
IN MEMORIAM
HERB STOVEL 1948 - 2012



FIGURE 1 COLIN, VIRGINIA, MERYL, HERB STOVEL, GETTY CENTER, 2005

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STOVEL, Herb

It is with great sorrow that we announce that Herb Stovel passed away suddenly on March 14 after a long battle with cancer. A beloved husband, father, brother and friend, he is survived by his wife, Meryl, his two children, Colin and Ginny as well as his three siblings, Grant, Margaret and Leslie. Herb was an accomplished teacher and world-renowned heritage conservationist. In lieu of flowers, a scholarship is being created in his name. A reception will be held at the offices of the Heritage Canada Foundation (190 Bronson Ave) on Saturday 17 March from 2 to 4 p.m.

ICOMOS CANADA



Dear colleagues and friends in ICOMOS Canada,

It is with a very great sadness that we learned this morning that our dear friend, colleague and, for many, mentor and guide Herb Stovel had passed away. Immediately, our first thoughts are with Herb's family to whom we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Herb was an outstanding colleague and a genuine leader in the field of conservation, dedicated to the cause, its values and ideas as well as the community of people and institutions that make it happen. In ICOMOS, Herb brought reform and progress either as an active member, as President of ICOMOS Canada or Secretary General of the whole organization, bringing major and lasting reforms to ICOMOS, in particular in the way it accomplishes its role as an advisor to the World Heritage Convention which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. His thoughts on the role of communities, on authenticity and values as well as his commitment to education and the next generation in the conservation community constitute a lasting and inspiring legacy. His immense contribution to the progress of conservation and its community in Canada and around the World was acknowledged by many countries and institutions. In particular, he received the Jacques Dalibard Award from ICOMOS Canada and the prestigious ICCROM Award.

ICOMOS Canada members will be invited to pay a special homage to Herb and his contribution on the occasion of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, on 23rd March, 2012 at Carleton University in Ottawa, where Herb was a much appreciated member of the Faculty.

In the name of the ICOMOS Canada members, we will also inform the international family of ICOMOS and invited it to join with us on this occasion to express gratitude and to keep the guiding light of Herb's ideas and inspiration alive.

Dinu Bumbaru, C.M.
President of ICOMOS Canada
Member of the International Executive Committee

Chers amis et collègues d'ICOMOS Canada,

C'est avec une grande tristesse que nous avons appris que notre cher ami, collègue et pour plusieurs, mentor et guide, Herb Stovel, nous a quitté ce matin. Nos premières pensées devant cette nouvelle vont à son épouse Meryl Oliver et sa famille à qui nous offrons toutes nos condoléances et sympathies.

Herb était un collègue exceptionnel et un authentique monument de la pensée et de l'action dans le domaine de la conservation aux valeurs et aux idées de laquelle il était profondément attaché. Dans l'ICOMOS, comme membre actif, Président d'ICOMOS Canada ou Secrétaire Général international, Herb a vivement contribué au progrès de l'organisation par des réformes durables comme celle sur l'accomplissement du mandat de l'ICOMOS comme organisation consultative de la Convention du patrimoine mondial. Ses réflexions sur l'authenticité, sur le rôle des communautés ou sur les valeurs culturelles du patrimoine tout autant que son engagement envers l'éducation et la relève dans la communauté de la conservation constituent un legs pérenne et inspirant. Son immense contribution au progrès de la conservation et de sa communauté d'acteurs au Canada et ailleurs dans le monde lui a valu de nombreuses reconnaissances de pays étrangers et d'organisations comme ICOMOS Canada qui lui a remis sa Médaille Jacques Dalibard et l'ICCROM qui l'a honoré.

Les membres d'ICOMOS Canada seront invités à rendre un hommage spécial à Herb lors de l'Assemblée générale annuelle qui se tiendra le 23 mars 2012 à Ottawa, à l'Université Carleton dont il était membre fort apprécié du corps professoral.

Au nom des membres d'ICOMOS Canada, nous informerons aussi la famille internationale de l'ICOMOS en l'invitant à se joindre à nous pour cette occasion afin de manifester notre gratitude et de garder vive l'inspiration que nous offrent Herb et ses pensées.

