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9.30 on Monday, August 29, 2022. Three years since the last one, plus an additional year's delay, the participants of TICCIH's XVIII Congress wait patiently for the event to begin. 200 people from 30 countries came to the great inland port of Montreal to share their experiences of industrial heritage and ideas about where it might be heading. Photo: Miles Oglethorpe

## TICCIH PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Miles Oglethorpe*

Since the last issue of this Bulletin, so much has happened that it is difficult to know where to start. The most important observation is that we finally escaped the constraints of CoVid and started travelling and meeting again. For me, this has involved eventful trips to Ontario and Quebec in Canada, and to Asturias in Spain. The value of meeting in person and the spontaneity of the resulting interaction was overwhelmingly apparent. Real meetings with real people are back. Finding an optimum balance for our collaborative work in the future is going to be an interesting challenge.

Canada began with the delayed workshop on Petroleum Heritage in Oil Springs, Ontario, the world's oldest operating oil field [see [page 25](#)]. The event was hosted and supported by Fairbank Oil to formally launch TICCIH's global thematic study on petroleum heritage, and to explore its findings. This was an inspiring experience, boosted by the delegation from Bóbrka in Poland, another historic oil field with significant links to Ontario. The possibility of a Canadian/Polish collaboration emerged, potentially leading to a serial World Heritage nomination.

From the edge of Ontario to Montreal in Quebec, and the first major TICCIH congress in four years. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and total admiration to Professor Lucie Morisset and her team for organising a truly outstanding conference. To have done so against the backdrop and swirling uncertainties of a pandemic was an extraordinary achievement. The venue, in the University of Montreal in Quebec (UQAM), was first

class, as were the staff and volunteers who looked after us. The congress app was a triumph, really improving the experience of being in a large congress with parallel sessions and stacks of documentation. All the work that was put into organising the presentations paid off, and there was a superb variety of topics and excellent papers. Crucially, all were within the same building, its sunny atrium filled each day with a tide of delegates round an unending supply of fresh coffee and cakes, ebbing and flowing as the program unfolded. Papers were interspersed by informed walks through the industrial landscapes of Montreal, where issues much debated in the congress, around deindustrialisation, valorization, re-use or gentrification, could all be clearly seen.

The profile of the participants was notably young and seemingly from a wide geographical area. On the other hand I was sorry that some of the people who have especially contributed to TICCIH in recent years could not make it, including founder Neil Cossons, our treasurer David Worth, Board members Massimo Preite, Iain Stewart and Jaime Migone, and the last two presidents Eusebi Casanelles and Patrick Martin.

One of the most important innovations was the introduction of a plenary session devoted to National Reports, organised by Dag Avango. This worked well, showcasing the work of TICCIH members across the globe to the whole congress as well as to consular representatives including Chile, Brazil and Japan.

For TICCIH, the General Assembly was a critical session, especially because of the need to update our statutes and associated voting procedures. It required a great deal of preparation by our Secretary General, Marion Steiner, working with Daniel Schneider on our membership, contacting national representatives and



Professor Lucie Morisset seemed to be everywhere at the congress, and deserves massive credit for carrying the event through to its successful conclusion.

potential candidates for election (see article on [page 19](#)). We were delighted to welcome six new Board members, enhancing our geographical coverage and diversifying our expertise.

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The first meeting of the new Board in Montreal (from left to right): Marion Steiner, Hsiao-Wei Lin, Mirhan Damir; José Manuel Lopes Cordeiro, Florence Hachez-Leroy, Moulshri Joshi, Bode Morin, Miles Oglethorpe and Helmuth Albrecht.

## RETOOLING TICCIH: 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OUR WORK PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT YEAR

*Dr Marion Steiner, TICCIH Secretary General*

When I became TICCIH Secretary General in 2019, among my dearest missions (see [TICCIH Bulletin #88](#)) I stated the creation and consolidation of networks beyond the Western world aiming at contributing to the creation of a more inclusive, more global, younger and also more female TICCIH. An important step has now been taken at our General Assembly celebrated on 2 September 2022 during the Congress in Montréal, with the non-competitive election of the Board for the new term 2022-25, and the announcement of major points of its work program for the first year.

