see under Future Activities). The highlight of the conference was a direct video-telephone link with the New Zealand conservators at Scott Base, Antarctica who are currently working on the conservation of artefacts from Scott’s and Shackleton’s huts. The conference members were able to discuss the work with the conservators, and this “Pole-to-Pole” link was covered by the local Barrow broadcasting service.

In conjunction with the conference, 5 IPHC members and other conference participants held outreach sessions at the local schools and schools in outlying communities. These events were organised by BASC.

Work continued with the compilation of a database of the historic sites used during the first IPY (1881-1884) although a considerable amount of work remains to be done on this.

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).

Papers on various aspects of polar heritage protection were produced for inclusion in the ICOMOS publication “Heritage@Risk” which is expected to be published early in 2008. These were compiled by Susan Barr, Paul Chaplin and Doug Olynyk.

The IPHC President is actively engaged in 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.

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 maintain high levels of use with 122,274 page views during the course of the year. A report on the site usage for 2007 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
- Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge UK
- International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
- The Getty Conservation Institute
- 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
- Barrow Arctic Science Consortium
- Universities of Minnesota (USA) and Waikato (New Zealand)

President Susan Barr has suggested a formal connection between the IPHC and a newly formed Polar Industrial Heritage group within TICCIH, the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage. This will be followed up in 2008. We hope to avoid separated groups working towards similar aims for the benefit of cultural heritage in the Arctic and/or Antarctic, but instead to encourage networks and joint exchanges.

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's wintering 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, and with certain of the earlier British bases in the region of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands.

After a request by the ICOMOS Executive Committee for each International Scientific Committee to propose members for World Heritage missions, the IPHC members were canvassed and three members sent in their details for listing on the expert register.

Future activities

2008 will see the preparation and completion of our next publication, which focuses on the papers held at the conference in Barrow. A generous contribution of NOK 75 000 from the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage will help us to achieve this goal.

The recommendations of the Expert Meeting on World Heritage and the Arctic, organised in Narvik by the World Heritage Centre in Paris, contained the following recommendation in its final report:

7. Scientific research, exchange and comparative studies

The participants encouraged the governments of the Arctic States Parties to the World Heritage Convention to make best use of scientific information available and enhance scientific information exchange in the identification, preservation and management of outstanding Arctic heritage.

The participants suggested that States Parties share information concerning comparative analysis of Arctic sites in order to contribute to baseline information in the preparation of serial and transnational cultural and natural properties.

The participants noted the proposal by IUCN to prepare a thematic study on natural heritage in the Arctic region. The participants also noted the "Arctic Biodiversity Assessment" (ABA) being conducted by CAFF which has been endorsed by the Arctic Council and which is now in the planning phase. The participants encouraged ICOMOS to consider the preparation of a thematic study of the cultural heritage of the Arctic and that this be coordinated with the IUCN study.

The IPHC working group hopes that our committee will be central in work for such a thematic study and we will keep the members informed as to how we may participate.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Barr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

Susan Barr – President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Chaplin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'P'.

