

# Professor Herb Stovel

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**Conservation architect, planner, and educator**

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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## Career overview

Herb Stovel has been at the forefront of efforts both to develop and apply new approaches to conservation problems, and to organise and deliver innovative and effective conservation training to support these approaches in Canada and internationally for 25 years. Working through key positions in government agencies (the Ontario Heritage Foundation), national foundations (Heritage Canada), the private sector, international organisations (ICCROM and the UNESCO World Heritage Convention) and the field's professional associations (APT, ICOMOS), major initiatives have included:

- } Setting up and running the initial long-term programme for the restoration, use, and maintenance of the 35 historic properties owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation (in 1978);
- } Setting up the first down-town revitalisation training programme in Canada for Heritage Canada's Main Street programme (in 1984);
- } Setting up and managing the first long-term training programme for the conservation programme established by the Canadian Government for the buildings in its ownership (FHBRO- Federal Heritage Building Review office), 1985-1998;
- } Employed as initiating Professor and Programme Director for the University of Montreal's *Conservation of the Built Environment* Masters Programme, the oldest and largest post-graduate programme in Canada (1990);
- } Initiating and managing ICCROM's ITUC (*Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation*) programme, the first international training programme for urban conservation, 1994-2003;
- } Leading international efforts within ICOMOS, ICCROM, and UNESCO to establish new conceptual frameworks for monitoring the effectiveness of conservation activity, for using authenticity analysis in conservation treatment, for cultural landscape management, for strengthening integrated approaches to urban conservation, and for increasing concern for risk preparedness for cultural heritage.

Herb Stovel's conservation activities have crossed the broad spectrum of heritage from management of collections, through care of historic buildings, to involvement with management of historic cities and landscapes. His Canadian experience (which has involved him in projects and workshops in all regions of the country), has been complemented by significant involvement with conservation projects and programmes in the USA, in Latin America (Brazil in particular), in SE Asia (Thailand and Laos in particular), in S. Asia (Nepal and India in particular), in Japan, and in Europe (the Baltic countries of Eastern Europe, and Lithuania in particular).

Prof. Stovel has carried out 85 international conservation missions since 1984, to sites and meetings of particular conservation interest, and has lectured extensively in more than 30 countries. Prof. Stovel is a prolific writer, having published 7 books and written more than 800 conservation reports and articles.

Prof. Stovel's primary interest is to apply the new theoretical frameworks he has helped develop to practice, as expressed in the title of the first APT Conference to deal with conservation philosophy, *Principles in Practice*, which he organised in Toronto in 1984.

Herb Stovel joined Carleton University's School of Canadian Studies on Sept. 1, 2004, where he manages the heritage conservation programme area of study.

### **Recent Responsibilities:**

Herb Stovel recently completed 6 years on the staff of ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property), in Rome, Italy, where he served until August 31, 2004 as both Director, Heritage Settlements Unit, and World Heritage Convention Coordinator, in Rome.

His primary responsibilities included managing the following ICCROM programmes and courses:

- ITUC (Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation) international programme for managers of historic cities and landscapes, including regional programmes in Latin America, Eastern Europe (the Baltics) and South/ South-east Asia;
- Africa 2009, concerned with building capacity among professionals and specialists involved with the built heritage in 40 countries in sub-Saharan Africa;
- Living Heritage Programme, concerned with increasing community involvement in various aspects of conservation, for example with archaeological sites in SE Asia (Mekong River project), and also in places of particular religious value, where efforts were focused on reconciling concern for meeting the requirements of both heritage and faith;
- World Heritage Convention advisory services programme. ICCROM is named in the 1972 Convention as an Advisory Body to the World Heritage Committee and gives most of its attention to development of training strategies and related initiatives to improve implementation of the Convention in the 176 countries signatory to the Convention;
- Architectural Conservation courses, carried out in co-operation with local partners:
  - Venice stone conservation course, an 11-week international course given in Venice every two years,
  - Norwegian wood conservation course, a 5-week international course given in Norway every two years,
  - ACCU Japanese conservation courses: 4-week international courses for professionals from the UNESCO Asia-Pacific region. In alternating years, courses on archaeological site conservation, and wood conservation are given,
  - MARC (Modern Architecture Conservation) course, a 4-week international course given every three years in Finland.

