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Agenda Item 10 – Conferring of Honorary Membership – Presentation

On behalf of the Jury appointed by the Board of ICOMOS, and on behalf of its Chair Gustavo Araoz, it is my pleasure to present this report to the membership of ICOMOS.

The members of the Jury entrusted to carry out this mission of celebration of the achievements of the global membership of ICOMOS were Sofia Avgerinou Kolonia of Greece, Olga Orive of Mexico and Hae-Un Rii of the Korean Republic.

Honorary Membership of ICOMOS is conferred by the General Assembly, at the proposal of a National Committee, upon individuals who have rendered **distinguished service in the fields of conservation, restoration and presentation/interpretation of cultural heritage**. Often these proposals are accompanied by further letters of support from ICOMOS members, Scientific Committees or other National Committees in regions where members have made significant contributions.

To date, Honorary Membership of ICOMOS has been conferred on **88 individuals from 41 countries**.

Breaking with the decision made by past Juries of limiting the award to one laureate per country, the Jury decided that in two instances this year the contributions and services of two nominees nominated by the same National Committee were equally meritorious, and thus, it would be unjust to select one over the other, with the result that both are proposed.

The jury wishes to thank the National Committees for the nominations received and, following our deliberations, recommends that the 20th General Assembly **confer Honorary Membership upon the following ten eminent members of ICOMOS**, who are listed alphabetically:

Dinu Bumbaru of Canada is a respected and active member of the heritage conservation community in both Canada and the world. Over the years he has championed the development of policies ranging from emergency preparedness, to modern architecture, and religious heritage. His impact is felt in the practice of conservation in the neighbourhoods of Montreal and in conservation theory at an international level in a range of charters and declarations. Since his early involvement in ICOMOS, Dinu has always been ready to assist any and all who have sought his help. In addition, Dinu ably served on the Board of ICOMOS and as our Secretary General for two terms.

Sheridan Burke of Australia has served her country and the ICOMOS global community in many different capacities over four decades, always responding with the highest professionalism. In Australia she was Deputy Chair of the New South Wales Heritage Council; Expert Member in the Woollahra and Hunters Hill Local Planning Panels, the Sydney Opera House Advisory Panel, New South Wales Heritage

Council Grants Committee, and President of DOCOMOMO Australia.

Within ICOMOS, she has achieved many recognitions for her services, which include Honorary Life Membership in Australia ICOMOS; Elected Member of the international Executive Committee and Bureau Vice President from 1996–2005; President of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee from 2015-2018; Expert Member of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Interpretation.

Sheridan's specialist field of interest is the heritage from the recent past which has led her to being elected to serve as President and Vice President of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on 20th Century Heritage and as advisor to the Getty's Keeping it Modern programme.

Marie Jeanne Geerts and Andries Van den Abeele have been nominated jointly by ICOMOS

Belgium for their parallel contributions and achievements that include having worked closely with ICOMOS founder Raymond M. Lemaire from the early years of drafting the Venice Charter. Both Marie-Jeanne and Andries were early contributors to the sustainable development of ICOMOS at the European level as well as globally, a commitment that they maintained for many years. Through the Lemaire Centre where they taught, they have mentored and guided many members of ICOMOS, including numerous future Presidents and officers of the National and Scientific Committees of ICOMOS. In addition, they were instrumental in the establishment and early work of two International Scientific Committees – CIVVIH on historic cities, towns and villages and the ICOMOS-IFLA Committee on Cultural Landscapes (ISCL).

Janis Krastins of Latvia is highly regarded internationally as an expert in the history of architecture, especially Art Nouveau, and is one of the most important and productive researchers on its theory. He has published more than 700 publications in 22 countries, including 30 books on the architectural heritage of Riga and Latvia. Janis is a long time faculty member at the Riga Technical University. His achievements have earned him invitations to lecture in many countries and to take part in many international research projects, as well in several UNESCO/ICOMOS World Heritage evaluation missions.

Jane Lennon of Australia is honorary professor at the University of Melbourne, a founder and an Honorary Life member of Australia ICOMOS, and of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes (ISCL), a recipient of the Australian Government's Centenary Medal, and a Member of the Order of Australia –“for service to conservation, the environment and heritage issues”. Ms Lennon is internationally recognized as an outstanding cultural landscape conservation specialist, having given distinguished service at the international level to the conservation of cultural heritage. As a young activist she pioneered successful attempts to save parts of the 19th century landscape of “Marvellous Melbourne”, then under threat. She has been the Australian representative on the intergovernmental Board of ICCROM, an Australian Heritage Commissioner, a Queensland Heritage Council Member, and a Board Member of Museum Victoria, the Queensland Museum and the Australian Museum of Democracy.

Esteban Prieto of the Dominican Republic is an architect who has dedicated his career to the conservation of his country's cultural heritage and that of Latin America and the Caribbean. He was the founder of the Dominican National Committee of ICOMOS, where he served as Secretary General and President. In 1993 he was elected, international Vice President of ICOMOS and re-elected in 1996, with the support of all the National Committees of the Americas. During his tenure he reactivated several National Committees in the Americas and the Caribbean, also creating new ones. Esteban was also deeply involved in the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Vernacular Architecture. His great contributions to the conservation of the cultural heritage in the Dominican Republic and the entire Caribbean region has been recognized by the City of Santo Domingo, the Dominican College of Architects, the National Bureau of Monumental Heritage, and the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña.

Julian Smith of Canada is a celebrated architect whose thoughtful approach to conservation has influenced generations of practitioners. He is a respected teacher, practitioner, theoretician, and advisor whose work is expressed through many writings and physically in neighbourhoods across Canada, in buildings of national significance and in international monuments. Julian's unique and innovative approaches to comprehensive training in heritage conservation have earned him global praise. His recent

contributions to the thinking around the future of heritage, in particular in its contribution to sustainability, continues to make his work highly relevant and influential.

Henk van Schaik of the Netherlands has worked for ICOMOS by diligently and passionately connecting scientific disciplines to generate awareness and commitment on the theme 'Water & Heritage for the Future' attracting many national and international water related institutions to his programmes, and at higher level, heads of state. He has taken the water and heritage issue to the International Water Association (IWA), IUCN and others, thereby welcoming new aspects from different cultural backgrounds. In 2012, Henk became the ICOMOS Netherlands Ambassador for Water & Heritage. In 2013 he was the driving force behind the ICOMOS International Conference 'Protecting Deltas: Heritage Helps' which culminated in the ICOMOS Amsterdam Statement on Water & Heritage.

Peter Waldhäusl of Austria is both a scientist and an educator. He is an emeritus professor of the Institute of Photogrammetry at the University of Technology in Vienna, with a solid trajectory of research and education in the use of architectural photogrammetry for the conservation of cultural heritage worldwide. His involvement with ICOMOS dates from the very beginning of the establishment of CIPA – the ICOMOS-ISPRS Committee on Heritage Documentation - and he remains one of the most influential past Presidents of this Committee. In addition, he managed CIPA's contribution to the Getty Conservation Institute initiative on Recording, Documentation, and Information Management for the Conservation of Heritage Places (Recordim). Professor Waldhäusl has a solid track record of published works that have served as inspiration to many emerging professionals, such as the 3x3 rules for the use of photogrammetric capture in heritage documentation. He is currently Honorary President of CIPA and he continues to be involved in many initiatives for heritage conservation in Austria.

In closing, the members of the jury and I would like to reiterate our thanks to the International Board of ICOMOS for their trust in inviting us to form the 2020 ICOMOS Honorary Membership Jury.

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