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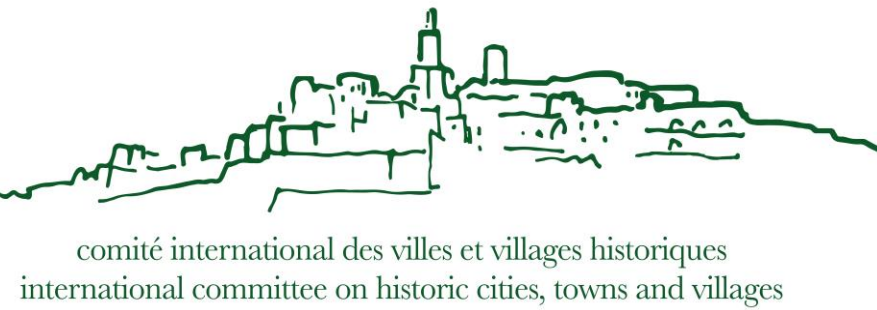
# **Report of the President of ICOMOS CIVVIH**

Zoom Bureau and Executive Meetings  
8 and 9 April 2021



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This report refers to the period from the Annual Virtual Meeting November 2020 to April 2021.

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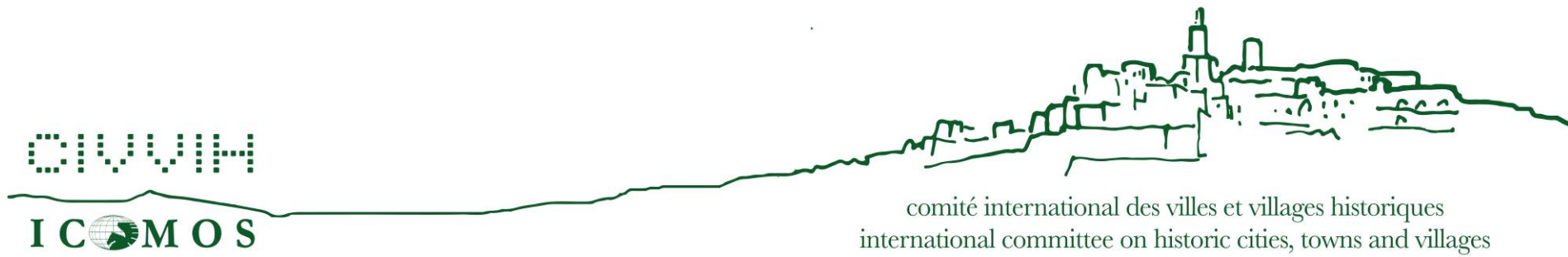
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## Fig. 1: Short Summary

CIVVIH works for the protection and management of historic towns and against the menaces threatening urban identity and heritage.

CIVVIH continues to develop partnerships with other international organizations such as UNESCO, OWHC, EU, UN etc.

## Fig. 2: Documents of Work Programme

- The Valetta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas - Update March 31st 2021.
- ICOMOS releases Sustainable Development Goals Policy Guidance for Heritage and Development Actors. For further information please follow the link:  
<https://www.icomos.org/en/focus/un-sustainable-development-goals/91455-icomos-releases-sustainable-development-goals-policy-guidance-for-heritage-and-development-actors>
- Putting Europe's shared heritage at the heart of the European Green Deal. For further information please follow the link: <https://www.icomos.org/en/focus/climate-change/91544-putting-europe-s-shared-heritage-at-the-heart-of-the-european-green-deal>