ICCROM is an international, intergovernmental organisation set up by UNESCO in 1956 to improve conditions for conservation of all forms of cultural heritage from collections to buildings to cities and landscapes through training, research, provision of technical assistance, information acquisition and dissemination, and awareness building.

### **Education :**

B.Sc. (Arch) 1970, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

B.Arch, 1972, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Prof. Stovel graduated with distinction winning the McConnell Travelling scholarship, and the H.J. Featherstonehaugh Prize for Professional Practice. Prof. Stovel's thesis project involved developing housing along Montreal's Lachine Canal, a follow up to two years spent working in a McGill University community design workshop under Prof. Joseph Baker, in Montreal's mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Irish neighbourhood of Griffintown.

M.Sc. (Environmental Conservation) 1978 Heriot-Watt University/Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Working under the direction of Prof. Colin McWilliam, Prof. Stovel completed his thesis on the development of conservation thinking within the Open Air Museum movement of Europe, from 1880 to 1977..

Diploma, Scientific Principles of Conservation, 1982, ICCROM

A 4-month programme concerned with conservation of materials, and objects in collections, directed by Dr. Giorgio Torracca and co-ordinated by Dr. Nicholas Stanley-Price.

### **Employment in conservation**

*Architectural practice (private sector)*

⌋ **Hugh Valentine, Architect, MRAIC, OAQ. Montreal, Canada, 1972-1973.**

⌋ Ship and Krakow, Architects, Montreal, Canada, 1973-1976.

In his work with small Montreal-based private sector architectural firms, Prof. Stovel was involved primarily with carrying out feasibility studies for rehabilitation of historic structures in the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century historic quarter of 'Old Montreal' and for developing drawings and specifications for follow-up renovation work.

#### Conservation agencies

- ⌋ Ontario Heritage Foundation. Responsible as property and project manager for the 35 historic properties owned by the Foundation, 1978-1984.

Prof. Stovel developed a policy and operational framework for the management of the Foundation's historic properties. The framework, given the Foundation's limited financial resources, involved launching an intensive research programme, the mobilisation of community support for properties visited by the public, developing a care-taker tenancy approach to management of most properties, and initiating a set of management guidelines guiding those involved through the various steps of the conservation process. Properties undergoing major conservation work in this period included the 1800 Homewood farm in Maitland, the 1850 Hudson's Bay Company Staff House, Moose Factory, the 1889 Mather-Walls House, Keewatin and Spadina House (1860), Toronto.

- ⌋ Heritage Canada. Director of Education, Main Street Canada Programme (1984-1986)

Prof. Stovel developed and managed a training programme for Main Street coordinators employed in 70 Main Street Canada project towns. In 4 years, annual training courses were given in French and in English to over 100 involved working in towns in all parts of the country. The training programme was supported with a series of training manuals (including *Design on Main Street* by Stovel and Deslauriers, Heritage Canada (1985) and technical notes).

- ⌋ Heritage Canada. Director of Education, all programmes (1986-1988).

As Director of Education, Prof. Stovel developed a national network of 3000 teachers involved with putting concern for heritage in youth curriculae, and with related materials: a directory of training initiatives in schools across the country, and a supporting newsletter.

## Self-employment

} Founded and directed 'Institute for Heritage Education', Montreal, Canada. 1989-1998.

Prof. Stovel, working both alone and in combination with his wife (Meryl Oliver) carried out a range of professional consulting activities within the scope of the Institute's work including:

- Developing and delivering the activities of the FHBRO training programme for 10 years in more than 60 training workshops for more than 1000 government employed project and building managers, in all parts of Canada;
- Carried out the most extensive study of a cultural landscape undertaken in Canada, for Parks Canada, on the Rideau Canal Corridor in Eastern Ontario.
- Developed design guidelines in association with Gersovitz, Becker, Moss architects (Montreal) for the long-term retention of the 'character' of the town of Beaconsfield, a 1950s Montreal suburban community, and for the town of Montreal West, a turn-of-the-century 'garden suburb';
- Carried out a conservation study of development options for the early 18<sup>th</sup> century Hurtubise House in Westmount, Quebec.

## University of Montreal

} Directed University of Montreal's Post-graduate programme in 'Conservation of the Built Environment', 1990-98. (Canada's oldest and largest post-graduate programme). Status: professeur agrege; awarded tenure in 1993.

