

ICOMOS
International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)
Annual Meeting
November 19, 2021
Via Zoom

Participants included the following:

PRESIDENT: Claus-Peter ECHTER, GERMANY

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Samir ABDULAC, FRANCE

Faïka BÉJAOUÏ, TUNISIA

David LOGAN, AUSTRALIA

SECRETARY GENERAL: Kathleen CROWTHER, USA

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Elena DIMITROVA, BULGARIA

Yüksel DINCER, TURKEY

Hae UN RII, KOREA

Ofelia SANOU, COSTA RICA

HONORARY EXPERT MEMBERS:

Sofia AVGERINOÛ KOLONIAS, GREECE

Alvaro GOMEZ-FERRER BAYO, SPAIN

Teresa Colletta, ITALY

Expert Members:

Alicia Leonor Cahn, ARGENTINA

Robyn Christie, AUSTRALIA

Susan Jackson-Stepowski, AUSTRALIA

Sharif Shams Imon, BANGLADESH

Paula Cordeiro, BELGIUM

Betina Adams, BRAZIL

Mario Ferrada, CHILE

Vlastislav Ouroda, CZECH Republic

Riin Alatalu, ESTONIA

Torsten Haack, England

Antoine Bruguerolle, FRANCE

Hanna Ishac, LEBANON

Smriti Pant, INDIA

Urvashi Srivastava, INDIA

Michal Firestone, ISRAEL

Marialuce Stanganelli, ITALY

Jana Jakobson, LATVIA

Sergius Ciocanu, MOLDOVA

Said Ennahid, MORROCO

Hogna Langset, NORWAY

Walter Rossa, PORTUGAL

Sergey Gorbatenko, RUSSIA

Eti Akyuz Levi, TURKEY

Masood Khan, USA

Associate Members:

Juan A. García Esparza, SPAIN

Also in Attendance:

Margaret Lann, USA

1. Approval of the Agenda: President Claus-Peter Echter opened the meeting. The agenda was approved as is.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 6 November 2020: Claus-Peter informed the participants that the minutes of the meeting are posted on the CIVVIH website. The minutes were approved.
3. Report of the President: Claus-Peter presented a comprehensive report over the past year. A 24-page PowerPoint presentation was narrated and is available upon request. Highlights of the President's Report included important work on the essential documents of the committee, including the Valletta Principles & Sustainable Development Goals. An important achievement was the completion of new Bylaws. Only eight (8) of the twenty-nine (29) ICOMOS ISC have had their bylaws approved, CIVVIH being one of them. CIVVIH is a very large committee and communication is a big challenge. Claus-Peter has worked hard to improve communication through a regular report to members and a Facebook group, among other methods. The newsletter is a challenge because contributions are needed from members. CIVVIH cooperates with five (5) ICOMOS working groups that are addressing various issues including emerging professionals and climate change. Successful partnerships have endured this past year with several heritage and global organizations, including Organization of World Heritage Cities, UN-Habitat, World Urban Forum (WUF) and World Urban Campaign (WUC). CIVVIH has been called upon to provide experts to World Heritage nominations in Italy, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia, with one member representing CIVVIH and attending the meeting of the World Heritage panel. CIVVIH's Triennial Work Program has been approved and concentrates on climate change impacts and the updating of the Valletta Principles. Because of the turn to virtual communication, CIVVIH meetings and representation was very high, at least eleven (11) meetings took place. CIVVIH has therefore been highly visible in the last year. Claus-Peter hopes this report shows that CIVVIH is fulfilling its role to be active and strong. In conclusion, he thanked members for their vote of confidence over these last three years.
4. Comments: Many, many comments of gratitude to Claus-Peter ensued. He has been an excellent president. Discussion of the integration of Ibero-American members into CIVVIH was discussed. The continued focus on the imperative of climate change was discussed.
5. Sub-Committees and Other Reports: The Mediterranean Sub-committee is publishing a volume of abstracts very soon. The Eastern Europe Sub-committee will soon publish the papers related to the Malbork conference. The Asia Pacific Sub-committee has had two excellent meeting before the pandemic, each in Beijing. At this time, CIVVIH is not certain of future meetings in China, perhaps another location will be considered.
6. Updating Valletta Principles: A great deal of work has transpired to update the Valletta Principles. Countless meetings and discussions have been completed. Now the document must be provided to a wide range of CIVVIH members to enable a global perspectives before finalization. CIVVIH members from Australia are to be thanked for their assistance. The working group may be refreshed with new members.
7. Scientific Work Program: Claus-Peter brought up the topic of Emerging Professionals. This is an area where CIVVIH has made an effort, but more success is required. It is a big task for the next Bureau. Emerging Professionals will be very helpful in the area of digital technologies. For the next Bureau, each

Vice President will have a particular task to do.

8. New Meetings: Paula Cordeiro proposed a meeting in Brussels. Due to the pandemic, she recommends a hybrid meeting that she can arrange. Her proposal was accepted.
9. CIVVIH elections 2021: The process of a virtual election was very challenging this year. Claus-Peter was in close communication with the Secretariat on the process. The following people were elected: President Paula CORDEIRO, Belgium; Vice Presidents are Antoine BRUGUEROLLE, France, Elena DIMITROVA, Bulgaria, Torsten HAAK, UK, Siame –Hanna ISHAC, Lebanon, Awon Rii, Korea; Secretary General, Kathleen CROWTHER, USA, Executive is composed of Eman ASSI, U.A.E., Robyn CHRISTIE, Australia, Hamza Yuksel DINCER, Turkey, Said ENNAHID, Morocco, Juan A. García ESPARZA, Spain. Ofelia SANOU, Costa Rica and Pål Anders STENSSON, Sweden were co-opted. Each Vice President gave a personal comment.
10. Comments of the New President: The new President, Paula Cordeiro, provided comments in both French and English in honor of the bilingual nature of CIVVIH and ICOMOS. She will continue the good work of CIVVIH. She strongly supports the Valletta Principles revision and CIVVIH’s work in climate change. She hopes to support other areas of the world that have heritage needs, to recruit emerging professionals and to increase communication. Since our committee is built on friendship, it is important to return to in-person meetings, if possible.
11. Others: Samir Abdulac made a presentation on the Working Group of Syria and Iraq. It entailed the ANQA project to deliver support in these areas that are war torn.

The meeting was concluded.

Written by Kathleen H. Crowther, Secretary General

Approved by Paula Cordeiro, President

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