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ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 December 2005

1. Membership

At 31 December 2005 membership of the IPHC consisted of :

National Representatives

Susan Barr	Norway
Peter Boyarski	Russia
Javier Garcia Cano	Argentina
Paul Chaplin	New Zealand
Louwrens Hacquebord	Netherlands
Håkan Jorikson	Sweden
Jean-François le Mouël	France
Cornelia Lüdecke	Germany
Michael Morrison	United Kingdom
Doug Olynyk	Canada
Michael Pearson	Australia
Glenn Sheehan	USA
Rubén Stehberg	Chile

We continue our efforts to gain additional new members from other countries that have an active interest in polar heritage matters. The out-reach of the committee, however, has been increased by the efforts of individual members to create networks of polar heritage expertise within their own country. Australia in particular has established a considerable network of relevant experts.

Corresponding Members

Corresponding members are persons co-opted by IPHC from time to time to serve its needs.

At the end of 2004 these were:

Geoff Ashley	Australia
Jaco Boshoff	South Africa
Angie McGowan	Australia

Associates

Associates are “appropriately qualified persons recommended by IPHC members from time to time as interested in the work of the IPHC, able to extend the professional network of IPHC, and able to assist the IPHC to achieve any of its objectives”.

Two new Associate appointments were made during 2005:
Julian Bickersteth Australia
Nigel Watson New Zealand

2. Meetings

The last meeting of the IPHC was held during October in Xi'an, China in association with the ICOMOS General Assembly.

The President also attended the ICOMOS Scientific Committee workshop and the Advisory Committee meeting held in Xi'an prior to the General Assembly. In addition she visited Scott Polar Research Institute and British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge in September, both to promote the IPHC itself and discuss our International Polar Year (IPY) conference project with the international IPY secretariat.

3. Finances

The IPHC Secretariat is supported financially by a grant from the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Riksantikvaren). These funds are managed by ICOMOS Norway and the Directorate. After some practical difficulties associated with a change of banks during 2004, the management and accounting procedures for the IPHC funds are now operating well.

While the current financial status of the IPHC appears strong it should be noted that the current bank balance includes reserves that will be very important for us to fulfil our commitment to stage an international conference in 2007. The reserves are targeted for a publication of selected conference papers after the pattern of our successful publication in 2004. This event will be held in association with the International Polar Year (IPY) and has already been approved by the IPY.

See ; (<http://www.ipy.org/development/eoi/proposal-details.php?id=135>)

These events were referred to in our last Annual Report.

Some additional income was received during 2005 from sales of our last publication.

4. Activities

Publications

Interest in and sales of our 2004 publication "Cultural Heritage in the Arctic and Antarctic Regions" continues.

Susan Barr held the paper "Monuments and sites and their settings in the Arctic regions" at the ICOMOS General Assembly and this was published in the official Scientific Symposium publication:

We are not aware of any IPHC-related publications undertaken by other members, but this may well have occurred.

Website

The IPHC website www.polarheritage.com went online in April 2002 as a resource for practitioners working in the field of polar heritage protection. It also provides a means of communication and cooperation between individuals and organisations with similar aims and objectives.

The use of this site continues to increase significantly with 85,783 page views during the course of the year. This represents more than a 30% increase on last year.

A report on the site usage for 2005 is attached.

A "page view" is recorded whenever a page is opened on a computer accessing the website.

Cooperation with external agencies

After earlier submissions to both the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the Committee for Environmental Protection in Antarctica (CEP), the IPHC continues in its role as a non-partisan expert group that may be used for consulting and advice concerning polar cultural heritage.

In addition the IPHC has established an informal association with several institutions with an interest polar heritage protection. These include:

- Antarctic Heritage Trust, New Zealand
- The Arctic Circumpolar Route, Canada
- The International Studies Centre of the Kola Science Centre, Russia
- Elmer E. Rasmuson Library/Alaska & Polar Regions Dept., USA
- Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge UK
- International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
- The Getty Conservation Institute
- Danish Polar Centre
- Swedish Polar Research Secretariat
- World Wildlife Fund/Arctic Division
- Norwegian Polar Institute
- Australian Antarctic Heritage Newsletter AHSIG
- Antarctica New Zealand
- British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, UK

President Susan Barr is the formally appointed polar contact person for TICCIH, the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage.

Consultation

The IPHC continues to consult closely with the Antarctic Heritage Trust (AHT) in New Zealand and has contributed to the Conservation Plans for historic hut sites in the Ross Sea region. These plans include one for the huts built by Norwegian Carsten Borchgrevink at Cape Adare.

We have also been approached by IAATO in connection with concerns about the restoration plans and use of the Antarctic sites of Snow Hill and Paulet Island, and plans to remove the Antarctic Peninsula site of Detaille Island. The Working Group has discussed the concerns with appropriate parties, and has noted active positive responses in all cases.

Future activities

The IPHC will be holding a 3-day seminar in Munich in April 2006. This will allow in-depth discussion and consultation on a range of international polar heritage protection projects.