Prof. Stovel, in 1990, was the first professional invited to be responsible for the French language post-graduate conservation programme. The programme, initially founded as the M3R (Restauration, Renovation, Recyclage) programme grew out of a number of

very successful 3-week summer schools organised by Heritage Montreal in the middle 1980s. During Mr. Stovel's tenure, the programme grew (Jean-Caude Marsan and Jacques Dalibard took on part-time professor roles), changed its focus to become the MCBE (Masters for the Conservation of the Built Environment) and received 140 students in 9 years. A third of the programme's students came from French-speaking countries in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Given the international nature of the programme, Prof. Stovel also linked the MCBE to relevant programme activities of ICCROM.

## ICCROM

- ⌋ Following an 11 month stay at ICCROM, during which he received a Diploma in the 'Scientific Principles of Conservation', Prof. Stovel has collaborated actively with ICCROM in various capacities:
  - ⌋ Regular involvement with ICCROM since 1984 as mission consultant, adviser, and as lecturer in ARC courses, and in 1993, and 1994 as organiser of 6-week urban conservation component of 6 month long ARC courses;
  - ⌋ Employed as ICCROM staff: Programme Manager, ITUC (Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation) Programme, and ICCROM World Heritage Convention Coordinator, Sept. 1998;
  - ⌋ Became Director of ICCROM's Heritage Settlements Unit in February 2000.

## Languages

Prof. Stovel has worked in English, French, and Italian.

## Activity with professional organisations

A.P.T. International (Association for Preservation Technology International)

Member of Board Directors 1984-1993

President of APT, 1989-1991

## ICOMOS International

Co-opted to ICOMOS Executive Committee, May 1988.

Secretary-General of ICOMOS (1990-1993)

Member (representing Canada)

ICOMOS Vernacular Committee (1984-1987)

ICOMOS Wood Committee (corresponding member since 1985)

ICOMOS Historic Towns Committee (since 1988)

ICOMOS Training and Education Committee (1987-1990)

## ICOMOS Canada

Member of Board Directors (1984-1990; 1993-1997)

President of ICOMOS Canada (1993-1997)

## **Architectural associations**

Member Order of Architects of Quebec (1974 -1978.)

Member Order of Architects of Ontario (1978 - 1998)



## Publications

### Books

1. H. Stovel, *Design on Main Street*, assisted by Helene Deslauriers, Heritage Canada, 1986.
2. H. Stovel, *Safeguarding historic urban ensembles in a time of change: A Management Guide*, Government of Canada/Quebec City, 1991.
3. H. Stovel, member of Editorial Group, which included Jukka Jokilehto, Raymond Lemaire, Kanefusa Masuda, Nils Marstein under principal editor, Knut Einar Larsen. *Nara Conference on Authenticity in relation to the World Heritage Convention*, Proceedings of meeting held in Nara, Japan, 1-6 November 1994. Published by UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Agency for Cultural Affairs, ICCROM, ICOMOS. 1995.
4. Herb Stovel, FHBRO (Federal Heritage Building Review Office) Code of Practice, assisted by Julian Smith, Public Works Canada, 1993; revised edition, 1996.
5. H. Stovel, *Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage*, ICCROM/UNESCO/ICOMOS/WHC. 1998. A Spanish language version of Risk Preparedness: a Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage (UNESCO- ICCROM ICOMOS) was published in 2003;
6. H. Stovel, editor and principal author, *The Rideau Canal Corridor Cultural Landscape Conservation Study*, published by Parks Canada, 1998, in both book and CD format.
7. H. Stovel, editor (with the assistance of Marc Hockings). *Monitoring World Heritage*. World Heritage Papers 10. World Heritage 2002: Shared Legacy, Common Responsibility. Proceedings of workshop held in Vicenza, Italy, 11-12 November, 2002. Published by UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Oct. 2004.

### Articles, reports

Mr. Stovel has written more than 800 articles, editorials, reports since 1976 covering various facets of heritage conservation. See below for selected recent articles.

### Conferences, colloquia

Mr. Stovel has made more than 170 presentations in international and national colloquia and meetings in over 35 countries since 1979.

He has organised many significant international colloquia prior to working for ICCROM including:

- APT 1984, Toronto, Canada ‘Principles in Practices’. 600 participants;
- Cultural Landscape management. University of Montreal and UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Spring 1993. Montreal. 45 international participants;
- ITUC (Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation) Advisory Committee; seminar for ICCROM and . University of Montreal. Spring 1996. 50 international participants.

