2014 Annual report of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

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   N/A

1-4 Number of members:
   Expert members 97 (including honorary members)
   Associate members: 36
   Honorary members: 10
   Non-ICOMOS members: 0

   Enclosed find an updated member list until 2015

1-5 Number of new members until 2015, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:
   Expert members: 4
   Associate members: 1
   Honorary members: 0

1-6 Committee created in:
   1982/12/12

1-7 Last revision of Statutes:
   2012

1-8 Website of the Committee, if any: www.civvih.icomos.org

   The Committee also circulated the CIVVIH newsletter since May 2010, in electronic format with the international number ISSN 2306-6482

1-9 Committee's representative(s) at the Advisory Committee meeting (Florence, Italy), November 2014:
   Ms Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias – President (Greece)
   Mr. Samir Abdulac – Vice-President (France)
   Ms. Teresa Colletta – Vice-President (Italy)

   Mr. Claus-Peter Echter – Secretary General (Germany)

1-10 Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2014:
   Claus-Peter Echter, CIVVIH Secretary General, represented CIVVIH in the ICOMOS Panel of World Heritage from 1 to 6 December 2014 in Paris (France).

2 Statutory and Business Meetings

2-1 2014 meetings:
   - CIVVIH Bureau meeting with the participation of Denis Ricard, Secretary General of OWHC, 2014/11/10, Florence, Italy
   - CIVVIH Executive meeting, 2014/11/11, Florence, Italy
   - CIVVIH Annual meeting 2014, 2014/11/13, Florence, Italy
- CIVVIH participation in 18th General Assembly ICOMOS Florence meetings: Executive, Advisory Committee, Scientific council and Scientific Symposium (2014/11/7 to 2013/11/14), Florence, Italy
- CIVVIH participation in 18th General Assembly in the Forum of ISCs and in the Networking ISCs presentation (2014/11/11)
- CIVVIH representation in the Scientific Council Meeting in 18th General Assembly by its President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice Presidents Teresa Colletta, Samir Abdulac and the Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (2014/11/8)
- CIVVIH Alanya Mediterranean Sub-Committee meeting in Alanya, Turkey (2014/5/2-3)

2-2 Date and place of last elections:
2012/9/5, Naples, Italy

2-3 Officers elected:
Ms Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Greece, President, 2012-2015
Mr Samir Abdulac, France, Vice-President, 2012-2015
Ms Teresa Colletta, Italy, Vice-President, 2012-2015
Ms Danuta Klosek-Kozlowska, Vice-President 2012-2015
Mr Claus-Peter Echter, Secretary General, 2012-2015
Ms Nur Akin, Turkey, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015
Ms Faika Bejaoui, Tunisia, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015
Mr Saleh Lamei, Egypt, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015
Mr David Logan, Australia, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015
Ms Gergely Nagy, Hungary, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015
Ms Elene Negussie, Ireland, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015
Mr Giora Solar, Israel, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

The Bureau co-opted Zhang Jie (China), Angela Rojas (Cuba), Olga Sevan (Russia) and Jeff Soule (US) as Members of the Executive for 2012-2015.

2-4 Summary for the Annual Report:
1. CIVVIH after five years work and according the ICOMOS procedure of adoption of doctrinal texts proposed in 17th General Assembly The Valetta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas. The document was unanimously adopted as ICOMOS doctrinal text. The Valetta Principles book is available in twelve languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian, Hebrew, Portuguese, Polish, Arabic, Italian.

2. The Bureau held one meeting in Florence, Italy during the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly with the participation of Denis Ricard, Secretary General of OWHC, reviewed the existing MOU with CIVVIH/ICOMOS and OWHC and regarding new activities discussed the cooperation of OWHC with CIVVIH on a regional level.

3. The Executive Board held one meeting in Florence, Italy during the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly and discussed about official issues, having at its basic topics the preparation of CIVVIH annual meeting, resolutions to be discussed in the official meeting of CIVVIH, Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), MOU-UN-Habitat, Future CIVVIH meetings, Tri-annual plan.

