

CIVVIH Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE ICOMOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM 2011

The 17th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS held from 27 November to 2 December 2011 in Paris, France.

**CIVVIH participated in the Scientific Committee Forum
at the evening of the 29th November.**





A. CIVVIH BUREAU LUNCH MEETING 2011 Paris, December 1, 2011

The Bureau worked on December 1st, in order to prepare the Business Annual meeting of the next day.

Participants

Members of the Executive

Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias – Acting President (GREECE) | **Nils Ahlberg** – Vice President (SWEDEN) | **Michel Bonnette** – Vice President (CANADA) | **Samir Abdulac** (FRANCE) | **Teresa Colletta** (ITALY) | **Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska** (POLAND) | **Nur Akin** (TURKEY) |

David Logan (AUSTRALIA) | **Paolo Motta** (ITALY) | **Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo** (SPAIN) | **Joao Campos** (PORTUGAL)

Francois Gondran (FRANCE), attend the meeting.

**B. CIVVIH ANNUAL MEETING
Paris, December 2, 2011**

CIVVIH's 2011 annual meeting took place in Paris , France on December 2, 2011. The meeting consisted of a business meeting, chaired by Acting President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, and two thematic presentations which were arranged and introduced by Samir Abdulac. The agenda of the annual meeting is available on our Web site (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/129>)

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b. Honorary member

Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo (SPAIN)

c. The responsables of working groups

1. Valetta principles **Elvira Petroncelli** (FRANCE)
2. Fortified towns **Joao Campos** (PORTUGAL)

d. Members of the Committee

Francois Gondran (FRANCE) | **Susan Jackson-Stepowski** (AUSTRALIA) | **Helen Wilson** (AUSTRALIA) | **Joao Campos** (PORTUGAL) | **Agnieshka Kiera** (AUSTRALIA) | **Claus-Peter Echter** (GERMANY) | **Hogne Langset** (NORWAY) | **Athina Papadopoulou** (CYPRUS) | **Elvira Petroncelli** (FRANCE) | **Olga Sevan** (RUSSIA) | **Antoine Bruguerolle** (FRANCE) | **Andrée Van Bever** (BELGIUM) | **Alicia Leonor Cahn** (ARGENTINA) | **Betina Adams** (BRAZIL) | **Torsten Haak** (UK) | **Angela Rojas** (CUBA) | **Giora Solar** (ISRAEL) | **Roland Lee Fleming** (UK) | **Nuran Zeren Gulersoy** (TURKEY) | **Barbara Precht** (GERMANY) | **George Tsilimigkas** (GREECE) | **Elene Negussie** (IRELAND) | **Mina Elmgari** (MOROCCO) | **Vjekoslava Sankovc Simcic** (BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA) | **Jeff Soule** (USA) | **Maisa Navarro** (SPAIN) | **George S. Zouain** (LEBANON)

e. Observers

Nigel Lewis (AUSTRALIA) | **Eric Pattison** (CANADA) | **Christina Iamandi** (FRANCE) | **Kathryn Howes Barth** (USA) | **Laima Nomeikaite** (NORWAY – LITHUANIA) | **Goran Niksic** (CROATIA) | **Francoise Descamps**, Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles (USA) | **Minja Yang**, President Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation, Catholic University of Leuven | **Marie-Noel Tournoux**, Unité des Projets Spéciaux,

Thematic presentations coordinated by Samir Abdulac

The Statutory Meeting was suspended to allow for two pre-arranged presentations to be made to the CIVVIH members on behalf of ICOMOS France. These aim essentially at presenting the original initiatives concerning the World Heritage cities in France, as well as abroad.

Samir Abdulac introduced Minja Yang, founding member of the 'Association of French World Heritage Sites'. She gave a presentation about the work of the Association which was formed in 2007 to create a platform for exchange of information, advice and thoughts and to promote cooperation between the World Heritage sites in France. The Association works on 3 axes:

- Management plans,
- Communication, culture, mediation,
- International relations.

It particularly assists in the elaboration of declarations of OUV and the preparation of Management Plans founded in OUV. Today, France numbers 37 WH sites and a convention signed in 2011 defines the rules of cooperation between the State and the association.

Samir Abdulac also introduced the second presentation by Bruno Delas, Director of Studies in the University of Lyon about the ongoing project being undertaken by the Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OWHC/OVPM) in conjunction with ICOMOS, UNESCO, the European Union, the Getty Conservation Institute, the World Heritage Centre, and the City of Lyon.

The project has so far produced 45 case studies showcasing a wide range of projects that have been undertaken in World Heritage cities. ICOMOS' contribution to the project has been delegated to CIVVIH and is being coordinated by Samir Abdulac who is also participating to the works of the piloting committee for the project. The PowerPoint presentation was also presented during the previous week at Sintra, Portugal during the Congress of Mayors of the World Heritage Cities. A selection of this information is planned to be diffused in 2012.

On the CIVVIH web-site is already posted the first material coming from our Paris meeting (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/129>), as well as the presentations made by Minja and Bruno (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/130>).



Report of the Acting President

The Acting President gave her annual report (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/129>)

i) Adoption of the Valletta Principles

It was noted that the CIVVIH's 'Valletta Principles' document had been adopted at the 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS and special thanks were extended to the coordinating group, in particular to Elvira Petroncelli

(<http://civvih.icomos.org/sites/default/files/CIVVIH%20Valletta%20principles.pdf>)

ii) Congratulations to Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo

The Acting President reminded that CIVVIH member, Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo, had been recognised as an Honorary Member of ICOMOS, for his distinguished service to ICOMOS. Alvaro was warmly congratulated by the meeting.



