

2010 Annual report of ICOMOS National Committee of the Netherlands

- 1 Data provided by the Committee
 - 1-1 President:
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 - 1-3 Membership Manager, if different from Secretariat:
See 1-2
 - 1-4 Number of members:
individual members: 130
institutional members: 11
sustaining members: 0
honorary members: 1
members in other categories: youngsters 0
 - 1-5 Number of **new** members in 2010, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:
individual members: 11
institutional members: 0
sustaining members: 0
honorary members: 0
members in other categories: youngsters 0
 - 1-6 Committee created in:
1965
 - 1-7 Last revision of Statutes:
2002/12/31

- 2 **Basic data to be provided by all the Committees**
 - 2-1 Website of the Committee:
www.icomos.nl
 - 2-2 Committee's representative(s) at the Advisory Committee meeting (Dublin, October 2010):
President (see 1-1) and Secretary (see 1-2)
 - 2-3 Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2010:
none
 - 2-4 Last revision of National Committee members' participation in the International Scientific Committees:
of ongoing concern
 - 2-5 National Committee representatives in the International Scientific Committees:
 - Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH) - none
 - Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) - (mr) Prof. Willem Willems, co-president
 - Conservation/Restoration of Heritage Objects in Monuments and Sites (ISCCR) - none
 - Cultural Landscapes ICOMOS-IFLA (ISCCL) – (mrs) Carol Westrik
 - Cultural Routes (CIIC) - none
 - Cultural Tourism (ICTC) - (mrs) Inke Camphens, member
 - Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH) - (mr) Wolf Schijns, member
 - Economics of Conservation (ISCEC) - none
 - Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFort) - (mr) Carlos Scheltema, member
 - Heritage Documentation (CIPA) - (mrs) Marieke Kuipers, member
 - Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) - (mrs) Siegrid van Roode, member
 - Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICICH) - none
 - Interpretation and Presentation (ICIP) - none
 - Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues (ICLAFI) - (mr) Leonard de Wit, member
 - Mural paintings (ISCWP) - none
 - Polar Heritage (ICPH) - (mr) Louwrens Hacquebord, member
 - Risk Preparedness (ICORP) - (mr) Erik Klein, member
 - Rock Art (CAR) - none
 - Shared Built Heritage (SBH) - (mr) Benedict Goes, secretary-general
(mr) Peter van Dun, member, former chairman

- (mr) Jean-Paul Corten, member
- Stained Glass - (mr) Ton Jütte, board member
- Stone (CIP) - (mr) Rob van Hees, board member
- Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (ISCTC) - none
- Training (CIF) - (mr) Caspar Laffrée, member, former Secretary-General
- 20th Century Heritage (ISC20C) - (mrs) Marieke Kuipers, member
- Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICUCH) - (mr) Martijn Manders, board member
- Vernacular Architecture (CIAV) - (mrs) Judith Toebast, member
- Wood (IWC) - (mr) Jan Willem van Beusekom, member

3 Statutory and Business Meetings

- 3-1 Meetings in 2010 :
2010/01/06, Amsterdam, 15 members, discussion with ISC-representatives on program policy;
2010/04/19 and 2010/09/30, regular board meetings, 8 participants;
2010/06/02, Utrecht, General Assembly of the Dutch Committee, 35 members.
- 3-2 Date and place of last elections:
2008/06/09, Amsterdam during Annual Meeting / General Assembly.
- 3-3 Officers elected during the last elections:
See attached list of the board
- 3-4 Non-elected candidates:
(mr) Martijn Manders, non-elected board member on behalf of the National Agency for Conservation.
- 3-5 Summary for the Annual Report:
The National Committee in the Netherlands held 3 board meetings and its annual meeting. The board discussed the cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Heritage in Amsterdam, that houses the Dutch ICOMOS-secretariat since 2008. This cooperation proves to be good for both parties, until the announcement of the Institute that the assignment of the ICOMOS-Secretary who has a joint function within both organisations will be cut for 2/3 part, starting 2011. This caused extra discussion among the two boards. Other topics were the nomination and listing of the historic canal zone of the Amsterdam inner-city on the World Heritage List, the drafting of the new Tentative List for the World Heritage and the typical Dutch initiative of the Student Helpdesk that guides students towards persons and information on mutual/colonial heritage in order to stimulate their choice for such a topic for research/thesis.