4. CIVVIH held its annual meeting in Florence, Italy, in 2014/11/13. During the business meeting organizational issues were debated and the next CIVVIH meetings were defined. Besides these future meetings and official matters the following main topics were discussed:
   - the collaboration with OWHC within the MOU (including the Jean Paul L’Allier award)
   - ICOMOS as Associate Partner of the World Urban Campaign / UN-Habitat
   - Newsletter
   - Tri-annual Plan
   and the supporting of four resolutions for the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly by CIVVIH
   - Safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq
   - Urban Cultural Heritage Protection in Moldova
- SDG resolution: Ensuring that culture and cultural heritage are acknowledged in the proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for the Post-2015 Development Agenda.
- Promotion and Development of Twentieth Century Heritage Guidelines (ongoing development of the Madrid Document)
- Scientific program and tri-annual work plan with the Naples resolution about “Culture as a driver of social and economic development of historic towns, cities and urban areas” as the basis

The reports from CIVVIH Executive Member Jeff Soule on UN-Habitat and Andrew Potts, Executive Director of US/ICOMOS and ICOMOS Focal Point on the issue of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), were both enlightening and constructive.

5. CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub-Committee organised a meeting in May 2014 in the historic city of Alanya, Turkey and gathered for a scientific symposium on the topic ‘Fortified Port Cities in the Mediterranean for the 21st Century. Sites, Values and Genius Loci’.

6. CIVVIH has actively participated in 18th ICOMOS General Assembly Florence: Executive (Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias), Scientific council (the aforementioned four members of the Bureau) and Scientific Symposium (also Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias co-chair) (2014/11/7 to 2014/11/14), Florence, Italy.

3 Scientific Work Programme

3-1 Date adoption of the Scientific Work Programme:
2009/6/23 (updated during May and June 2010 / available on web page http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/63 in English and French version

3-2 Suggestions for new initiatives:
Through this approach, our committee’s scientific work has been included in the triennial interdisciplinary ISC Scientific Theme for the 2009-2011 Triennium, under title CHANGING WORLD, CHANGING VIEWS OF HERITAGE: the impact of global change on cultural heritage”. The three-year program (2012-2014) of scientific symposiums focused on the risk threatening the cultural tangible and intangible heritage with the title “Tangible risks, Intangible Opportunities: Long-Term Risk Preparedness and Responses for Threats to Cultural Heritage”. Within this context CIVVIH participated in the symposium of the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly in Florence in 2014, “Heritage and Landscape as Human Values” and will attend the symposium of 2015 “Risks to Identity: Loss of Tradition and Collective Memory” in Fukuoka, Japan.

CIVVIH is going to pursue its scientific research within the framework clearly set by the Scientific Council within the context of the meetings of the 17th and 18th ICOMOS General Assemblies. However, it will also follow the principal issues as deemed necessary and as stipulated in the Naples resolutions ‘The role of Integrated Conservation of Cultural Heritage for a Creative, Resilient and Sustainable City at the 2012 Annual meeting of CIVVIH’ and ‘Culture as a driver of social and economic development of historic towns, cities and urban areas’. This resolution is the basis of the CIVVIH’s triennial plan.

CIVVIH will elaborate a declaration regarding creativity in future policies on the preservation and regeneration of historic cities, towns and urban areas. Research on the creative approach and of innovative ways is the driving value of urban culture and heritage. The Committee recognizes the role of cultural heritage specifically and culture in general in sustainable development through the explicit inclusion of cultural heritage and cultural related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 development Agenda of the UN and UNESCO. A declaration about the integration of
cultural heritage in the Post-2015 Urban development Agenda is based on the recognition that safe, resilient and sustainable cities each have a unique identity and sense of place to build on. The protection of cultural heritage is key to unlocking creativity, which is in line with the framework of tri-annual program of CIVVIH. The main topic is historic cities as a model for sustainability and cultural heritage as the fourth pillar of sustainable development. The Committee is about to work on the Habitat III project and to review our 'Valetta Position paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban development policies'.

The Committee should also work inside the guidelines of the World Heritage Centre. It is time to get deeper in new concepts, such as the Historic Urban Landscape, Contemporary Architecture in Historic Centres, Integrated rehabilitation. These could be our new challenges for the next years.

Each year CIVVIH's experts participate in the evaluation of World Heritage nominations giving the high professional opinions for World Heritage. The contribution of CIVVIH to World Heritage related activities that had been undertaken in the past years should be expanded: monitoring missions, desk reviews, in situ missions, participation in the World Heritage Panel and evaluations for the World Monument Fund (WMF).

ICOMOS works with joint efforts for the protection of the world cultural heritage together with its main partner organizations: the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOM, ICCROM and the Blue Shield (ICBS).

