

## **MOUNIR BOUCHENAKI**

**Mounir Bouchenaki** was elected Director-General of ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) in November 2005. His appointment at ICCROM follows a long career at UNESCO, where he was Assistant Director-General for Culture from 2000 to early 2006. Previously, Mr Bouchenaki had been Director of the Division of Cultural Heritage and Director of the World Heritage Center at UNESCO, and in his own country, Director of Antiquities, Museums and Historic Monuments in the Algerian Ministry of Culture and Information. Mr Bouchenaki holds a Ph.D. in archaeology and ancient history from the Arts Faculty of Aix-en-Provence (France). He has been awarded the titles of Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres and Officier des Arts et des Lettres by the French Ministry of Culture, and in 2002 was raised to the rank of Commendatore of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity by the President of the Italian Republic. He was awarded by the President of the French Republic the title of "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur". In November 2007 he received the "Médaille d'or du Mérite Culturel d'Algérie", awarded by the Algerian Ministry of Culture. Since 2005, he provides his expertise, as *ad hoc* Expert, to the Technical Session of the International Co-ordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Angkor Site (CIC/Angkor).