## 1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: Iceland Blue Shield

1.2 - Date Report Completed: April 17th 2023

1.3 - Reporting period covered: 01 January 2022 – 31 December 2022

1.4 - Names, positions and emails of all those who were the governing body/trustees/principal officers on the date the report was approved or who served during in the reporting period:

**Principal members:**

Heiðar Lind Hansson, chairman, (@ICA)

Guðný Ragnarsdóttir, cashier, (IFLA)

Inga Jónsdóttir, secretary, (ICOM)

Sólrún Inga Traustadóttir, co-member, (ICOMOS)

**Deputy-members**

Karen Sigurkarlsdóttir, (ICA)

Nathalie Jacqueminet, (ICOM)

Guðný Kristín Bjarnadóttir, (IFLA)

Ágústa Kristófersdóttir, (ICOMOS)

1.5 - Address of the main office:

Laugavegur 162, 105 Reykjavik, Iceland
1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):

Website: [https://blaiskjoldurinn.is/](https://blaiskjoldurinn.is/)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/blueshieldiceland/](https://www.facebook.com/blueshieldiceland/)

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/@blaiskjoldurinnaislandiblueshi/featured](https://www.youtube.com/@blaiskjoldurinnaislandiblueshi/featured)

1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to: icelandicblueshield@gmail.com

2. Income:

**Ministry of Culture and Business Affairs**

- 2022: Grant for 700,000 ISK (Part of a three-year contract 2020-2022)

**The Museum Council of Iceland**

- 2022: Grant for 700,000 ISK (Project grant for the symposium)

Total:

- 1,400,000 ISK in 2022


BS Iceland had six meeting in total over the course of the year.

The main task of the committee concerned the planning of a symposium which took place on May 5th. The symposium took place meeting hall of The National Archives of Iceland in Reykjavik but was in a hybrid form. The slogan of the symposium was *Protection of Cultural Heritage: Collective Responsibility*. Its programme consisted of eight talks, thereof two keynotes and two minor speeches. Keynotes were delivered by Michelle Kaye, Collection Development Officer of the Glasgow School of Art and Nelly Cauliez, Head of Conservation at the Library of Geneva.

The programme was as follows:
The symposium was well received but the committee took an effort to introduce the Blue Shield through various media outlets in the run-up of the conference. Consequently, the Blue Shield got quite attention in relation to the symposium. For example, two committee members, Nathalie and Heiðar, were invited to a live interview in a morning show on Radio 1, the primary radio outlet at the Icelandic National Broadcasting Services (RUV). The symposium was also available in online stream through Zoom but overall, around 100 persons attended the event, most of them people who work in museums and in the field protecting cultural heritage and properties. On balance, the committee estimates that the symposium served well to raise awareness in protecting cultural heritage in Iceland and to bring forward the mission of the Blue Shield.

Another task of the committee was to maintain the Blue Shield Iceland’s web page and updating listing of handy reading material concerning preservation on the web page.

In December, the Icelandic government ratified the Hague Convention from 1954, that is the Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Committee did not get information about the ratification until recently and is currently obtaining information on the ratification process and the next steps in the matter. The Committee has offered its support and help in the process and is in a dialogue with authorities.

3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:
Describe

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:
### 3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:
Describe

### 3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:
Describe

### 3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support:
Describe

### 3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations):
Describe

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**4. Main issues faced:**

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

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**5. Future goals**

The aim is to stimulate the dialogue with the Ministry and other government bodies that are responsible for Emergency Planning how to best develop protection of cultural heritage in Iceland.

Another future goal is to be active in public discussion in Iceland on protection of cultural heritage and about the Blue Shield.

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**6. Other**

*Through its connection to Newcastle University, BSI is sometimes able to access funding that can be shared with research institutions to further the work of Blue Shield. Does your national committee have any connections with research institutions interested in its work (e.g. in risk management, heritage protection, etc.). If yes, please supply the names and contact details here.*