

## **DMITRIY VOYAKIN**

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Date of birth: 01/08/1976  
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### **POSITIONS:**

- Director of the International Institute for Central Asian Studies (Samarkand, Uzbekistan - headquarter), an intergovernmental organization
- Diplomat of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Member of the National Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan for UNESCO and ISESCO
- Director General of the NGO “Archaeological Expertise”
- Secretary-General for the National World Heritage Committee under the jurisdiction of the National Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan for UNESCO and ISESCO (2014-2018)
- Delegate to the World Heritage Committee (2014-2017), Republic of Kazakhstan
- UNESCO official facilitator for the serial Silk Road nomination project
- 'Advisor of the Member of Kazakhstan Parliament' Majilis (V convocation) of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Vice-chairman of the Kazakhstan Archaeological Society
- Chief Leading Researcher of the Institute of Archaeology MES Republic of Kazakhstan (1998-2016)
- Head of Department of Documentation and Archaeological Conservation, Institute of Archaeology Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2005-2016)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- *2018 – up to now* - Director of the International Institute for Central Asian Studies (Samarkand, Uzbekistan - headquarter), an intergovernmental organization

The International Institute for Central Asian Studies (IICAS, [www.unesco-iicas.org](http://www.unesco-iicas.org)) is an intergovernmental organization established in Samarkand (Uzbekistan) by the initiative of UNESCO in August 1995 as the direct outcome of the decade project on Integral Study of the Silk Roads: Roads of Dialogue (1988-1997).

The inauguration of the Institute was organized on 26 August 1995. By resolution of the 28th session of the UNESCO General Conference (November 1995) and by decision of the 149th session of the UNESCO Executive Board (April 1996), the Director-General of UNESCO signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Director of IICAS (April 1996). The following countries, signatories to the Agreement establishing IICAS, are the full Member States of the Institute: the Republic of Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Islamic

Republic of Iran, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkey and the Republic of Uzbekistan. IICAS is an international organization on the territory of Uzbekistan (the institute is accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the host country).

- *2006 – up to now – Director of the “Archaeological Expertise” LLP*  
 Dmitriy supervises and coordinates several large-scale research projects and contributes to the development of new courses. As part of his work at the company, Dmitriy Voyakin operates as part of a dynamic team that builds links between commercial practice, academic research, local communities, and international organizations and professionals, encouraging research and innovation in professional archaeological practice. Responsibilities also include managing international heritage research projects and assisting with the interpretation and management of historic sites and landscapes, with a focus on training and capacity-building.

He has long successful experience managing a team of over 50 permanent staff office and over 150 in the field missions – he is an archaeologist and due to this fact my responsibilities are implementing field projects. Moreover, Dmitriy has developed and implemented a new management system that successfully works in Kazakhstan's biggest company in archaeology and cultural research management (see: <https://www.archeology.kz/>).
- *2005 – 2016 – Senior research officer and Head of the Department of Documentation and Archaeological Conservation, Institute of Archaeology Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan*  
 With crucial UNESCO support and supervision, he has created a school of documentation in archaeology that nowadays has over 20 professionals and is recognized worldwide as the strongest and most experienced school in all of Central Asia). Dmitriy has obtained the international position of UNESCO Facilitator Silk Roads Serial Nomination entrusted. Teaching activities for the PhD students with the newly developed course “Documentation in Archaeology”.
- *Early carrier years in the Institute of Archaeology Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2001-2004 – Research Fellow; 1998-1999 – Researcher; 1997-1998 – Junior researcher )*  
 During these early carrier years carrying out assistance in managing several archaeological research projects of the institute as well as being field director of the biggest and most complex from a technical point of view archaeological expeditions - excavation of Karluk capital – Kayalyk (1998-2012) and Talgar archaeological site (1996-2000). Data analyses, IT and web support.

