

Presentation of the Members of the Bureau of the Executive Committee

PRESIDENT

Gustavo Araoz is a preservation architect with a B. Architecture from Catholic University of America, an M.A. from Georgetown, and completed the international Architectural Conservation program in the Paul Coremans Institute in Mexico. His career combines professional practice, academia, and institutional management.

He serves as Executive Director of US/ICOMOS, overseeing institutional programs, projects and the annual Symposium. He has served two terms as Vice-President of ICOMOS, with responsibilities for International and National Committees.

At the Universities of Pennsylvania and Maryland, he has taught conservation theory, site management, and was in charge of the conservation studio. He has been visiting professor at the University of São Paulo, the Catholic University of Salta in Argentina, and CICOP in Tenerife and Buenos Aires. He has lectured at many universities in the United States.

Gustavo is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and an appointed member of the UNESCO Director-General's Committee on Safeguarding Old Jerusalem. He sits on the Board of Preservation Action and on the Getty Foundation's Architectural Conservation Advisory Panel. His experience includes many projects, including in the WH Sites of Independence Hall, Philadelphia; The University of Virginia; the Petra Sanctuary; the Jesuit Estancias in Argentina; and the Citadelle- Sans Souci Complex, Haiti. He has been consultant/advisor to World Monuments Fund, Getty Conservation Institute, National Park Service, the US Departments of Defense and of State, the Organization of American States, the Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña, and the national heritage agencies of Paraguay and El Salvador.

SECRETARY GENERAL

Bénédicte Selfslagh has served on the ICOMOS Executive Committee since 2005. Trained as a civil engineer and architect (University of Leuven, Belgium), she is an alumna of the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation. She is based in Brussels (Belgium) and Paris (France) and works as a consultant in private practice.

In addition to her expertise in cultural heritage, she has gained a thorough and inside knowledge of the functioning of international organisations. She worked for the European Commission (Brussels) and represented the Heritage Department of the Ministry of the Walloon Region (Belgium) at UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the European Union. She was involved in the negotiation of a number of important international heritage programmes, conventions and recommendations.

Bénédicte Selfslagh was Rapporteur of the World Heritage Committee (26th session Budapest, 2002; 6th extraordinary session, UNESCO Paris, 2003), Chair of the Steering Committee for the Cultural Heritage (CDPAT) of the Council of Europe and held other international mandates. She is a board member of ICOMOS Belgium and ICOMOS Flanders-Brussels, and member of ICOM.

TREASURER GENERAL

Jadran Antolovic has been since 1992 a member of the Croatian ICOMOS, and in the period from 1999 to 2005 Vice-president of Croatian ICOMOS. He is a regular member of the ICOMOS International Committee for Legal, Administrative and Economic affairs.

Currently he is a professor on the High school for Cultural management and a special advisor of the Minister of Culture of Croatia. He has worked on high responsible jobs, and since 2004 to 2008 he had been state secretary (deputy minister) in the Ministry of Culture.

He is a specialist for economic and law aspects for cultural heritage protection and preservation. He holds Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Rijeka. He graduated law from the faculty of law at the University of Osijek. He completed Diplomatic Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia. Before he joined the Ministry of Culture in 1997, he performed various jobs connected with the culture heritage protection.

Mr. Antolovic published a number of books and research papers. In last decade he was a member of the UNESCO expert group, which helped Romania in improving system of culture heritage protection. During 2007 he provided assistance for Ministry of Culture Republic of Slovenian and Hungarian State service for cultural heritage protection in improving cultural heritage laws. These days he became special advisor of the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Montenegro.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Kristal Buckley has served as an International Vice-President of ICOMOS since 2005, and has been an active contributor to many aspects of the work of the International Executive Committee, and with ICOMOS members and national committees in the Asia-Pacific region.

Trained in archaeology, anthropology and public policy, Kristal Buckley currently works professionally as a heritage consultant in private practice, based in Melbourne, Australia. She has worked in both government and the private sector, and has worked in Australia on Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage policy, training and management projects, with an emphasis on community involvement.

She has particular interests in 'shared' heritage, and in the identification and management of cultural landscapes and the intangible values of heritage places. She has also worked as an advisor to governments in environmental policy – particularly in relation to sustainability and climate change.

In addition to her consultancy work, Kristal Buckley is a member of the Heritage Council of Victoria, past President of Australia ICOMOS, and Chair of Australia's National Cultural Heritage Forum.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Guo Zhan

Current position

- Director, World Heritage Expert Committee of China,
- Senior Researcher on history and archaeology (equivalent to Prof.)
- Concurrent Prof., School of Archaeology and Museology, Peking University
- Concurrent Prof., China National School of Administration

Professional titles

- Vice President, ICOMOS
- Vice Chairman and Secretary-general of ICOMOS China

Education

- 1979-1982: Masters in Mongolian History and Yuan Dynasty History, Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- 1973-1976 : Graduate, Archaeology Dept., Peking University

Work experience

- 1976-1979: In charge of the Seismic Archaeological Group.
- 1982-present: Worked with the State Administration of Cultural Heritage in the protection, management and research of monuments and sites, successively acting as directors of the General Office, the Division of World Heritage, and commissioner of the Dept. of Cultural Heritage
- ICOMOS Evaluation Missions to Nara, Nikko and Ryukyu of Japan.
- Helped exchanges between China and international community.
- Introduced all of the important documents of ICOMOS into China.
- Have taken part in and presided over China's World Heritage work since the country signed the World Heritage Convention in 1985, and helped bring the number of China's World Heritage sites from nil to 31
- Have promoted and prepared for China's accession into ICCROM, involved in founding China ICOMOS, promoted and prepared for China's accession into ICOMOS, attended all major meetings of the World Heritage Committee and ICOMOS, arranged many study tours for international experts, coordinated international seminars and training courses in China, organized overseas study tours of Chinese experts annually
- Have taken part in deliberation and research of the documents on authenticity in Nara,

