

# ICOMOS SWEDEN

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## *ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2002*

The Executive of ICOMOS SWEDEN, elected 17 February 2000 for three years, has had the following members:

Birgitta Hoberg, President,  
Torbjörn Suneson, Vice President,  
Nils Ahlberg, Secretary,  
Lars Cnattingius, Treasurer,  
Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld,  
Marie Klingspor Rotstein,  
Fredrik von Platen,  
Kerstin Westerlund.

The Executive has had five meetings during the year 2002 – 29 January, 4 June, 5 September, 13 November and 12 December. Apart from this several informal Bureau meetings have taken place.

### **Members**

By the end of December 2002 ICOMOS SWEDEN had 13 institutional members and 116 individual members. There are no sustaining members.

During the year 2002 seven new individual members have been admitted. They are Mr Satish Chandra, researcher at the Institute of Environment and Conservation at Göteborg University, Mr Mats Fredriksson, architect in private practice, Vikbolandet, Mr Claes-Åke Kindlund, Town Architect at the Local Council of Karlskrona, Mr Thomas Petéus, conservator from Göteborg, Mr Ola Wetterberg, Professor at the Institute of Environment and Conservation at Göteborg University, Ms Tina Wik, architect and project leader for restoration project in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ms Maria Wikman, Senior Executive officer at the National Heritage Board in Stockholm.

### **Publications**

The *Nyhetsbrev* (Newsletter), which is mainly written in Swedish, has been published three times. The first one, in February, contained, among other things, the Annual Report and other documents for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Seminar, and reports from a number of meetings and the Rock Art Committee. The following number, in June, included the minutes from the Annual General Meeting, material on the campaign for reduced VAT for historic environment, and the statement by ICOMOS Europe on Conservation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Architectural and Industrial Heritage. In the last issue, in December, there was advance information on the coming Annual General Meeting and Annual Seminar, reports from meetings and seminars, including the General Assembly,

and a reprint of the Ethical Commitment Statement for ICOMOS Members. There was also an up-to-date list of members annexed. In all the newsletters there has been information about the General Assembly, invitations to events, information about new members, and various requests to the members. Copies of the newsletter are, apart from the Swedish members, sent to a number of related organizations and institutions in Sweden, and to ICOMOS National Committees in the other Nordic countries and the Baltic countries.

## **Events**

The *Annual Seminar* and the *Annual General Meeting* took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2002. The theme for the seminar, in the afternoon, was Traditional Building Materials – a Threat to Health and Security? The programme included speakers from the European Union Commission, and Swedish and Finish authorities.

A seminar on *Heritage Aid in Disaster Areas* was organized by the Foundation for Cultural Heritage without Borders, in cooperation with ICOMOS SWEDEN, on 12 March 2002. The programme included reports on current work and presentations of plans for the future.

On the *International Day of Monuments and Sites* 18 April 2002, ICOMOS SWEDEN arranged a visit to the Skogskyrkogården (The Woodland Cemetery) in Stockholm, to study this 20<sup>th</sup> century World Heritage Site. The meeting included the unveiling of the official World Heritage plaque by the main entrance.

A second seminar on *Traditional Building Materials – a Threat to Health and Security?* was held on 8 November 2002, organized by FIBOR (Swedish Association of Architectural Heritage Restoration Firms) and ICOMOS SWEDEN together. This time talks were delivered by representatives of conservation groups, trade unions, national authorities and an association for conservators.

## **Other activities and work**

The *Work Programme for ICOMOS SWEDEN 2001–2002*, which was adopted at the Annual General Meeting, March 2001, has been carried out, with a few exceptions. On the national level the extent of meetings and activities have exceeded the goal (responsible: the Executive and in particular Marie Klingspor Rotstein). The newsletter has been published as planned, three times a year (responsible: Nils Ahlberg). Concerning the work for recruiting new members from underrepresented groups (responsible Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld and Kerstin Westerlund) and making ICOMOS Membership Card and its rights better known (responsible Birgitta Hoberg and Nils Ahlberg) there is more to do. For the second one, we are waiting for initiatives at central ICOMOS and ICOM level. To help increasing the participation of Swedish members in World Heritage missions and other international missions there have been a number of seminars and information to individual members (responsible: Birgitta Hoberg). To develop and make the forms of dissemination of information more efficient, a group e-mail list has been created, but there are still a number of members who are not on the list (responsible: Lars Cnattingius and Nils Ahlberg, assisted by the membership secretary Katriina Kallin). For the starting-up of a home-page there have been technical difficulties but preparations are on the way (responsible Birgitta Hoberg and Torbjörns Suneson). Guidelines for ICOMOS SWEDENS' Working Committees have been elaborated (responsible: Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld) and a new Working Committee on Training established (responsible: Torbjörn Suneson). Finally, a manuscript with translations to Swedish of ICOMOS