Dinu Bumbaru, C.M.
Président d'ICOMOS Canada
Membre du Comité exécutif international

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Dear members of the ICOMOS family,

It was with immense sadness when just returning from the Executive Committee meeting in Paris I received Dinu's call informing me of the death of Herb Stovel, a very dear friend and trusted advisor who was always there when I needed him. It is an immense personal loss, but beyond that and more importantly, it is a greater loss for Canada, for ICOMOS, and for the entire heritage community of the world, where he always played a protagonist role in imagining and ensuring the best possible conservation amid all cultural contexts.

We can find some level of consolation in the legacy that he lovingly, intelligently and generously built during his entire adult life, especially among the hundreds of the younger generations whom he mentored and carefully ushered into the field of conservation.

Herb was a giant among giants, a trait that he ably disguised through the warmth of his humanity and his ever willingness to listen to all who approached him.

We will sorely miss him, but he will never be forgotten by those whom he touched and who will benefit from his work far into the future

To Herb's family, my most sincere heartfelt condolences, along with assurances that we all join them in mourning for the loss of such an unusual and universally loved man.

Gustavo F Araoz
President
ICOMOS

DINU BUMBARU (MEMBRE DU COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF)

La plupart des collègues internationaux qui se sont exprimés me demandent de transmettre leurs condoléances à la famille et aux proches de Herb autant qu'à la famille d'ICOMOS Canada, elle aussi éprouvée. Voici la liste des collègues, instances et comités de l'ICOMOS qui à ce jour, m'ont demandé de communiquer leur condoléances à Meryl, Colin et Virginia et à la famille de notre cher disparu qui sera toujours présent dans nos pensées.

Dinu

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UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CENTER - IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR HERB STOVEL, CONSERVATIONIST



Thursday, March 15, 2012

Professor Herb Stovel, one of the world's most renowned experts in heritage conservation, recently passed away in Ottawa, Canada.

During his long career, Professor Stovel made an outstanding contribution to heritage conservation and to the World Heritage Convention in particular. As a scholar and a teacher of exceptional intellectual curiosity and rigour, he has had a huge impact on the advancement of the field as well as in building the capacities of hundreds of heritage professionals all over the world. Author of numerous landmark books and publications on various topics related to heritage, he was perhaps best known for his role in the drafting of the Nara Document on Authenticity, in 1994, together with Raymond Lemaire. As part of ICCROM's delegation as an Advisory Body to the World Heritage Committee, between 1998 and 2004, Prof. Stovel made a special contribution to the strengthening of the Convention's policies and practice, notably through the development of its Global Training Strategy, the authoring of two well-known ICCROM publications on risk preparedness for world

cultural heritage and conservation of living religious heritage as well as by playing an active role in post-inscription training and management activities. He served as President of the Association for Preservation Technology International, President of ICOMOS Canada, and most notably as Secretary-General of ICOMOS international. In 2011, Professor Stovel was also the recipient of the prestigious ICCROM Award.

Most of all, his friends and colleagues at the World Heritage Centre will remember him for his exceptional personality, combining a passion for life, enthusiasm and a commitment to his work and a deep engagement with the people he met. The World Heritage Centre wishes to express its deepest condolences to his family, students and friends worldwide, who will sorely miss him.

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Communiqué

Heritage Canada Foundation Mourns the Passing of Herb Stovel

The board and staff of the Heritage Canada Foundation join the international conservation community in marking the loss of Herb Stovel, esteemed architect, teacher, writer and leader in the field.

Through his early work as Director of Education for Main Street Canada, through training courses for the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office, and as a professor at major academic institutions, Herb Stovel inspired generations of heritage practitioners. Cultural sites in Canada and around the globe have benefited from his expertise and enthusiasm during the course of a distinguished career that included positions at the Ontario Heritage Trust, the Heritage Canada Foundation and ICCROM in Rome, as well as policy development for Parks Canada and advice to World Heritage sites.

Deeply engaged in shaping heritage conservation theory and practice, Herb Stovel played leadership roles in every major institution in the heritage field, including Secretary-General of ICOMOS International, President of the Association for Preservation Technology International, President of ICOMOS Canada, and Governor-at-Large on the Heritage Canada Foundation's board.

Herb was recently honored with the prestigious ICCROM Award in recognition of his importance in the development of seminal texts that guide professionals in the field.

