Dear members of CIVVIH,

ICOMOS Turkey was kind enough to extend an invitation to CIVVIH to conduct its 2005 annual meeting in Istanbul.

1. **Theme**
   a. The proposed theme of the scientific symposium is: “**Historic Centers in Large Metropolitan Areas**”. Possible sub topics are:
      1. Evolution and survival of a historic center within a metropolitan city;
      2. Gentrification of historic centers in large metropolitan areas;
      3. Positive and negative effects of transportation between historic centers and metropolitan areas: problems and solutions;
      4. Interrelation between historic centers and metropolitan areas in terms of industrial and commercial activities;
      5. Conflicts between historic center preservation and tourism development in metropolitan cities;
      6. Significance of world heritage list and historic centers.
   b. As usual, one day will be dedicated to presentations on subjects of your choice.

2. **Tentative program**
   a. ICOMOS – Turkey proposed the following program for the meeting
      
      20.05.2005: Arrival  
      21.05.2005: Scientific Symposium (public session)  
      22.05.2005: Scientific Symposium (closed session)  
      23.05.2005: Bureau meeting and elections  
      24.05.2005: Technical site tour (historic peninsula and the Bosphorus)

3. **Cost**
   a. ICOMOS – Turkey will cover accommodation expenses of up to two representatives from each country.

4. **Participation forms**
   a. Participation forms will be circulated in November, 2004.

Sincerely,

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