During the CIVVIH annual meeting Angela Rojas, the elected president of the Ibero-American Subcommittee gave a verbal report to the meeting on recent activities of CIHIB.



Membership Database

David Logan had agreed to assist with the coordination of the database. The proposal was strongly supported by the members.

Honorary Memberships

It was decided unanimously that Ray Bondin be made an Honorary Member immediately. Other nominations be postponed pending the preparation of selection criteria.

Discussions on 'Integrity'

Giora Solar reported that, on behalf of CIVVIH, he had attended during the General Assembly a discussion at ICOMOS' World Heritage Unit about the definition, application and meaning of the term 'Integrity'. He advised that a paper is being written on this subject by the ICOMOS World Heritage Unit for distribution to the officers of ISCs.

**CIVVIH' participation in the "Youth and Universities" Forum
at the UNESCO Headquarters**

On Wednesday, November 30, took place the "Youth and Universities" Forum in Hall Ségur at the UNESCO Headquarters.

About 10 French and international schools and universities in the fields of heritage and architecture presented their activities and projects. This was an excellent opportunity for participants of the Assembly to establish contact with younger individual interested in the same topics. The establishments and programmes were the Ecole de Chaillot (Paris, France), the National Landscape school of Versailles (France), the Institut de recherche et d'études supérieures du tourisme (IREST, Paris, France), the Institute for Planning, Tourism and Urban Planning from the Michel de Montaigne University and of the School of Architecture of Bordeaux (France), the Ecole d'Avignon (France), the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (RLICC, Leuven, Belgium), the Centre de perfectionnement aux métiers du Patrimoine de la Paix-Dieu (Namur, Belgium), the University of Laval (Québec, Canada), and the Master of Arts in World Heritage Studies from the Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus (Germany).

CIVVIH follow this event with the participation of George Tsilimigkas (GREECE).

[<http://www.icomos-paris2011.com/program-----icomos-2011---general-assembly-and-the-scientific-symposium->]

Triennial Work Plan

The Acting President presented the proposed triennial research topics of the Scientific Council and invited a discussion on what should be included in the CIVVIH's forward Work Plan for the next triennium 2011-14. Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo recommended that CIVVIH should spend some time considering what 'Integrity' means within the framework of CIVVIH activities, as well as the implications of the HUL Recommendation.

David Logan advised the meeting of his recent involvement in facilitating the Mayors' Workshop at the OWHC/OVPM Congress in Sintra and the various heritage management issues that had been raised by the mayors and advisors. These included a range of impacts associated with tourism, loss of inhabitants from historic centres and impacts associated with climate change.

A number of members expressed a view that CIVVIH's Work Plan should be focussed on practical, rather than theoretical, issues. It was agreed that further consideration of the Work Plan would occur before May when it would be finalised.

Future CIVVIH meetings

a. CIVVIH's 2012 Annual Meeting

Teresa Colletta announced that the Italian ICOMOS had agreed to host the next CIVVIH meeting in Naples to coincide with the World Urban Forum of 2012. It was agreed that the CIVVIH Annual Meeting will take place in Naples, Italy the first week of September 2012.



b. Joint meeting with THEOPHILOS ISC in Bacu, April 2012.

THEOPHILOS would like to hold joint discussions with CIVVIH on the HUL Recommendation, recently adopted by UNESCO. They are seeking involvement of at least 8 CIVVIH members. The meeting will occur as part of THEOPHILOS' annual meeting.

c. Subcommittee for the Mediterranean region

After proposal of Nur Akin, the subcommittee will hold its next meeting in Izmir at the end of May 2012.

Election of CIVVIH President

It was unanimously decided that Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias be appointed President for the next 12 months pending the elections due to be held at the next CIVVIH Annual Meeting in 2012.

Documentation from the meeting



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".

2. CIVVIH MEDITERRANEAN SUB-COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING MEETING

The Sub-Committee will hold its next meeting in **Izmir** at the end of **May 2012**.

- **[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]

3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII World Congress of the OWHC in 2013



Organization of World Heritage Cities

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

- **[new] Call for Abstract** YTU ICORP - Cultural Heritage Protection in Times of Risk: Challenges and Opportunities.
Yıldız Technical University and ICOMOS-ICORP (International Committee on Risk Preparedness) are organizing an international symposium on *"Cultural Heritage Protection in Times of Risk: Challenges and Opportunities"* on **15 to 17 November, 2012** in Istanbul Turkey. The aim of this symposium is to contribute towards developing solutions on an international platform by sharing planned and realized works on defining and mitigating slow as well as catastrophic risks, especially natural and human induced disasters and conflict situations, that threaten cultural heritage in short and long terms.
Submission of abstracts until **20th March, 2012** [For further information: <http://www.har.yildiz.edu.tr> / har@yildiz.edu.tr]
- **[new]** The Architectural Heritage Department of Dubai Municipality is planning to organize its **3rd International Architectural Conservation Conference and Exhibition**, in Dubai city on **17 to 19 December 2012**. The main aim of this conference is to expand knowledge on recent concepts and approaches in conservation of cultural heritage.
Proposed Themes
 1. Policies, strategies and decision making in historic environment.
 2. Economics of conservation and sustainable environment.
 3. Cultural development and awareness.
 4. Management of cultural heritage in historic areas.
 5. Project implementation and practical aspects of urban conservation.Deadline for abstract submission: online until 12 January 2012
<http://www.architecturalconservation.co/wp/>
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- **[reminder]** 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 | hoptacquoctehue@vnn.vn]

Other E-Newsletters we recommend to visit

- **Australia ICOMOS** E-Mail News available online at
<http://australia.icomos.org/category/e-news/>

- 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
- **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
- 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
- **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