CIVVIH, being fully aware that the current changes in the life of towns and urban areas take place rapidly and within the multidimensional modern environment, will continue its concern for and make its recommendations in view of these developments and challenges. CIVVIH needs to consider in the future the most progressive opinions and, mainly, proposals for the protection and revival of historic towns, such as those relating to creative and smart cities, thus continuing the more than thirty-year tradition of the Committee.

4 Seminars
4-1 List of gatherings:
Indicate title or subject, town (country), date, number of participants

- Two meetings of the Ford Foundation and UN-Habitat in conjunction with the 'The City Need' launch event, New York City (USA), 4 March 2014
- 7th World Urban Forum, Medellin (Columbia), 5-11 April 2014 and Preparatory Meetings for Habitat III at the United Nations, New York City (USA) and Caserta (Italy), 15-17 September 2017 and 14-17 October
- Study Tour, Symposia and Round Table meetings of the ICOMOS ISC on Shared Built Heritage in South East Asia, 13-24 April 2014
- “Glasgow Commonwealth Conservation Lecture Series: Place making and Sustainability”, Glasgow (United Kingdom), 4 June and 16 July 2014
- Meeting of the European National Committees of ICOMOS, Strasbourg (France), 26-28 June 2014
- “Cultural heritage rehabilitation as a key to sustainable development”, Dubrovnik (Croatia), 27-28 October 2014
- International workshop on the Sustainable Development of the Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces, Mengsi City and YuanYang County of Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan Province (China), 27-31 October 2014
- The CIVVIH French 'mirror group' meeting, Paris (France) on “Towns, Regions and Heritage” about Cooperation between China and France. December 4, 2013 and January 29, 2014

4-2 Summary for the Annual Report:
CIVVIH representatives participated in the following meetings and conferences that dealt with different aspects of conservation:
CIVVIH Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) participated at two meetings of
the Ford Foundation and UN-Habitat in conjunction with the 'The City We Need' launch
event held on 4 March 2014 on the Ford Foundation in New York.

CIVVIH Executive Member Jeff Soule (USA) participated in the 7th World Urban Forum in
Medellin, Columbia on 5 to 11 April 2014. He as well attended the World Urban
Campaign business meeting and explained the role of ICOMOS and of CIVVIH. On
behalf of these organisations Jeff Soule took also part in the working groups of the
Steering Committee of World Urban Campaign in New York City, USA on 15 to 17
September 2014 – to discuss the issues leading up to Habitat III in 2016 – respectively
Caserta, Italy on 14 to 17 October 2014 and argued that the protection of urban heritage
should be included among the objectives of World Urban Campaign. Jeff Soule and
CIVVIH Vice-President Teresa Colletta represented CIVVIH at the Urban Thinkers
Campus in Caserta, Italy on October 2014 organised within the World Urban Campaign.

The ICOMOS ISC of Shared Built Heritage (SBH) organised a Study Tour, Symposia and
series of Round Table meetings in South East Asia between 13 and 24 April 2014
Historic cities visited were the UNESCO World Heritage sites Melaka and George Town,
Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca (Malaysia) and Bandung in the West Java
highlands of Indonesia. The symposia and meetings sought to reflect on the treatment
and conservation of shared built heritage in these historic cities and generally in Asia,
Australia and the Pacific region. The management of heritage precincts in the face of
globalised development pressures became the principal theme of the symposia and
meetings. A key question was ‘How is it possible to keep heritage precincts alive?’. Three
members of CIVVIH participated in this conference: CIVVIH Secretary General Claus-
Peter Echter (Germany), Siegfried Enders (Germany) and Susan Jackson-Stepowski
(Australia).

CIVVIH Executive member Elene Negussie (Ireland) and CIVVIH Expert member Pierre
Laconte (Belgium) were invited speakers to the Glasgow Commonwealth Conservation
Lecture Series: Place-making and Sustainability. Elene Negussie delivered the first talk in
the series on ‘Sustainable Development in World Heritage Cities’ on 4 June 2014. It
highlighted that the World Heritage Convention has provided opportunities for the
enhancement of integrated conservation and holistic perspectives on the conservation of
management in Historic Cities: Place-making for Man and Motor is Possible’.

The Meeting of the European National Committees of ICOMOS took place in Strasbourg,
France on 26 to 28 June 2014. It was attended by CIVVIH members President Sofia
Avgerinou-Kolonias (ICOMOS Greece), Vice-President Samir Abdulac (ICOMOS France)
and CIVVIH Honorary Member Nils Ahlberg (ICOMOS Sweden). Sofia Avgerinou-
Kolonias presented results of her research on heritage and economic crisis.

CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias (Greece) participated in the High Level
Regional Conference “Cultural heritage rehabilitation as a key to sustainable
development” on 27-28 October 2014, in Dubrovnik, Croatia. She made a communication
on “The work of ICOMOS on cultural heritage as pillar of sustainable development” and
Samir Abdulac the strategy of the French National Committee.

Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) represented CIVVIH at the International
Workshop on the Sustainable Development of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces in the Yunnan
Province, China held on 27 to 31 October 2014 and gave a presentation on “The
conservation and management of cultural landscapes in Germany”. A special emphasis in
the conference was laid on the following themes: Conservation and management model
of cultural landscape, Interpretation and presentation of heritage values of cultural
landscape, ecology and conservation in the cultural landscape and sustainable
development, roles of stakeholders and engagement, and evolution of traditional
settlements and the shaping of culture. At the end of the workshop the 'Honghe
Recommendations on the Sustainable Development of Terraced Cultural Landscapes'
has been adopted.
CIVVIH Vice-President, Samir Abdulac was invited at a two-day seminar at Tsukuba University (Japan) on 26-27 February 2014, where he presented the French proposed Law including Historical Cities and World Heritage sites.

Vice-President Samir Abdulac represented ICOMOS and gave a PowerPoint presentation on « Emergency Safeguard of Syrian Heritage » at the opening of the international d’experts meeting held at UNESCO HQ for the présentation of the « project for Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Syria », financed by the European Union and Flemish Government, May 26-28, 2014.

Samir Abdulac was an ICOMOS representatives at the high level Emergency Expert Meeting for the Safeguard of Iraq’s Cultural Heritage chaired by Irina Bokova, DG of UNESCO, together with Iraqi officials and representatives of partner international organisation in Paris, on July 17, 2014. A draft Emergency Response Action Plan was discussed and a written note from ICOMOS was sent confirming the insistence on the inclusion of architectural and urban heritage.

Samir Abdulac was charged to give the praising word to Maamoun Abdelkarim, DG of antiquities and Museums in Syrian when he was awarded he European « Cultural Heritage Rescue Prize » at the doges Palace in Venice, October 25, 2014.

Samir Abdulac was invited at a one-day meeting on « Syrian Heritage at Risk» at the Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris on April 30, 2014, and participated with Nada al Hassan (UNESCO) and Sophie Cluzan (Louvre Museum) to a Panel discussion « towards forming a group of experts ».

CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias (Greece) attended the meeting of the CIVVIH French ‘Mirror group’ during her stay in Paris to take part in the ICOMOS Panel Meeting on 4 December 2014.

CIVVIH’s representatives participated also in the following meetings and conferences: Three members of CIVVIH, who are also Council members of Europa Nostra (EN), the citizens’ movement for the safeguarding of Europe’s cultural and natural heritage, participated in the EN council meetings on 3 May 2014 in Vienna, Austria and on 23-24 October in Rome, Italy: Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Nuran Zeren Gulersoy (Turkey) and Pierre Laconte (Belgium). A main subject of the two conferences was the discussion about the EU Strategy for Cultural Heritage and on “Cultural heritage as a strategic resource for a sustainable Europe”.

CIVVIH Executive member Olga Sevan Organized an International scientific practical conference on “Actual problems of study and preservation of the architectural and urban planning heritage of historical settlements”. Arkhangelsk Region, Kargopol, 12-15 August, 2014/ Institute of Heritage, Museum of city, Russian ICOMOS (Using the documents of CIVVIH)


5 International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April
N/A

6 Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk
Syria and Iraq, Moldova - Supporting two resolutions of 18th ICOMOS General Assembly in Florence, Italy by CIVVIH: - “Safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq” and - “Urban Cultural Heritage Protection in Moldava”

7 World Heritage related activities
Each year CIVVIH’s experts participate in the evaluation of World Heritage nominations giving the high professional opinions for WH.CIVVIH was invited to contribute in the evaluation of the nominations:

7-1 List of activities:
CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions:

7.2 Summary for the Annual Report:
During the year CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions: ...

8 Other Activities and Programmes
The CIVVIH represented ICOMOS on the Steering Committee of a joint project associating OWHC, UNESCO, EU, and Getty Conservation Institute called “Historical Cities under Development. Keys for Understanding and Acting.” It aimed at presenting Case Studies chosen among World Heritage Cities. A synthesis of case studies of historical cities has been finalized. The project report came in two parts – Volume I being an analytic report and Volume II the collection of fact-sheets for the 40 case studies. As a follow up of this project – besides a data bank – OWHC undertakes a survey under its member cities. The aim of this endeavour is to measure a better evaluation of the work of OWHC. CIVVIH will be informed about the results of the survey.