In addition to his professional contribution, Herb will be sorely missed for his warm and generous spirit and his contagious passion for heritage.

Herb is survived by his wife, Meryl, his two children, Colin and Ginny as well as his three siblings, Grant, Margaret and Leslie.

La fondation Héritage Canada pleure la perte de Herb Stovel

Le conseil d'administration et le personnel de la fondation Héritage Canada s'associent à la communauté internationale de la conservation du patrimoine pour pleurer la mort de Herb Stovel. Il était un architecte, un enseignant, un auteur et un chef de file estimé dans le milieu.

Dès ses débuts à titre de directeur de l'éducation de Rues principales Canada, puis comme formateur auprès du Bureau d'examen des édifices fédéraux du patrimoine et professeur au sein de grands établissements d'enseignement, Herb Stovel a inspiré des générations de défenseurs du patrimoine.

Des sites du patrimoine au Canada et partout au monde ont bénéficié de son expertise et de son enthousiasme au cours de sa carrière distinguée, que ce soit à la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien, à la fondation Héritage Canada ou à l'ICCROM à Rome, en élaborant des politiques pour Parcs Canada ou en prodiguant des conseils sur les sites du patrimoine mondial.

Se dévouant corps et âme au progrès de la théorie et de la pratique de la conservation du patrimoine, Herb Stovel a joué des rôles de pointe dans toutes les institutions majeures du domaine. Il a notamment été secrétaire général d'ICOMOS International, président de l'Association internationale pour la préservation et ses techniques, président d'ICOMOS Canada et membre à titre personnel du conseil d'administration de la fondation Héritage Canada.

Il a encore récemment été honoré par l'ICCROM qui lui a décerné son prix reconnaissant l'importance de sa contribution à des textes de référence qui guident les professionnels du patrimoine.

En plus de son apport professionnel, la cordialité, la générosité et la passion contagieuse de Herb Stovel seront regrettées.

Herb Stovel laisse dans le deuil son épouse Meryl, ses deux enfants Colin et Ginny ainsi que ses frères et sœurs Grant, Margaret et Leslie.

ICCROM NEWS SPECIAL – OBITUARY



«conserving culture, promoting diversity»

Herb Stovel (1948 - 2012)

16 March. It is with profound sadness that the staff of ICCROM learns of the death of our friend and former colleague, Herb Stovel. Herb served as the Director of the Heritage Settlements Unit at ICCROM from 1998 until 2004 and was presented with the ICCROM Award at the 27th session of the General Assembly of ICCROM in November of 2011.

Herb's first involvement with ICCROM came in 1982 when he was a participant in the Scientific Principles of Conservation (SPC) course. At that time, he already impressed ICCROM staff with his wide interest in the field of conservation, manifest by his attendance not only in classes of the SPC course, but also of other ICCROM courses being held at the same time. Subsequently he returned to ICCROM on numerous occasions as a consultant and teacher.

Prior to joining ICCROM as a staff member, Herb was a professor at the University of Montreal where he served as the first director of its post-graduate conservation programme. Even from Canada his impact on the future of ICCROM was notable, as he taught two current ICCROM staff members, Zaki Aslan and Elena Incerti Medici, during this period. He was also involved in a number of projects including a study of the Rideau Canal Corridor, which eventually become a World Heritage property. One of his most important contributions to the field of conservation came in 1994, as one of the key drafters of the Nara Document on Authenticity. This standard setting instrument,

in addition to clarifying the concept of authenticity, has been a key element in promoting the concept of cultural diversity in conservation.

At ICCROM, Herb was in charge of the Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation programme (ITUC). Within this framework, he was responsible for the continued development of concepts related to integrated urban conservation, which eventually led to the current understanding of the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) approach. During this period, Herb carried out many courses, both at ICCROM's premises in Rome, and in many places around the world including Lithuania, Hungary, Brazil, India, and the Dominican Republic.

Herb also served as the Coordinator of ICCROM's role as an Advisory Body to the World Heritage Committee, drafting the first Global Training Strategy for World Heritage in 2000 and participating in many aspects of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

Herb was the author or editor of numerous publications. Of note, he wrote *Safeguarding Urban Ensembles in a Time of Change: A Management Guide*, published by Parks Canada in 1991, and *Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage* published by ICCROM, ICOMOS, and the World Heritage Centre in 1998. More recently he edited (with Nicholas Stanley-Price and Robert Killick) *Conservation of Living Religious Heritage*, published by ICCROM in 2005 as part of the ICCROM Conservation Studies series.