The decisions taken at the General Assembly have been prepared for a long time via intense networking and conversations with colleagues around the world I had the pleasure and privilege to lead and accompany over the past three years. Of course, we were able to take advantage of the digital communications revolution imposed by the pandemic, which enabled us to address new thematic lines on which TICCIH has not been focussing on until now. I particularly remember



**MARION STEINER**

the meetings with colleagues in India, Mexico, Spain, Greece and Uruguay, as well as with the newly created TICCIH Africa, among many others. Also, TICCIH's first Global Members Meeting we organised on 3 September 2021 (see the program [here](#)), at the date when the General Assembly would have taken place if the Montréal congress had not been postponed for a year due to the pandemic.

Personally, these conversations were the most enriching experience during the pandemic, and I want to take this opportunity to warmly thank every single person who was involved, sharing their time, screens and living rooms. You have been a fundamental part of my daily interspecies life with my dog Igor here in Valparaíso during these really tough times.

### New TICCIH Board members

The TICCIH Comms Team was another great occasion to work closer with some younger TICCIH colleagues, and it is from this group that **Leonor Medeiros** from Portugal, who made a huge contribution to the elaboration of the TICCIH Communications Plan (to be published soon), and **Mirhan Damir** from Egypt, who in addition co-created TICCIH Africa in parallel, have emerged as candidates to the new TICCIH board. From the networking in Spanish, **Carolina Castañeda**, who is in close contact with the main IH networks in Spain and beyond, and **Camilo Contreras** as host of the next TICCIH Latin America Congress that will be celebrated in Monterrey, Mexico, in October 2023, have also turned into dear partners for TICCIH International over the past years. The same is true for **Moulshri Joshi** from India and **Yiping Dong** from China, who make great contributions to TICCIH networks in Asia, collaborating with ANIH, mAAN, ICOMOS and our other board members from the same world region.

We invite you to read the mission statements of our six new board members and their visions for TICCIH's future on the following pages. Looking at the composition of the TICCIH Board for 2022-25 (<https://ticcih.org/about/board/>), we have diversified the geographic mix of experiences, backgrounds and disciplines, from the academic as well as the professional fields, and personally, I'm particularly happy not to be the youngest board member anymore.

### Collaborative Working Program

For our Work Program for the next year, two mayor points include the revision of the current statutes and a new Constitution for

TICCIH, and the critical revision of the TICCIH Nizhny Tagil Charta that will have its 20th anniversary next year. For both issues, we are now setting up specific commissions, and more are to come. Collaborative, horizontal and proactive ways like this will enable us to share the workload more equally between all Board members, each with clearly defined missions and tasks, and we would also like to involve more people from the global TICCIH community.

We have a lot of things to do in the future, especially when we want TICCIH to go ever more global. In particular we want to integrate and learn from the viewpoints put forward by colleagues from the so-called global South, when it comes to climate change, global justice, female and decolonial approaches to the interpretation, conservation and management of industrial legacies. This type of discussions will also prepare us for the celebration of TICCIH's 50th birthday, and perhaps inspire a second volume of the TICCIH book to highlight non-Western perspectives, approaches and projects on industrial heritage that help building the "networks of care and solidarity" Moulshri recently alluded to in her speech at the INCUNA congress in Spain, and that are so crucial to make the world a better place.

If you want to now more about the General Assembly, you can read the minutes [here](#). We have uploaded them so that every TICCIH member can access them without restrictions. If you have any questions or doubts, suggestions, or want to become an active part of the Retooling TICCIH process, please let me know.

Yours sincerely, y hasta pronto.

Bis bald, à très bientôt.