4 Seminars

- 4-1 List of meetings:
ICOMOS-NL has the good tradition of organising lecture-evenings on a regular basis that provide knowledge exchange on one side and on the other side the contact between the members which enhances the collegial communication. The format of the evening is a network drink starting at 18 hrs, followed by an informal dinner for those who announced their attendance. Since ICOMOS-NL focus on monument conservation abroad, the lectures treat projects overseas by national members of invited guests from abroad who talk about their cooperation with Dutch partners. The meals are whenever possible in the style of the country involved. At 20 hrs the lecture starts, also for people who come only for the talks. The evenings attract people who are knowledgeable or interested in the topic, which causes interesting questions and thorough discussions with the speakers. An average of 25 people attend the lectures. The following topics were scheduled in 2010:
2010/03/31 Persia/Iran: three members have made individual travels to Iran and shared their experiences, a historian and professional tour guide presented the successive styles common in Persian history and still copied by current shahs and ayatollahs.
2010/10/13 Iran, the growth and modernisation of Teheran under Reza Shah. An architect and civil engineer showed the effects on the cultural heritage. The director of the National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden presented the Persian collections of the museum and the way illegal traffic of antiquities from the region is treated. Both lectures resulted in a formal introduction to the Ambassador of Iran to the Netherlands.
2010/11/10 The cultural landscape of the former plantations of Suriname, a report from the Shared Built Heritage conference held in Paramaribo on this topic. After an

illustrated show of the city, the plantations and the heritage aspects still visible, the aims of the conference and the recommendations were presented to the Dutch audience.

2010/12/08 The traces of the Dutch East-India Company (VOC) in India, presented by a cultural anthropologist, many of which are long forgotten. The former director of the famous Botanical Garden of Leiden University explained the intriguing creation of the *Hortus Malabarius*, the botany book edited in Latin in the 1680's, based on local knowledge, translated mainly by Portuguese scholars. The series of books has been translated in 2003 into English and subsequently in 2008 in Malayalam. After more than 300 years the botanical and medicinal knowledge is made available again to the local people.

- 4-2 Summary for the Annual Report:
See above under 4.1

5 International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April

- 5-1 List of events
none

- 5-2 Summary for the Annual Report:
In the Netherlands and in various other European countries the International Day of Monuments and Sites is not as important and well-known as the European Open Monuments Day during the second weekend in September. This is organized by a special organisation, Open Monumentendag, which has a bureau in the same building as the ICOMOS Secretariat, resulting in a close cooperation. On 2010/09/10 ICOMOS participated in the official opening of the weekend. Open Heritage Days is the largest public event in the Netherlands attracting nearly one million people.

6 Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk / IC on Blue Shield

ICOMOS Netherlands is less active in the Heritage Alerts system than in the International Committee on the Blue Shield that provides professional assistance in case of disasters. ICOMOS-NL is part of the governing board of Blue Shield Netherlands and advisor to the International Bureau of ANCBS, based in The Hague. Two board meetings of Blue Shield-NL were held this year.
2010/02/05 UNESCO-NL organised an expert meeting on culture in post-conflict and post-disaster situations.
2010/07/06 The Ministry of Culture hosted the presentation of the book "*Culture in Armed Conflict*", a new standard work on the application of the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention 1956.

7 World Heritage related activities

- 7-1 List of meetings:
- 2010/03/08, Amsterdam, Netherlands, meeting with the representative of the (World Heritage) site holder of Willemstad-inner city to discuss the future of the site.
 - 2010/04/06, Amersfoort, Netherlands, expert meeting on the building plans in one of the national World Heritage Sites, the Beemster polder, organised by the National Agency for Conservation with 15 stakeholders, including the architect.
 - 2010/04/28, Schokland (world heritage site), Netherlands, official meeting of all Dutch world heritage site holders and special guests including ICOMOS-NL as a kick-off for the renewed cooperation platform for the nine world heritage sites in the country. The vice-president of ICOMOS was elected as President of this platform (ca. 50 persons).
 - 2010/08/23 Amsterdam, official celebration of the listing of the Amsterdam Canals on the World Heritage List, by a speech by the Mayor of Amsterdam; (over 400 people).
 - 2010/10/27, The Hague, Netherlands, official presentation by the chairperson of the appointed committee of the Revised Tentative List for the World Heritage List to the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Agriculture and Nature. (ca 40 persons).
 - 2010/09/03 Amsterdam, Netherlands, instruction of ICOMOS member who has been asked as advisor to the Canadian Government on the nomination of a cultural landscape in Canada. Instruction on the procedures of the WH Convention.
 - various dates: selection of Dutch experts to be proposed to the World Heritage Unit of the ICOMOS International Secretariat for site visits and desk reviews of WH

nominations. Dutch experts were chosen for advice on sites in France, Germany, Sweden, Japan, Louisiana (USA) and Dakar.

