ICOMOS and OWHC expressed their sadness for the recent death of Mrs Siri Myrvoll, Director of Heritage Management at the City of Bergen Heritage Management Office on 1 May, and convey warmest thoughts to her family. The OVPM Communiqué outlines her active involvement in their network. Many international ICOMOS colleagues will remember Siri for the excellent and warm welcome she offered the ICOMOS Executive and Advisory Committee, and the International Scientific Committee, in Bergen in 2004. Her early death is a great loss to heritage conservation in Norway and her energy and enthusiasm will be missed by many colleagues around the world.

1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIVVIH ANNUAL MEETING
[reminder]
We would like to remind you that in accordance with the recent message received from ICOMOS Italia and Teresa Colletta the annual meeting of CIVVIH will be held in Naples from 3 to 7 September 2012, following a discussion to be held between the CIVVIH Bureau and ICOMOS Italia.

Further information and details will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Congratulation to Dr Nils Ahlberg for his election as Vice President of ICOMOS SWEDEN
and to Dr Francois Gondran for his election as Vice President of ICOMOS France

REPORT by Dr Claus-Peter Echter and Michal Firestone
ICOMOS Baku Conference “Heritage under pressure – Perspectives of Historic Urban Landscape”

The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (TheoPhilos) organized its 7th annual scientific conference in Baku / Azerbaijan between 26th and 28th of April 2012. Five members of CIVVIH participated in the meeting in Baku: Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Michal Firestone (Israel), Vladimir Krogius (Russia), Boguslaw Smygin (Poland) and Josef Stulc (Czech Republic).
The main subject of the conference was the contemporary challenges for heritage protection and a new paradigm for heritage protection. The threatening development of urban historic areas and a brutal break of continuity were considered as a crucial issue during the meeting. An important line of the Baku conference concerned the impact of the urbanization process that is the result of human activity on cities where World Heritage Sites are located.

CIVVIH members Michal Firestone, Vladimir Krogius, Boguslaw Smygin and Josef Stulc gave presentations on: The “Kibbutz” - Can it help us understand the challenges we face in urban conservation today?”, “Two brand new UNESCO and ICOMOS urban conservation guiding documents”, “HUL recommendation as element of paradigm shift in heritage protection”, “The concept of Historic City as a collective work of art” and Claus-Peter Echter and Michal Firestone chaired a session of the meeting.

The proceedings will be published. The committee decided to formulate future actions in the matter based on suggestions by the members.

2. CIVVIH MEDITERRANEAN SUB-COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The REPORt from CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub-Committee ANNUAL MEETING “MULTILAYERED HISTORIC TOWNS” that was held on 18-21 May 2012 in Izmir, Turkey will be available on our next CIVVIH Newsletter issue.

[New] The Séminaire «Médinas 2030» / 2e réunion du comité scientifique took place at Marseille on 23 April 2012 and was followed by the Séminaire «Médinas 2030» Le développement durable des médinas on 24 and 25 April 2012.

3. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

[New] CIVVIH member Dr. Olga Sevan, just has published her new work. The book it is for the moment only available in Russian. It is related to towns, but about villages and museums.

Below is presented information in English.

Olga Sevan
«Malye Korely» Arkhangelsk museum of wooden architecture.
History of creating, methodology of the projecting, modern condition»
The monograph «Malye Korely» Arkhangelsk museum of wooden architecture, is dedicated to the author’s vision and approach towards the history of creating, methodology of projecting and modern condition of one of the biggest open-air museum in our country “Malye Korely” near Arkhangelsk, ranging with European museums of such type. The research presents an analysis of such creating museums in Europe, starting from the end of the XIX century, today counting more than 2 thousands, as well as Russian ones, which numbers about 40.


4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Comité de Pilotage n°22 took place on 2 and 3 May 2012, in UNESCO, Paris.

The final phase – conference on the project’s results will take place on the 17th of September 2013.

Information on the OWHC Project “Historic Cities in Development: Keys for Understanding and Acting”:

The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) is launching its project Historic Cities in Development: the Keys to Understanding and Action, a Compilation of Case Studies on the conservation and management historic cities.

Since 2008, the OWHC and the city of Lyon, in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and UNESCO within the framework of the Cities Programme and with the financial and technical support of the France-UNESCO Convention, the Netherlands Funds in Trust, the Council of Europe, the Getty Conservation Institute and ICOMOS, have worked for the development of a Compilation of case studies which will ultimately allow the sharing of knowledge and expertise unparalleled in the world of historic cities.

