



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our friend and colleague Dr (Mrs) Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit on 24th August 2022 after a fierce battle with illness.

Dr Forest was a brilliant academic, earning several degrees in France, namely a PhD in social anthropology from Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, a master's degree in archaeology, a master's degree in Museum studies, masters of Philosophy in Anthropology and a Bachelor's degree in Art History, criticism and conservation.

She joined the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund in 2004 and has initiated and worked on numerous projects of the Trust Fund. She was the architect behind major master documents such as the Management Plan, the Planning Policy Guidance 6 (PPG6) and the Action Area plan for the Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property (AAP01) which now regulate, protect and promote cultural heritage in Port Louis. These documents are today examples of best practices around the world.

Dr. Corinne Forest left her imprint on the way the Mauritian heritage is defined and protected. She was also the *Chef de file* of major projects for the promotion of Mauritian Heritage including the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Center, the Indentured Labour Route Project and the permanent exhibition at the postal museum among others.

At international level, Dr. Forest was a valued partner of the UNESCO, ICOMOS and ICCROM. She was also a collaborator for the African World Heritage Fund and L'Ecole du Patrimoine Africain. She was a strong advocate of the African heritage.

Our deep and profound condolences go to her family, her husband Olivier and her two daughters Romane and Mia.