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Name of the Centre: International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage

under the Auspices of UNESCO

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1. Updates on the management of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises)—particularly on meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted

 In 2014, the agreement between UNESCO and the Government of China on the establishment of HIST was amended and resigned. The tenure of Governing Board members was changed from 6 years to 3 years. Thus, the Governing Board of HIST was reconstituted accordingly.

The new Governing Board of HIST was composed of members from UNESCO, Chinese Academy of Sciences, the competent Chinese Ministries, IUCN, ICOMOS and experts recommended by National Commissions of UNECO Member States:

Chairman				
Ding Zhongli	Vice-President and Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)			
Members (in Alphabetic Order)				
Douglas Comer	Co-President, International Committee of Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) of ICOMOS			
Guo Huadong	Director, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth (RADI) of CAS & Director of HIST			
Jonathan Hutton	Director, UNEP-WCMC Office, Cambridge, UK and representative of IUCN			
Luo, Jing	Deputy Director-General, Dept. of Science and Technology, State Administration of Cultural Heritage, China			
Rosa Lasaponara	Research Fellow, National Research Council of Italy			
Patrick McKeever	Representative of UNESCO			
Peter Woodgate	CEO, CRC for Spatial Information, Australia			
Zuo, Xiaoping	Zuo, Xiaoping  Division director, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development China			

- 2) Chinese Academy of Sciences, representing the Government of China, will start to provide annual operational budget to HIST from 2015 in addition to the operational funding provided annually by HIST's hosting institute: Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- 3) The Governing Board of HIST has its annual meeting once every calendar year. The last session of the GB was held in February 2015. It adopted HIST's Annual Work Report (2014), Biennial Work Plan (2015-2016), and amended its Rules of Procedures. To keep the Board members updated of the important activities, the Secretariat is required to report to the Board members quarterly.

#### 2. Programs and activities implemented since June 2014 and planned for the current year

N.	Title of the activity	Reference to WHCBS <sup>1</sup>
1	Huangshan Dialogue on UNESCO Designated Places and	4.8
	Sustainable Development - Application of Space	
	Technologies for World Heritage Sites, World Biosphere	
	Reserves and Global Geoparks. 27-30 May, 2014	
2	MOU signed between HIST and ACCIMT (Arthur Clark	7.1
	Institute of Modern Technology, Sri Lanka) on using space	
	technologies for World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka	
3	2nd International Workshop Application of Space	3.7
	Technologies in Management and Conservation of World	
	Heritage Site, 1-19 July 2014	
4	A Virtual Ground Station launched in the Authority for the	3.6
	Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of	
	Siem Reap in Cambodia for China's Satellite Quicklook	
	Data Service, September, 2014	
5	Satellite images for the Ancient City of Aleppo before and	7.1
	after booming processed and provided to UNESCO World	
	Heritage Centre, September, 2014	
6	Joint Archaeological Test under the "Smart Management	7.1
	of Cultural Heritage Sites in Italy and China: Earth	
	Observation and Pilot Projects", 16-25 October, 2014	
7	"Space Technology for Nomination of Mount Altai onto	2.4
	World Heritage list and the protection of Mount Tianshan	
	World Heritage site" Seminar, 21 November, 2014	
8	International Seminar on Space Technologies for Natural	4.8
	and Cultural Heritage and the 4th Session of the HIST	
	Governing Board, 2-4 February, 2015	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>WHCBS stands for the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (see: <a href="http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf">http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf</a>)

9	Fine Earth Observation and Cognition of the Impact of Global Changes on World Heritage Sites. 2014-2015	7.1
10	6 <sup>th</sup> EABRN-UNESCO Training Course. Programmed: 20-30, May 2015	3.7
11	3rd International Workshop Application of Space Technologies in Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites. To be confirmed.	3.7
12	Building Partnership with some African countries using space technologies for World Heritage Sites and World Biosphere Reserves. Programmed: the second half of 2015	7.1
13	International Symposium on Earth Observation for Maritime Silk Road, Programmed: November 2015	4.8
14	A pilot database for World Heritage sites of one or more Asian countries where cooperative research and capacity building activities are to be implemented, Programmed: end of 2015	3.6
15	Remote Sensing Atlas for World Heritage sites along the Overland and Maritime Silk Road. Programmed: end of 2015	3.6

# 3. Website of the Centre (if available):

http://www.unesco-hist.org

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