After leaving ICCROM, Herb returned to Canada and became a professor in the Canadian Studies programme at Carlton University in Ottawa, Canada.

Herb served many conservation organizations in addition to ICCROM. He was the President of the Association for Preservation Technology from 1989 to 1991, the Secretary-General of ICOMOS International from 1990 to 1993, and the President of ICOMOS Canada from 1993 to 1997. He also served as a frequent consultant to ICOMOS and to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in work related to the World Heritage Convention. He was instrumental in the setting up of several of the new UNESCO Category 2 Centres focused on World Heritage through his preparation of feasibility studies for these centres, prior to their approval by the Executive Board and General Conference of UNESCO. He also prepared the feasibility study for ICCROM's own ATHAR Regional Centre, located in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

Herb was the recipient of many honours in addition to the ICCROM Award, including:

- Appointment to the Board of Governors of the Heritage Canada Foundation;
- Membership in the Order of the Knights of the Apocalypse, conferred in Patmos, Greece by the Bishop of the Monastery of St. John, on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Church for services in conserving the religious heritage of Patmos, and promoting it to the world;
- Recipient of Lithuanian Order of Merit, conferred for services to the cause of heritage conservation in Lithuania;
- Appointment as honorary Associate Professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Hong Kong;
- Honorary membership in ICOMOS Canada;
- Recipient of the Heritage Canada Achievement Award.

Herb's professional legacy will be carried on by the hundreds of students and colleagues who have benefited from his knowledge and enthusiasm for heritage conservation. His contribution to the development of conservation concepts will also be long remembered, in particular related to the ideas surrounding the concepts of authenticity, integrity, disaster risk preparedness, living heritage, and cultural landscapes.

His personal legacy will be carried by his wife, Meryl, and two children, Colin and Virginia, as well as the many friends who have had the good fortune to know Herb over the years. At ICCROM, Herb will be remembered for his warmth, generosity, and sense of humor, as well as for working lunches at Il Ponentino in Piazza del Drago where key conservation concepts were debated and discussed along with the fortunes of his favorite soccer team, AS Roma.

The Director-General and staff of ICCROM would like to offer our condolences to Herb's family and friends at this difficult moment.

CARMEN AÑÓN FELIU (SPAIN)



¿Podrías hacer llegar todas mis condolencias a la mujer y las hijas de Herb? No tengo sus señas y me gustaría que supieran que comparto su pena y su dolor y que siempre le recordaré con todo mi afecto y agradecimiento por lo mucho que aprendí de él.

Mil gracias

Carmen Añón

La noticia del fallecimiento del amigo y compañero Herb Stovel me ha impresionado profundamente. Siempre he apreciado enormemente la seriedad y el interés que ponía en todos sus cometidos. Su trabajo como secretario general del Icomos fue realmente magnífico y todos estamos en deuda con él. Recuerdo sus visitas a España, sus acertados consejos y su disponibilidad. Tuve el gusto de tenerle varias veces en casa y él y su mujer me acogieron siempre con todo cariño cuando estuve en Canadá y pude conocer a sus hijos. Era una gran personalidad y su interés por los paisajes y los jardines muy grande y su conocimiento profundo, recordando con mucha nostalgia el magnífico Congreso que organizó en Montreal. Su memoria estará siempre con nosotros.

No sé que penséis vosotros, pero creo y a mí me gustaría hacer algo en su recuerdo, que podría ser un libro, un seminario, una conferencia dentro de una reunión especial... Es una idea que os dejo en el aire, seguire pensando y os comunicaré lo que se me vaya ocurriendo. Por ejemplo si encontramos dinero para una publicación podría ser un libro de amigos, con artículos diversos sobre temáticas que a todos nos preocupan.

Compartiendo vuestro dolor, un abrazo

Carmen.

ROLAND SILVA (SRI LANKA)



Meryl, Colin and Virginia,

Herb,

It was the day before the ides of March that you had to say good bye. In the words of Shakespeare, 'Sad hours seem long.....Farewell (Herb): thou canst not teach me to forget'.