Marion

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## THE NEW TICCIH BOARD MEMBERS

Below are the brief biographies and mission statements of the new members of the TICCIH Board.



**CAROLINA CASTAÑEDA**

PhD in Architecture at the Technical University of Madrid (UPM) in its Conservation and Restoration of Architectural Heritage, I also studied at University of A Coruña (Spain) and University of Ferrara (Italy). Currently, I have refocused towards the Public Sector as Architect at the service of local councils, although my professional experience also spans the private and academic sectors. Carolina is a Board member of TICCIH-Spain and INCUNA Association, among others. As researcher, I have participated at UPM, UCM or CSIC in various projects on architectural heritage and published in journals such as Industrial Archaeology Review, Cuaderno de Notas or Limaq, as well as books and contributions to digital media.

### Mission Statement

My background and connections with the ibero-american academic communities, along with the current guidelines for the understanding and repurposing of industrial heritage, have mainly defined what I may consider the keys of my mission to the Board:

- the influence of industrial heritage in our cities in today's vision of the 2030 SDG's as a new opportunity to rethink 21st century spaces and urban design;
- gender perspective, as a transversal subject that interlinks, not only the understanding of industrial heritage but also paves a way to redefine its adaptive reuse and environmental design;
- and the potential of enhancing the links between the Iberian Peninsula and Latin-American countries, which has already been initiated in TICCIH through the Latin American Colloquium.

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**CAMILO CONTRERAS**

PhD in Social Sciences. Professor-Researcher in the Department of Cultural Studies at El Colef since 1992, Monterrey, Mexico. Nationally recognized as a Level 3 Researcher (the maximum before professor emeritus) in the National System of Researchers. He is co-founder of the networks Industrial Heritage of Mexico, Conservation, Studies and Dissemination (PIMCED) and the Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage of Nuevo León. He has had academic stays at the Universities of Oviedo, Spain; Marseille, France; and Birmingham, UK. Every year he is co-organizer of the International Congress of Industrial Heritage in Monterrey, Mexico.

### Mission Statement

The main objective is to promote the cohesion and networking of people and groups that work around the industrial heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean. This includes all sectors: academic, social, government and private. It is also important in this objective to facilitate the participation in international forums of people from countries in the region that until now have not been included due to lack of resources and other circumstances.

The key activities:

- Form a directory in each of Latin America and Caribbean country with people and groups that work around industrial heritage.
- Establish a network with nodes in the different subregions.
- Create a collective work program with the participation of the people of the region that includes objectives, activities and specific times.
- Create a permanent communication vehicle in the region.

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MIRHAN DAMIR

Damir obtained her PhD in heritage conservation and building history from the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Germany in 2022. As an architect, and heritage conservator, she is experienced in research and teaching in academic institutions in Egypt, Germany, and Jordan. Damir is part of TICCIH CommsTeam and a founding member of TICCIH Africa. She currently works as a lecturer at the Faculty of Fine Arts, Alexandria University in Egypt.

#### Mission Statement

Realizing the scarce interlinkages of African and Arab countries to the global industrial history, my mission for TICCIH is to transform this status from omission into inclusion.

As the acknowledgment of industrial legacies still lags in official, scholarly, and public sections in African and Arab regions, I would like to contribute to the awareness-building on industrial legacies and draw attention to TICCIH's role in supporting governments, research institutions, and civil society organizations. By using my experience and ambitions as an academic, I aim towards building networks to support capacity building programs and promote industrial heritage through education, research, and conservation projects.

In engaging multidisciplinary members from the Arab and African regions in the TICCIH international platform, I hope to contribute to raising voices of Western(de)centric networks to support shedding light on new narratives and discourses related to industrial heritage. The aim here is NOT to establish a counter-group, but rather to communicate together so we can establish a fair platform for knowledge exchange and reinterpretation admittance.

