

CIVVIH Newsletter  
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2011

**ICOMOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM 2011**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS will be held from  
**27 November to 2 December 2011 in Paris, France.**

**CIVVIH is participating in the Scientific Committee Forum  
on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

**CIVVIH ANNUAL MEETING 2011**

The CIVVIH annual meeting will be held on **December 2, 2011 in Paris  
from 16.00 to 20.00.**

the CIVVIH will be participating in two parts:

- a. presentations of French Institutions concerning activities about Urban Heritage
- b. official part

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Adoption of minutes Malta 2010
3. Thanks
4. Report of the President:
  - 4.1 Report on the Valetta Principles
  - 4.2 Sub committees and work groups
    - a. Ibero-American Sub Committee
    - b. Mediterranean Sub committee
    - c. Work Group on Walled Cities
  - 4.3 Other conferences
  - 4.4 World Heritage
  - 4.5 OWHC Project
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(committee and sub-committees)

- 6 Resolutions
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**LETTER BY SAMIR ABDULAC**  
**ICOMOS FRANCE VICE-PRESIDENT | MEMBER OF CIVVIH BUREAU**

**Dear Members of CIVVIH, dear colleagues and friends,**

**We should meet in Paris in just a month** and I would like to provide you with some early details about the General Assembly. Eight hundred participants from about 80 countries are already registered. The subject of the Symposium is a concern for all of us, particularly the theme of Heritage and Territorial Development. Presentations will be given on many cases of Historic Cities and Rural Areas. Several of our members were invited to deliver speeches, to begin with our dear Sofia, as a "great witness" on First day.

As other International Scientific Committees, the CIVVIH will be participating in two events:

1. **the ISCs Forum first, on Tuesday 29 November from 6 to 8.30 PM.** This would be a unique opportunity for making our activities better known from other ICOMOS Members and other participants, as well as hopefully for gaining additional Members.
2. then, **as a committee, on Friday 2 December from 4 to 8.00 PM, we would organize before our business meeting, three presentations of French Institutions** whose activities about Urban Heritage are particularly useful and original, and which deserve to be known:
  - The Association of French World Heritage Wealth,
  - The National Association of Art and History Towns and provinces and of Safeguarded Districts,
  - The City of Lyon and its International Project of Case Studies about Historic Cities in Development

Officials from these Institutions will be there to present their endeavours and to answer your questions.

Finally, **post-conference tours will begin as soon as Saturday 3 December** and will include visits to several World Heritage Cities and areas including meetings with local authorities and actors.

Another mail will eventually provide you with additional details about our meeting.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to meet you soon in Paris,  
Samir ABDULAC

ICOMOS France Vice-president | Member of CIVVIH



## World Congress of the Organization of World Heritage Cities - Sintra 2011

The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) organizes the Mayors' Workshop preceding the next World Congress of the OWHC to be held **in Sintra, Portugal, from 22 to 25 November 2011.**

On-line registration for the World Congress:

The OWHC wishes to remind you that in order to be officially registered for the event, it is imperative that you register through the web-site [www.sintraovpm2011.com](http://www.sintraovpm2011.com)

The **General Assembly of the OWHC** will be held at the end of the World Congress of Sintra. Only the cities in good standing of the OWHC can participate. However, the World Congress is open to all. To register for the General Assembly, you may download the registration form from the above web-site.

## Other OWHC News

### Solidarity Day of the World Heritage Cities

Like every year, the World Heritage Cities has celebrated Solidarity Day of the World Heritage Cities on **September 8**. More details are available on the [website of the International Solidarity Day of the World Heritage Cities](#).

### Elections to the Board of Directors of the OWHC

Cities interested in submitting their candidacy to serve on the Board of Directors of the OWHC are requested to download the [application form](#).

### XII World Congress of the OWHC in 2013

Cities interested in hosting the XII World Congress of the OWHC in 2013 are requested to download the [application form](#).

## 1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We remind to our members that our **CIVVIH Website** is available. We invite our members to send papers relevant to our subjects of interest to be added in the **"library"**.

Furthermore, the **Valetta Principles document** is at the stage of the final linguistic editing. Soon the final version will be available for distribution.

