

# ICOMOS SWEDEN

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## *ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2005*

The Executive of ICOMOS SWEDEN, elected 6 March 2003 for three years but with a shift on some of the positions 8 March 2005, has had the following members 2005:

Marie Klingspor Rotstein, President  
Kerstin Westerlund, Vice President  
Nils Ahlberg, Secretary  
Björn Norman, Treasurer  
Birgitta Hoberg  
Torbjörn Suneson  
Ivar Wenster  
Maria Wikman

The Executive has had six meetings during 2005 – 22 February, 12 April, 31 May, 18 August, 28 September, and 8 December. Apart from this a number of informal Bureau meetings have taken place.

### **Members**

By the end of December 2005 ICOMOS SWEDEN had 14 institutional members and 109 individual members. There are no sustaining members.

During the year 2005 three new Institutional members have been admitted, *Forsviks industri*, *Fortifikationsverket* (The Armed Forces Property Specialists) and *Stockholms stadsmuseiförvaltning* (Stockholm City Museum Administration). And there are three new individual members: *Anders Bodin*, Arkitekt SAR/MSA, Stockholm; *Håkan Jorikson*, Head of Grenna Museum – Andréxpeditionen Polarcenter; and *Malin Myrin*, PhD student in stone conservation at the Företagarskolan NMK – Natur, Miljö, Kultur (NMK Enterprising Research School – Natural, Sustainable and Conservation Materials), Stockholm.

We are very sad to report that during the year our long-time member Zoltan Bedecs has died, and five individual members have left ICOMOS SWEDEN – Satish Chandra, Giordano Labud, Hedvig Schönback, Bengt Wittgren, and Urban Wråkberg.

### **Publications**

The *Nyhetsbrev* (Newsletter), which is mainly written in Swedish, has been published four times. The first one, in February, contained, among other things, the Annual Report and other documents for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Seminar. The following number, in May, was the first in a new design with colour pictures, and included information on a number of events, a report from the Annual Seminar and the minutes of

the Annual General Meeting. In the next one, in September, there was information and reports on activities and the Swedish nomination of professor Ove Hidemark for the Gazzola Prize. The last issue, in December, included advance information on the coming Annual General Meeting and Annual Seminar, and reports from the general Assembly in Xi'an and a meeting of the Swedish members of ICOMOS International Committees.

## Events

The *Annual Seminar* and the *Annual General Meeting* took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2005. The theme for the seminar was "Kulturarvet lever farligt! Hot och möjligheter – det går att minska risken" (Cultural Heritage in Danger! Threats and Possibilities – the Risk can be Diminished). The main question was fire and fire-protection in historic buildings and sites, for instance the wooden towns and royal palaces. The meeting was attended by over 50 people from different professions engaged in historic buildings. Lecturers were mainly Swedish and Norwegian experts involved in the European network COST 17 "Fire Loss to Historic Buildings".

For practical reasons it was not possible to arrange any activity on the *International Day of Monuments and Sites* 18 April, but instead a "Four Presidents seminar", called *ICOMOS yesterday – today – tomorrow*, was held a month later, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The three former presidents Roland Pålsson, Margareta Biörnstad and Birgitta Hoberg told the story and, together with current president Marie Klingspor-Rotstein and other members, gave their views on ICOMOS future.

5–6 September a *seminar on the management of Historic gardens* was organized together with the Grönsöo Historic Park Project at the Department of Landscape Planning Ultuna, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and the Svenska jordägarförbundet. The programme included one day of lectures and one of field studies and discussion of concrete cases. About 50 people attended.

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, a buss tour to "Vallonbruken" (the Wallon Ironworks) in northern Uppland, to the north of Stockholm, had to be cancelled due to too few participants.

24 November, the Swedish members of *ICOMOS International Scientific Committees* were invited to share experiences from their committees and discuss how other ICOMOS members can take advantage of this and how to enhance the work in line with the new Eger-Xian Principles for the work of the international scientific committees.

## Other activities and work

The *Work Programme for ICOMOS SWEDEN 2003–2005*, which was adopted at the Annual General Meeting in March 2003, has been carried out, with a few exceptions. Members of the Executive have been designated responsible for the various tasks.

On the national level

- The number of membership activities and newsletters keep up to and even exceeds the goal.
- The activity of the Swedish working groups has been good, on the whole, and a number of smaller and larger events have taken place, notably the 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Deterioration and Conservation on Stone in 2004.

