

ICOMOS
International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)
Bureau Meeting
April 8, 2021
Via ZOOM

Present were:

PRESIDENT

Claus-Peter ECHTER, Germany

VICE-PRESIDENT

Samir ABDULAC, France

Faika BEJAOUI, Tunisia

Danuta KLOSEK-KOZLOWSHA, Poland

David LOGAN, Australia

SECRETARY GENERAL

Kathleen CROWTHER, USA

HONORARY EXPERT MEMBERS

Sofia AVGERINO KOLONIAS, Greece

Alvaro GOMEZ-FERRER BAYO, Spain

Also in Attendance

Jobadiah CHRISTIANSEN, USA

Margaret LANN, USA

1. Approval of the Revised Agenda: All present approved the revised Agenda. The following topics represents the core of the Bureau meeting. Please see the CIVVIH website for attachments.
2. Updating Valletta Principles: Sofia AVGERINO KOLONIAS presented in PowerPoint form an overview on her work, and that of Álvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo, on the updating of the Valletta Principles. The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas is a document developed by CIVVIH and adopted in 2011. Since then, the Valletta Principles has been translated into 16 different languages. The purpose of the update project is to integrate new concepts and information into the principles, such as the Historic Urban Landscape, climate change, risk preparedness and the sustainable development goals. Sofia and Álvaro have spent many hours considering the ways to update the Principles, and they are now ready for the wider participation of the Working Group, Bureau and Executive. Sofia presented a timeline with the ultimate end-date of having the Principles finalized in time for formal adoption at the Annual Meeting of CIVVIH in November, 2021.

Responses from the members of the Bureau were very favorable. David Logan and others commented that the draft is excellent. Minor recommendations were made for legibility. Discussion ensued regarding translations. In particular, native English speakers are needed to fine-tune the English version. The French version might also require early fine-tuning. Danuta Klosek-

Kozłowska suggested an increased emphasis on urban design and public spaces. The Bureau agreed to the recommended time table.

3. Declaration & Book of Papers of the Virtual Mediterranean Sub-committee Meeting: Claus-Peter Echter asked for the Bureau's input on the work of the Mediterranean Sub-committee. Several members present at the meeting also were participants in a very good meeting of the sub-committee. A book of papers (not abstracts) was approved by the Bureau for posting on the CIVVIH website. The Sub-committee also presented Declarations concluding their proceedings. The declarations are in English and French and require fine-tuning of the languages. Kathleen Crowther will assist with the English and Samir Abdulac will assist with the French. Once this is completed, the declarations will be reviewed by Claus-Peter and may be sent to the ICOMOS Secretariat.
4. Report of the President: Claus-Peter Echter presented a comprehensive "Report of the President" in the PowerPoint format. The 20-page presentation testifies to the work of CIVVIH and its President. New reports released since November, 2020, include ICOMOS's 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>) and 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>.)

Claus-Peter has represented CIVVIH to the World Urban Campaign's Call to Action 2021, reviewed by UN-Habitat and finalized in March, 2021. At the request of ICOMOS President Teresa Patricio, Claus-Peter substituted for her at the International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities, City of Turkistan (Republic of Kazakhstan) April 2, 2021.

Some nine-months after CIVVIH submitted its proposed new Bylaws, the Board of ICOMOS has approved them. CIVVIH is one of 16 (out of 29) ISCs which have complied with this request. CIVVIH's membership continues to increase, and communication to and among the members is on the rise. CIVVIH's partnership with the Organization of World Heritage Cities kicks into gear with Samir Abdulac's participation on the jury for the Jean L'Allier Prize.

Claus-Peter discussed the CIVVIH's participation in the World Heritage nomination process. Last year CIVVIH has not been represented on the panel. Desk reviews and requests for missions related to nomination may be forthcoming.

Additional recent meeting include ICOMOS Virtual General Assembly (2020/12), CIHIB Virtual Meeting (2020/12/01), and a webinar of our Mediterranean Subcommittee Meeting (2021/02/12). CIVVIH's Annual Meeting in November, 2021, was discussed. It is most likely to be virtual. Despite the challenges with succession planning, elections will go forward. Claus-Peter recommended and received support for CIVVIH's involvement with a conference of ICOMOS Germany related to 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). In conclusion, CIVVIH is fulfilling all of the requirements of a thriving ISC of ICOMOS.

5. Comments: Kathleen Crowther expressed concern about the lack of succession planning and that the Bureau and Executive will be comprised of many new people. Samir commented that, in the past year, due to the pandemic, it has been impossible to cultivate new leaders. David recommended that Claus-Peter ask for CIVVIH members to avail themselves of the leadership opportunities now present.

6. Ibero-American Group: Claus-Peter is in receipt of the bylaws under which the CIHIB operates, the Ibero-American Subcommittee. This group has been operating for some time, but now they have been subsumed into CIVVIH as a Subcommittee. However, the group seems to be operating under a complex set of rules that are not in conformance with CIVVIH subcommittees. Their operating procedures are more unnecessary for a subcommittee. David Logan and Danuta KLOSEK-KOZLOWSHA will assist Claus-Peter in reviewing this matter so that the procedures align with other CIVVIH subcommittees.

7. Other: The recent passing of Olga Sevan was noted with sadness. She will be briefly remembered at the Executive meeting tomorrow. She was fondly recalled. Her loss will necessitate a new member from Russia.

The meeting was concluded.

Written by Kathleen H. Crowther, Secretary General

Approved by Claus-Peter Echter, President

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