

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fifty-sixth Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6.00 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Tate Britain, Millbank, London SW1, UK.

*Present:* Andrew Oddy, President, in the Chair  
Andreas Burmester, Vice-President  
Eleanor McMillan, Vice-President  
Jonathan Ashley-Smith, Secretary-General  
David Leigh, Treasurer  
Leslie Carlyle, Marion Kite, Elizabeth Peacock, Paul Schwartzbaum,

*In attendance:* Graham Voce, Executive Secretary  
Jørgen Wadum (ICOM-CC)  
Anu Ampalavanar Shah (Slaughter and May)

Alan Donnithorne, Manfred Koller, Hazel Newey, Sandra Smith, Marcel Steffanaggi, Joyce Townsend (*Fellows*)

Hani Alsaigh, James Black, Linda Bullock, William Lindsay, Derek Pullen (*Individual Members*)

Andrew Oddy extended a welcome to all those present, and especially to those who had travelled long distances.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in the IIC *Bulletin* of April 2005 and circulated to members, as well as being posted on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Notice calling the present Meeting, having been published in the IIC *Bulletin* of December 2006, as well as being posted on the IIC web-site, was taken as read.

The Chairman noted that voting on the Resolutions by members present at the Annual General Meeting who had not voted by post would be by show of hands for resolutions 1 to 7 inclusive and for resolutions 10 and 11; voting on resolutions 8 and 9, being the election of a Secretary-General and Council members, would be by voting form rather than judging by a show of hands; voting forms were distributed to those who had not already registered their vote. Marion Kite and Elizabeth Peacock agreed to act as tellers for this.

***Resolution 1:*** *To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2005*

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members with the December

*Bulletin*, were taken as read, and the Chairman invited the Secretary-General and the Treasurer to make their comments; in the absence of the Director of Publications his report was read out by the Secretary-General (See separate reports.)

***Resolution 2: To Increase the annual subscriptions from 1 July 2006 to:  
Student Member £18; Individual Member £41; Fellow £62; Institutional Member £97***

The votes in the Hall at the meeting were added to the postal votes and the resolution was carried.

***Resolution 3: To allow Council to set membership fees without recourse to the Annual General Meeting***

On this matter, member William Lindsay asked if it was thought that members would feel alienated by the removal of a discussion of membership fee increases at Annual General Meetings and added that it was perhaps not wise to remove participation in this particular type discussion.

Andrew Oddy explained that regular income needed to be kept in line with costs so that there would not have to be a continuing call on reserves. Under this proposal, Council would constantly pursue mitigations against regular increases in costs and that fees would only be kept broadly in line with rises to price inflation in the United Kingdom; there would also be a positive drive made to increase the membership. Meanwhile, a positive drive was to be made to increase the membership. He also noted that there was still accountability to members on this matter in that if they so wished they can elect to Council members who oppose a particular policy.

Andrew Oddy thanked Mr Lindsay for his arguments and then put the matter to vote. The votes in the Hall at the meeting were added to the postal votes and the resolution was carried

***Resolution 4: To limit a President to serving two three-year terms***

Andrew Oddy introduced this resolution, explaining that the main reason for this was to bring the role of President into line with the other officers in terms of potential length of office.

Leslie Carlyle asked if this measure should apply whether the President was a conservation professional or not. Andrew Oddy confirmed this point and put the resolution to vote. The votes in the Hall at the meeting were added to the postal votes and the resolution was carried

***Resolution 5: To remove domiciliary requirements of Council Members except for the Treasurer and Secretary-General, who will still be required to be domiciled in the United Kingdom as at present***

Andrew Oddy introduced this resolution, explaining that it allowed for a wider international membership of Council.

Hazel Newey asked if there should be a requirement that all Council Members should be obliged to meet on at least one occasion a year, so that the full council can discuss matters thoroughly. Andrew Oddy responded that there were to be three meetings in the calendar year 2006, two of which would be two-day meetings, one a one-day meeting. Though this was a reduction on the four meetings held in previous years there was also increased usage of telephone conferencing at meetings; this was encouraging greater attendance by council members and attendance figures were much higher than in previous years.