### **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Dmitriy Voyakin has been working with professional and research-led archaeological/heritage projects over the last 25 years. Originally from Kazakhstan, his current interest areas lie in the archaeological investigation of the Silk Road sites, advanced archaeological documentation, and management of heritage as well as public archaeology, and he is responsible for the development and supervision of projects on

behalf of the Institute of Archaeology (Ministry of Education and Science, Kazakhstan) and Archaeological Expertise LLP. He is the national young expert in the UNESCO/Japanese Funds-in-Trust Project for Preservation and restoration of the ancient city of Otrar, Kazakhstan (2001-2004). Since 2004 he has led several international research projects, including RWTH Aachen Univ. - Sultanate of Oman (Prof. Michael Jansen); DAI Berlin - Pakistan, Baluchistan (Dr. Ute Franke); UNESCO - Kyrgyz Republic, Krasnaya Rechka; Korean National Research Fund; 2006-2025 – grant of The Society for the Exploration of EurAsia; Restitution of Cultural Assets – IICAS grant for 2016-2017, etc.

Dmitriy Voyakin has extensive experience in working collaboratively on large-scale projects and his current research is closely linked with initiatives of international organizations such as UNESCO and ICOMOS. Since 2005, he has been involved in the ongoing UNESCO-led serial World Heritage nominations of the Silk Roads, from 2011 as an official UNESCO facilitator. He is involved in the process of preparing serial transnational nominations such as “Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor” and “Silk Road: Fergana-Syrdarya Corridor”. As well as focusing on cultural heritage and preservation, Dmitriy works on legislation development projects with the Kazakhstan Parliament, where he gained experience in a wide range of administrative issues.

Under the leadership and with the participation of Dmitry Voyakin, a team of international experts has been working on heritage impact assessments state of conservation reports since 2019, at the invitation of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.

Dmitriy Voyakin has also led heritage education initiatives in Central Asia. In his home institutions, he regularly contributes to different-level degree courses. He actively publishes scientific results (over 200 articles, mostly in Russian and 21 monographs) as well as appears as a scientific editor.

2018 Dmitriy Voyakin was elected by official representatives of 10 countries – Full Members of the International Institute for Central Asian Studies (IICAS) to the position of Director of IICAS for the term of 2018-2023.

Dmitriy Voyakin is the leading author of the Statute of World Heritage Sites of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2016; the Central Asian Declaration of the Principles of Archaeological Heritage Management, 2021 (<https://uclcaal.org/2022/06/24/central-asian-declaration-of-the-principles-of-archaeological-heritage-management/>) and took part in the preparation of the Turkistan Declaration on sustainable tourism development on sacred heritage places, 2023.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member of the National Scientific Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2020-2021)
- Member of the International Advisory Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage, Uzbekistan
- National Delegate from the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Executive Committee for the World Heritage Center of CIS
- Member of the Scientific Council from the Republic of Kazakhstan to UNESCO-IICAS (2013)
- Member of ICOMOS
- CIERA - International Centre for Ancient Roads Studies
- National Delegate for ICOMOS & ISPRS International Committee on Documentation of Cultural Heritage
- Member of the Working Group of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the Preparation of the Great Silk Road Serial Transnational Nomination
- Member of the Public Council of Kyzylorda oblast
- Member of the Public Council of Mangystau oblast
- Member of the International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences, Salvage Archaeology Committee
- Member of the Scientific Committee Terra 2016
- Member of Public Council of Museums Associations of Almaty city
- Member of the International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)

#### **MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- Applied archaeology
- Advanced computer technologies in archaeology
- Great Silk Road
- Conservation and preservation
- Medieval archaeology
- Ancient iron and cast iron production, ancient metallurgy
- Cultural resource management
- Legislation in Cultural Heritage
- Methods of archaeological investigation

#### **FIELDWORK:**

Field director of more than ten expeditions among them permanent archaeological missions at Otrar, Kayalyk, Akyrtas, Taraz, Sygnak, Dzhankala Dzhankent, Dzhuvvara, Investigation of archaeological sites on the dry bottom of Aral sea, Ilibalyk and others (Kazakhstan).

Several international projects abroad (RWTH Aachen Univ. - Sultanate of Oman; DAI Berlin - Pakistan, Baluchistan; UNESCO - Kyrgyz Republic, Krasnaya Rechka; Korean National Research Fund -NFR-2010-0028714; Restitution of Cultural Assets – IICAS grant for 2016-2017; 2006-2025 – grant of The Society for the Exploration of EurAsia (Ilibalyk and Kesken-Kuyuk kala sites); Urgut, Suleiman tepa, (Uzbekistan).