## Fig. 2: Documents of Work Programme

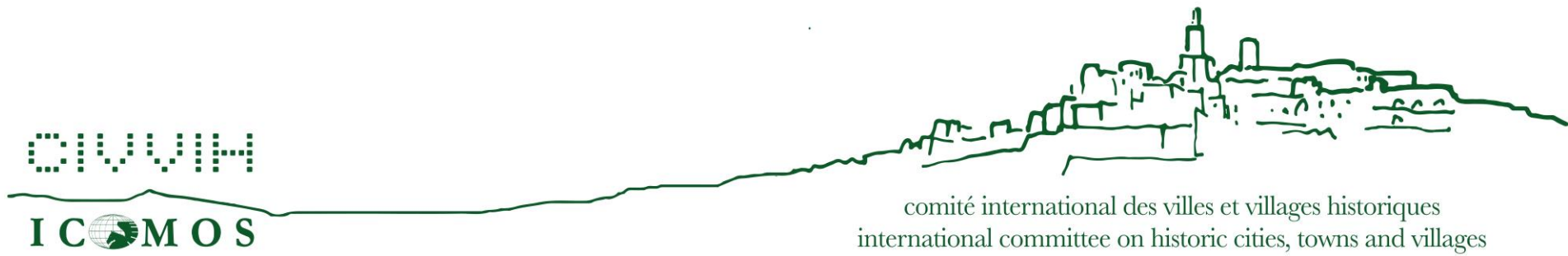
- WUC Call to Action 2021 reviewed by UN-Habitat final 9 March 2021 - Call for Climate Action and Solutions.  
 **WORLD  
URBAN  
CAMPAIGN**
- Book of Abstracts and Declaration Webinar Mediterranean CIVVIH Sub-Committee March 2021.
- Declaration X International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage CitiesCity of Turkistan (Republic of Kazakhstan) April 2, 2021.

## Fig. 3: By-Laws and Règlement du CIVVIH

The revised By-Laws have been sent on 30 May 2020 to the ICOMOS Secretariat and to the President of the ICOMOS Scientific Council.

The Scientific Council Officers have been reviewing all those that have been received. **The By-Laws sent by CIVVIH are OK**, and have been submitted to the Board with a positive advise for approval. The Board has approved our revised By-Laws in March 2021. Gaia Jungeblodt, ICOMOS Director, will send shortly this decision.

**Only 16 ISCs from 29 have sent their revised By-Laws. CIVVIH and 7 other ISCs will get approved regulations.**



## Fig. 4: Membership

Our committee is widely represented by 119 Expert members, 63 Associate members, 12 Honorary Members, for a total of 194 Members.

## Fig. 5: Communication with Members and Information

This obligation was met in four ways:

**1 CIVVIH website**

**2 CIVVIH newsletter**

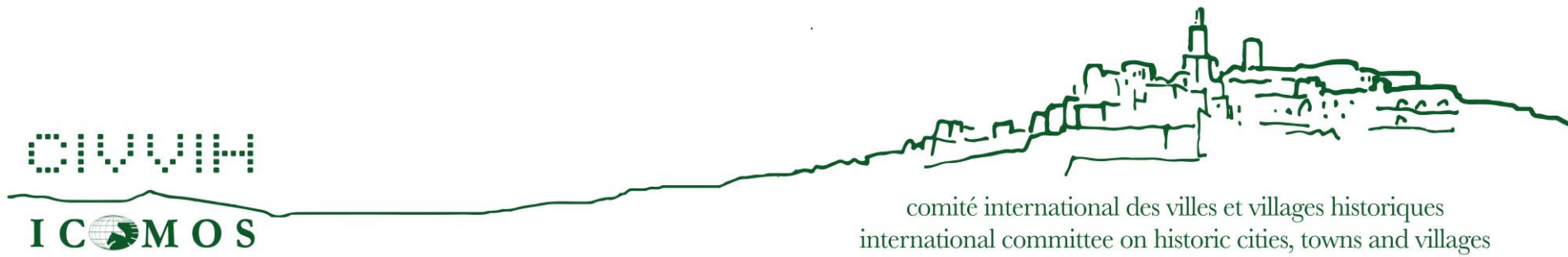
The last CIVVIH newsletter 28 has been launched in October 2020

**3 Information of the President**

The last Letter of the President has been launched in February 2021, the next one will be published in April 2021

