

# ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Twentieth Century Heritage



ISC20C is inter-disciplinary in its membership and recognizes the diversity of regional and cultural expression in twentieth-century heritage. The ISC20C welcomes expert, associate and institutional members.

The ICOMOS Twentieth Century Heritage International Scientific Committee focuses its efforts on conserving and celebrating mid to late twentieth-century places that are most at risk through lack of recognition and protection.

The committee co-ordinates a range of projects, conferences, declarations, and publications to address these issues. The Heritage Alerts program is a key advocacy project through which ISC20C raises international public consciousness about specific sites under threat each year.

The committee members form a permanent international and interdisciplinary group representing various specializations and research themes particular to the heritage places of the Twentieth Century. We facilitate international and regional collaboration through projects such as the Socialist Realism initiative and the Maseana project; and actively disseminate current knowledge in the field through the ongoing development of our Heritage Toolkit. Annual meetings and conferences identify current and forthcoming issues for ISC20C engagement. We actively use social media platforms as a forum for discussion and exchange of information and conservation initiatives.

In 2014, the committee published the international standard: Approaches for the Conservation of the Twentieth Century Architectural Heritage (known as the Madrid Document) which is currently being extended to include urban areas and landscapes, for the General Assembly in Delhi in 2017.

ISC20C is active in providing advice within ICOMOS and externally about world heritage listing and management of modern heritage places.

The committee works in partnership with relevant regional and international organisations with an interest in Twentieth Century Heritage such as UAI, TICCIH, ICCROM, mAAN, and Docomomo.

By promoting and celebrating the values of the heritage places of the Twentieth Century and its creators, ISC20C aims to lead, support and sustain its conservation, management and interpretation. We take a broad view of what constitutes twentieth-century heritage places by including in our work buildings, structures, urban ensembles and city plans, cultural landscapes, industrial and historic archaeology, tangible and intangible heritage.

**ICOMOS is an international, non-governmental organization of conservation professionals which acts as UNESCO's advisor on cultural heritage issues and the World Heritage Convention. Through its 110 national committees and 28 International Scientific Committees, ICOMOS has more than 10,00 members in 144 countries worldwide and engages a wide range of participants in the promotion and protection of the heritage places of the twentieth-century.**

L'ISC20C est interdisciplinaire dans ses adhésions et reconnaît la diversité de l'expression régionale et culturelle dans le patrimoine du XXe siècle. L'ISC20C accueille des experts, associés et membres institutionnels.

Le Comité scientifique international de l'ICOMOS sur le patrimoine du XXe siècle concentre ses efforts sur la conservation et la valorisation des endroits datant du milieu à la fin du vingtième siècle qui sont le plus à risques suite à leur manque de notoriété et de protection.

Le Comité coordonne une série de projets, conférences, déclarations et publications pour résoudre ces problèmes. Le programme d'alertes du patrimoine est un projet clé par lequel l'ISC20C soulève la conscience publique internationale sur des sites spécifiques, menacés chaque année.

Les membres du Comité forment un groupe international permanent et interdisciplinaire représentant diverses spécialités et thèmes de recherche propres aux sites patrimoniaux du XXe siècle. Nous facilitons la collaboration internationale et régionale à travers des projets tels que l'initiative Réalisme socialiste et le projet Maseana; Et diffusons activement les connaissances actuelles sur le terrain grâce au développement continu de notre référentiel patrimonial. Les réunions annuelles et les conférences identifient les enjeux actuels et à venir pour l'engagement de l'ISC20C. Nous utilisons activement les plateformes de médias sociaux comme un forum de discussion et d'échange d'informations et d'initiatives de conservation.

En 2014, le Comité a publié la norme internationale : Approches pour la conservation du patrimoine architectural du XXe siècle (connu sous le nom de Document de Madrid) qui s'étend actuellement aux zones urbaines et aux paysages, pour l'Assemblée générale à Delhi en 2017.

L'ISC20C est actif dans l'apport de conseils au sein de l'ICOMOS et à l'extérieur concernant la liste du patrimoine mondial et la gestion des lieux patrimoniaux modernes.

Le Comité travaille en partenariat avec des organisations régionales et internationales compétentes intéressées par le patrimoine du vingtième siècle, telles que l'UAI, le TICCIH, l'ICCROM, le mAAN et Docomomo.

En promouvant et célébrant les valeurs des lieux patrimoniaux du XXe siècle et de ses créateurs, ISC20C vise à diriger, soutenir et maintenir sa conservation, sa gestion et son interprétation. Nous avons une vue large de ce qui constitue des lieux patrimoniaux du XXe siècle en incluant dans nos travaux des bâtiments, des structures, des ensembles urbains et des plans de villes, des paysages culturels, de l'archéologie industrielle et historique, du patrimoine matériel et immatériel.