I look back the days we worked hard and my seventy two volumes of five hundred pages each bound and housed in my ancestral home at Giriulla reminds me of the days we slaved to lift the Membership of ICOMOS from sixty seven countries to one hundred and twelve. We increased the Scientific Committees from eleven to twenty three. The Scientific Journal was published every six months and the News Bulletin every three months. We ensured that the original Scientific Committees published a hundred paged book on the many activities of each body. Similarly,

we had nearly forty five countries to print the work of modern times regarding Monuments and Sites handled by these nations. But most of all we were able to regulate our Bureau Meeting to a regular Quarterly Schedule, the Executive Meetings to a fixed Bi-Annual Session and the Advisory Committee Meetings to a strict Annual Date. And the concept of ICOMOS being an International Body was firmly established by moving each meeting to different parts of the World.

Herb, I also remember the day in 1990 in Lausanne when we both were elected one as President and the other as the Secretary General, and you in your exuberance nearly threw your baby Colin up into the air in utter joy. Then in 1992, when I stayed with you and Meryl at Montreal, what joy we shared on this occasion.

Herb, one but the saddest day of our friendship was when you refused to remain as the Secretary General, ICOMOS, for a second term and I did not mince words then, but said straight to you that it was the saddest moment in my life with ICOMOS.

Herb, the last note from you was only two months before you said good-bye, in response to my e-mail wishing you for 2012 and good health. 'Oh death where is thy sting'. Far-ye-well my good and eternal friend, rest in that place that you long destined to be.

Meryl, Colin and Virginia, Neela and I just returned from India. We remember Herb with the fondest of memories.

Neela.and.Roland,
69/3.Gregory's.Road,
Colombo,SriLanka. 17th March 2012.



Photograph taken at the world heritage site of Sigiriya which herb and others processed for listing

ESTEBAN PRIETO VICIOSO (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)



Con la muerte de Herb Stovel hemos perdido a un buen amigo y a un gran defensor del patrimonio cultural a nivel mundial. En Santo Domingo siempre lo recordaremos. Paz a sus restos y un fuerte abrazo a sus familiares y amigos.

We have lost a good friend with the death of Herb Stovel and a great supporter of cultural heritage worldwide. In Santo Domingo we always will remember him. Peace to his remains and a strong hug to his friends and family.

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RAY BONDIN (MALTA)



I have just arrived back home after WHC meeting in Al Ain to define 'integrity' for world heritage. Originally they had hoped that Herb would be healthy enough to attend, then they hoped for a Skype interview but even that fell through. Nonetheless Joe King read a paper that had been prepared by Herb and in fact we had other documents prepared by Herb. He was very much in our minds through the 3 day meeting and we heard the news at the end of the meeting. It was as if this was his last contribution to our world.

I knew Herb since many years but especially during his ICCROM years when we collaborated on a number of items and meetings. The conservation community has lost one of its strongest voices. Herb was a teacher all his life. He could be very patient to get his point through but when he knew he had the answer he would firmly insist on it. He was a kind hearted person who shared so much with others. I learnt so much from him.

He was a scholar who did not remain at the basic level but went very deep into each theme he chose to research and write about. He was a firm believer in what he did.

My thoughts go also to his wife and children who I knew so well.

A very sad day indeed.

Ray Bondin, Malta



Dear colleagues

As I wrote already, last Monday Joe King read Herb Stovel's presentation for a UNESCO WHC workshop to define 'integrity' [at Al Ain, UAE]. It was the last workshop Herb 'attended'. I never knew when I took this photo that it would become a historic one indeed.

Herb will be missed very much.

Ray Bondin

ISABEL RIGOL (CUBA)

I was absolutely shocked by the news on Herb Stovel's passing away. Though I knew he was ill, I had the hope he would survive thanks to his strength of character and optimism. Unfortunately, he did not.

All the members of our Cuban National Committee who had the privilege to meet him could always appreciate his sympathy and profound interest regarding our Latin American and Caribbean heritage.

I will always remember Herb as an excellent professional, a wonderful colleague and a faithful friend. I cannot forget that I owe him several unforgettable opportunities as, in example, representing ICCROM during UNESCO's World Heritage Periodic Reporting process for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2003-2004.