#### **CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS, SEMINARS:**

Participation in more than 60 international conferences, symposiums, and seminars in such countries as USA, Poland, China, Italy, Iran, Tajikistan,

Egypt, Belarus, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Russian Federation, Japan, South Korea, Japan, Turkey, UK (UCL and Oxford), Germany, Azerbaijan, Austria, Netherland, Switzerland.

**PUBLICATIONS:** (*Scopus h-index - 9*)

- 21 books
- more than 200 scientific articles.

**EDITORIAL WORKS:**

- Editorial work on several monographs, including 4 volumes of “Ancient and Medieval Urbanization of Kazakhstan” (the author is Prof. Karl Baipakov), awarded the Republic of Kazakhstan State Prize
- Editor of the Encyclopedia of Archaeology 2-nd Edition (The Practice of Archaeology), by Elsevier (<https://www.elsevier.com/books/encyclopedia-of-archaeology/rehren/978-0-323-90799-6>)
- Chairman of the International Advisory body of the Bulletin of the International Institute for Central Asian Studies
- Editorial work on various monographs and scientific articles

**DEGREES AND AWARDS:**

- Doctor (PhD, Candidate of Historical Sciences)
- Master with honors from Kazakh National State University
- Bachelor with honors from Kazakh National State University
- Ministry of Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan award for outstanding achievements in the archaeology of Kazakhstan
- 2000-2001 - award premium for support of young Kazakhstan Scientists
- 2003 - Republic of Kazakhstan President’s and National Academy of Science’s award premium for young scientists (three months of studentship in Bologna University)

**TEACHING AND SUPERVISING:**

- Supervisor of two current doctoral students (2015-2017)
- Lecturer of the "Advanced technologies in Archaeology" course for PhD students (2015)
- Advisor to a large number of international students with research interests mostly in Kazakhstan and Central Asia

**LANGUAGE ABILITIES**

- Russian
- English

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- <http://www.linkedin.com>
- <https://www.unesco-iicas.org/>
- [www.archeology.kz](http://www.archeology.kz) (in Russian only)

**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2010 – candidate of historical science dissertation “Blacksmith Handicraft of North-East Semirechie in the Middle Ages”
- 1999-2001 – the postgraduate study of the A.Kh. Margulan Institute of Archaeology MES RK
- 1997-1999 – A master’s study at Al-Faraby Kazakh State University. Master dissertation “Blacksmith’s handicraft of North-East Semirechie in the Middle Ages by the materials of the Talgar medieval site”. (Diploma with first class honor degree).
- 1993-1997 – Bachelor study at Al-Faraby Kazakh State University. Term paper “Issyk Burial Mound”, graduate paper “Ancient Turkic stone sculptures” (Diploma with first class honor degree).
- 1991-1993 – experimental school-gymnasium (historical faculty)
- 1988-1990 - young Archaeologists Section under the Republication Palace of Pioneers and School Children
- 1983-1993 - School



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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (NATURE CONSERVATION)**

- 01/2021-02/2023                    transnational nomination of UNESCO World Heritage site “Cold-Winter Deserts of Turan” (the Republic of Turkmenistan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic)  
- coordination of nomination dossier from Kazakhstan  
- revision of the draft  
- organization of IUCN field mission
- 12/2019                                joint report on the implementation of the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre for Western Tien Shan site  
- compilation of the Kazakhstan’s part of the joint report  
- coordination and compilation of the joint report from the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan
- 02/2019-11/2019                    recommendations for the updating of the National World Heritage Tentative List  
- revision of the existing Tentative List (report)  
- recommendations for updating the Tentative List with developed submission forms in UNESCO format
- 12/2018-05/2019                    IUCN project “Achieving Excellence in the nomination and management of World Heritage in Central Asia”  
- assessment of threats and management of natural World Heritage sites in Central Asia  
- preparation and conduct of a training workshop on World Heritage management in Central Asia
- 09/2018                                ISESCO Regional Workshop on Biosphere Reserves in Conditions of Climate Change and Loss of Biodiversity (Almaty, Kazakhstan)  
- member of organizing committee  
- presentation of Kazakhstan country report and at the plenary  
- moderation of the Sessions
- 05/2018                                15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of East Asian Biosphere Reserves Network (Almaty, Kazakhstan)  
- member of organizing committee  
- presentation of Kazakhstan country report  
- moderation of the Sessions