After arriving at ICCROM in September 1998, Prof. Stovel organised more than 20 international seminars and workshops on themes related to urban and territorial conservation. Key meetings include the following:

- } Monitoring for Historic Cities, four-day international symposium for 45 participants, organised by ICCROM with support from UNESCO, in Valletta, Malta, May, 2000;
- } Authenticity and Reconstruction for 100 conservation professionals from 11 countries, in Riga, Latvia, Oct. 2000. Three-day seminar organised by ICCROM with the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO. This meeting resulted in adoption of the Riga Charter;
- } Curriculum development for integrated urban conservation. Three-day international seminar to review and consolidate curricula used for integrated approaches to urban conservation held at ICCROM for 16 international experts, June 2001.

## Training and Education

Training and education has been the primary focus of Prof. Stovel’s professional career since 1984. Apart for his involvement as Director of Education for Heritage Canada’s Main Street Programme (1984-86), as Director of Education for Heritage Canada (1986-88), and as Director of the University of Montreal’s post-graduate programme in Conservation of the Built Environment 1990-1998 (see above), he has given courses at the University of Vermont’s post-graduate conservation programme (1996-1997) and lectured at 29 universities world-wide. He has also organised and delivered over 90 short courses (2-3 days) for mid-career professionals in Canada and the United States since 1983 in all areas of heritage conservation. These have included courses for government managers, (integrating conservation in project management, cultural resource management), and professional development courses (masonry conservation, repair and upgrading of windows, and providing universal access to historic buildings).

## ICCROM

### Training courses

Mr. Stovel has organised and delivered conservation courses touching many facets of the field in Rome and elsewhere. Some examples include:

- } Co-directed of the Venice International Stone Conservation Training course (with Prof. Lorenzo Lazzarini of the University School of Architecture in Venice), since Jan. 2000. This international course, created by UNESCO and given every two years since 1976, tries to assist participants from all sectors involved with stone conservation to improve their ability to assess stone conservation problems and to prescribe appropriate treatments;
- } Organised and led three international ITUC (Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation) courses held in Rome: for 6 and a half weeks, May and June 1999 for 15 participants; for 4 weeks (special focus on cultural landscapes) in Nov. 2002 for 16 participants; and for 8 weeks in May and June 2003 for 15 participants;
- } Organised and led one week regional ITUC training courses for urban and county level managers from 5 countries (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine) in 1997 (Nida, Lithuania), in 1998 (Druskininkai, Lithuania), and in 1999 (Kaunas, Lithuania);
- } Organised and led a regional one week ITUC course for 65 urban conservation managers and decision-makers from 12 countries in South/ South-East Asia, in the World Heritage City of Luang Prabang, Laos, in Feb. 2000;
- } Organised and led a ‘Risk preparedness for Cultural Heritage’ pilot training workshop (one week) for Caribbean and Central American authorities and professionals from 21 countries held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Jan. 2001.
- } Organised and led a one week training seminar on World Heritage in Delhi, India in Oct. 2002, for professionals from the Archaeological Survey of India and professional colleagues in State Governments, NGOs and universities.
- } Organised and led follow up risk preparedness one week training course for Caribbean and Central American authorities and professionals in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in Dec. 2003, in the context of efforts of to develop and test an ICCROM Risk Preparedness training manual.
- } Organised and led one week training course on risk preparedness for Indian professionals from the Archaeological Survey of India, INTACH and various civil defense authorities, in Delhi, in March 2004, in the context of efforts of to develop and test an ICCROM Risk Preparedness training manual.
- } Prof. Stovel organised and led a 6 day training course for Palestinian conservation professionals July 17-25, 2004, in Bethlehem, West Bank, as part of a long term training programme aimed at building Palestinian capacity in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

## Training Strategy

Prof. Stovel has been very much involved with development of regional and international strategies for training. Some examples include the following:

- ⌋ Development of a Training Strategy for Latin American Historic Cities. A four-day seminar organised by ICCROM with UNESCO support in Quito, Ecuador, Nov. 2000, for 40 professionals from the university sector, historic city management sector, development and lending sector, and the international conservation agencies, based on a two year programme of research in Latin America carried out with CECI , Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil;
- ⌋ Development from 1998 forward of the Global Training Strategy for World Cultural and Natural Heritage. This strategy was presented to the Committee in Dec. 2001 in Helsinki and adopted by the Committee, along with a supporting action plan. Prof. Stovel and ICCROM colleagues are now implementing this strategy incrementally year by year with support from the World Heritage Committee;
- ⌋ Initiation of development of a Training Strategy for World Cultural Heritage in South East Asia for the World Heritage Committee in 1999 and 2000. This strategy has provided a base for development of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management, a consortium of 30 regional universities involved with conservation, which both permits sharing experiences and collaboration in project development with UNESCO and ICCROM support.