- A web page for ICOMOS SWEDEN – [www.icomos.se](http://www.icomos.se) – was opened in 2004, and the e-mail group list has been expanded and is now in use. However, a number of members have still not joined the list.
- The work for the recruiting of new members from underrepresented groups and in key positions, new Institutional Members and also Supporting Members has made progress, but here it is still much to do.
- Unfortunately no major campaign to make ICOMOS Membership Card and its right of free entrance better known at Swedish museums and places of visit has been undertaken; we are waiting for the outcome of the discussions in Paris about a common membership card for ICOMOS and ICOM.
- 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.
- The information leaflet in Swedish on ICOMOS and ICOMOS SWEDEN has just been finished, but some details are dependant on decisions by the Annual General Meeting.
- Some of the translations to Swedish of ICOMOS charters and other documents have been published on the web page, while others are still on the way.
- The cooperation with other heritage associations in Sweden has developed, but more can be done.

#### On the Nordic and Baltic level

- It has unfortunately proved difficult to keep up the regular Nordic ICOMOS meetings, when the other committees were in turn to arrange them. However there have been many other contacts.
- The North European Wooden Towns Project has not been particularly active, but the research of Nils Ahlberg has connections with this, and through this there have been a number of meetings.
- There has also been a North Sea meeting in the Orkney Islands, Organized by ICOMOS UK, with Swedish and Nordic participation.

#### On the international level

- ICOMOS SWEDEN has in proposals and discussions made efforts to forward better election procedures at the General Assemblies and other elections within ICOMOS International and for a general revision of ICOMOS statutes and rules.
- We have worked for promoting taking better advantage of the World Heritage work within ICOMOS activities as a whole.
- ICOMOS SWEDEN has for this period had liaison officer to all relevant International Committees.
- The aim to promote an increased exchange within the ICOMOS European Group has been difficult to do very much about. However, ICOMOS UK was inspired by the Nordic ICOMOS meetings and invited us to take part in the meeting in the Orkneys.
- ICOMOS SWEDEN has also contributed to the Heritage at Risk project.

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 Christian Laine. In addition, Birgitta Hoberg has been a member of the executive, but representing the National Heritage Board.

In a letter to the Government ICOMOS Sweden has strongly argued against the Government proposal to relocate the Swedish National Heritage Board from Stockholm to the small city of Visby on the island of Gotland in the Baltic. After a storm of protests it was finally decided to only transfer parts of the Board.

## **Representation and participation, various commissions concerning ICOMOS and the main tasks of ICOMOS**

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

11–12 February, Marie Klingspor Rotstein participated in the meeting of *ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Stone* in Lisbon, Portugal.

7–9 April, Kerstin Westerlund lectured and chaired parts of a meeting in Siena, Italy, dealing with cultural and financial value of cultural heritage in *the European COST 17 network "Fire Loss to historic buildings"*.

20–24 May, Nils Ahlberg took part in the Annual Meeting of *ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages* in Istanbul, Turkey.

11–16 July, Birgitta Hoberg participated in a *World Heritage Committee* meeting in Durban, South Africa, representing Sweden and the Ministry of Culture.

7 September, Nils Ahlberg lectured on International Conservation, including ICOMOS and the UNESCO system, international charters and the World Heritage Convention, at *Gotland University, Visby*.

28 September – 2 October, Klaus Stritzke took part in a *meeting in Bamberg, Germany*, lecturing on three new orangery buildings in Sweden.

13–15 October, Kerstin Westerlund chaired parts of a meeting in Helsinki, Finland, dealing with cultural and financial value of cultural heritage in *the European COST 17 network "Fire Loss to historic buildings"*.

14–16 October, Nils Ahlberg, Birgitta Hoberg and Marie Klingspor Rotstein took part in a meeting on *ICOMOS International Scientific Committees and ICOMOS Advisory Committee* in Xi'an, China.

17–21 October quite a large group of Swedish members participated in *ICOMOS General Assembly and Symposium* in Xi'an: Thomas Adlercreutz, Nils Ahlberg, Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld, Birgitta Hoberg, Marie Klingspor Rotstein, Daniel Kwiatkowski, Marianne Lundberg, Malin Myrin, Lena Palmqvist, Gabriella Olshammar, Börje Olsson, Kerstin Westerlund, and Ola Wetterberg. In connection with the assembly and symposium there were also meetings with most of the *International Committees*, in which the Swedish members took part.

