

REASONS FOR A CHARTER ON VIRTUAL ARCHAEOLOGY. ICOMOS ROLE PROMOTING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CHARTERS

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The ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Heritage Documentation (CIPA) has promoted the appropriate use of virtual representation in studying built heritage, as it is a tool that allows disseminating and valorising the heritage information to researchers, educators, and the general public.

For this reason, the committee has decided to support the proposed charter on virtual archaeology, as it provides the grounds to ensure a structure, appropriate and scientific approach for the use of these digital tools in transmitting the significance of cultural heritage. CIPA has previously promoted the ICOMOS *Principles for the recording of monuments, groups of buildings and sites*, which in 1996 provided a Framework for the correct use of these instruments.