## 2. CIVVIH MEDITERRANEAN SUB-COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[reminder]** Completion of the Euromed Heritage 4 and RehabiMed 4th edition of the **International Digital Photography Award** "Crossing Viewpoints". This year's theme is: "**Mediterranean cities as space of socialisation**".  
[For further information or **to enter the competition**:  
[www.euromedheritage.net/intern.cfm](http://www.euromedheritage.net/intern.cfm)]

## 3. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

- **[new]** "**Almeida International Seminar 2011 on Military Architecture**"  
It is the sixth year that an International Seminar is organized at the walled town of Almeida, in Portugal, usually centred on the theme of the military architecture, mainly the bulwarked systems of defence.  
Last August, a dozen and a half of experts from Brazil, Spain, Israel, Belgium and Portugal join in a Commemorative happening of the Siege of the Stronghold during the Napoleonic War, and produced a large discussion about the theme choose for this year: the construction of the frontier between Spain and Portugal in Europe and in South America and the contribution of the bulwarked fortifications from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.  
**Several members of CIVVIH belonging to the Working Group on Walled Towns gave their active and very useful contribution to the meeting, held last 25th to 29th of August.**
- **[new]** "**Sustainability of Historic City Management and Cultural Heritage Conservation: The Italian Experience**"  
Sponsored by the Office of the Executive Director, EDS 21 and the Urban Development and Local Government Unit  
Thursday, November 3, 2011 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
MC 2-800 | World Bank Headquarters, Washington, DC  
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- **[new]** At the forthcoming **OWHC Conference in Sintra**, Portugal there will be a half-day Workshop for Mayors of World Heritage cities on 22 November 2011. **David Logan**, CIVVIH bureau member, has been assisting the Getty Conservation Institute in planning the Workshop which will be held in 3 languages. David will also be a Facilitator at the Workshop.
- **[new]** CIVVIH Bureau member, **David Logan**, was invited by China ICOMOS and the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, People's Republic of China (SACH) to participate in the **International Seminar on the Monitoring and Management of World Heritage Sites that was held in Suzhou, China from 18-21 September**. The seminar was organised as part of the Chinese celebration of the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and aimed to

'communicate and co-operate more with fellow professionals of other countries to explore the theory and practice in the World Heritage monitoring and management'. China currently has 41 properties inscribed on the World Heritage List including a serial listing of the Classical Gardens of Suzhou.

The seminar was organised around the following three themes:

- (1) Value-based monitoring and management;
- (2) Study on the monitoring indicators for World Heritage;
- (3) Monitoring and management approaches for large-scale heritage of cultural routes;

A keynote address was presented by Mounir Bouchenaki, Director-General of ICCROM who spoke of the challenges for monitoring and managing World Heritage sites. A further keynote address was presented by Shan Jixiang, Director in General of SACH, who gave an overview of current Chinese practice in the monitoring of World Cultural Heritage sites.

A range of international and local speakers spoke of issues associated with managing and monitoring the setting of World Heritage properties including historic towns. These included presentations by Guo Zhan, Vice President of ICOMOS, Professor LEE Sang Hae, President of ICOMOS Korea and David Logan, CIVVIH Bureau Member and member of Australia ICOMOS.

**David Logan's presentation**, which focused on the importance of managing the setting of World Heritage towns in order to protect the OUV, concluded:

*The examples that I and other speakers have shown raise the question of how best to identify and manage wider topographical settings when these are part of the Historic Urban Landscape. I believe we will need to be more analytical in identifying these settings when assessing future World Heritage listings for historic urban areas. The draft Valletta Principles prepared by CIVVIH make this clear, in stating: 'Historic towns and urban areas as well as their settings must be considered in their totality'. This may mean that we will need to look more closely at, and perhaps extend, buffer zones as a means of protecting important settings.*

*It follows, therefore, that buffer zones will need to be monitored for their effectiveness in protecting the setting of historic towns and areas. If a particular buffer zone proves to be inadequate in protecting World Heritage values in the face of change then it may need to be revised and re-listed.*

These comments were supported by a number of participants. One of the outcomes of the seminar was recognition of the importance of managing and monitoring the setting of World Heritage listed places. The seminar also highlighted a range of specific monitoring methods currently in use or being trialled in different parts of the world.



- [new] **Piere Laconte**, CIVVIH member, Europa Nostra Council member, Chair of the Industrial and Engineering Heritage Committee published an article about **Europa Nostra's activities in favour of industrial and engineering heritage**. Its interest includes conservation and adaptive reuse of this heritage in historic cities and villages (ENC.)
- [new] **Dr. Ing. Claus-Peter Echter**, CIVVIH member and Vice-President Europa Nostra Germany, during the conference of the German working group of professors and researchers "Theory of Heritage Conservation" which took place on September 28, 2011 gave a speech on "The importance of the German publications series "Monument Topography" on an international level".

