

2010 ANNUAL MEETING
Valetta, April 7-10, 2010

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes

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1. General

CIVVIH's 2010 annual meeting took place in Valletta, Malta on April 7-10, 2010. The meeting consisted of 4 parts: A one day scientific symposium which discussed the historic city as a reference model for urban sustainable development policies; Four (4) evening open workshops on topics of main interest to the membership: historic seaport cities (coordinated by Teresa Colletta), historic fortified cities (coordinated by Joao Campos), historic wooden towns (coordinated by Olga Sevan) and sustainable mobility in historic cities (coordinated by Michel Van der Meerschen); A one day workshop on CIVVIH's proposed new Principles for urban conservation (coordinated by Elvira Petroncelli), and a half day business meeting chaired by President Ray Bondin followed by a site visit of historic Malta.

Enclosed please find the program of the annual meeting (Annex A).

2. Participants

- a. Members of the Executive
 1. Ray Bondin - President
 2. Nils Ahlberg - Vice President
 3. Michel Bonnette – Vice President
 4. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias – Vice President
 5. Michal Firestone – Secretary General
 6. Nur Akin
 7. Samir Abdulac
 8. Michel Van der Meerschen
 9. David Logan
 10. Saleh Lamei
 11. Teresa Colletta
 12. Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska
- b. Members of the Committee
 1. Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo
 2. Francois Gondran
 3. Astrid Debold-Kritter
 4. Paolo Motta
 5. Joao Campos
 6. Nevzat Ilhan

7. Claus-Peter Echter
 8. Hogne Langset
 9. Athina Papadopoulou
 10. Helen Maistrou
 11. Elvira Petroncelli
 12. Vladimir Krogus
 13. Olga Sevan
 14. Andree Van Bever
 15. Antoine Bruguerolle
 16. Lijun Wang
 17. Alicia Leonor Cahn
 18. Marianne Lehtimaki
 19. Betina Adams
 20. Torsten Haak
 21. Ilse Friedrich
 22. Erzebet Kovacs
 23. Claude Busuttil
 24. Ian Hocking
- c. Others
1. Beria Bayizitlioglu
 2. Namir kemal doleneken
 3. Mesude Senol
 4. Dennis Rodwell
 5. Joao Marujo

3. Adoption of the agenda – Adopted

4. Adoption of the Narni minutes – Adopted

5. Attendance

- a. Paolo Motta and Erzsabeth Kovacs were present at the conference but could not attend the business meeting.
- b. Jean Louis Luxen, Susan Jackson-Stepowski, Christopher Pound, Agnieszka Kiera and Yuichi Fukukawa sent their regrets for not being able to attend the meeting.
- c. The members of CIVVIH wish to express their condolences to Agnieszka Kiera, who had lost her husband shortly before the meeting.

6. Report of the President

The President gave his annual report
Enclosed please find the report (Annex B).

7. Scientific symposium – follow-up

- a. Michel Bonnette who chaired the scientific committee summarized the election process of the presentations (twenty-two abstracts were submitted ten of which were elected for presentation) and thanked the members of the scientific committee as well as the Chairs of the sessions for their good work.
- b. The abstracts that were submitted and the papers that were presented during the scientific symposium will be published in either City & Time or CIVVIH's website. Michel Bonnette will contact the magazine as well as send the abstracts to Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias for publication on the website.

8. Proposed documents for adoption

- a. 'The Valletta Position Paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban Development Policies – A document of the ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)'
 1. A position paper, which originally proposed the historic city as a reference model for sustainable urban development policies, had been proposed for adoption during the meeting.
 2. Two discussions of the proposed document took place: one on April 9th and the second on April 10th.
 3. The document was amended by the authors in line with the recommendations of the participants and approved by the assembly (19 voted in favor, 1 against and 3 abstained) on April 10th.
Enclosed please find the document as adopted (Annex C).
- b. The Valletta document on the principles for urban conservation
 1. April 9th was dedicated to a workshop on the proposed new principles for urban conservation. The participants were divided into four workgroups and each reviewed a section of the document. The compilation of the work (hereon referred to as "the document") was presented to the Committee during its business meeting and submitted for adoption.
 2. CIVVIH adopted the document subject to refinement by a selected group (in favor: 23. Against: 2. Abstained: 0) and will work to publish it in English, French and Spanish.
 3. Title of document
 - a. Three titles were proposed and voted on during the meeting:
 1. The CIVVIH Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Towns and Urban Settlements. (10 votes)
 2. The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas - a CIVVIH Reference Document for New Approaches to the Washington Charter. (9 votes)
 3. The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas. (8 votes)
 - b. Five of those who voted for the first proposal later empowered Ray Bondin to vote for them. This raised the number of votes for the second proposal from 8 to 13. Therefore, the title of the document is: 'The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas - a CIVVIH Reference Document for New Approaches to the Washington Charter'.
 - c. The title of the document in French and in Spanish (and, possibly, in other languages) may reflect the concept rather than a word-by word translation. In this manner, the terms: "cities, towns and urban areas" may be expressed by appropriate terms in French and in Spanish.