During the meeting of CIVVIH Bureau on November 10th in Florence, Italy with Denis Ricard, Secretary General of OWHC/OVPM, who expressed his gratitude for the collaboration with CIVVIH, a review of the existing cooperation with CIVVIH/ICOMOS has been done. CIVVIH/ICOMOS participated in 2013 in the process of Jean Paul L’Allier award, but with one vote, although both the President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Vice President Samir Abdulac contributed. CIVVIH will contribute again in the Allier award of 2015. OWHC will further cooperate with CIVVIH on a regional level. The next General Assembly of OWHC ‘World Heritage Cities, Resilient Cities’ will be held on 3-6 November 2015 in Arequipa, Peru. CIVVIH members of Latin America are invited to attend this conference.

9 Publications
One (1) Electronic newsletter of CIVVIH was published (http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/18). CIVVIH newsletter No. 22, October 2014: ISSN 2306-6482

The Valetta Principles are now available in twelve languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian, Hebrew, Portuguese, Polish, Arabic, Italian.


Current topics

In addition to the themes mentioned above, the Committee activates as well with its sub-committees on Mediterranean and Ibero American geographical regions. A new Sub-Committee for Central and Eastern Europe was endorsed during the Annual meeting in Naples and was now founded during the 50th anniversary in Warsaw in June 2015. It is led by CIVVIH Vice-President Danuta Klosek-Kozlowska. The adopted by the ICOMOS 17th General Assembly document “Valetta Principles” was written into English and French language and translated into Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian, Hebrew, Portuguese, Polish, Arabic and Italian language. At the current time, the Committee prepares its Scientific Work Plan for the triennium 2015-2017. CIVVIH collaborates on the World Urban Campaign to prepare for the Post 2015 Urban Development Goals under The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held from 17-20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador. Jeff Soule is representing the Committee and ICOMOS on the World Urban Campaign.

Partners

11-1 CIVVIH has a close collaboration with other ISCs of ICOMOS as ICORP, ISCEC, CIAV, ICLAFI, ICOMOS IFLA, ISC20C.

CIVVIH has an ongoing partnership with ISoCaRP – the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

Following a long collaboration between ICOMOS and OWHC, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the two organizations at the 12th World Congress of the OWHC, held in Oaxaca/Mexico on November 19, 2013. The main objective of this MoU is to establish a general framework of co-operation for activities to be planned and implemented jointly by ICOMOS and OWHC concerning the joint areas of interest for the conservation of cultural heritage of World Heritage cities.

Gustavo Araoz ICOMOS President has signed in 2014 the Statement of Commitment by ICOMOS as Associated Partner of the World Urban Campaign. The main purpose is to establish a collaborative arrangement between UN-Habitat and ICOMOS to achieve common objectives, and to provide a basis for cooperating on the World Urban Campaign and its various component projects and initiatives. This component will be based on the ISC’s of ICOMOS in those areas that correspond to UN-Habitat’s interests and especially with CIVVIH and ISCEC. The collaboration regards the insertion of the role of culture and cultural heritage, as a non renewable resource in the New Habitat Agenda. Culture and Cultural Heritage, its conservation and enrichment constitute a major vehicle for sustainable development. CIVVIH interests aim to participate in the New Habitat Agenda procedure regarding the future policies for the preservation and revival of historic cities, towns and urban areas. CIVVIH will continue to work for this collaboration.

Summary for the Annual Report: N/A
12 Obituary
Vale lan Hocking (21/09/42 – 16/11/14) As expert member contributed significantly to the work of CIVVIH over the last 14 years, serving a term on its Executive and undertaking World Heritage assessments of towns in China and Malaysia.

13 Awards
N/A.

14 Photographs

CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub-Committee meeting “Fortified Port Cities in the Mediterranean fo the 21st Century: Sites, Values and Genius Lo”, Alanya, Turkey
02-03 May 2014
CIVVIH Executive Lunch Meeting in Florence
11 November 2014

CIVVIH Official Annual Meeting in Florence
13 November 2014

CIVVIH Posters on ISCs forum
18th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Florence
9-14 November 2014

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Comments from Samir Abdulac and Olga Sevan