

MINUTES OF THE MEETING**PRESENT:**

- Chair** Jack Pyburn (JPY)
- Present**
- Bureau Members: Grethe Pontoppidon (GP), Kiran Joshi (KJ), Laura Robinson (LR), Stefania Landi (SL), Susan Macdonald (SM)
 - EP Associates: Kaleigh Sawyer (KS), Nityaalyer (NI), Saranya Dharshini (SD)
- Regrets**
- Bureau Members: Enrique Madia (ED), Leo Schmidt (LS), Sangeeta Bagga (SBM)
 - EP Associates: Katelyn Williams (KW)

PROCEEDINGS:**ITEM DELIBERATIONS & DECISIONS**

- 1. Welcome, Attendance, Regrets:**
Jack Pyburn welcomed all members to the meeting.
- 2. Additions to Agenda:**
None
- 3. Approval of Minutes of June 2021 Bureau Meeting:**
Approved
- 4. Secretary General's Comments:** No updates
- 5. Group Reports:**
 - a. Policy Group:**
 - i. Journeys to Authenticity(JtA):**
 - No discussion
 - ii. Climate Change:**
 - No discussion
 - iii. Sustainable Development:**
 - No discussion
 - iv. InnovaConcrete:**
 - No updates
 - v. Madrid-New Delhi Document Publication:**
 - Referring to the draft publication sent by Katelyn Williams Jack Pyburn expressed the need to revise the back cover.
 - Susan Macdonald pointed out the importance of reducing the Eurocentric focus of the images used in the publication and ensuring a geographic balance of cases illustrated. She also appreciated the effort required in sourcing high quality, copyright free images.
Action: LS, KW
 - b. Advocacy Group:**
 - i. Heritage Alerts:**
 - Citing experiences with the HA requests received by ISC20C, Jack Pyburn stressed the need to define the committee's role, and adopt a standard basis for evaluation as well as an objective procedure to ensure consistency in addressing all cases. He presented his views on the issue under four heads (See Appendix-1 at the end of the Minutes):
 - 1) Critique of Current HA Guidelines given by ICOMOS, which states necessity for quick response but review requirements are complex and involve laborious input. Also, there is a lack of clarity of the responsibility of ISCs and NCs as well as what constitutes 20th Century resource, which goes beyond modernist works;
 - 2) Recommendation that ISC20C should only address threats of international significance while NCs and NSCs attend to cases of national significance, though ISC20C could write letters in support of NC advocacy, and that cases sent to

ISC20C should provide evidence of communication with and support of the relevant NC;

- 3) Suggestions for simplification of the existing HA Request Template;
- 4) Clarity regarding what represents International Significance

- Laura Robinson agreed with Jack's approach and suggested that all Bureau Members give their comments in track mode on the word document (Appendix-1) presented by Jack, following which a special meeting on the issue could be organised.
- Susan Macdonald mentioned the challenge in dealing with cases of countries that do not have NCs or of NCs that do not have the necessary infrastructure for dealing with 20C heritage. She also pointed out that both the MNDD and the THF make it clear that 20C heritage does not relate only to MoMo architecture but all expressions and manifestations of modernity in different places and times, and that the next wave of threats may well be in those diverse expressions that are now beginning to emerge.
- Stefania Landi suggested the involvement of Expert Members of the concerned NC, including its President and Secretary in dealing with HAs. She also suggested referring to the WH system for establishing international significance and that diffusion of the HA document was as important as posting it on the website.
- Saranya Dharshini suggested that ISC20C, being seen as the pioneer in this field, organise a workshop on HAs with other ISCs and NCs as participants, while Kiran Joshi gave the example of HA symposia held within ICOMOS India. She suggested that a beginning can be made with our own members, engaging also the Expert Members as suggested by Stefania.
- Jack Pyburn concluded by suggesting that rather than managing all cases ourselves, our final goal should be to build capacity to manage HAs. We should, thus create and support the national heritage processes, offer technical support so that their efforts become more meaningful at the national level. He also agreed to circulate the word document for bureau members' comments.

Action: JPY

ii. **World Heritage Advisory:**

- Susan Macdonald informed that Jack Pyburn and she had a meeting with the World Heritage unit of ICOMOS. More information will be given during the next meeting.

Action: SM

iii. **WM Watch:**

- Stefania Landi informed that the process had been managed by ICOMOS and the World Monument Fund and that she, along with an EP Mentee from India, had been involved in the evaluation of dossiers of three sites.
- Kiran Joshi, along with an EP Mentee from Canada, evaluated proposals for two 20C sites.

iv. **Heritage Applause:**

- No discussion

c. **Education Group:**

i. **EP Mentoring Program:**

- Kaleigh Sawyer informed that they had held their first monthly meeting and also added a new EP, Virginia Rush (an Argentinian, now in Germany) to their group. Virginia Rush is multilingual and would be an asset for communication.
- Kaleigh Sawyer also informed that Nityaa Iyer is working on the letter to be sent to EPWG and that they hope to add more members in the coming months. They are also beginning to work on the newsletter and help with communication.
- Saranya Dharshini informed that the group had chosen Nityaa Iyer to represent ISC20C at the EPWG International

ii. **Thematic Framework:**

- Laura Robinson and Susan Macdonald gave an update on the GCI workshop on the Modern Heritage of Africa Initiative, which included interesting debates on Eurocentricity and First World Approaches as well as what 20C means to Africa. The viewpoints presented were largely academic and so the challenge would be to convert theory / historical conceptualisation to inventories of heritage resource. A report on the workshop would be presented during the upcoming Modern Heritage Conference in Cape Town.

