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I hereby confirm my willingness to serve and attend ICOMOS Board meetings, should I be elected ICOMOS Board member at the ICOMOS General Assembly 2026. I have been professionally engaged in the heritage field since 2005. My work in Kuldīga — recently inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List — has allowed me to integrate research leadership with applied heritage practice on a daily basis. This includes developing and coordinating governance approaches, long-term visions and strategic concepts, as well as fostering structured engagement of professional stakeholders and the wider community in heritage conservation and sustainable development processes. My involvement with ICOMOS began in 2013, shortly after completing my doctoral studies, when I joined the Board of ICOMOS Latvia. I later served as President of ICOMOS Latvia and became a member and expert of the International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH). ICOMOS has provided an essential platform for building professional networks, deepening my understanding of the international dimension of heritage, and engaging with governance and

management questions that shape both national practice and the global heritage field. I have closely followed the organization's strategic goals and institutional development. Most recently, I serve as a member of the ICOMOS GA2026 Scientific Committee. In 2025, I organized and chaired the Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium of CIVVIH in Latvia, serving both as Chair of the Organising Committee and as a member of the Scientific Committee. In parallel with my professional practice, I teach heritage conservation and development at RISEBA University of Applied Sciences, where I work as a lecturer and senior researcher. My research examines the interaction between architectural and urban heritage, traditions, skills and knowledge, exploring both tangible and intangible dimensions and their integration into contemporary urban environments. Internationally, I am committed to mentoring and motivating young professionals and have regularly participated in ICOMOS General Assemblies since 2014, as well as in CIVVIH meetings and scientific symposia, where I have consistently contributed to academic discussions. At the national level, I serve in professional associations and advisory councils. In recognition of my professional contributions, I have been appointed an Officer of the Order of the Three Stars of the Republic of Latvia. My vision for the future priorities of ICOMOS centers on strengthening the global mission of the organization, enhancing the engagement of National Committees, fostering inclusive professional dialogue, and reinforcing collaboration within World Heritage processes. Drawing from my experience working closely with cities and decision-makers, I aim to bridge heritage expertise with governance, planning and implementation. Through both academic and applied practice, I seek to connect doctrinal principles with real-life solutions, ensuring that international heritage standards are meaningfully translated into sustainable and workable strategies.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Jana Jakobsone (Latvia), Dr. arch., Manager of the World Heritage Site “Old Town of Kuldīga” and certified practising architect, with extensive experience in urban heritage management and development planning. Director of several urban environment development concepts and research projects, and General Coordinator responsible for preparing the nomination of “Old Town of Kuldīga” for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List (inscribed in 2023).

Associate Professor and Senior Researcher at RISEBA University of Applied Sciences, focusing on the integration of cultural-historical heritage into the contemporary urban environment and society. Author of more than 30 scientific and popular scientific publications and a regular speaker at international conferences. Officer of the Order of the Three Stars, the highest state decoration of the Republic of Latvia.

President of ICOMOS Latvia (2013–2021), CIVVIH expert member and member of the ICOMOS GA2026 Scientific Committee. Chair of the Organising Committee and member of the Scientific Committee of the CIVVIH Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium in Latvia (2025).