Publications

- Taoism during Jin and Yuan Dynasties
- Historical Seismic Study in Beijing-Tianjin Region
- Research on Protection of Historic Cities in China
- Research on the Cause of World Heritage and Sustainable Social Development
- Guide to World Heritage Practices

VICE-PRESIDENT

Andrew Hall

Qualifications

- MS Historic Preservation, University of Pennsylvania (Fulbright Scholar)
- BA Honours – History, University of the Witwatersrand

Professional Position

Director Heritage, Northern Cape Provincial Department of Sport, Arts & Culture

Former Professional Positions

- Chief Executive Officer – South African Heritage Resources Agency
- KwaZulu Natal Provincial Manager – South African National Monuments Council

ICOMOS Offices

- 2005 – present, Member Executive Committee
- 2005 – present, Interim President ICICH
- 2005 – present, Member Scientific Council
- 2000 – 2003, President - Advisory Committee
- 1996 – 2006, Chair ICOMOS South Africa; member ICLAFI

Other Relevant Recent Offices

- Member UNESCO Historic Urban Landscapes Working Group
- Member National Delegation to UNESCO negotiations Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention
- Member South Africa National World Heritage Committee
- Member National delegation to World Heritage Committee (2007)
- Member ICOMOS delegation to World Heritage Committee (2006)

VICE-PRESIDENT

Francisco Lopez Morales

Doctor in Urban Studies and Planning, University of Social Sciences of Grenoble II (1977-1980)

Outstanding Professional Activities

- Collaboration in the restoration project of several squares in the Historic Centre of Montreal, in the cabinet of the Landscape Arch. John Schreiber, Montreal, Canada.
- Collaboration in the Urban Renovation project of Boulogne-Bilancourt, Paris region.
- Secretary General of ICOMOS Mexico (1991-1994 and 1994-1997)
- Member of the ICOMOS International Committee on Vernacular Architecture (1995-1999).
- Expert advisor of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (Mexican Government), 1995-1999.
- Expert Advisor for the evaluation of sites and monuments proposed for the World Heritage List. International Executive Committee of ICOMOS.
- Collaboration with the Andalusian Institute of Historic Heritage to develop projects and programs of International Cooperation in the field of Heritage (1999).
- Rapporteur of the 25th Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Helsinki, Finland.
- Secretary General of the 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS International, Xi'an, China, 2005.
- Rapporteur of the second General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Paris, France, 2008.
- Director of World Heritage at the National Institute of Anthropology and History, 2000-2005 and from 2007 to date.

Outstanding Publications

- Arquitectura Vernácula en México (Vernacular architecture in Mexico), Ed. Trillas, 5ª ed. México, 1987.
- El Color en la Arquitectura Mexicana (Colour in Mexican Architecture), Ed. Comex, México, 1992.
- Coordinator of the study: La Representatividad en la Lista del Patrimonio Mundial. El patrimonio cultural y natural de Iberoamérica, Canadá y Estados Unidos. (The Representativity of the World Heritage List. The cultural and natural heritage of Iberoamérica, Canada and United States). CONACULTA-INAH / ICOMOS. Santiago de Querétaro, México, 2003.
- Nuevas miradas sobre la Autenticidad e Integridad en el Patrimonio Mundial de las Américas. (New views on the Authenticity and Integrity in the World Heritage of the Americas). ICOMOS / UICN. San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, 2005.
- Tesoros Coloniales de México. Las Siete Ciudades de Oro. (Colonial Treasures of Mexico. The Seven Cities of Gold). México, 2007.

Distinctions

- National Award Juan Pablos for the book "Arquitectura Vernácula en México" - 1987.
- Award La Jota de Oro, paraíso interior, for the contribution to the promotion and the progress of the Province of Jaén before the UNESCO.
- Proposal to receive the Mario Pani Prize, on behalf of the Mexican Society of Architects in the College of Architects of Mexico, 2008.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Olivier Poisson

Training:

Architect (official diploma by the French government, 1975), art historian (diploma of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 1979); former fellow of the French Academy in Rome (Villa Medici, 1984-85).

Career:

Architecte des Bâtiments de France in Nîmes (1980), then Inspector for Historic Buildings in the regions of Languedoc-Roussillon and Corsica (1986).

Since 1997, he is Inspector General for the regions of Midi Pyrénées, Languedoc Roussillon and Corsica, and the overseas territory of Réunion island (Indian Ocean). He is also in charge of ensuring follow-up on World Heritage matters for the Architecture and Heritage Department at the French Ministry of Culture. An Inspector General is in charge of reviewing and advising various restoration or conservation projects in the concerned regions.

As a teacher, he has regularly lectured at the universities of Montpellier, Perpignan, and Barcelona on the history and theory of cultural heritage. As a researcher, he has published various articles and books about heritage, the history of restoration work in Italy and France in the XIXth century, as well as on medieval architecture in southern France and Catalonia.

He is corresponding member of the Institut d'Estudis Catalans in Barcelona (Spain), and also chairs the Association culturelle de Cuxa, which every year organises the Journées romanes since 1969, and publishes the Cahiers de Saint Michel de Cuxa, an international scientific review of Romanesque art and architecture.

In 2007, he was co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee of ICOMOS, and is also Vice- President of the French National Committee since 2006. At the international level, he has carried out some missions for ICOMOS or UNESCO in Africa (Niger) and Spain.