

1. IBERO-AMERICAN SUB-COMMITTEE (CIHIB) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rencontre du SOUS-COMITE IBERO-AMERICAIN (CIHIB) 2010

Recent feedback on the Protection of Historic Ibero-American Cities:
diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice

La experiencia reciente en la protección de las ciudades históricas iberoamericanas:
diagnóstico, carencias y buenas practicas

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The meeting of the CIVVIH Ibero American Sub Committee (CIHIB) took place on the 26 and 27 November in Madrid in the Historic building of the School of Mining Engineers of the Madrid Polytechnic School, with the support of ICOMOS-Spain. 23 CIVVIH and ICOMOS members participated, from 9 countries of the Ibero-American region: Spain Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Colombia ,Costa Rica, Uruguay ,Argentina, Paraguay Venezuela.

The Ibero American region is very rich in cultures and traditions which have met with the European tradition. Today, cultural heritage in this area is of renowned world importance and cities have an exceptional place in this heritage. The historic cities of the Ibero American cultural space concentrate the entire intellectual wealth and wisdom of its peoples.

It is for this reason that many cities have already been included in the World Heritage List, others have been included in indicative catalogues or are studied in order to document their considerable value. As Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, the Acting President of CIVVIH declared at the opening of the proceedings of the Scientific Meeting:

«... We should be able to monitor record and propose solutions for dealing with the major issues influencing the lives of historic cities due to the modern phenomenon of globalization – this is the important goal of the CIHIB. More specifically:

- The intensification and increasingly threatening urbanization and especially large-scale constructions imposed by the unmeasured development of the services sector in cities, the large infrastructure works and circulatory congestion, tourist activity and the required facilities
- Climate change and its repercussions
- Earthquakes and other natural dangers, resulting from the insufficient or erroneous management of the natural environment (floods, fires)

The memorandum of our Sub-Committee anticipates procedures and methods for the organization of our activity enabling us to deal with these issues...»

Main topics of the meeting were:

- I: Recent feedback on protecting Historic Towns and Villages: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice.
- II: Diagnosis and challenges for the protection of historic towns and villages: new special plans for protection.
- III: The necessary co-ordination in the management of historic centres.
- IV: The subject's current standing in the discussion of urban historic landscapes and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other relevant international norms.
- V: Presentation of practical case studies, analysis and project promotion;

During the first thematic unity were presented and discussed issues pertaining to the recent experience in the protection of Ibero-american historic cities (diagnosis, gaps and best practices) and the management plans for protection. The following presentations were made:

- Ciudades historicas iberoamericanas. Estan realmente representadas en la Lista del Patrimonio Mundial?, Angela Rojas Avalos (Cuba)
- Situacion de los centros historicos espanoles Patrimonio Mundial. Los nuevos planes de gestion, Cristobal Vallhonrat Anduiza (Spain)
- Valoracion patrimonial para el plan especial de manejo y protection del centro historico de Tunja, Colombia, Rodolfo Ulloa Vergara (Colombia)
- Aregua: acunada en suenos, Maria Teresa Gaona Alarcon (Paraguay)

During the second thematic unity of the meeting were presented and discussed matters pertaining to a. the necessary coordination in the management of historic centers and b. the historic urban landscape and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other international norms. The following presentations were made:

- **Introduccion al tema:La necesaria coordinacion en la gestion de los centros historicos**, Cristobal Vallhonrat Anduiza (Spain)
- **Contraste entre las perspectivas municipal y gubernamental, en Colombia, en lo relativo a la definicion y manejo de las ciudades y poblados caracterizados nacionalmente como Bienes de Interes Cultural e, inclusive, a su deseada inclusion en la Lista del Patrimonio Mundial**, Maria Claudia Romero Isaza (Colombia)
- **Rotulacion en Ciudades Historicas, aciertos y desaciertos en el caso de Antigua Guatemala**, Thelma Judith Carrera Castro (Costa Rica)
- **Las obras publicas y los conjuntos monumentales: El Castillo de Lorca y el Arrabal Andalusi de la Arrixaca Nueva en Murcia**, Caridad de Santiago Restoy (Spain)
- **Introduccion al tema: El estado de la cuestion en la discusion de los paisajes urbanos historicos y su conexion con el Convenio Europeo del Paisaje y otra normativa internacional al respecto**, Victor Fernandez Salinas (Spain)

Finally Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo presented the new document of CIVVIH concerning the Principles for the protection and management of historic cities, Towns and Urban Areas

The participants proposed Angela Rojas (Cuba) as president of the Sub-Committee and Victor Salinas (Spain) as general secretary, and honored Maria Rosa Suarez Inclan Ducassi, Suzanna Sampaio and Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo with the statute of CIHIB honorary member for their contribution to the CIHIB.

Finally, thanks were addressed to the National Committee of ICOMOS Spain for its support to the work of the CIHB. Through the strong cultural bonds it maintains with the public and academic institutions of the Ibero American region but mostly through its great expertise and struggle for defending the cultural heritage, this National Committee constitutes a steady point of reference and a guarantor of the cooperation between the CIVVIH and the Ibero American region.



Documentation from the Madrid meeting