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ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 December 2008

1. Membership

Changes to the membership structure for the IPHC to conform to the new Eger Principles (X'ian 2005) were confirmed at a formal meeting of the IPHC held in conjunction with the ICOMOS General Assembly in Quebec (Oct. 2008).

At 31 December 2008 membership of the IPHC consisted of :

Expert Members

An expert member is; “a person with an active professional involvement and/or relevant practical experience in the protection and conservation of heritage sites in Arctic and/or Antarctic regions, who is interested in the work of the IPHC and be able to assist the IPHC to achieve any of its objectives”.

Susan Barr (President)	Norway
Geoff Ashley	Australia
Julian Bickersteth	Australia
Peter Boyarski	Russia
Javier Garcia Cano	Argentina
Paul Chaplin (Sec. General)	New Zealand
Louwrens Hacquebord	Netherlands
Håkan Jorikson	Sweden
Jean-François le Mouél	France
Cornelia Lüdecke	Germany
Johan Mattsson	Norway
Angie McGowan	Australia
Michael Morrison	United Kingdom
Doug Olynyk	Canada
Michael Pearson	Australia
Glenn Sheehan	USA
Rubén Stehberg	Chile
Nigel Watson	New Zealand
Adam Wild	New Zealand

The outreach of the committee is increased by the efforts of individual members to create networks of polar heritage expertise within their own country.

Associate Members

Associates are “persons with relevant skills and expertise who are recommended to the Executive of the IPHC by an Expert member as being a person interested in the work of the IPHC and able to assist the IPHC to achieve any of its objectives”

Sherrie-lee Evans	Australia
Anne M Jensen	USA
Glenn Simpson	USA
James Symonds	UK
Andrés Zarankin	Brazil

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

A formal meeting of the IPHC was held in conjunction with the ICOMOS General Assembly in Quebec (Oct. 2008).

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

ICOMOS-Sweden’s seminar in Stockholm 10 March where she held the lecture ”World Heritage in the polar areas – Norwegian management of its cultural heritage in the polar regions”.

ICOMOS Scientific Council and Advisory Committee meetings in Quebec 26-28 September.

Individual members have also attended other meetings related to various aspects of polar heritage protection.

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 required to fulfil our plans for future publications.

4. Activities

Publication of “Historical Polar Bases – Preservation and Protection” number XVII in the ICOMOS series “Monuments and Sites. This was funded mainly by a special grant from Riksantikvaren.

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

Another major activity for the IPHC was the meeting held in conjunction with the ICOMOS General Assembly in Quebec (Oct. 2008).

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).

Several members contributed papers on various aspects of polar heritage protection for the ICOMOS publication “Heritage@Risk” which was published during in 2008.

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 142,876 page views during the course of the year. This represents an increase in page views of about 15% from 2007. A report on the site usage for 2008 is attached.

Cooperation and consultation 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.

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 2009. 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.

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

We have previously been 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. We hope to continue this engagement whenever desired by the main stakeholders.

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.

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

- 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)

Future activities

We are now contemplating the production of another publication but details have yet to be finalised.

The recommendations of the Expert Meeting on World Heritage and the Arctic, organised in Narvik November 2007 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.

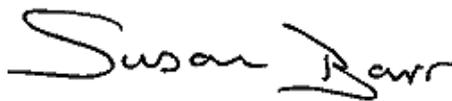
The participants suggested that States Parties share information concerning comparative analysis of Arctic sites in order to contribute to baseline information in the preparation of serial and transnational cultural and natural properties.