8–9 November, Ulf Bertilsson and Birgitta Hoberg participated in a Berlin meeting, gathering all Focal Points for the work on *Periodic Reporting in Europe*. Mr Bertilsson has had a responsibility for Sweden as well as for the Executive summary for the Nordic and Baltic Countries, the latter commissioned by the Nordic World Heritage Foundation.

24–26 November, Thomas Adlercreutz participated in the session of *ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues* in Brussels, with a paper in response to this year's thematic questionnaire: Protection of the Archaeological Heritage.

During 2005, Birgitta Hoberg has served as adviser for the *nomination to the World Heritage List of the archaeological site Samarra in Iraq*, by direction of the Nordic

World Heritage Foundation, supported by the Norwegian Ministry of foreign Affairs. The work had to be carried out under extremely difficult conditions from outside the Iraq borders together with an Iraq team, partly in Amman and partly in Paris.

### **Elected officers and representatives**

*Auditors:* Lars Cnattingius and Börje Olsson.

*Nominations Committee:* Jerk Alton (chairperson), Kerstin Alexandersson, and Britt-Marie Hammarskiöld.

Thomas Adlercreutz, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues*.

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

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 Christian Laine) 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.

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

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

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

Torbjörn Suneson, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Gardens – Cultural Landscapes*, and Chairperson of the Swedish working committee corresponding to this. He is also ICOMOS' representative in *the Grönsöo Historic Parks Project* at the Department of Landscape Planning Ultuna, SLU, Uppsala.

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

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

Ola Wetterberg, liaison officer for *ICOMOS International Committee on Training* and Chairperson of the Swedish working committee corresponding to this.

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

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Nils Ahlberg

### ***Reports from the Swedish working committees 2004***

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

The working committee is currently under reconstruction, with new participants. During 2005 Ms Cnattingius has written an article on the problems concerning the reconstruction and tourism at the Greek World Heritage Site of the Bassae temple, and on two occasions she has been lecturing on World Heritage Sites and Cultural Tourism.

**The Swedish working committee on Historic Gardens – Cultural Landscapes** has been chaired by Torbjörn Suneson. He and Karl-Johan Eklund and Christian Laine have functioned as bureau and there is also a close cooperation with the Department of Landscape Planning Ultuna, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

The working committee organized the seminar on management of Historic garden 5–6 September together with the Grönsöö Historic Park Project at the Department of Landscape Planning Ultuna and the Svenska jordägarförbundet (see above).

**The Swedish working committee on Training** has been chaired by Ola Wetterberg.

The activity of the international training committee (CIF) has been interrupted for a few years and an initiative by the new directory board to start up the activity was taken during 2005. A first meeting was held in Svätý Jur (Slovakia) in June, and was meant to discuss the basis for actions to be undertaken by CIF members during the next three year period. The discussion dealt with current issues in conservation training and education, as well as different aspects of a proposed action plan. These matters were further discussed during

the meeting of CIF in October (Xi-an). Both meetings were attended by the chair of the Swedish committee. The new activity within the international committee, with its proposed activities and their possible consequences, will be presented and discussed in the Swedish committee during 2006.

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

Marie Klingspor Rotstein, Daniel Kwiatkowski and Malin Myrin participated in the meeting of the International Scientific Committee on Stone in Xi'an 18 October. The work on the glossary on stone deterioration is coming to an end. The new task will be to put together a document showing the state of art in stone conservation, beginning with the individual ICOMOS countries, and ending in a common ICOMOS document. Sweden will start the work and present a proposal for the International Committee in India next autumn.

### ***Report from groups with close links to ICOMOS SWEDEN***

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

Cultural Heritage without Borders has continued rescue work in the Balkans with special support to the development of National Museums in Belgrade and Sarajevo. Restoration works have been completed on the Handanija Mosque in Prusac, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Haddum Mosque in Djakova, Kosovo, the town walls of Jaice, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kotor Montenegro, Institute for Protection of Monuments in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the "Seraj" building in Velica Hoca, Kosovo. Integrated planning projects have been initiated in Prizren, Kosovo and Jaice, Bosnia and Herzegovina. International seminars have been arranged on heritage and earthquakes in Kotor and integrated planning in Prizren. ChwB has local offices in Sarajevo and Prishtina.

The main sponsor is Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency). ICOMOS SWEDEN has two members on the Board, Bengt O.H. Johansson and Christian Laine. The CHwB web site is [www.chwb.org](http://www.chwb.org) with links to special sites for the local offices.