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1. Opening: President Claus-Peter Echter opened the meeting by welcoming all present. It is a tradition of CIVVIH to conduct a meeting at the ADCOM meetings. Today's meeting is a testimony to the strength of CIVVIH. Claus-Peter Echter reported that CIVVIH has 114 Expert members, 48 associate members and 12 Honorary Expert Members. In particular, CIVVIH is committed to attracting Emerging Professionals, as required by the Secretariat to equal 20% of its membership. The President welcomed observers present, and encouraged that they apply for membership to CIVVIH, especially the younger professionals.
2. Bylaws: Claus-Peter Echter discussed that CIVVIH is to review its bylaws in order to bring them into compliance with new ISC statutes passed by the ICOMOS board. These statutes were passed last June, and include new provisions such as the aforementioned need for Emerging Professionals, and a related matter, the maximum length of service in the Bureau (9 years) and perhaps in the Executive (also 9 years). Thus in 2021, many members of our ISC cannot be re-elected.
3. Membership: A new procedure has been established with CIVVIH Vice President David Logan at the helm. David Logan is processing the many applications to CIVVIH in a timely fashion according to rules. He will be developing guidelines to classify applications into the associate and expert categories. Samir Abdulac clarified that all applicants are entitled to become associate members and can be upgraded into the expert category in the future. Riin Alatalu clarified that each ISC is to review the Associates each three years for possible upgrades.
4. Recognition of CIVVIH Posters in Marrakesh: The President recognized Juan A. Garcia-Esparza, an Associate Member and Ofelia Sanou, an Expert Member, for representing CIVVIH with a joint poster at the ADCOM meeting. All present duly recognized the two. In addition, Hanna Ishac (not present) had a poster accepted.
5. Communication with CIVVIH Members: Increased communication with members is one of the President's goals. Secretary General Kathleen Crowther is working on a refresh of the current website. The CIVVIH website remains valuable as a repository of information. After the Annual Meeting in Tunis, the President will work to have a newsletter published. This is a big job which requires the involvement of the Vice Presidents and other qualified CIVVIH members. The newsletter will continue to be bilingual. The President has started a monthly email entitled "Information of the President." All CIVVIH members should be receiving the email. Check your "spam" or "junk" folder in case it was directed there by your firewall.
6. CIVVIH Meetings: Claus-Peter Echter reported on a CIVVIH meeting held in Buenos Aires (2018); a subcommittee meeting held in Malbork, Poland (September 2019); the Annual Meeting is upcoming in Tunis, Tunisia (next week); and the Asia-Pacific Subcommittee meeting to-be-held in November 2019. All CIVVIH members are invited to participate in the regional subcommittee meetings. The President congratulated Vice President Danuta Kłosek-Kozłowska for the recently convened Subcommittee for Central and Eastern Europe for its excellent meeting in Poland. All were reminded of the GA in Sydney in 2020. The President has a proposal for CIVVIH to meet in Beirut in 2021 but there is concern as to whether our Israeli colleagues could attend. This will be decided later.
7. CIVVIH Work Program: ICOMOS has a Roşia Montană Working Group which Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias chaired. Vice President Samir Abdulac chairs the ICOMOS Working Group on Safeguarding Culture Heritage in Syria and Iraq on the matter of reconstruction of heritage after war. Last January, he represented ICOMOS President at a meeting in Aleppo (Syria) about a Vision for the future of the historic town and

participated at meetings about Mosul (Iraq) Reconstruction at UNESCO HQ in Paris. He recently surveyed the reconstruction of ancient villages in Syria in the western frontier that are on the WH Tentative List.

CIVVIH participated in World Heritage nominations. Claus-Peter Echter receives requests for mission report and desk reviews. Two recent nominations were received concerning the Great Spas of Europe and the Dutch water defense lines. Samir Abdulac represented CIVVIH at WH panels in Charenton during its November 2018 and March 2019 sessions. There was not a CIVVIH representative on the World Heritage Panel this year. CIVVIH continues to process World Monument Fund evaluations and fulfills mentoring requests.

CIVVIH has partnerships and collaborations which involve its members. At this ADCOM meeting, a revised MOU will be signed between ICOMOS and the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC). CIVVIH members are encouraged to make contact with members of OWHC especially when their respective city is part of that network. CIVVIH members are encouraged to attend OWHC meetings. Further information on the MOU and on our participation on the OWHC Jury for its Jean Paul Lallier will be communicated to members.

CIVVIH Expert Member Jeff Soule participates in the World Urban Campaign. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, until recently, chaired the ICOMOS Working Group on the SDGs. Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo and Angela Rojas participated for CIVVIH on the ICOMOS Working Group on Climate Change. Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo reminded members that we supported this initiative by resolution in Syros. Now, he thinks there needs to be a 1-2 page summary produced in association with the long publication. Riin Alatalu offered that she is involved in the Rights-Based working group. Sue Jackson-Stepowski offered that she has been involved with implementation of the HUL approach in Ballarat, Australia.

Regarding the climate change document, Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo said that HUL is not in the document per se, but nonetheless the document is sweeping with references to communities, cultural landscapes and the like. There is a need to produce criteria and solutions for immovable heritage. Angela Rojas offered that she is working with students in small towns. Elena Dimitrova offered that she worked on an EU project which is developing indicators that could help state parties to plan better for climate change.

8. GA in 2020: Sue Jackson-Stepowski encouraged all to attend the GA in Australia next year. She cautioned that travel there is expensive and one should check various air ticket options. e.g. if an international ticket includes an extra stop over destination within Australia OR if it would be cheaper buy a separate internal air ticket. Also, she recommends Airbnb and/or group renting an apartment as a cost-effective alternative to hotels. She will conduct a Shared Built Heritage tour to the Central West of NSW, limited to 20 persons. This will include 3 historical towns and vernacular buildings.

The meeting was concluded.

These minutes were written by Kathleen H. Crowther, Secretary General, with contributions from Claus-Peter Echter, Samir Abdulac and Sue Jackson-Stepowski.

Minutes are hereby approved by Claus-Peter Echter, President.

DATE: December 9, 2019