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 future of this project lies with the Arctic Council, and the IPHC Executive hopes that our committee will be able to work for such a thematic study should the project receive a final go ahead. 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

Executive – IPHC



Susan Barr – President



Paul Chaplin - Secretary General

19th February 2008

IPHC WEBSITE – Page view analysis 2008

	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08
Homepage	1357	1418	1830	1780	2004	1870	1800	2227	1319	1592	3278	2787
Aboutbrochure	59	54	66	65	64	58	82	75	61	81	92	69
AboutCommittee	92	83	90	108	94	88	93	85	78	115	117	91
AboutIPHC	938	576	1615	5989	5357	2624	201	217	132	3852	3088	7757
AboutStatutes	75	54	65	67	86	91	110	87	82	95	100	89
AdareWind	105	96	126	158	173	123	166	161	108	136	163	126
AnnReps	0	0	0	56	67	66	71	76	65	545	80	68
Anthutlist	216	126	133	204	313	341	154	126	109	162	178	149
Contact	559	1102	1066	1047	778	1191	300	700	213	617	1969	297
Email	121	229	161	108	172	213	130	215	210	175	235	103
GCCRec	0	0	21	148	198	126	166	169	107	136	175	115
GenIPHCnews	77	57	63	61	69	67	74	75	66	90	88	65
Harrowfield	104	113	140	154	193	124	146	169	112	142	174	117
IPYnews	186	147	177	216	227	209	311	238	168	209	268	154
Membership	71	55	70	57	73	62	89	70	65	94	80	64
Microbes	65	44	60	48	63	82	75	70	71	73	72	65
News&repsDeception	56	47	61	51	69	52	78	70	74	83	82	70
News&repsGrytviken	88	71	71	67	71	100	82	71	74	88	97	76
News&repsIPHC	147	125	171	180	189	148	199	211	137	166	189	138
News&repsOtherPH	149	131	167	181	176	141	184	214	145	169	176	140
News&repsSbardcoal	57	45	58	50	63	144	69	58	61	85	75	62
News&repsStonington	71	56	70	75	112	146	80	68	70	90	92	79
Nordicarctic	116	102	139	154	160	162	142	232	110	145	164	110
NZhutplans	66	53	65	53	78	81	92	69	76	84	89	65
Objectlesson	126	110	149	157	185	168	170	225	107	149	195	124
Pollutants	58	57	61	53	69	72	75	70	61	75	77	58
Privacy statement	283	186	325	308	351	253	241	266	168	261	332	206
Publication	138	138	175	175	221	201	233	193	126	203	251	197
Refmaterial Bibliog	83	70	105	93	110	96	125	136	91	152	142	112
Refmaterial GenHist	88	91	111	101	113	99	128	144	94	132	154	103
Refmaterial Indigenous	76	65	72	86	92	65	86	87	69	96	111	88
Refmaterial main	128	129	173	196	181	161	184	203	130	162	191	150
Refmaterial OtherPolar	65	52	71	70	74	68	94	92	64	96	109	90
Refmaterial TechRef	82	74	97	93	116	105	126	132	105	129	150	112
Reg expertise Admin	846	844	991	805	1146	1013	1131	1170	1171	1331	224	0
Reg expertise Consvtrs	897	758	980	855	941	923	1256	1058	1200	1070	221	0
Reg expertise HistArch	718	748	825	761	1017	898	1028	1021	932	1128	195	0
Reg expertise main	121	119	163	166	167	170	196	198	134	167	39	0
Related grpsmain	126	531	179	186	168	144	193	192	140	168	183	152
Related grpsOther	80	73	80	75	80	68	96	76	73	98	109	74
Related grpsPHagents	67	57	81	96	108	66	86	82	73	98	116	105
Sbard archaeo	124	112	149	151	183	138	153	168	113	148	156	116
Sitelist 01up	295	211	248	252	341	472	266	316	214	288	303	272
Sitelist 20up	152	88	113	110	226	337	298	146	90	126	150	115
Sitelist 40up	131	92	117	123	295	392	179	98	98	205	154	117
Sitelist 60up	149	122	119	107	168	236	167	124	124	183	252	126
Sitemap	847	296	704	226	224	183	313	351	165	330	286	180
Snowhill	69	58	67	63	89	75	86	92	69	89	85	77
Sthn Region meet 07	114	112	141	154	195	178	178	159	100	146	144	124
WMFShacksHut	67	53	66	60	79	89	71	66	68	94	79	65
York factory	115	105	153	154	171	156	165	173	116	143	157	123
Totals	9,463.	8,717	11,170	14,973	15,955	13,265	10,418	10,564	8,289	14,699	12,408	12,955

Total page views 2008 = 142,876