# Timeline of ISC20C Development History

- 1980s -90s** The ICOMOS network engaging with risks to C20 heritage places through conferences and in world heritage nominations.
- 2000** The ICOMOS Montreal Action Plan 20 (MAP20) initiated survey to assess C20 identification and management internationally.
- 2000** ICOMOS participated with UNESCO's World Heritage Centre program "Identification and Documentation of Modern Heritage.
- 2001** ICOMOS Executive Committee appointed a task force to investigate establishing an International Scientific Committee C20.
- 2002** The Istanbul Declaration was signed by the European Committees of ICOMOS and Docomomo, confirming regional co-operation.
- 2005** The ICOMOS report "The World Heritage List: Filling the Gaps", highlighted the inadequate representation of modern heritage on the World Heritage list—only a dozen of the over 700 places then listed were identified as twentieth-century heritage.
- 2005** First ISC20C annual meeting, Xi'an China ISC20C statutes were approved and an interim management committee appointed.
- 2006** ISC20C issues Moscow Declaration on Preservation of Twentieth Century Cultural Heritage with UIA, Docomomo.
- 2007** ICOMOS entered an MOU with UIA; ISC20C Annual Meeting and Symposium, Chicago, USA. Heritage Alerts project initiated
- 2008** The ISC20C statutes were updated in accordance with the Eger Xi'an Principles, first elections and Annual Meeting, Quebec, Canada; Twentieth Century Heritage Thematic Framework project initiated.
- 2009** Unloved Modern Conference and Annual Committee Meeting, Sydney, Australia. First Heritage Alert: Stockholm Library.
- 2010** Annual Meeting, Dublin, Ireland: Heritage Toolkit project initiated.
- 2001** International Conference, Intervention Approaches for 20th Century Architectural Heritage, Madrid, Spain; Approaches for the Conservation of the Twentieth Century Architectural Heritage (Madrid Document) launched; Colloquium to Advance the Practice of Conserving Modern Heritage experts meeting, Los Angeles, Getty Conservation Institute; ICOMOS General Assembly and ISC20C Annual Meeting, Paris, France. Modern Serial Sites Workshop 1, ISC20C GA Resolutions; Berlin regional meeting.
- 2012: Modern Serial Sites Symposium 2, Tokyo; ISC20C Annual Meeting, Helsinki, Finland. Modern Serial Sites Workshop 2; Heritage Applause project initiated; Dubrovnik regional meeting. Socialist Heritage project initiated.
  - 2013 ISC20C Annual Meeting, Chandigarh, India. Modern Serial Sites Workshop 3.
  - 2014 ISC20C Annual Meeting Florence, Italy Approaches for the Conservation of the Twentieth Century Architectural Heritage (Madrid Document) published (Spanish, French, Russian). Co-operation with CIVVIH and IFLA to include landscape and urban areas.
- 2015** ISC20C Annual Meeting Tokyo Japan Joint meeting CIVVIH & IFLA Madrid Document 3 Review. Maseana Project initiated ISC20C Mentoring Program proposed for development.
- 2016** ISC20C Modern Heritage Identifying Assessing and Managing its Protection and Conservation joint conference with International Committee on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration, Florence, Italy; Annual Meeting Dudley Zoo, UK.
- 2017** ISC Annual Meeting New Delhi, India, 10 December.

## ISC20C Committee Action Plan 2014-2017:

- Twentieth Century Heritage Toolkit is a web-based toolkit of reference resources for conserving the heritage sites and places of the Twentieth Century <http://www.icomos-isc20c.org/heritage-toolkit/>
- Heritage Alerts is an active program of international advocacy for C20 sites that raises international public consciousness about specific sites under threat <http://www.icomos-isc20c.org/heritage-alerts/>
- Young Professionals Mentoring program is in development, and YPs are actively involved in all ISC20C programs.
- Twentieth Century Thematic History Framework: ISC20C is working with the Getty Conservation Institute in Los Angeles, on a consultancy project to help researchers to identify potentially significant places and sites by defining the historic themes that characterised the Twentieth Century with selected illustrative examples.
- World Heritage Advice and training: ISC20C provides advice within ICOMOS and externally about World Heritage nominations and management through policy development, nomination reviews and state of conservation reporting.
- World Monuments Watch nominations: ISC20 C members reviewed nominations for the 2015 and 2017 Watches.
- Approaches to Conservation of Twentieth Century Architectural Heritage (Madrid Document) provides international benchmark guidance about how to practically conserve and manage C20 heritage places. It is currently being collaboratively revised to include cultural landscapes and urban areas of the Twentieth Century with CIVVIH, TICCIH and ISCC, with selected illustrative examples.
- Socialist Heritage Initiative advocates for the recognition and protection of works of architecture and art from socialist times as cultural landmarks and historical monuments, collecting and providing information on locations and sites, current conditions of conservation, about the planning and building history of the socialist legacy. <http://socheritage.com/>
- MASEANA is a 6-year-project with Docomomo Japan and mAAN, 2015-2020 supporting ASAEN nations conserving modern heritage
- ISC20C website upgrade and promotion of social media activities as a forum for discussion and exchange of information and conservation initiatives including via Facebook, Instagram by ISC20C

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