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RECOMMENDATION

In connection with the nomination of architect and museum curator/department manager Inge Bisgaard from The Greenland National Museum & Archives for the Europa Nostra Awards (2025), I am pleased to convey my highest recommendations.

As an archaeologist with four decades of experience traveling and working in Greenland, I have witnessed firsthand the vulnerability of built heritage in the challenging Arctic climate and environments. Also the ongoing modernization and urbanization of Greenland have significantly impacted historical heritage, affecting 18th-century colonial houses and structures, 19th-century wooden and turf-built homes and churches, as well as 20th-century industrial and military sites.

Moreover, I have observed the positive effects of Inge Bisgaard's meticulous planning and execution of preservation initiatives. Her work on the 18th- 19th -century wooden architecture—specifically the colonial period houses in Ilimanaq—serves as a model example of effective heritage preservation. Inge has consistently prioritized the use of traditional materials and local artisans when appropriate. Her restoration programs not only protect and preserve the historical buildings but also add meaningful new dimensions to their present and future use.

Through her leadership in restoration and her commitment to revitalizing historical buildings in Greenland, Inge Bisgaard has made significant contributions to the architectural heritage of the region. She deserves the Europa Nostra Award 2025.

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