

February 14, 2019

Dear Dr. Khorsheed,

You are hereby cordially invited to join the Oversight Committee for the ARCH/GEMA project to conserve the Tomb of Nahum in Alqosh. The purpose of this Committee is to create a standing group of subject matter experts and stakeholder representatives who can monitor the project and assist with any necessary technical, historic and conceptual questions that may arise and decisions that may need to be made during the period of work. The committee is also meant to ensure transparency and will have full insight into the technical and financial records of the project. We very much hope that you will agree to be a member of this group, as we will feel certain that your participation will be invaluable.

The inaugural meeting of the Oversight Committee will take place March 7 and 8, 2019. There will be first be a briefing and constituting meeting in Erbil, and on the next day we will proceed together to Alqosh for a site visit and further briefings and discussions, returning in the late afternoon.

GEMA Team Lead Petr Justa will present a status report and share new information about the structure that emerged during the preparatory January and February phases.

The Oversight Committee is composed of representatives of the key stakeholder communities, the relevant authorities, and subject matter experts who can, as needed, also refer us to additional technical colleagues should some complicated question arise.

ARCH will make the necessary reservations and arrangements for local travel. Sophia Schultz in our headquarters, can answer any questions and will oversee your individual arrangements. Please feel free to contact her at sschultz@archinternational.org

Dr. Cheryl Benard and Adam Tiffen will be present representing ARCH, and look forward to welcoming you to the first gathering of this important committee.

Sincerely,

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