9. Future meetings

ICOMOS Cyprus has extended an invitation to CIVVIH's sub-committee for the Mediterranean region to meet in Nicosia (November 17-20, 2010). The meeting will include a one-day symposium as well as a one-day excursion. The theme of the meeting is yet to be determined.

10. Honorary membership

Krzysztof Pawlowski and Vladimir Krogus were awarded honorary membership status.

Enclosed please find short bios of both members (Annex D and E).

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SPECIAL NOTES

The discussions which took place on the proposed documents did not allow for the completion of the agenda. Below please find information that was to be related to the participants during the meeting:

1. **Future CIVVIH meetings** (committee and sub-committees)

- a. CIVVIH's 2011 Annual meeting
The meeting will take place during ICOMOS's GA, which will take place in Paris (and not in Iran as originally planned) – probably during the first week of December.
- b. Damascus meeting (2011).
Samir Abdulac will attempt to organize a meeting/study tour of CIVVIH in Damascus (Syria), possibly in the spring of 2011. The meeting should take place as part of an EU funded project for improving the management of municipal administration. The meeting will not form the annual meeting of the committee.
- c. 2012 Annual meeting
Saleh Lamei will try to arrange an annual meeting of CIVVIH in Alexandria, Egypt (possibly spring 2012).

2. **Membership**

- a. The membership criteria of CIVVIH had been revised in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles. Accordingly, the Vice Presidents of CIVVIH processed some 100 applications during the past 18 months.
- b. To date, CIVVIH has 79 expert members from 40 countries as well as 15 associate members.
Enclosed please find the membership lists (Annex G).
- c. Past associate members (i.e. those who were associate members prior to the revision of the membership criteria) and whose name is not included in the membership lists are encouraged to apply for expert/associate membership status under the new criteria. Applicants are requested to send a CV and, for those applying for expert membership, a cover letter explaining their expertise.

3. **Sub committees and work groups**

- a. Sub Committee for the Ibero-American region (CIHIB)
 1. Paolo Motta, who had been charged by CIVVIH with revitalizing CIHIB, gave the Executive Board which met on April 7 an overview of his efforts to establish cooperation, first with the municipality of Buenos Aires (an effort now abandoned) and currently with the administration of Santiago de Compostela.
 2. The municipality of Santiago de Compostela offered CIHIB long term annual support of 25,000 Euros (sponsorship of annual meetings). The proposal will be discussed with ICOMOS Spain, which had so far sponsored the work of the sub-committee. The President of ICOMOS Spain is absent due to health reasons so the matter is postponed to the summer.
 3. ICOMOS Spain will arrange for a meeting of the committee in November, 2010.
- b. Sub committee for the Mediterranean region
The meeting in Edirne was very successful. An updated report had been distributed following the meeting in Malta.
- c. **Work Group on Walled Cities**
It had been decided that the group discuss walled ensembles rather than fortifications (which fall under responsibility of ICOFORT). The members of the work group (Joao Campos, Betina Adams and Giora Solar) will compose a paper which will form a basis for the group's work programme. The paper will be distributed with a call for contributions from the members of CIVVIH. Members will be invited to join the group on the basis of their contribution to the work of the group.

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4. **Relevant conferences**

- a. Arles, France, April 2010. Urban Heritage in the Mediterranean, Econ. & soc. Dev. Organized by AVEC (an organization of small and medium size cities). CIVVIH was party to the scientific organization (as a representative of ICOMOS) through Ray Bondin Samir Abdulac participated as the representative of ICOMOS France
 - b. Ghent, Belgium, September 1-3, 2010. 10th International conference on urban history – city and society in European history including a session on "Historical European towns and cultural tourism. The transformation of the urban historical tissues in the 21st century." ([session S04, coordinated by Prof. Teresa Colletta, University of Naples "Federico II"](#)) www.eauh2010.ugent.be
 - c. Rostov Velikij, Russia, 24-28 September 2010. "Culture of Wood – Wood in Culture." [An invitation to the conference will be sent separately.](#)
- 5. Cooperation with OVPM/OWHC**
- a. OVPM commissioned a project (led by the city of Lyon) to publish monographies on historic cities. ICOMOS is a partner and has asked CIVVIH to represent it. Other partners are the World Heritage Center and the Getty Institute.
 - b. Samir Abdulac was designated as the representative of CIVVIH.
- 6. Haiti**
- a. A report had been distributed to the members of CIVVIH along with a registration form prior to the Malta meeting. Members of CIVVIH who are interested in volunteering should fill the form and send it to Susan Jackson-Stepowski at stepowsk@tpg.com.au.
 - b. A meeting was organized by ICOMOS France in March at the UNESCO headquarters with the participation of Francesco Bandarin, Gustavo Araoz and French officials.

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