This is indeed a very sad loss for all the ICOMOS community.

Please transmit my sincerest condolences to his family and to ICOMOS-Canada members.

Yours,
Isabel Rigol

JEFF CODY (GETTY CONSERVATION INSTITUTE, LOS ANGELES)



Dear Francois and Renee,

I write to share in your grief related to the very sad passing of Herb Stovel, whom I met for the first time at your lovely flat in Santa Monica, when he visited LA with his wife and son. The demon cancer has robbed us of yet another friend. I'm sure you will be attending a memorial and/or communicating with Herb's family and friends, as you all take stock of Herb's remarkable life and his significant/multiple contributions to the field of conservation. I just wanted to let you know that I am with you in spirit.

Herb's passing comes nearly 2 years to the day after Mary's death from the same evil disease. I'm still feeling the effects of that loss, as I'm sure Meryl will after Herb's death. And yet, and yet . . . life does go on and I'm finding balance in this new chapter of my Mary-less life. My daughter, son-in-law and lovely new granddaughter will be visiting from India in early June. That same month, my son will be graduating from UC/Santa Cruz. Somehow we all continue to take sensible steps as life unfolds.

With virtual hugs and much warmth,

Jeff Cody

DAVID WOODCOCK (FAPT)



All,

What sad news. I remember Herb at the APT Conference in 1989, a giant of a man he seemed to me (then only in physical stature, but now I know he was a giant in many ways) and his attention to a brand new APT member and his suggestion that I join the Publications Committee . . .and thereby hangs a tale, as they say.

David G. Woodcock, FAIA, FSA, FAPT
Professor Emeritus of Architecture
Director Emeritus, Center for Heritage Conservation
Chair, CBE Design Review Sub-Council

NATALIA DUSHKINA (RUSSIA)

Herb Stovel's departure, a friend since the 1990s and rare theoretically minded professional, is really very sad news.

He opened a lot in a world of conservation ideas and notions, deepened our knowledge in many fields, just to name two among others - 'authenticity' and 'reconstruction' - for understanding and discussing of which have done so much. He was generous in attracting people, sharing his ideas, opened his house for those travelling and studying. I have been among lucky those. Last time met him and his family, by chance, at Patmos - at 'His' sacred Island evaluated and promoted to the World Heritage List. As always, he was full of joy, energy, with smiling eyes. The stunning, eternal beauty of this Site will accompany Herb in his further movement. My sincere thoughts are going now to his family - to Meryl, Colin and Virginia.

Natalia Dushkina

BIRGITTA HOBERG (SWEDEN)



The message that Herb is dead came as a shock. An important colleague for me and a dear friend is no longer with us. Please Dinu, forward to Herbs family my deepest regrets. My thoughts are with them in this difficult time.
Birgitta Hoberg

PROF. HENRY CLEERE (UNITED KINGDOM)



The news of Herb's death, although sadly anticipated, nevertheless came as a deep shock. It is difficult to imagine someone so full of life, of humour, and of ideas being no longer with us. I owe him a personal debt of gratitude, since it was he who persuaded me to become ICOMOS World Heritage Coordinator way back in 1992. Thereafter we worked closely together to lay the foundations of the comprehensive policy and programme for the contribution of ICOMOS to the World Heritage Convention that exists today. This was a memorable experience for both of us, I think, and it established a strong methodology and purpose in all of those who have followed.

He was a genial and generous friend and colleague and we learned much from one another, both formally and informally, in various parts of the world. I shall miss those occasions when we met, all too rare in recent years, and the easy relationship, enlivened by good humour and gossip, as well as good food and drink. He will be greatly missed by friends, colleagues, and students alike.

Henry Cleere

LAZAR SUMANOV (MACEDONIA)



What a loss. My deepest sympathy to Herb's family and to all ICOMOS Canada members. We knew each other for many years and we shared our knowledge with all colleagues and especially younger ones.