- Jack Pyburn referred to the issue of “Subject Specific Thematic Framework Initiatives”, the need to define the role of ISC20C in such ventures, and the suggestions outlined by Susan Macdonald for discussion during this meeting (See Appendix-2), summarised below:
 - 1) Individual or subject-specific thematic studies are outside the purview of the ISC20C as we do not have the capacity to manage / monitor the use of ISC20C name, logo, etc and credibility of third-party projects;
 - 2) We should focus on educating on the value and use of the HTF and provide an opportunity to share individual work at our AGM / website;
 - 3) ISC20C can also provide a network of experts that individual initiatives can reach out to for advice and provide assistance for broadcasting request for information – all without endorsement
 - Jack Pyburn informed that mention of individual TF initiatives had been removed in the chart showing ‘Bureau Organisation’ which now shows only the general head of “Thematic Framework”
 - Susan Macdonald agreed that it was outside the role of the ISC20C to undertake thematic studies, rather our role is to prompt, and catalyse projects at a national level, but we need to be careful about how the committee may be used to legitimise individual projects.
 - He further proposed that the TF be included as one of the topics of the AGM and help people understand the role of ISC20C in such initiatives.
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 - iii. **MAP 2021:**
 - No updates
 - iv. **Toolkit:**
 - No discussion
 - d. **Communications Group:**
 - i. **Membership:**
 - Report on New Members: Jack Pyburn informed that Sangeeta Bagga had conveyed that one new application had been received and was under review.
 - Update on Listserv: Nityaa Iyer gave an update on setting up of the Listserv. The process would first be tested through the bureau group. The final Listserv would be made operational after the currently available membership list had been cross-checked with the ICOMOS database and updated
Action: KJ, SBM, NI
 - ii. **Website/Social Media:**
 - Jack Pyburn provided an update on the setting up of the new website and stressed the need to get the website and the instagram link, etc. up and working well before the AGM in December 2021.
 - iii. **AGM:**
 - AGM 2021: All agreed that this year’s AGM be held on 4th December 2021 and conducted as a virtually event.
 - AGM 2022: Jack Pyburn would get back to the Porto hosts to start planning the details
 - iv. **Archive:** No discussion
 - v. **Translation:** No discussion
 - 8. **Other matters:**
 - a. **Next Meeting:** 17 September 2021
 - 9. **Adjourn**
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APPENDIX 1: HERITAGE ALERTS

- 1) **Critique of Current HA Guidance** (ICOMOS website <https://www.icomos.org/en/what-we-do/risk-preparedness/heritage-alert-3>)
 - a. States necessity for quick response but review requirements are complex and detailed. • Lack of clarity of international and national committees responsibilities.
 - b. Lack of clarity of what constitutes 20th century resource (only modernist works?)
 - c. Complex and laborious form/ required information.
 - 2) **Recommendations for Consideration:**
 - a. ISC 20C only addresses threats of international significance.
 - b. NCs and NICs address threats of national significance
 - c. ISC 20C requires evidence of communication with and support of the relevant NC.
 - d. Should ISC 20C write letters in support of NC advocacy?
 - 3) **Simplify HA Request:**
 - a. Describe site/building
 - b. Identify Ownership of threatened site/building
 - c. Describe current general condition of site/building and its character defining features
 - d. Describe/establish international significance of site/building
 - e. Describe nature of the threat
 - f. Identify the threatening entity(ies)
 - g. Describe urgency of HA
 - h. If HA request not from ICOMOS NC provide tangible evidence of communication with and/or involvement/support of NC and NSC 20C
 - i. Provide photos or link to photos that communicate site/building characteristics and current condition
 - j. Provide links to supporting information (CMPs, HSRs, Historic Listings, etc).
 - k. Action Plan for Advocacy
 - l. Organizations/entities participating
 - m. Proposed advocacy actions that complement ISC 20C HA broadcast • Identify primary contact: Name, affiliation, position, email, phone, mailing address. All communication will channel through this person.
 - 4) Clarify regarding what represents International Significance:
 - a. Associated with international impact/influence (social, cultural, architectural, philosophical), person, event, etc.
 - b. Recognized as Internationally significant site/building, demonstrate recognition publications, research, etc.
 - c. Other 20th Century sites based on other than architecture or architects?
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APPENDIX 2: SUBJECT SPECIFIC THEMATIC FRAMEWORK INITIATIVES

- 1) **Issue:**
 - a. Individual or subject specific thematic studies/research are outside the purview of the ISC 20C
 - b. We do not have the capacity to manage/monitor the use of the ISC 20C name, logo, and credibility for third party projects.

 - 2) **What we should do:**
 - a. Educate on the value and use of the TF.
 - b. Help bring together those interested in/engaged in research/advocacy/publication related to thematic studies.
 - c. On a case by case basis provide an opportunity to share the progress and/or products of thematic studies at our AGM and/or on our website.

 - 3) **What else we can do:**
 - a. **Provide a network** that individual initiatives can reach out to for advice and consultation. ISC 20C is only a resource for identifying experts. Such engagement with experts for advice and consultation through membership in the ISC 20C will not represent the participation or endorsement of topic specific thematic studies by ISC 20C members or not.
 - b. **Provide assistance** (through the website) for broadcasting requests for information and/or engagement of other ISC 20C members or website viewers. Again, without endorsement.
 - c. **Other?**
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