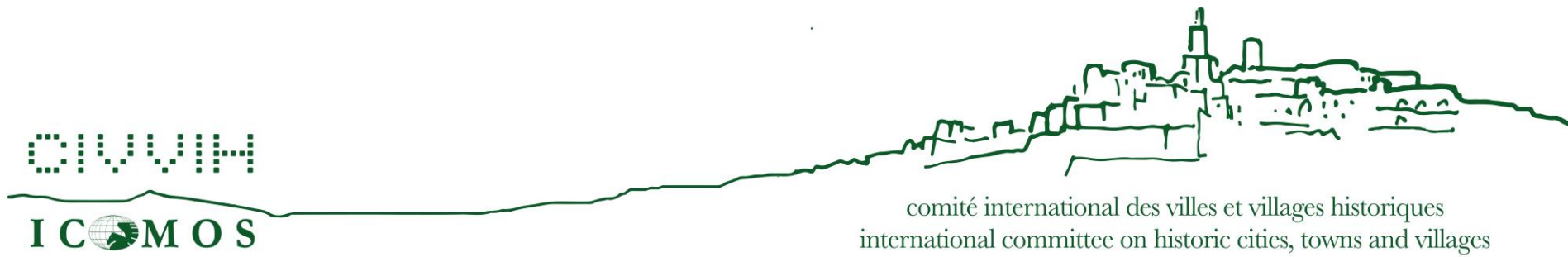
**4 CIVVIH Facebook group** *ICOMOS Internat. Committee on Historic Cities, Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)*

Meanwhile this Facebook Group consists of 957 Members



## Fig. 6: Co-operation with ICOMOS Working Groups

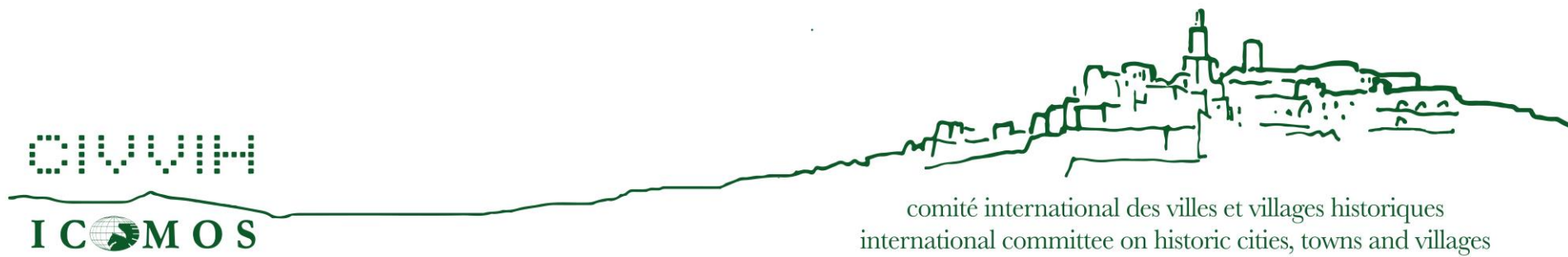
- ICOMOS Working Group for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq (and neighboring countries),
- ICOMOS Sustainable Development Working Group,
- Climate change Working Group,
- Emerging Professionals Working Group



## Fig. 7: Partnerships and Collaborations

There has been a formal signing of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between ICOMOS and OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities) on 16 October 2019.

Samir Abdulac is part of the Jean L'Allier Prize Jury 2020/2021. Claus-Peter Echter participated in the X International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities City of Turkistan (Republic of Kazakhstan) on April 2, 2021.



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CIVVIH collaborates with other NGOs and affinity organizations like UN-Habitat, World Urban Forum (WUF) and World Urban Campaign (WUC).

UN-Habitat and ICOMOS celebrated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the 10th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF10), held in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 8 to 13 February, 2020.

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ICOMOS participated in the New Habitat Agenda procedure regarding the creativity in the future modern policies for the preservation and revival of historic cities, towns and urban areas.

Claus-Peter Echter (ICOMOS CIVVIH), new Focal Point of ICOMOS in the World Urban Campaign since July 2020, elected co-Chair of the WUC Partner Constituent Group - PCG 10. PROFESSIONALS and of the Steering Group of WUC. Furthermore he is now a member of the UN-Habitat Heritage Professional Forum (HPF).