ICOMOS Mosaic of human resources are now without one of the Key Stones – without our colleague HERB. You will be forever in my memory, rest in peace my dearest friend Herb.
Lazar Sumanov

MARGARETHA EHRSTRÖM (FINLAND)

In this moment my thoughts goes to Herbs family, his wife and children. I wish them strength and courage in the present situation. Can you Dinu tell them my deepest thoughts. For me Herb was a inspiring person, friend and professional. I always remember the General Assembly in Lausanne 1990 when he was elected Secretary General of ICOMOS and he raised his little son on his strong arms. Later I worked with him on Kizhi Pogost in Russia and a number of issues related to historic towns and world heritage. He was always devoted and engaged in whatever he did on the highest professional level.

We miss a great thinker, devoted colleague and good friend.

Kind regards,
Margaretha Ehrström

JEAN-LOUIS LUXEN (BELGIQUE)



Le décès de Herb Stovel représente une grande perte pour sa famille, pour ses amis, pour ses étudiants et pour tout le monde de la conservation du patrimoine. Je voudrais avant tout exprimer ma vive sympathie à l'épouse et aux enfants de Herb. Herb a consacré toute son intelligence et toute son énergie à la cause du patrimoine. Au-delà de la dimension culturelle du patrimoine, Herb défendait les enjeux sociaux et humains que sa conservation active représente pour la vie quotidienne des femmes et des hommes vivant dans des lieux patrimoniaux. J'ai eu la tâche délicate de succéder à Herb comme Secrétaire général de l'ICOMOS et ai pu apprécier son apport décisif dans la relance de l'ICOMOS. Durant les 9 années de mon mandat, et même après, je n'ai jamais cessé de le consulter et de collaborer avec lui, depuis la Conférence de Nara jusqu'à la finalisation du programme APPEAR. Avec une profonde tristesse,

Jean-Louis Luxen

JUKKA JOKILEHTO (FINLAND)



It is really sad news. Herb was a strong component in the international family, and gave crucial contributions to the development of the international doctrine, including the Nara Conference in 1994. We have lost a friend and colleague, but we now have his inheritance to care for, and his lessons certainly continue to survive.

Jukka Jokilehto.

SHERIDAN BURKE (AUSTRALIA)



What a loss.

What a contribution.

Herb gave his knowledge and his time so very generously .

He shared with us insights and perspectives that pushed many of his colleagues to greater achievements

He imparted wisdom born of years of commitment to the cause of heritage conservation.

My sincere condolences to his family and grateful thanks for a mentor who became a friend.

Sadly.

Sheridan

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Burke

THOMAS H. TAYLOR (USA – FAPT)



I am truly saddened to learn about Herb's passing. I had not heard from him since he returned from Rome. I did not know that he was fighting cancer. I assumed he was teaching and as a new teacher, I know how time consuming this job can be. I just assumed he was absorbed in his work and active in the international conservation scene. He will be missed.

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CLAUDINE DÉOM (UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL)



Juste un rapide mot pour vous dire que certains d'entre nous (Christina, Julia G, Victoria A., Natalie B., Nora Mitchell, Chris Young, Gordon Bennett et d'autres) étions réunis ce soir (14 mars) à Montréal à l'occasion du cocktail pour la Table ronde de la Chaire qui commence demain. Personne n'avait le cœur à la fête mais il y avait quelque chose de réconfortant de se retrouver «en famille». Nous venons d'en perdre un membre important, mais surtout qui nous était très cher.

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JEAN-CLAUDE MARSAN (UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL)



Je suis triste et vraiment désolé. J'ai bien connu Herb pour avoir travaillé avec lui au programme en conservation à l'Université de Montréal. Il était vraiment pris de passion pour le domaine. C'est une grande perte!

Jean-Claude Marsan.

HUGH MILLER (USA – FAPT)



I am saddened to learn of Herb's death. I was looking forward to hearing about the interview. Perhaps, there will be an opportunity for friends to get together to record memories of Herb.

Hugh

ALASTAIR KERR (VICTORIA, BC, CANADA)



I heard the sad news a few hours ago. Quite frankly I feel stunned. Herb was a very dear friend. He cast such a big shadow that I feel it is the passing of an era. I'll always remember our last dinner together (Herb, Francois, Alastair) in San Miguel de Allende, thanks to you and the GCI. It was such a memorable evening. I couldn't imagine either of you retiring. Then I finally did. And now Herb is gone forever.

Alastair.



HERB ACCEPTING THE JACQUES DALIBARD AWARD DURING THE ICOMOS 16TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN QUEBEC CITY CANADA, 2008