## Training materials

- ⌋ Initiation and development of ‘training kits’ for implementation of the World Heritage Convention including a kit on preparation of nominations to the World Heritage List, and a second kit on monitoring and Periodic Reporting for World Heritage, for responsible officials at national and site level. These kits were completed in summer of 2003;
- ⌋ Commissioned an ICCROM ‘training kit’ on Risk Preparedness for Cultural Heritage, with the support of the World Heritage Committee. This kit will be tested in Oct. 2003 in a pilot course in India, and first applied in a regional workshop on these issues to take place in the Dominican Republic in Dec. 2003;

- ‡ Advised ICCROM ITUC partner in Latin America, CECI, Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil, on development of Latin America's first distance learning education programme in conservation, established in 2002.

## International missions

Prior to joining ICCROM, Prof. Stovel had carried out over 25 international missions, for ICOMOS, ICCROM, UNESCO and others to heritage places of particular importance, usually in the context of World Heritage site evaluation and monitoring. These missions included :

- ‡ Participation in an international meeting organised by the Soviet Union in Sept. 1988 to review options for the long-term conservation of the Kizhi Pogost World Heritage site, located in the Karelia region. The site includes the 1740s wooden Church of the Transfiguration;
- ‡ Leadership of an international team of eight experts to the three World Heritage sites of Anaradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Sigiriya in Sri Lanka in 1994 to carry out a three-week monitoring mission for the three archaeological sites;
- ‡ A one-week mission to the World Heritage city of Lithuania, Vilnius in Sept. 1995 at the invitation of the Canadian Urban Institute (Toronto), to explore means to increase public participation in heritage decision-making, in the newly emerging transition economies of the Baltic region;
- ‡ A mission to Georgetown, Guyana in summer 1998 for UNESCO to assist local authorities in reviewing and preparing a possible World Heritage nomination for the historic capital of the country, Georgetown;
- ‡ Leadership of an international team of six experts to the Russian archipelago of Solovetski, located in the White Sea, in August 1998, to carry out a state of conservation monitoring mission for the World Heritage Site for the governments of Norway and Russia.

ICCROM: Since joining ICCROM in Sept. 1998, Prof. Stovel has carried out 60 international missions to sites and meetings of importance in promoting the goals of conservation at the international level. These missions have included:

- ‡ Participation in an international meeting organised in Recife , Brazil by ICCROM ITUC partner CECI, Conservation and Sustainable Urban Development: a Theoretical Framework, CECI , Oct. 1998. Prof. Stovel gave a paper during the meeting,

subsequently published in the meeting proceedings: Applying Sustainability to Urban Conservation (CECI ed. Zancheti, 1999);

- } Participation as a lecturer and conservation adviser in the third annual CECI training course organised in 2000, in the World Heritage city of San Luis Brazil. The four-month training course was designed to include 20 local officials (among others) and through their exchanges to have a strong positive impact on the long term conservation of the city;
- } A mission to the Architectural Conservation Programme, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong, in Dec. 2001, both to lecture the current post-graduate group, and to develop links with ICCROM and HKU in terms of delivering regional programmes;
- } A visit to Edinburgh, Scotland to give a ‘master class’ lecture (on Risk Preparedness) in a series of professional lectures for the public organised by the Edinburgh College of Art post-graduate conservation programme, in Jan. 2003. This visit afforded a chance to discuss with public officials the nature and follow up to a fire which destroyed 13 buildings in the Cowgate District of the World Heritage City of Edinburgh in Dec. 2002;
- } Visits to the Moravian community of Christiansfeld, Demark, in both October 2000 and April 2003 to participate in discussions about balancing concern for preservation of religious heritage and maintaining the requirements of faith within the congregation, and to explore the feasibility of a ‘serial’ World Heritage nomination for Moravian communities worldwide and the development of a heritage network within these communities;
- } Participation in an international expert meeting organised by the Russian authorities to review the state of the conservation of the World Heritage site of Kizhi Pogost, Karelia and various current conservation proposals, August 2002.