## Fig. 8: World Heritage

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 World Heritage nominations:

**Italy** The Cultural Landscape of Civita di Bagnoregio

**Latvia** Kuldīga / Goldingen in Courland

**Lithuania** Modernist Kaunas: Architecture of Optimism, 1919-1939

**Russian Federation** Historic center of Gorokhovets

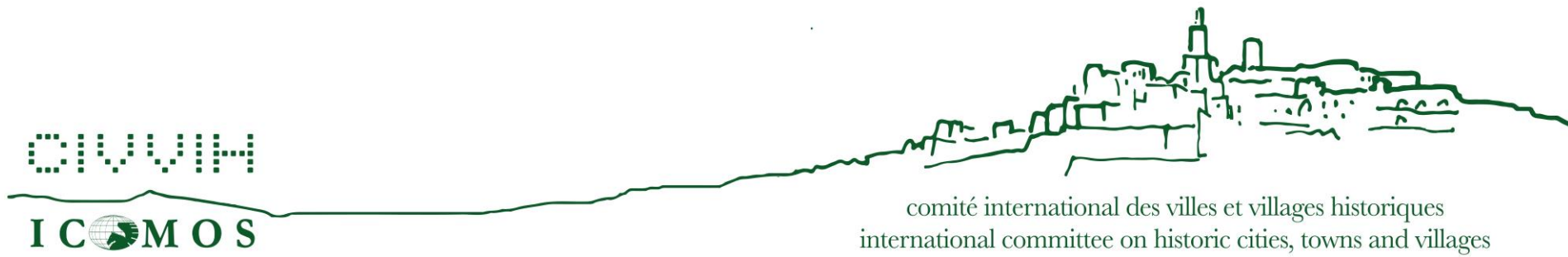
## Fig. 9: Scientific Work Program

The main topic of the Committee is represented by historic cities as a model for sustainability and cultural heritage as the fourth pillar of sustainable development.

The Committee is elaborating a CIVVIH recommendation on HUL concepts, SDGs and Climate Change. The two chairs Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias and Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo of a Working Group have sent the draft document: The Valetta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas - Update March 31th 2021.

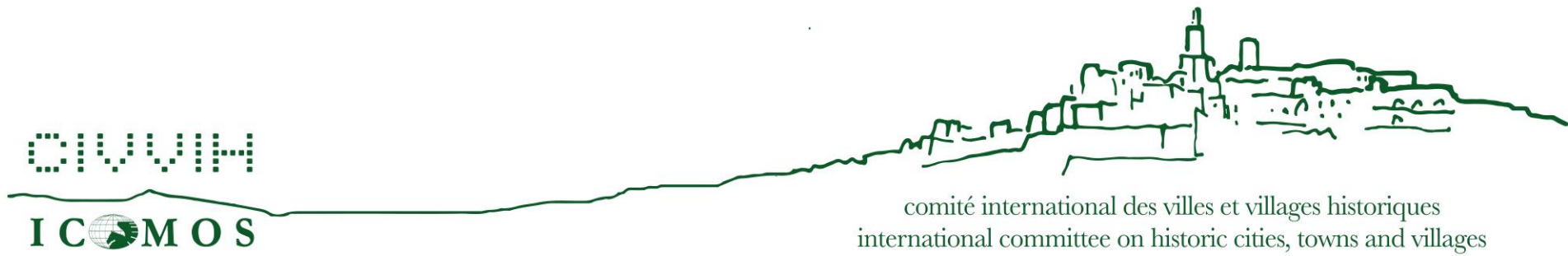
## Fig. 10: Meetings

- ICOMOS Virtual General Assembly (2020/12),
- CIHIB Virtual Meeting (2020/12/01),
- WEBINAR CIVVIH Mediterranean Subcommittee Meeting (2021/02/12),
- X International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities - City of Turkistan (Republic of Kazakhstan) (2021/04/02),
- CIVVIH Zoom Meeting of the Bureau (2021/04/08),
- CIVVIH Zoom Meeting of the Executive (2021/04/09)



## Fig. 11: Next Meetings

- CIVVIH Virtual Annual Meeting - November 2021,
- Post-War Heritage of Art and Architecture in Post-Socialist Countries - Integrated Urban Approaches to Dissonant Monuments and Sites (2021/07/22 - 23 or 2021/07/26 - 27) together with ICOMOS Germany, ICOMOS International committee on 20th Century Heritage (ISC20C) and ICOMOS International committee on Cultural Tourism (ICTC), etc.



## Fig. 12: Activity of CIVVIH

The Scientific Council Officers described 5 different pillars of ISCs:

- 1annual report,
- 2active, strong, relevant and influential,
- 3emerging professionals,
- 4elections,
- 5valid By-Laws

Conclusion: CIVVIH meets all 5 criteria as one of only 8 ISCs.

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# Thank you for your attention!