*Monument Topography, as a new form of monument description and documentation, plays an important role in national, state, and local preservation of historical monuments in Germany. A series of publications entitled "Denkmaltopographie Bundesrepublik Deutschland" ("Monument Topography in Germany") undertakes a systematic account of historic monuments in the states of Germany. The monuments of cities and counties are described within their local spatial and partly in their cultural landscape context. The monument topography reflects general historical structures at the urban development scale. The project also provides planners and developers in cities and counties with cultural history data and information and fosters a public awareness of history and the cultural heritage. As a recording tool the monument topography lies between the list of monuments/monument registers and the comprehensive inventory.*

*The 180 volumes of the "Monument Topography in Germany" series which had appeared by 2011 constitute an excellent collection of materials on historical buildings and monuments and their environments whose scientific value goes far beyond topography and which grows with every new volume to be published.*

#### 4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [new] Please find in annex, for your personal information, the letter of invitation for the **13th World Conference of Historical cities** in Hue, **Vietnam** from **16 to 18 April 2012**, under the theme "Defining Universal Heritage Challenges and Solution".  
[For more information: [www.lhchue2012.org.vn](http://www.lhchue2012.org.vn) | hoptacquoctehue@vnn.vn]
- [new] **An announcement from the ICCROM Collections Uni: The Réseau Art Nouveau Network**, in the framework of the project Art Nouveau & Ecology

supported by the programme Culture 2007-2013 of the European Commission, organises a **one-day symposium** on **19th November 2011** on **Nature, Creativity and Production at the time of Art Nouveau**.

This theme covers creativity, analysis of the manufacturing process and production as well as the constant contact with nature as an example or inspiration. This theme can also study the teaching, the learning and the establishment of new types of workshops and factories.

[For any additional information, please contact to [info@artnouveau.net](mailto:info@artnouveau.net) or visit [www.artnouveau-net.eu](http://www.artnouveau-net.eu)]

- **[reminder]** The Architectural Heritage and Urban Heritage: Restoration, Preservation, and Conservation course will be held in Florence, Italy from October 16 to November 13, 2011

The course is designed for young professionals, interns, and advanced students in architecture, engineering, heritage restoration, and cultural studies.

[For more information on course content, registration and accommodation details see the file in attachment or click on link:

[http://www.lifebeyondtourism.org/wp-content/themes/k2/workshop/dett\\_workshop.asp?id\\_work=365](http://www.lifebeyondtourism.org/wp-content/themes/k2/workshop/dett_workshop.asp?id_work=365)

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- **[new]** The KCWS 2011 - 4<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Cities World Summit will take place on November 14-17, 2011 in Holon and Galilee, Israel.

The upcoming conference wishes to create partnerships and collaborations for future joint projects. The ideas for new projects will be captured and shared with all participants. This way new projects and future research will be initiated in the conference itself: this will be high productivity of knowledge.

- **[new]** **Industrial Heritage 2011** will be held in **Tilburg**, The Netherlands. One of the main themes of the conference will be the strategy to follow for the Campaign for an European Industrial and Technical Heritage Year: how to spread the message, how to influence regional and national authorities, how to approach the European institutions.

- **[new]** The Culture & Heritage Institute (CHI) at Centennial College invites you to a **workshop on 'Geotourism'**, on Tuesday, **November 29**, 2011 at the Centennial College Residence and Conference Centre [For more information: [www.centennialcollege.ca/chi/workshop](http://www.centennialcollege.ca/chi/workshop)

### Other E-Newsletters we recommend to visit:

- **Australia ICOMOS** E-Mail News available online at <http://australia.icomos.org/category/e-news/> - new issue: <http://australia.icomos.org/e-news/australia-icomos-e-mail-news-no-494/>
- Newsletter of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee of Vernacular Architecture (CIAV) available at <http://ciav.icomos.org/>
- The new **ICOMOS International Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)** newsletter available at [http://www.icomos.org/icahm/articles/ICAHM\\_News\\_07-10.pdf](http://www.icomos.org/icahm/articles/ICAHM_News_07-10.pdf)
- **ICCROM e-News** available online at <http://www.iccrom.org/index.shtml>

- Newsletter forum UNESCO, university and heritage:  
[http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin\\_FUUP\\_html/index\\_eng.html](http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin_FUUP_html/index_eng.html)
- International Union of Architects – **UIA E-newsletter** available at <http://www.uia-architectes.org>  
[subscribe using the on-line form at: <http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-2/5-abonnement.html>]
- **OpenMed**, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at [www.open-med.eu](http://www.open-med.eu)
- **The League of Historical Cities**  
<http://www.city.kyoto.jp/somu/kokusai/lhcs/eng/index.htm>

**You are encouraged to send us information about your activities in order to be included on Member's Activities in the forthcoming CIVVIH Newsletters**