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## ANNUAL REPORT

**Year ended 31 December 2009**

### **1. Membership**

After changes to ICOMOS policy and the IPHC statutes it has been possible to increase membership by about 15% during 2009. At 31 December 2009 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 Mouël	France
Bryan Lintott	New Zealand
Cornelia Lüdecke	Germany
Johan Mattsson	Norway
Peter Maxwell	Australia
Angie McGowan	Australia
Michael Morrison	United Kingdom
Doug Olynyk	Canada
Michael Pearson	Australia
Ximena Senatore	Argentina
Glenn Sheehan	USA
Rubén Stehberg	Chile
Nigel Watson	New Zealand
Adam Wild	New Zealand
Andrés Zarankin	Brazil

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	United Kingdom

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

### **2. Meetings**

Although there have been no formal meetings of the IPHC during 2009 there has been an active exchange with many members on various aspects of the committee’s work.

IPHC President Susan Barr has also represented the interests of the IPHC at other meetings and forums. These were:

UNESCO’s Expert Meeting on Climate Change and Arctic Sustainable Development, Monaco, 2-6 March. Susan participated at the request of the ICOMOS Executive Committee. The publication from the conference, containing Susan’s presentation “Protecting cultural heritage and community roots”, was launched at the Copenhagen Climate Conference in October.

Council of Europe Climate Change Workshop in Ravello, Italy 14-16 May.

ICOMOS Scientific Council and Advisory Committee meetings in Valletta, Malta, 6-11 October.

ICOMOS Norway Expert Course for World Heritage missions, Oslo, 22 October.

Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group meeting in Copenhagen 10 November where the proposed IPHC “Arctic Heritage Sites” project was presented and discussed (see under).

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 on a year-to-year application basis 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**

Distribution of our publications “Cultural Heritage in the Arctic and Antarctic Regions” and “Historical Polar Bases – Preservation and Protection” number XVII has continued. These have proved to be very useful in promoting principles of polar heritage protection and the work of the IPHC.

During the year we completed work related to our International Polar Year project – conference and related publication. We received certificates of appreciation from the primary organisations behind the International Polar Year, The World Meteorological Organization and The International Council for Science.

The IPHC President has been working closely with the Norwegian Ministries of the Environment and of Foreign Affairs on the IPHC-proposed project for designating particularly internationally significant Arctic heritage sites (cf the Annual Report for 2008 – extract appended at the end of this document). In order to give the project more impact and acceptance among the Arctic countries’ authorities and the indigenous populations, we have been asked to incorporate it as an Arctic Council approved project. This has necessarily slowed down the progress as many separate interest groups wish to have their say, but it is expected that there will be significant progress in 2010. The IPHC Executive hopes that members, particularly with Arctic experience, will wish to participate in some way. Detailed information will be distributed early in 2010.

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.

Planning of the IPHC conference in Chile in April 2010 has been carried on in close and generous cooperation with our Chilean member, Rubén Stehberg, and ICOMOS Chile – see under Future Activities below.

Individual members are active with a wide variety of polar conservation projects and publications in the course of their professional work.

#### **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 initiated 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 has to a small degree been followed up in 2009, but we hope for increasing contact in the future. Our aim is to encourage separate groups who wish to work towards similar aims for the benefit of cultural heritage in the Arctic and/or Antarctic, to support common networks and joint exchanges and to work together as far as possible.

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.

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)

### **Website**

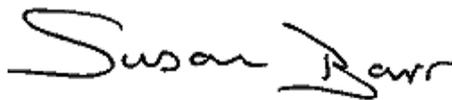
The IPHC website ([www.polarheritage.com](http://www.polarheritage.com)) continues to be a useful resource for practitioners working in the field of polar heritage protection. It also provides a means of communication and cooperation between individuals and organisations with similar aims and objectives.

The use of this site continues to maintain high levels of use with almost 160,000 page views during the course of the year. This compares with 142,876 in 2008 and represents an increase in page views of about 12% from 2007.

### **Future activities**

Planning for a conference in Punta Arenas, Chile is now well advanced. This will be held at the University of Magallanes from 22 to 25 April 2010. This promises to be the IPHC's largest ever conference with over 30 delegates currently registered and a diverse programme of presentations. It is intended to produce a new publication based on the conference and presentations.

Executive – IPHC



Susan Barr – President



Paul Chaplin - Secretary General

1 February 2010

### APPENDIX

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## **Appendix**

### **From the IPHC Annual Report 2008**

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.