As mentioned above the IPHC is planning a conference in connection with the International Polar Year in 2007. This is also intended to provide the basis for a new publication that will follow this event. Because this will be a major undertaking we have begun to identify financial reserves for this.

Working Group – IPHC



Susan Barr – President



Paul Chaplin - Secretary General

2nd February 2006

IPHC WEBSITE – Page view analysis 2005

Page name	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Total 05
Aboutbrochure	46	37	54	61	59	33	35	36	38	48	50	54	551
AboutCommittee	87	80	88	88	89	76	77	86	65	98	106	95	1035
AboutIPHC	105	90	171	214	182	238	100	121	82	127	116	161	1707
AboutStatutes	81	67	78	90	87	64	75	80	63	97	95	88	965
Annual Report03	87	80	101	143	125	48	50	59	28	50	60	56	887
Annual Report04						82	76	80	63	88	102	61	552
Ant.hut list						95	102	99	75	105	125	150	751
Contact info	161	143	159	214	246	147	118	157	106	172	155	169	1947
Email us	0	3	0	20	0	0	3	170	21	21	1	2	241
General news main	101	75	116	144	136	128	99	124	93	133	121	115	1385
Home page	1992	1474	2078	2007	1945	1965	1619	1412	925	1440	1602	1621	20080
News and reports 01	51	42	52	62	58	35	43	51	35	52	54	47	582
News and reports02	56	39	56	56	55	39	42	51	37	58	46	33	568
News and reports02B	35	20	38	45	40	25	32	30	27	37	47	38	414
News and reports Deception	49	35	34	43	33	32	29	37	27	38	43	38	438
News and reports Grytviiken	34	16	27	37	42	24	32	31	28	38	149	142	600
News and reports IPHC	120	86	111	129	155	112	87	107	73	114	87	133	1314
News and reports Main	173	161	238	154	170	141	103	115	81	120	149	142	1747
News and reportsOther P Heritage	68	40	56	59	54	57	42	49	37	53	42	36	593
News and reports Sbard coal	30	15	30	35	33	22	28	29	26	34	58	49	389
News and reports Stonington	52	35	41	55	49	37	35	45	34	57	64	103	607
NZ hut plans	92	85	105	108	140	108	96	109	77	105	126	113	1264
Pollutants	87	75	92	111	125	102	93	106	61	96	124	118	1190
Privacy	169	149	188	205	234	202	157	154	125	180	179	186	2128
Publication	117	103	121	153	136	129	105	138	89	137	157	191	1576
Reference material Bibliog	58	48	54	71	54	51	42	52	46	62	74	59	671
Reference material FieldReps	50	47	48	65	57	54	50	59	46	69			545
Reference material GenHistory	51	52	50	70	63	57	51	56	42	62	78	76	708
Reference material Indigenous	51	40	61	61	59	43	57	47	48	64	61	54	646
Reference material Main	124	118	150	219	186	172	149	169	108	158	180	200	1933
Reference material Other Polar orgs	62	51	62	72	66	53	51	56	54	73	66	60	726
Reference material TechRef	56	48	50	74	59	55	52	52	45	66	79	66	702
Reg.expertise Admin	755	482	623	674	476	384	477	823	432	716	873	883	7598
RegexpConservators	697	454	475	522	358	371	428	616	450	655	839	804	6669
Reg.expertise HistArch	809	504	573	604	485	373	450	700	447	767	876	773	7361
Reg.expertise main	97	84	121	145	160	119	93	115	77	115	110	121	1357
Related groups Main	95	81	115	157	146	112	91	113	75	112	112	131	1340
Related groups OtherHeritage orgs	37	42	52	58	55	38	42	49	40	61	68	60	602
Related groups PHeritage agencies	62	53	54	66	63	56	53	45	39	58	67	56	672
Shacks Hut boost	116	76	95	112	140	106	89	97	67	101			999
Ant Hist sitelist 01up	154	120	131	137	134	102	95	112	116	149	199	138	1587
Ant Hist sitelist 20up	68	54	65	58	55	58	48	54	49	65	99	84	757
Ant Hist sitelist 40up	64	38	47	58	50	50	36	52	33	45	53	59	585
Ant Hist sitelist 60up	54	52	42	64	63	36	36	59	52	68	84	55	665
Sitemap	156	123	360	178	230	727	279	139	141	191	464	150	3138
Snowhill					58	106	82	93	58	89	116	115	717
WMFShacksHut	108	90	104	123	164	112	96	107	72	102	123	147	1348
WMFsupport04	39	21	33	41	31	27	25	31	24	33	41	35	381
Svalbard archeo depot											28	107	135
Microbes											20	29	49
Nordic Arctic plan											64	103	167
York Factory Canada												111	111
Object Lessons - Mawsons												103	103
Monthly totals of page views	7556	5628	7399	7862	7405	7203	6150	7172	4877	7379	8632	8520	85783

(Source : IPHC Web server)