

FOREWORD

In 2011, ICCROM held a workshop on shared decision-making processes in conservation, the outcome of which is this book. While several years have passed since that event, the papers collected here in this volume examine a topic that is vitally relevant today. In our present times, characterized as they are by rapidly changing demographics and social values, there is a great need for inclusivity and consensus building. This demands attention to both process and outcome – focusing on the path taken as much as the end result – to arrive at a common understanding of shared goals, and agreement on how best to achieve them. It is therefore my very great pleasure to announce the publication of this book, which concerns a topic both timeless and timely.

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