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YIPING DONG

Yiping Dong is an architectural historian, architect, critic, heritage researcher, and curator. As the first TICCIH member from China in 2003, she has actively been involved with the growth of the research community in China on Industrial Heritage. Her research investigates the theory and history of industrial spaces in the mechanical ages, the transnational process for modern industries, and the connection to the local context, particularly in the Yangtze Delta region textile industry. She also worked on the adaptive reuse of industrial buildings, the interpretation of industrial heritage sites, and critical heritage studies, particularly heritage valorization.

#### Mission Statement

The Industrial Heritage in China is part of globalization and is deeply rooted in the local cultural, geographical, and industrial context. IH in China has widely integrated with industry upgrading, urban regeneration, museum study, and ecological and sustainable development for regional development. Cross-culture research with an interdisciplinary approach to industrial heritage is essential to understanding industrial sites' significance. The IH study and conservation should benefit the sustainable development of industrial communities.

- By organizing research-sharing events with TICCIH in future, I wish:
- To consolidate the foundational research on IH in China with TICCIH via documentation, inventory, value study, and interdisciplinary approach to interpreting the industrial heritage
- To link the current thematic studies of Industrial Heritage with the sites in China.

To bridge the Critical Heritage studies with the Industrial Heritage conservation in China.

To support the nomination for UNESCO WHC in the Asia Pacific region.

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**LEONOR A. P. DE MEDEIROS**

Archaeologist, PhD in Heritage & Industrial Archaeology from Michigan Technological University, USA, and MA in Heritage Management from the Ironbridge International Institute of Cultural Heritage, University of Birmingham, UK. I am Assistant Professor at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, NOVA University of Lisbon (NOVA FCSH), researcher at CHAM - Centre for the Humanities, and president of APAI - Portuguese Association of Industrial Archaeology.

You can find me working in the documentation, interpretation and inventory of industrial sites, and participating in citizen initiatives for cultural heritage, even doing science communication. I dream of implementing a project for the creation of new methodologies in the inventory, study and management of industrial landscapes that leads to the heritage-led sustainable development of their communities.

#### Mission statement

My mission with TICCIH aligns with my experiences as a young professional. I aim to aid in implementing improved methodologies for public engagement with industrial heritage, through increased communication and interaction, promoting the inclusion of the wider society in decision processes and conservation efforts. I aim to reinforce TICCIH's capabilities on education and training, namely through world worldwide access to resources and increased relations with school curricula, to put this knowledge to use in current global issues. And I aim to contribute to a more representative and connected TICCIH, helping to remove barriers to access and facilitate contact, with and between members, through mentorship programs.

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**MOULSHRI JOSHI**

I have been associated with TICCIH since 2007 and have contributed in local, regional and international capacities towards the study of industrial heritage as a practicing architect, teacher and as a professional volunteer at various organisations such as ICOMOS, mAAN (modern Asian Architect network) and ANIH (Asian Network of Industrial Heritage). With this background, there are three facets I would like to focus on as a member of the TICCIH Board:

- Establish a critical practice. I refer to 'critical' in two senses – one, being critical as a mode of enquiry, raising and addressing urgent questions and including communities conventionally overlooked in formulation of 'heritage' and two, in a more technical (nuclear!) sense and with reference to the Committee itself as a self-sustaining network.
- Establish an active presence in India and Asia. This is crucial and overdue. TICCIH needs to shift its attention and point of view to 'other' parts of the world that continue to remain industrial, de-industrial, re-industrial and post-industrial – often all at once like India.
- Establish programs of study of industrial heritage with focus on short term, online courses for a broad range of students, enthusiasts and practitioners through collaboration between existing membership.

A wealth of experience and expertise rests with the membership of TICCIH, and yet training and education in the field of IH remains something TICCIH is not seen to be active in. Post-pandemic, it is possible to set up meetings without large resource mobilization and at the same time, hands-on learning such as field schools and immersive programs are more valuable than before.

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