

# ISPRS General Assembly 2016 XXIII<sup>rd</sup> Congress



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## 32.5 Report of CIPA

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## 1. General

CIPA has clearly defined missions:

to promote recording, documentation, information management and monitoring of cultural objects, monuments, groups of buildings and their environment, villages, towns, sites and cultural landscapes by the means and further development of applications of traditional surveying methods, photography, photogrammetry, laser scanning, remote sensing information technology and management, including and integrating related disciplines and techniques.

to actively pursue programs which define research needs, stimulate and support research activity, and increase exchange and dissemination of relevant information in order to promote a greater understanding in the discipline.

to actively pursue international co-operation in that domain with:

- the Commissions and Members of ISPRS,
- the other International Scientific and National Committees of ICOMOS, specially with respect
  to ICOMOS' tasks and needs for UNESCO's Cultural Heritage Division and World Heritage
  Centre, other co-operation partners of ICOMOS, for example ICCROM, ICOM, IUCN,
  DOCOMOMO,
- other international bodies.

As can be seen from previous reports, CIPA is one of the most active scientific committees in ICOMOS, with several volumes of publications and activities organized in the promotion and implementation of adequate scientific research and practice in the field of heritage documentation. For the upcoming plans, CIPA is involved in the publication and organization of activities internationally. Therefore, the executive board did not see the necessity to formulate a working programme.

## 2. Executive Board Activities

The International Committee on Heritage Documentation (CIPA) held its annual meetings in Melbourne (2012) in conjunction with the ISPRS Congress, in Strasbourg (2013) in conjunction with the CIPA Symposium, in Riva del Garda (2014) at the time of the ISPRS Commission V Symposium and in Taiwan (2015) together with the CIPA Symposium. The decisions and deliberations of the meetings 2012-2014 were reported in previous reports. In Taiwan, the board held two meetings and discussed internal business, the restructuring of the EB, accepting three new Associate members in the place of members that stepped down, in order to (1) renew the webpage, (2) adapt the statutes and bylaws to the changes decided by ICOMOS and (3) form an "Emerging Experts Group" to attract younger members to the Committee. Workshops and summer schools are planned for 2016 in Leiden (Holland), Beijing (China) and Valencia (Spain). Financial planning, outreach activities, planning of future activities and joint events with other organizations and committees of ICOMOS and ISPRS have also been discussed. The activities concerning the next International CIPA Symposium, to be held in Ottawa, Canada in 2017, were discussed and presented by the Symposium Organizers.

## 3. Organized Events in 2015/2016

CIPA recently organized and/or embarked on the following events/activities:

- ISPRS/CIPA 3D-ARCH'2015 "3D Virtual Reconstruction and Visualization of Complex Architectures", February 2015, Avila (Spain)
- ISPRS/CIPA workshop "Underwater 3D Recording and Modelling", April 2015, Piano di Sorrento (Italy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CIPA Summer School, July 2015, Paestum (Italy)
- The International CIPA Symposium, September 2015, Taipei (Taiwan)
- CIPA Workshop on Protecting Cultural Heritage in Syria during the ICAANE Conference in Vienna, Austria, April 2016
- CIPA Special Session at ISPRS Congress, July 2016, Prague, CZ Republic

CIPA provided also letters of support for European and international research programme proposals.

## 4. Planned Events for 2016/2017

CIPA will organize and/or support the following events/activities:

- 3rd International Symposium on Cultural Heritage Conservation and Digitization, July 2016, Beijing (China)
- 3rd CIPA Summer School "Cultural Heritage 3D Surveying and Modelling", Aug.-Sep 2016, Valencia (Spain)
- ARQUEOLÓGICA 2.0 8th International Congress on Archaeology, Computer Graphics, Cultural Heritage and Innovation, September 2016, Valencia (Spain).
- 6th EUROMED Conference, November 2016, Limassol (Cyprus)
- 3D-ARCH'2017 "3D Virtual Reconstruction and Visualization of Complex Architectures", early 2017, TBD
- 26th CIPA Symposium, to be held in Ottawa, Canada, in August-September 2017

## 5. Recent Publications

The 25th Symposium proceedings from Taipei, published as ISPRS Archives, can be downloaded free of charge from the CIPA website http://cipa.icomos.org/. They are also available from the ISPRS publications web page.

The CIPA Heritage Documentation movie can be found on the CIPA webpage.

CIPA is active on various social media.

The CIPA Newsletter appears every four months since 2014 and now it is in its 9th edition. It can be found on the CIPA web page.

## 6. Partners - Members

The main cooperation is that with ISPRS. The cooperation is defined by the CIPA Statutes, controlled by Society Delegates. CIPA has the status of a permanent ISPRS Committee as well as of an International Scientific ICOMOS Committee. Historically, CIPA is also an ICOMOS International Scientific Committee with fruitful cooperation with its other ISCs. CIPA is always striving to attract Sustaining Members in order to support its activities. At this time CIPA has already 10 Sustaining Members, 45 Expert and 130 Regular members. Membership is free for the time being.