UNESCO World Heritage Convention: Prof. Stovel, as ICOMOS Secretary-General led the ICOMOS delegation at three meetings of the World Heritage Committee (1990 in Banff Canada; 1991 in Carthage, Tunisia; 1992 in Santa Fe, USA), accompanied the ICOMOS delegation in 1993 in Cartagena, Colombia; and represented ICCROM as the organisation’s World Heritage Co-ordinator in World Heritage Committee meetings in 1998 in Kyoto, Japan; in 1999 in Fes, Morocco; in 2000 in Paris, France, and in Cairns, Australia; in 2001 in Helsinki, Finland; in 2002 in Budapest, Hungary; in 2003 (twice) in Paris, France, and in 2004, in Suzhou, China.

ICOMOS World Heritage evaluations: Prof. Stovel carried out evaluations of five sites nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List. These include Alberobello, Puglia in Italy

(1994); Edinburgh, Scotland (1995), Patmos, Greece (2000), and the historic city of Tbilisi and the valley of Vardzia-Khertvisi, in Georgia (2003).

#### **Missions and colloquia since joining Carleton University in Sept. 2004:**

- ⌋ Prof. Stovel gave a keynote Canadian perspective on sustainable stewardship during the Heritage Canada annual meeting held in Saint John, New Brunswick, Sept. 10, 2004.
- ⌋ Prof. Stovel travelled to Edinburgh Oct. 19-24, 2004, following his appointment as External Adviser to the Heriot-Watt/ Edinburgh College of Art Heritage Conservation post graduate programme (2004-2008), to review these produced by students in summer 2004.
- ⌋ Prof. Stovel travelled to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Nov. 5-9, 2004 to participate in an international meeting focussed on developing an international, serial, trans-boundary World Heritage nomination. Prof. Stovel gave a paper which examined considerations in developing a WH nomination for Moravian Cultural Heritage.
- ⌋ Prof. Stovel travelled to Zaragosa, Spain Nov. 11-14, 2004 to participate in a European Union APPEAR project meeting.
- ⌋ Prof. Stovel travelled to Recife, Brazil, to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> international seminar on integrated urban conservation, held Nov. 22-25, 2004. Prof. Stovel gave the seminar's keynote address.

#### **International initiatives**

##### **Conservation doctrine**

Mr. Stovel has led many of the most important efforts to develop conservation doctrine in the international world, and in his own home country. He has made particular contributions to development of the following texts:

- ⌋ The Appleton Charter (Canada), 1983; one of 9 authors of the charter produced by ICOMOS Canada's English speaking Committee;
- ⌋ The Declaration of Tryavna (ICOMOS Wood-Vernacular Committees, Bulgaria, 1987);

- The Charter of Bokrijk (ICOMOS Vernacular Committee 1986);
- The New Orleans Charter (APT - 1990), on managing needs of collections and the historic buildings within which they are housed;
- The Nara Document on Authenticity (Nara, Nov. 1994-ICOMOS, UNESCO, Japan), Co-author with Raymond Lemaire;
- The Kobe-Tokyo Declaration on Cultural Heritage at Risk, (Japan, ICOMOS, ICCROM, UNESCO. Jan. 1997);
- The Charter of Riga (Oct. 2000). Initiator of project and international meeting for ICCROM, and co-author of document;
- The Charter of Krakow (2000), a European perspective for the new millennium. Key participant in chapters on historic towns and training.

## Authenticity

In the early 1990s, Mr. Stovel initiated the international discussion of authenticity in the context of Japanese adherence to the World Heritage Committee, arising from Japanese concern for European bias in assessment of Japanese conservation practices. Mr. Stovel with Raymond Lemaire were general rapporteurs during the international meeting organised by the Government of Japan, UNESCO and ICOMOS to address the issue of different approaches to conservation decision-making in different cultural contexts, and were co-authors of the resulting 1994 Nara Document on Authenticity. This initiative, the first effort to create an international document since the Venice Charter of 1964, has since promoted significant diversity and plurality in conservation approaches (confirming that conservation decisions should be assessed in their cultural context). It has led to more than 40 subsequent follow-up national, regional and international meetings on the subject. ICOMOS adopted the Nara Document in 1999, and this is now a standard reference within the ‘test of authenticity’ applied to nominations to the World Heritage List. Mr. Stovel has recently completed writing a 6 page annex (annex 5) to the Operational Guidelines for Implementation of the World Heritage Convention to set the Nara Document in context.