For further information visit OWHC site at: http://www.ovpm.org/en/compilation_case_studies_conservation_and_management_historic_cities

- [new] The UNESCO Creative Cities Network meeting was held in Montreal on 21 and 22 May, 2012. About 150 representatives from the various cities part of that Network will attend the meeting. There are 31 cities members of that network, from 18 countries in most of which there are ICOMOS National Committees. These cities are registered under one of seven themes of creativity - Design, Crafts and Folk Arts, Media Arts, Literature, Music, Cinema and Gastronomy - and many have a World Heritage connection.

- [new] The Syrian archaeological heritage is in danger: an inventory of damaged sites and buildings - Euromed Heritage

In the following website: http://www.facebook.com/Archeologie.syrienne?ref=tn_tnmn
there is posted interesting information on the Syrian heritage and represents a great effort for implementation, and documentation updated, with a lot of information on documentation.

- [new] The International Seminar of Almeida 2012 which will be held from 24 to 26 August 2012. “Commemorations of the 1810 Almeida’ Siege”.

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Larger or smaller, fortified cities of the Baroque period, as Almeida, generally have a complimentary program of military buildings, which marks the character of the urban fabric of the historic sites that they are related to.

What is happening in other fortified cities? Which similarities exist between the different cases?

What future is reserved for those remarkable buildings nowadays practically all empty of military function?

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[New] Call for Nominations: The World Monuments Fund invites nominations for the 2012 World Monuments Fund/Knoll Modernism Prize. The Prize will be awarded in fall 2012 to a design professional or firm in recognition of innovative design solutions that preserved or saved a modern landmark at risk. Projects that enhanced a site's architectural, functional, economic, and environmental sustainability while benefiting the community are encouraged. Nominated projects must have been completed in the last five years. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2012. [For more detail information visit the World Monuments Fund website: http://www.wmf.org/modernism-prize/call-nominations].

[New] Call for papers: The international symposium entitled “Cultural Encounters in The Ottoman World and Their Artistic Reflections” will be held in honour of Prof. Dr. Filiz Yenisehrioglu by the Department of History of Art, Hacettepe University, Turkey. The aim of the Symposium, which will be held on 14-16 November 2012 in Hacettepe University Beytepe Campus, is to question the cultural encounters within the scope of the Ottoman world and the Ottoman civilization, and to discuss and share the artistic reflections of these encounters. Abstracts should not exceed 400 words and be sent via email to: ceoar2012@gmail.com Deadline for the abstracts is May 15, 2012. [For further information: Hacettepe University, Faculty of Letters, Department of History of Art, 06800 Beytepe-Ankara, Turkey, E-mail: ceoar2012@gmail.com].

ICOMOS ISCEC Meeting in Malta “Ports as new Magnets for Urban Sustainable Development”, May 24-25, 2012. [For further information the website is availiable : http://portsmagnets2012.altervista.org/ or portsmagnets2012.com email: portsmagnets2012@libero.it]

[Reminder] Call for paper 2012 of Portusplus (The Call for paper 2012 of Portusplus is consultable on the website of RETE: www.reteonline.org in the section "Portusplus" - "Call for papers" www.reteonline.org). Portusplus is the online-magazine of RETE, the Association for the collaboration between ports and cities, dedicated to the study of themes involving the relationship between port and city and the regeneration of urban waterfronts. The proposals for papers should be sent to the Scientific Secretariat of Portusplus, following the instructions for submission, before June 30, 2012.

[Reminder] Call for Abstracts and Posters: Tangible Risks, Intangible Opportunities: Long-Term Risk Preparedness and Responses for Threats to Cultural Heritage 2012 Theme: Reducing Risks to Cultural Heritage from Natural and Human-Caused Disasters The ICOMOS Advisory Committee, including the Scientific Council, will meet this year from 27 October to 1 November in Beijing, China.
Submission of Abstracts:
Abstracts for papers or posters should be a maximum of 250 words in English or French and should be submitted to pamela.jerome@icomos.org by 30 April 2012

Symposium date: 31 October 2012
Symposium location: Beijing, China (during ICOMOS Scientific Council, Advisory Council, and Executive Committee meetings).

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- Newsletter forum UNESCO, university and heritage: [http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin_FUUP_html/index_eng.html](http://universityandheritage.net/Boletin_FUUP_html/index_eng.html)
- **OpenMed**, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at [www.open-med.eu](http://www.open-med.eu)

We would like to remind 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”.

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