charters and other documents have been finalized (responsible: Hans Matell and Anders Franzén) and the publishing in print and on the Internet is under preparation.

On the Nordic and Baltic level we have achieved to have regular Nordic ICOMOS meetings, with active Swedish participation. There have been meetings in different countries and during the General Assembly in Madrid. Nils Ahlberg has participated in the North European Wooden Towns Project, presenting a keynote lecture at an international conference on “Wooden Architecture in Cities”, in Riga 2001, and through publications and his own research. The education on World Heritage matters through the Nordic World Heritage Office has had the form of lectures at various occasions.

On an international level, ICOMOS SWEDEN has made efforts to forward better elections procedures within ICOMOS International. This will also come up in the revision of ICOMOS’ statutes, which was decided at the General Assembly in Madrid. Promoting taking better advantage of The World Heritage work within ICOMOS as a whole is an ongoing process. ICOMOS SWEDEN has now liaison officer to almost all relevant International Committees, and we are currently working on filling the remaining gaps. Finally, ICOMOS SWEDEN has participated in the Heritage at Risk project in two of the three publications, after discussions with our members in seminars.

ICOMOS SWEDEN is cooperating with *the Foundation for Cultural Heritage without Borders* in its work in Bosnia-Herzegovina and other parts of the world. ICOMOS SWEDEN is a founding member of the Foundation and appoints two members on the executive board, Bengt O. H. Johansson and Lena Simonsson. In addition, Birgitta Hoberg is a member of the executive at present, but representing the National Heritage Board. ICOMOS SWEDEN is supporting the creation of a Bosnian National Committee of ICOMOS.

### **Representation and participation, various commissions**

18–19 January, Marie Klingspor Rotstein participated in the *meeting of ICOMOS International Committee on Stone* in Champs-sur-Marne, France.

19–20 January, Nils Ahlberg, Lars and Nanna Cnattingius, Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld, Birgitta Hoberg and Kerstin Westerlund took part in a *meeting of the Nordic ICOMOS Committees* in Fredrikstad in Norway.

5 February, Nils Ahlberg lectured on International Conservation, including ICOMOS, international charters and the World Heritage Convention, at *Stockholm University*.

15–20 March, Katri Lisitzin attended the *US / ICOMOS Congress Heritage as a Social Tool* in Santa Fe, USA, and the following Expert Meeting on Curricula Development for Cultural Landscapes Training Programmes.

6 April, Thomas Adlercreutz participated in the *meeting of ICOMOS International Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues* in Athens, Georgia, USA. At the symposium Heritage Conservation Law 2002, in conjunction with the meeting, he presented two papers – Listing Cultural Property: What Do We List and What are The Consequences, and Listed Property. Observations with Regard to Sweden, *and Why TDRs Will Not Work* in Sweden.

18–20 April, Nils Ahlberg participated in the *Annual Meeting of ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages* in Corfu, Greece, and in connection with this, a conference on “Preservation, Development & Monitoring of Historic Cities in 21<sup>st</sup> C”, where he talked about Developing the Heritage – Guiding the Future.

13–15 May, Nils Ahlberg and Ann-Charlotte Backlund, were Swedish representatives at an *international Expert Meeting in Algiers*, "Symposium sur la mise en valeur des centres-villes historique Alger", organized by the Swedish embassy and the Swedish Institute in cooperation with a number of European Union countries and the Algerian authorities.

18–21 May, Nils Ahlberg and Birgitta Hoberg took part in the *meeting of the European Regional ICOMOS Group* in Istanbul, Turkey, including a symposium on Conservation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Architectural and Industrial Heritage.