- 03/2017-12/2017 "Plant Gardens!" Project funded by Soros Foundation Kazakhstan (Almaty, Kazakhstan)  
 - Director of the Project  
 - administrative work on project implementation  
 - study of city gardening in Almaty  
 - writing manuscript for final publication
- 10/2016 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of South Asian and Central Asian MAB Network (Almaty, Kazakhstan)  
 - member of organizing committee  
 - presentation of Kazakhstan country report  
 - moderation of country reports' section
- 07/2016 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee (Istanbul, Turkey)  
 - member of Kazakhstan's delegation, expert on natural sites  
 - supporting expert for Western Tien Shan nomination
- 06/2016 3d Pan-European IPBES Stakeholder Consultation (Leipzig, Germany)
- 03/2016 4th World Congress on Biosphere Reserves (Lima, Peru)  
 - member of Kazakhstan's delegation  
 - presentation of country report at the regional network meeting
- 02/2016 Expert workshop "Nature Conservation in the Countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia" (Vilm island, Germany)
- 2016 nomination of Altyn Emel and Karatau biosphere reserves  
 - author of several sections of the nomination dossier  
 - translation and final editing of the nomination dossier
- 2015 nomination of Barsakelmes biosphere reserve  
 - author of several sections of the nomination dossier  
 - translation and final editing of the nomination dossier
- 2014 nomination of Aksu-Zhabagly biosphere reserve  
 - author of several sections of the nomination dossier  
 - translation and final editing of the nomination dossier
- 2013 nomination of Ak-Zhayik and Katon-Karagay biosphere reserves  
 - translation and final editing of the nomination dossier
- 2012 nomination of Alakol biosphere reserve  
 - translation and final editing of the nomination dossier
- 2011 nomination of Korgalzhyn biosphere reserve  
 - translation and final editing of the nomination dossier

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

- 06/2015 Young Experts Forum held in the framework of the World Heritage Committee Session 2015 in Bonn, Germany “Towards a Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites”
- 04/2013 UNITAR Workshop: Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites. World Heritage Serial Nominations and the Vital Role of Comparative Analysis (United Nations Institute Training and Research, Hiroshima, Japan)

## **EMPLOYMENT / COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

- 11/2017 – present Almaty Branch of National Center for Biotechnology  
Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Head, Biosafety and Biosecurity Department
- 05/2016 – present UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee of Kazakhstan,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Committee Member, expert on natural heritage
- 2014 – present Tethys Scientific Society,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Vice-President
- 05/2011 – present UNESCO’s Man and Biosphere National Committee of Kazakhstan,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Member
- 02/2002 – present Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry,  
Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Researcher
- 2007 – present Editor of English in Selevinia scientific annual journal
- 1999 – present Translator of biological texts (freelancer)

## **EDUCATION**

- 09/2011 – 09/2014 Kazakh State University, Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology  
PhD program, full-tuition Government Scholarship
- 09/2013 – 03/2015 Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme for Future Leaders in Nature Conservation from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (funded by German Government and

implemented by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation  
- BfN)

09/2004 – 07/2006

Kazakh State University, Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Biological Faculty  
Master's degree, full-tuition Government Scholarship

09/2000 – 07/2004

Kazakh State University, Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Biological Faculty  
Bachelor's degree, full-tuition Government Scholarship

09/1999 – 06/2000

Weber High School, Ogden, Utah  
(USA Government-sponsored student exchange program  
Freedom Support Act / Future Leaders Exchange)

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Russian – native,  
English - excellent, IELTS 7.5,  
German, French, Kazakh – basic.