7-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

ICOMOS Netherlands contributed to the revision of the tentative list of the Netherlands by means of expert interview with the national President of ICOMOS-NL and several other experts. The procedure followed by the special committee appointed by the Minister of Culture was discussed and explained by one of its members during the Annual meeting. In a specialist consultation on the proposed building activities within one of the sites, ICOMOS-NL participated. The listing of the Amsterdam canals by the World Heritage Committee Meeting convened in Brasilia, was commemorated a month later when all Dutch officials were back home, with a very successful evening with speeches by the Minister of Culture, the Lord Mayor and various other stakeholders. Over 400 people attended this meeting, among which a large number of ICOMOS members.

An ongoing task of the Dutch bureau is to select and offer Dutch experts for advise and monitoring of World Heritage sites, on behalf of ICOMOS or UNESCO. Since the network within our country is effective, the fields of expertise of all members are known, which facilitates the process of finding the right persons. Dutch experts were involved for advice on sites in France, Germany, Sweden, Japan, Louisiana (USA) and Dakar.

8 Other Activities and Programmes

8-1 List of activities:

2010/10/08 Hingine (Belgium), annual Flemish-Dutch study tour, Domain of the Castle D'Ursel, organised by ICOMOS Brussels-Flandres, ca. 60 participants

8-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

The 2010 Flemish-Netherlands study tour to this 18th Century Mansion near Antwerp provided a scientific program of lectures on the history of the building, the archives still available on this property, the art-historian information from these archives that provided valuable help in the restoration of the house, gardens and side buildings, including the unique pavilion "Notelaer" on the shores of the River Schelde. The provincial keepers of the house and the restoration architect gave a detailed guided tour, with attention for the technical infrastructure (heating, cooling, electricity, isolation, etc) which has been inserted in a sophisticated way.

9 Publications

9-1 Publications.
none

10 Current topics

none

11 Partners

11-1 Partnerships with other Committees and/or affinity organizations:

- Erfgoed Nederland = the Netherlands Institute for Heritage in Amsterdam, long-term cooperation, formally instituted 2008/01/01, partnership for the support of the national ICOMOS Secretariat within the organisation.

- Blue Shield Netherlands, of which ICOMOS-NL is one of the founding organisations and holds a permanent place in the board.

- WTA Netherlands-Flanders (Wissenschaftliche Technische Abteilung), a Dutch-Flemish network of technicians and restorers with special interest in monuments, discussing during their specialised symposiums the best practices and application of restoration techniques and materials. Members of ICOMOS-NL and WTA-NL-VL visit each other's meetings on member conditions.

11-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

ICOMOS Netherlands has established a cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Heritage, an NGO created and financed by the Minister of Culture in order to act as a promoter for heritage support and education. One of the goals of the Institute is stimulating the international heritage cooperation, especially where it concerns mutual heritage for the Netherlands. For that reason the Institute was prepared to house the ICOMOS-NL secretariat and support ICOMOS-NL by providing an employee with travelling and operating budget. This cooperation functions since 2008, for the third year now. Since the secretary of ICOMOS-NL is at the same time Secretary-General of the ISC on Shared Built Heritage (SBH), this cooperation has

been most successful in this field. The Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference of the ISC-SBH was jointly organised in Paramaribo, Suriname (October 2010) focussing on the Heritage of the former Colonial Plantations in Suriname. This Conference with international participation of 6 members of ICOMOS-NL and another 10 from SBH-internationally, resulted in a set of recommendations to the Suriname government. Other profitable results from this partnership are to be seen in the many advises that have been given by ICOMOS-NL, based on the longstanding experience in the international heritage field.

12 Obituary

- During the year, ICOMOS Netherlands was saddened by the loss of one of the honorary members, Mr Jan Jessurun, former Treasurer-General of ICOMOS International, and one of the key-persons in the cultural field in the Netherlands, holding many functions onto the highest level, both in his working career as civil servant within the Ministry of Culture and in voluntary jobs.
- Another great loss was the early death of Mr Rob de Jong, also one of our longest-standing members. Rob de Jong was President of the ISC on Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes for over 12 years. During that time he reorganised the committee and created various subcommittees over the continents. Most known and respected, however, he is for his work on the nomination files for the Dutch World Heritage sites. These dossiers are all accepted by the WH Committee without dispute and are regarded as best examples of its kind. As advisor in this field he will be missed by many for his enormous knowledge and experience.
- Less expected was the loss of Jaap Schipper, architect in his late eighties. Schipper was trained and until the end active in the area just north of Amsterdam (Zaan), well-known for its traditional wooden houses and windmills. In this field of expertise Schipper excelled, wrote many articles and saved numerous houses from destruction. Due to his knowledge on traditional building techniques he advised not only the two open-air museums in the Netherlands, but also in New York and Albany on the Dutch barns.

13 Awards

Robert de Jong has been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with a decoration in the rank of Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau.
ICOMOS Netherlands welcomed many scientific rewards towards members whose dissertation was accepted as university degree.

14 Photographs

none