The Resolution was then put to vote. The votes in the Hall at the meeting were added to the postal votes and the resolution was carried

***Resolution 6: To allow electronic presence to count towards a quorum at council meetings***

Andrew Oddy explained that this would allow telephone conferencing and eventually video conferencing to count at meetings of Council. The Resolution was put to vote. The votes in the Hall at the meeting were added to the postal votes and the resolution was carried

***Resolution 7: To raise the quorum figure for meetings to six members, including attendance by electronic methods***

Andrew Oddy explained that this followed on from the previous Resolution in allowing telephone conferencing and eventually video conferencing to count at meetings of Council. The Resolution was put to vote. The votes in the Hall at the meeting were added to the postal votes and the resolution was carried

***Resolution 8: Election of a Secretary-General***

Andrew Oddy started discussion on this resolution by thanking Jonathan Ashley-Smith and paying tribute to his sterling work as Secretary-General of IIC during a period of change. The President had thoroughly enjoyed working with him and was sorry that he would not be standing for election to a second three-year term of office. He would be missed during the meetings of Officers and Council as well as during the social events after the meetings. However, there was comfort in the knowledge that Council could look forward to his continuing involvement in IIC matters as head of the Technical Committee for the Munich 2006 Congress.

There was one candidate to fill this position: David Leigh, currently IIC Treasurer. On the basis of the total vote, David Leigh was elected as Secretary-General of IIC. Andrew Oddy congratulated him on election to this office.

This meant that there was a vacancy in the role of IIC Treasurer. Andrew Oddy noted that Council had discussed this scenario prior to this election and had agreed to co-opt Sandra Smith to the role. Sandra had experience of financial matters as part of her managerial role as Head of Conservation at the Victoria and Albert Museum as well as a strong interest in the running of IIC.

Hani Alsaigh asked why there was not the opportunity to vote on this appointment at this meeting. Andrew Oddy explained that there would be an opportunity to vote on the Treasurer's post at the next Annual General Meeting, when it was expected that Sandra would stand for election. The same procedure had been followed in the appointment of David Saunders as Director of Publications four years ago.

***Resolution 9: To elect four ordinary members of Council***

There were four vacancies, two Ordinary Members of Council (Sharon Cather and Paul Schwartzbaum) were standing for re-election and there were two vacancies following the departures of Ségolène Bergeon Langle, who had come to the end of her elected term of office, and Mary Todd Glaser, who was not standing for re-election at the end of her first term. Andrew Oddy wished to record Council's thanks to Ségolène Bergeon Langle and Mary Todd Glaser for their valuable contribution to the working of IIC and its council over their terms of office. Their interventions and contributions had been much valued and would be missed.

There were eight candidates to fill these positions: Sharon Cather, Tuuliki Kilpinen, Barbara Ramsay, Anne Rinuy, Mikkel Scharff, Paul Schwartzbaum, Gordon Turner-Walker and Christoph von Imhoff. On the basis of the total vote and, in one case, the use of the President's casting vote, Sharon Cather, Barbara Ramsay, Paul Schwartzbaum and Christoph von Imhoff were elected as Ordinary Members of Council. Andrew Oddy congratulated them but also thanked the other candidates for taking part in this election.

***Resolution 10: To reappoint Jacob, Cavenagh & Skeet as Auditors to The Institute and to authorize the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year***

The resolution was duly adopted.

***Resolution 11: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute***

Linda Bullock asked about the current state of the development of IIC's web-site. Andrew Oddy replied that the site continued to be developed and it was to be hoped that more members would use its facilities, such as being able to add a photograph and a Curriculum Vitae to their profiles. In addition to this on-line membership renewal and conference registration was being worked on and would be ready for use this year.

Linda Bullock said that the appearance of the site looked rather dated to her.

Andrew Oddy replied that Council continued to monitor both the content and the appearance of the site and its further development was being considered within a business plan now being drawn up. Council were hugely appreciative of the work of Tim Padfield over many years, who had done so much to make the site such a useful tool.

David Leigh added that Council had decided to start a re-branding exercise and that the results of this would appear in the design of the web-site. In addition the ability to run a regular e-mailed communication to encourage greater use of the site.

Andrew Oddy added that with the two questionnaires sent out the membership had a chance to give their feedback to Council on the web-site as well as a range of other matters of IIC's operations

Andrew Oddy thanked Anu Ampalavanar Shah of the IIC's legal advisors, messrs Slaughter and May, for attending and asked a record be made of IIC's deep gratitude for Slaughter and May's continuing pro-bono work for IIC.

There being no further ordinary business, the Chairman passed on to the matter of the Honorary Fellowship of IIC being offered to Manfred Koller for his long and deeply valuable work within the conservation arena, and presented him with a Fellowship Scroll.

This done, the Chairman declared the meeting closed and introduced the Speaker for the evening. New Honorary Fellow Manfred Koller spoke on "The IIC over forty Years – a view from Central Europe"