14–15 June, Nils Ahlberg participated in an *international expert meeting* in Cracow, on "Results and Perspectives of Cultural Policy in Central Europe", organized by the International Cultural Centre. There he gave a lecture on A Sustainable Culture – the Cultural Heritage as a Tool for Development.

24–28 June, Birgitta Hoberg attended the *World Heritage Committee meeting and a connected ICOMOS meeting* in Budapest, Hungary.

In August 2003, Katri Lisitzin carried out an *ICOMOS Evaluation Mission* for the nomination of the cultural landscape of the Pradnik Valley in Poland to World Heritage List.

22–26 August, Birgitta Hoberg carried out a *technical assistance mission* to Island, for the nomination of Tingvallir to the World Heritage List,

23 August, Torbjörn Suneson participated in a *seminar on training with the Network of Educators of Antiquarians*, at the College of Gotland, Visby, Sweden.

9–12 September, Birgitta Hoberg attended the *International Conference* in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, as one of the keynote speakers on the theme Systems for World Heritage Management in Sweden.

13–15 September, Ulf Bertilsson took part in a *seminar on European World Heritage Rock Art Sites*, held at the Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici in Capo di Ponte, Valcamonica, Italy. The seminar was a co-arrangement between ICOMOS International Committee on Rock Art and a network group Institutions Museums and Parks with Rock Art – IMPRA was formed.

20–21 September, Marie Klingspor Rotstein participated in the *meeting of ICOMOS International Committee on Stone* in Brussels, Belgium.

25–27 September, Birgitta Hoberg was a speaker at an *International Conference* in Ironbridge, England, organised by World Heritage Cities to celebrate the 30 years anniversary of the World Heritage Convention.

25–29 September, Hans Sandström took part in the 13<sup>th</sup> *ICOMOS International Wood Committee Symposium* in the Kenozero National Park in northern Russia. Conservation and management of the park and its buildings were discussed and recommendations were formulated by the committee.

5–19 October, Katri Lisitzin participated as a teacher in the *Africa 2009 Regional Course* for Sub-Saharan French-speaking countries in Porto Novo, Benin.

22–26 October, Ulf Bertilsson and the Rock Care project of the National Heritage Board arranged an *international seminar on rock art documentation and research* at Simrishamn, Sweden. During the seminar the International Committee on Rock Art held its

Annual Meeting, where Ulf Bertilsson was re-elected president for the three-year period of 2002–2005.

11–16 November, Katri Lisitzin attended the *World Heritage 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress "Shared Legacy, Common Responsibility"* in Venice and the thematic seminar on Cultural Landscapes in Ferrara, where she made a presentation on Challenges for Heritage Landscapes Management.

12 November, Nils Ahlberg represented ICOMOS SWEDEN at a *meeting of Europa Nostra – Sweden* in Stockholm, Sweden.

18 November – 13 December, Katri Lisitzin participated as part of the teaching team in the first *Pilot Workshop on Integrated Conservation of Heritage Territories and Landscapes* at ICCROM (IUCN, WHC, ICOMOS) in Rome, Italy.

19–22 November, Birgitta Hoberg attended the 4<sup>th</sup> *Seminar of the Directors* in Porto Novo, Benin, in the capacity of Swedish project leader for the Africa 2009 programme.

28–30 November, Nils Ahlberg and Birgitta Hoberg participated in the *meeting of ICOMOS Advisory Committee* in Sevilla, Spain.

1–5 December, Nils Ahlberg, Lars and Nanna Cnattingius, Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld, Birgitta Hoberg, Ulf Lindborg, Hans Matell, Marianne Råberg, Gustaf Trotzig and Kerstin Westerlund took part in *ICOMOS General Assembly* in Madrid, Spain, including the symposium on “Strategies for the World’s Cultural Heritage. Preservation in a Global World: Principles, Practices and Perspectives”, and a number of meetings with ICOMOS International Scientific Committees. In the symposium Ulf Lindborg presented a paper on “Preventive Conservation for Marble-Clad Buildings and Marble Sculptures”.

### **Elected officers and representatives**

*Auditors:* Christian Laine and Björn Norman.

*Nominations Committee:* Jerk Alton (chairperson), Kerstin Alexandersson, and Birgitta von Haslingen.

Thomas Adlercreutz, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues*, of which he is also Vice President.