## Risk-preparedness

Mr. Stovel chaired the first international round-table of the Inter-agency task force on risk preparedness established in 1992 by ICOMOS and UNESCO and was actively involved with ICOMOS, ICCROM and UNESCO in many of its subsequent projects and activities in this area, including authorship of the 1998 Risk Preparedness: a Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage (UNESCO- ICCROM ICOMOS). Mr. Stovel has organised several courses for ICCROM making use of this manual (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 1998; Dominican Republic, 2001), has participated actively in many international and regional symposia held on the subject (e.g., the Canadian Risk Preparedness summit of summer 1996; the Kobe-Tokyo meeting of 1997 a follow up to the Great Hanshin earthquake of Jan . 1995 in Kobe, Japan), and has initiated production of a Risk Preparedness Training Kit for ICCROM in 2002 which will be tested in Oct. 2003 in India.

## Integrated conservation

Herb Stovel has lead recent efforts to promote and develop appropriate *integrated* approaches for urban and territorial conservation at the international level. These efforts begun outside the international institutional framework in the early 1990s, and led to the adoption of this focus within the programmes of UNESCO and ICCROM during the last decade. Prof. Stovel lead the ICCROM ITUC (Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation) programme, a 10 year programme established by ICCROM in 1995 to integrate concern for heritage in mainstream development and decision-making in response to these perceived needs at the international level. This programme will culminate with development and dissemination of an ITUC curriculum package, building on and integrating 10 years of experiences, for use by universities and training agencies from 2005.

## Monitoring

Mr. Stovel has led recent international discussions aimed at establishing meaningful indicators for monitoring the impact of time and development on the particular qualities and values of historic cities, as a means to improve historic city management. His efforts which examine indicators in three areas - the state of conservation of the heritage entity itself, the forces and conditions in the socio-economic and cultural environment within which the city lies, and the effectiveness of interventions (be these strategies or actions) planned to address particular

problems were developed in the context of preparing a "Monitoring Reference Manual" for World Heritage Cities for UNESCO. Mr. Stovel also organised for the World Heritage Centre in Nov. 2002, in the context of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the World heritage Convention, a two day international workshop for 25 participants to look at the state of the art in monitoring approaches for cultural and natural heritage. The proceedings of this meeting were published by the World Heritage Centre in their 'World Heritage Papers' series in Oct. 2004.

## Publications in progress

Prof. Stovel is currently preparing the following book length publications, reports and manuals:

- ⌋ **Management Guidelines for World Heritage Cities (UNESCO / ICCROM / ICOMOS). Due 2005;**
- Kizhi Pogost. A digest of the results of international meetings and discussions held concerning the WH site since 1988. (Informal report ICCROM- UNESCO). To be produced in early 2005;
- ITUC curriculum package, covering 10 years of ITUC experiences. A package of training materials and lessons derived from ITUC training courses and research projects being readied for use by teachers in universities and training institutions. To be published by ICCROM in 2005.
- A volume of papers from the ICCROM international workshop, Living Religious Heritage: Conserving the Sacred held by ICCROM in Rome Oct. 20-22, 2003.

## Selected recent articles:

- ⌋ Stovel, Herb. Nara revisitato: l'impatto del Documento di Nara sulla comprensione e uso del concetto di autenticita [Nara revisited: the impact of the Nara Document on understanding and use of the authenticity concept] in: *Il restauro fra identita e autenticita*, Atti della tavola rotonda 'I principi fondativi del restauro architettonico', Venezia 31 gennaio 1-febbraio 1999, pp. 35-44 [English version pp. 243-250 (Venezia: Marsilio, 2000)].
- ⌋ Stovel, Herb. 'Temi e struttura' (dibattito) [Framework and issues (debate)] in: *Il restauro fra identita e autenticita*, Atti della tavola rotonda 'I principi fondativi del restauro architettonico', Venezia 31 gennaio 1-febbraio 1999, pp. 197-198 [english version pp. 397-398] (Venezia: Marsilio, 2000).

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## Awards

Mr. Stovel received Heritage Canada's Achievement award in 1996 for his contribution to training at the national level, and to the field of conservation at the international level.

Mr. Stovel was named an Honorary Member of ICOMOS Canada in Nov. 2000, in recognition of his contributions to the organisation during his tenure as President.

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