

The Piero Gazzola Prize

The Piero Gazzola Prize was established in 1979 in memory of ICOMOS' founding President and is the highest distinction awarded by ICOMOS.

The Prize is awarded every three years during the ICOMOS General Assembly to an individual or a group of people who have worked together and contributed with distinction to the aims and objectives of ICOMOS.

The beneficiary must be a member of ICOMOS and is chosen by a Jury appointed by the ICOMOS Board. The same Jury considers the applications for ICOMOS Honorary Membership, which is conferred by the General Assembly.

The Piero Gazzola Prize, symbolised by a commemorative medal and diploma, has been previously awarded to:

- Jean Trouvelot (1981), France
- Stanislas Lorentz (1984), Poland
- Masaru Sekino (1987), Japan
- Gertrude Tripp (1990), Austria
- Bernard Feilden (1993), United Kingdom
- Ernest Allen Connally (1996), United States
- Roland Silva (1999), Sri Lanka
- Cevat Erder (2003), Turkey
- Ann Webster Smith (2005), United States
- Carmen Añón Feliú (2008), Spain
- Nobuo Ito (2011), Japan
- Henry Cleere (2014), UK
- Saleh Lamei Mostafa (2017), Egypt
- Amund Sinding-Larsen (2020), Norway
- Tamás Fejérdy (2023), Hungary

Nominations to the Prize are made by National Committees and should include:

- a note setting forth the rationale behind the nomination (maximum 750 words in .doc format),
- the candidate's curriculum vitae,
- a brief presentation of the candidates (max 3 lines),
- a passport size photograph (in .jpg or .gif format, files size maximum 1MB).

The nomination must be submitted in English and /or French, in electronic format. Additional versions in Spanish are welcome.

Candidates for the Gazzola Prize must demonstrate outstanding and sustained contributions to both ICOMOS and the broader field of heritage. The Jury will assess nominations against the following criteria:

1. **National engagement** : Demonstrated long-term contributions to the growth, development, and activities of their National Committee, including outreach and cooperation at the national level.
2. **International engagement**: Significant contributions to the aims, programmes, initiatives, and leadership of ICOMOS, including involvement in the Advisory Committee, the Scientific Council, and/or International Scientific Committees.
3. **Professional contributions** in their country and beyond as an Innovator, Advocate, Shaper, Convenor, and Mentor in the heritage field.

Nominations should be sent to ICOMOS Headquarters at: secretariat@icomos.org by 19 April 2026.