Paul Chaplin - Secretary General

19th February 2008

IPHC WEBSITE – Page view analysis 2007

Page name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total		
IPHC brochure	81	78	77	70	71	95	92	59	48	57	70	61	859		
About the Committee	168	99	80	83	199	623	263	166	88	92	83	79	2023		
About the IPHC	115	118	105	130	110	185	150	153	97	124	232	1072	2591		
About the Statutes	71	48	61	50	50	92	83	64	51	47	59	62	738		
AdareWind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	90	78	260		
AnnRep01	49	55	65	46	48	73	66	54	45	37	56	49	643		
AnnRep02A	59	47	64	47	48	77	78	60	39	37	54	64	674		
AnnRep02B	56	43	42	46	40	60	67	51	41	39	56	51	592		
AnnReport03	54	54	48	49	41	71	59	52	42	41	54	51	616		
AnnReport04	51	57	36	53	49	70	57	57	44	32	52	45	603		
AnnReport05	79	89	87	85	61	86	70	60	43	44	61	42	807		
AnnReport06	0	0	82	47	77	114	109	91	75	82	105	92	874		
Hut list	276	202	196	218	196	257	187	177	181	166	154	168	2378		
Contact us	223	210	174	225	172	246	358	203	123	141	154	494	2723		
Email us	50	305	580	531	300	171	189	502	252	228	527	254	3889		
GenIPHCnews	91	106	93	85	99	151	129	107	85	84	68	61	1159		
Archaeology on Ice	95	96	97	78	91	130	130	108	78	96	96	107	1202		
IPY news	83	113	126	109	204	244	190	173	168	138	155	152	1855		
Home Page	1713	1892	1641	1816	1547	1684	1341	1287	966	1391	1250	1083	17611		
Membership	57	51	46	45	41	73	60	59	40	50	58	53	633		
Microbes	72	54	58	48	50	82	75	58	35	40	56	55	683		
Deception Is Rep	60	60	53	50	54	72	74	59	43	42	58	48	673		
Grytviken Report	80	44	56	53	55	85	92	59	43	65	71	80	783		
IPHC News	112	124	118	124	105	165	137	139	100	101	114	147	1486		
Other Polar Reports	99	111	106	103	97	145	153	126	97	112	121	136	1406		
Svalbard Report	51	55	53	59	51	81	70	56	43	45	49	50	663		
Stonington Is Report	55	55	56	56	67	77	65	72	47	48	63	53	714		
Nordic Arctic	96	97	107	91	95	136	115	92	81	83	110	94	1197		
NZ hut plans	75	69	64	58	56	82	72	69	39	47	52	54	737		
Mawsons hut lessons	97	91	93	98	107	142	124	97	82	93	98	97	1219		
Pollutants	90	95	75	63	63	87	79	65	42	45	59	51	814		
Privacy statement	104	130	96	105	125	150	157	132	100	95	137	217	1548		
IPHC Publication	122	103	113	102	113	144	140	120	111	134	132	115	1449		
Publication Pt2	78	47	52	41	45	65	71	61	44	43	58	49	654		
Bibliography	83	80	81	72	89	117	122	85	57	84	79	73	1022		
Ref. GenHistory	112	107	110	133	84	120	120	99	52	89	80	72	1178		
Ref. Indigenous	76	69	64	55	68	80	88	62	48	58	71	68	807		
Refmaterial index	165	165	156	125	122	184	163	134	103	119	107	144	1687		
OtherPolar ref Material	83	80	71	67	96	111	131	69	46	62	74	83	973		
Tech Refmaterial	89	83	74	72	70	98	115	81	47	78	82	81	970		
Expertise Reg Admin	1404	1133	1098	1077	1175	1490	1774	1426	855	777	996	907	14112		
Expertise Conservtrs	1307	1150	1162	1176	1045	1090	1342	1228	814	727	997	832	12870		
Expertise Hist/Archaeo	1322	1018	1051	1215	1190	1388	1763	1148	710	722	1006	752	13285		
Expertise index	101	130	102	114	89	127	122	117	84	100	106	138	1330		
Related groups index	106	130	95	184	98	154	142	125	85	107	511	134	1871		
Other related heritage	71	59	67	52	64	90	95	73	51	68	60	70	820		
Other p heritage grps	81	76	76	65	66	88	85	72	52	73	76	64	874		
Archaeology -Svalbard	92	96	101	98	97	132	124	101	88	87	110	112	1238		
Site list 1-20	253	199	222	217	251	295	288	257	187	190	198	271	2828		
Site list 21-4	121	97	128	127	118	167	146	114	77	91	127	170	1483		
Site list 41-60	111	87	96	106	80	96	130	96	72	81	104	125	1184		
Site list 61 up	115	85	116	134	102	135	123	118	75	92	134	138	1367		
Web sitemap	106	342	119	116	192	163	150	302	92	115	205	135	2037		
Snowhill report	69	51	57	53	58	86	75	73	43	50	65	62	742		
Sthn Reg meeting Rep	0	0	0	0	106	129	87	77	82	88	102	93	764		
WMF Shackletons Hut	101	91	102	84	66	75	77	63	41	49	51	57	857		
York factory	87	94	95	94	95	145	133	113	78	93	98	94	1219		
Monthly Page views	10617	10220	10043	10300	9948	12575	12497	10721	7252	8011	10051	10039	122274		
													2006	125,720	
														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. Page views are a more reliable indication of the use of a site than "hits".

(Source : IPHC Web server)