

ICOMOS
International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Bureau
Malbork, Poland
September 24, 2019

Participants:

Claus-Peter Echter, President
Samir Abdulac, Vice President
Danuta Kłosek-Kozłowska, Vice President
Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Past President
Kathleen Crowther, Secretary General

Summary of Discussion

1. Explanation of timing of CIVVIH meeting in the fall of 2019: President Claus-Peter Echter explained the circumstances under which two (2) sub-committee meetings and the Annual Meeting were scheduled during a two month period. In the future, CIVVIH will work to spread the meetings out so that the calendar is not so constrained.
2. Resolutions at Annual Meeting in Tunis: At this time, there will be no resolutions at the Annual Meeting. The President may be asked to report on a heritage situation in eastern Russia, but there is no definite plan at this time.
3. AdCom Meeting in Marrakesh: CIVVIH will hold a luncheon meeting on October 17th for the purpose of attracting new members, developing visibility for CIVVIH and to report on CIVVIH's many and varied activities over the past year. In addition, there will be a formal signing of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between ICOMOS and OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities) at noon on October 16th. The President thanked Samir Abdulac and Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias for their good work on this matter. Denis Ricard, the Secretary General of OWHC, and Toshiyuki Kono, President of ICOMOS, will be the signers of the MOU, with Claus-Peter Echter and Samir Abdulac in attendance. The work of the MOU is carried out by CIVVIH.
4. World Heritage (WH) Panel: For the first time in quite a while, a member of CIVVIH will not serve on the WH panel as there is only one city under consideration. The ICOMOS World Heritage Evaluation Unit indicated that there was no need for a CIVVIH member this time.
5. CIVVIH Website: Kathleen Crowther reported that the CIVVIH website is 99% current. The front page now lists the upcoming meeting, including the Annual Meeting in Tunis with the required participation documents. Claus-Peter Echter's Information Letters from the President are a new edition to the website. Kathleen Crowther will be investigating ways to bring the website design into conformance with contemporary practices without losing the value of the archival material which is housed there.
6. New CIVVIH Member Guidelines: Some ICOMOS ISCs have written guidelines regarding whether an accepted applicant would be invited into the committee as an Expert or an

Associate. David Logan is handling these new member requests with final approval per member from the President. He is interested in developing such guidelines for CIVVIH to better approach the requests. Many new members were processed over the last several month. The Bureau discussed that it would be helpful to see a draft concept from David before a Bureau discussion.

7. ICOMOS Statute Changes under consideration: At the AdCom meeting, there may be changes to the ICOMOS statutes that would require changes to CIVVIH's statutes (or bylaws). The President will attend to this matter.
8. CIVVIH Newsletter: There is concern that the newsletter is a great deal of work and needs to be done. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias said that there should be at least one per year. She thought the Vice Presidents should be asked or even required to submit material for such a newsletter. It is a big coordination job, and should be produced bi-lingual.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Crowther, Secretary General
Approved by Claus-Peter Echter, President
November 17, 2019