Nils Ahlberg, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages*, of which he is also Vice President, and ICOMOS SWEDEN representative in the *North European Wooden Towns Project*.

Åsa Ahrland, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Gardens / Cultural Landscapes*, and Chairperson of the Swedish working committee corresponding to this.

Ulf Bertilsson, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Rock Art*, of which he is also the President.

Björn Björk, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on the Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage*.

Dan Carlsson, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Cultural Routes*.

Nanna Cnattingius, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Cultural Tourism*, and Chairperson of the Swedish working committee corresponding to this.

Bengt O. H. Johansson, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Risk Preparedness*, and (together with Lena Simonsson) representative of ICOMOS SWEDEN on the Executive of *the Foundation for Cultural Heritage without Borders*, of which he is also the President.

Marie Klingspor Rotstein, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Stone*, and Chairperson of the Swedish working committee corresponding to this.

Erland Montgomery, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Documentation of Cultural Heritage*.

Hans Sandström, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Wood*.

Lena Simonsson (together with Bengt O. H. Johansson), representative of ICOMOS SWEDEN on the Executive of *the Foundation for Cultural Heritage without Borders*.

Torbjörn Suneson, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Training* and Chairperson of the Swedish working committee corresponding to this. ICOMOS' representative in *the Grönsöo Historic Parks Project* at the Department of Landscape Planning Ultuna, of which he is also the Project Leader.

Gustaf Trotzig, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management*.

Bert Westenberg, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Underwater Cultural Heritage*.

Kerstin Westerlund, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Economics of Conservation*.

Urban Wråkenberg, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Polar Heritage*.

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Nils Ahlberg

## ***Reports from the Swedish working committees 2002***

**The Swedish working committee on Cultural Tourism** is chaired by Nanna Cnattingius.

The committee is at the moment under reconstruction. The principal aim of a new committee should be to broadcast and implement the new charter on Cultural Tourism at heritage sites and within cultural tourism management. Responsible persons for cultural tourism at the National Heritage Board and the University of Tourism in Östersund have been contacted for this purpose. In April, Nanna Cnattingius published a partly critical article on the Charter on Cultural Tourism in the journal of the National Heritage Board *Kulturmiljövård* 2002/1.

**The Swedish working committee on Historic Gardens / Cultural Landscapes** is chaired by Åsa Ahrlund.

There is no report from the Committee.

**The Swedish working committee on Training** is chaired by Torbjörn Suneson.

The Swedish working group has been organized and started its work during the year. It has had two meetings in 2002. The activities have been coordinated with the working group for the Network of Educators of Antiquarians.

**The Swedish working committee on Stone** is chaired by Marie Klingspor Rotstein.

The working committee has had two meetings during the year, working on the same matters as ICOMOS International Committee on Stone, mainly preparing for a web site. A major task, presently, is preparing for the X<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Deterioration and Conservation of Stone, which will be held in Stockholm in 2004, hosted by ICOMOS SWEDEN.

## ***Report from cooperation organizations 2002***

**Cultural Heritage without Borders**, of which ICOMOS SWEDEN is a founding member, is chaired by Bengt O.H. Johansson.

In 2002 Cultural Heritage without Borders (CHwB) has been active in restoration projects of mostly war-damaged buildings in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Kosovo. It also took part in a restoration project in Tibet.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina CHwB reconstructed traditional family houses in the historic centre of the city of Jaice for returning refugees, restored the main wing of Zemaljski Museum in Sarajevo and continued the restoration of the monastery church in Zavala – all in co-operation with local heritage institutes. CHwB also continued working with the staff of Zemaljski Muzej and was able to transfer a lorry load of equipments to the museum.

In Kosovo CHwB co-operated with United Nation's Ministry of Culture in a program for upgrading the heritage administration, and finished the restoration/ reconstruction of five fortified Albanian tower houses. This is a type of historic buildings that were a specific target for destruction during the war.

CHwB discussed future co-operation with heritage authorities in Belgrad and the National Museum of Fine Arts, also in Belgrad. In Tibet CHwB co-operated with Tibet Heritage Fund in the restoration of a monastery in the province of Gandze and took a first contact with heritage authorities in Lhasa.

Most of the work was financed by Sida as a part of Swedish co-operation and development aid, and in Kosovo also by the European Agency of Reconstruction.