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Heritage in Transformation Heritage protection in the 21st century - problems challenges predictions
ICOMOS Poland

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1. 100 **WORD** REPORT + IMAGE [JPG OR TIFF] FOR IFLA EU BRIEFNEWS AND SOCIAL NETWORKS:

Heritage in Transformation

This year is the 50th anniversary of establishing ICOMOS institution. The Constituent assembly took place in Poland in 1965. The Jubilee has become an opportunity to summarise and verify the activity of this most important institution associating specialists of conservation and heritage protection. The past and the present was discussed among international specialists and, first of all, the future that brings new challenges. The contemporary transformations take place in the field of heritage understanding, its role, function and way of protection, and appears as a new challenge for the scientific environment and also for us- IFLA organization. The transformation time could be a good moment for finding a proper place for the cultural landscape within the protection structures.

More information:

[Full programme](#) of the conference **Heritage in Transformation** Heritage protection in *the 21st century - problems challenges predictions*

Vintage photo of the Founding Congress and I ICOMOS General Assembly in 1965 is available on the [CALENDAR](#)
[The report](#) after the ceremonies and photo gallery 22-24 June 2015



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2. FULL TEXT OF THE REPORT BACK:

2.1.- Purpose of the meeting

The conference aimed analysing contemporary difficulties that increase as a result of transformation in the wide sense. The changes concern the notions meaning, function, rules, protection forms and also the circumstances of the protection process. Proper observation and focusing on the ongoing processes is the base of making a diagnosis and allows one to undertake proper actions in the future, which was actually the main purpose of the meeting. Deliberations began with Claudie Hobart's speech presenting an interesting glimpse into way of formation of the Venice Charter. Then Janusz Krawczyk presented the Polish approach to protection of Monuments. Subsequent presentations of representatives of various countries highlighted different circumstances heritage protection encounters. These are issues of the doctrine (the Czech Republic), social (Canada), aesthetic (Slovenia) or globalisation (Peru) etc.. Condensed multitude of shots and solutions created an image of the complexity of the problem of preservation of monuments in the world.

2.2.- Programme

The agenda contains six sessions built of scientific lectures. The global representatives presented the most current problems in 25 reliable lectures during two days of meetings. Deliberation was crowned by celebration of the 50th anniversary of ICOMOS in the Royal Castle in Warsaw.

2.3.- Observations

Many participants, a lively debate, a strong representation of the scientific environment. Very professional lectures contained wide experience of work with heritage. The landscape heritage subject poorly represented in the presented speeches.

2.4.- Suggested Strategy (long term)

Strengthening the representation of landscape architects in the field of heritage protection. Adopting a comprehensive program to protect the living heritage closely linked with the landscape.



2.5.- Suggested Actions (short term, midterm) identifying name of the responsible for the actions.

Strengthening cooperation with IFLA and ICOMOS to develop a common strategy. This year topic "Learning from the landscape" could promote closer cooperation; the approach being a bridge between the past and the future could bring us closer to ICOMOS and the landscape heritage protection idea.

2.6.- Attachments

- Conference Agenda