1. **SUB-MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee Meeting 2010**

“Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability”

18 to 20 November 2010 - Nicosia, Cyprus

The meeting is planned around a series of thematic sessions including a blend of presentations.

The main subject of the CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub committee meeting which will be held in Cyprus will focus on the axis “Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability”.

According CIVVIH:

“Humanity faces today a number of changes, concerning particularly the habitat in general, and the towns and urban areas in particular. “Historical towns and urban areas are the spatial structures which express the evolution of a society and its cultural identity” (Valletta April 2010).

It is commonly accepted that Historical towns and urban areas are lively bodies which receive constant changes. These changes affect all components of the city; natural and manmade, tangible and intangible aspects.

Due to these alterations and referring to the Valletta discussion of CIVVIH in April 2010 it is necessary to determine the terms, rules and objectives of the changes, to identify and control the contemporary building development by safeguarding at the same time that the values of the Site will not meet any

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

[new] Jean-Paul-L’Allier Prize for Heritage: Beginning of the nominations

The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OVPM) opened on September 3 the nomination period for the Jean-Paul-L’Allier Prize for Heritage. This prize is awarded every second year to a city that is a member of the OVPM, and that has distinguished itself by its achievement toward the conservation, the enhancement or the management of property that is located on its territory and that is inscribed on the World Heritage List.

The By-laws for the contest as well as the registration form are available on the OVPM’s Web site. Cities wishing to submit their candidacies are invited to do so now. **Registration will remain open until August 31, 2011.** The name of the winning city will be officially disclosed on November 8, 2011, at the opening ceremony of the 11th World Congress of the OVPM, in Sintra, Portugal [For more information: news@ovpm.org - http://www.ovpm.org - http://urbo.ovpm.org]
change but will be adequately protected and conserved. A well-managed change can be an opportunity to improve the quality of the city and enhance its historical elements.

During the Cyprus meeting emphasis is proposed to be given on Management Plans as they consist the methodology and tool for Protection, they identify and formulate the values of the Properties and they define the Protected Property aiming towards the protection, the enhancement, the sustainable management as well as raising public awareness.

Within the same framework attention is proposed to be given on factors contained in a Management Plan such as identification of values (in combination to the Statements of Outstanding Universal Value), legislation, monitoring, the effective collaboration of competent bodies, policy makers, citizens and all affected stakeholders under the guidance of the World Heritage Center and with solidarity of the International Advisory bodies. Parameters such as administration, funding, state of conservation, research, dissemination of information, accessibility, etc can be discussed and further developed aiming towards arriving at action plan parameters which can give practical guidance to stakeholders.

Furthermore, the meeting will approach the need for elaborating Management Plans with attention given to the needs arising from contemporary life but also by including new threats such as Climate Change, risk reduction plans, evacuation plans for visitors & movable objects, risk preparedness and protection systems, as well as their relevance with other plans (urban plans, master plans, spatial plans, etc) are issues to be analyzed during the meeting. Furthermore, the abovementioned issue is in season due to the request already by the World Heritage Center during the last Focal Points Meeting for the Mediterranean sub-region (Israel 2010) that all State Parties should complete until 2012 a Management Plan for each of their World Heritage Sites.

The forthcoming CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee meeting in Cyprus will promote the exchange of views related to the procedure and methodology to be followed on the elaboration of Management Plans and will examine the suitable drafting for covering all aspects of a historic area.

Together with sharing best practices on particular topics like on regeneration and management through the dissemination of case studies it is expected to put more attention to specific issues such as: New Development in Historic Cores, Uses, Mobility / Circulation. Finally, the issue of Urban Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities as an individual and special parameter will be enhanced and examined in detail.

Special topics proposed for discussion during Cyprus meeting are:


b. The Urban Tourism as a special factor on Mediterranean’s Cities Management Plans.


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CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts of not more than 300 words are invited addressing the meeting theme. Is recommended that you send the text of your abstract until the 10th of October 2010 to ath-geo@cytanet.com.cy
2. Activities by CIVVIH Members

CIVVIH The member of CIVVIH Dr. Olga Sevan is participating to the coordination of the International Scientific and Practical Conference “Culture of Wood – Wood in Culture” which will be held in Rostov Velikij, Yaroslavl region on September 24-28, 2010. The Conference is being organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Russian Institute for Cultural Research, Russian Committee for the Village and Small Town (ECOVAST) and representatives of ICOMOS CIVVIH.

The aim of the conference is to set up the problem of partnership cooperation and to lay down its guidelines in the sphere of the preservation and development of wooden towns, rural settlements, restoration and use of monuments of wooden architecture as well as to analyze the potential of modern wood construction as an important factor of the country’s social-cultural and economic development.

It is suggested that the conference discuss both the scientific and practical issues of the preservation and development of historic towns and villages with wooden buildings, the work of reserves and open-air museums, the study and preservation of the outstanding monuments of wooden architecture, the problems of cooperation of different participants of that process within the framework of partnerships that are being organized.

Foreign specialists will demonstrate various examples and approaches towards the solution of the discussed problems.

An open workshop entitled ‘The Conservation Management of Historic Wooden Towns’ will be chaired by Dr. Olga Sevan.

3. General Announcements

ICOMOS report on the proceedings of the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee, Brasilia 2010 through ICOMOS International Secretariat e-news, No. 58 at: http://www.international.icomos.org/home.htm

Crossing Viewpoints: Living Heritage in the Mediterranean EH 4 – RehabiMed International Digital Photography Award [For more information: http://www.euromedheritage.net/intern.cfm?menuID=16&submenuID=23&subsubmenuID=16]

The Raymond Lemaire Internation Centre for Conservation announced the Opening of the Academic year 2010-2011 which will be held on the 27th of September 2010 [For more information: http://sprecomah.eu/rlicc/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=107&Itemid=29]
October

[New] The Culture and Heritage Institute (CHI) announced this year’s theme for the Cultural and Heritage Tourism Symposium: "Intercultural Dialogue in Tourism: 2020 Vision", which will take place in Toronto on October 5 and 6, 2010 [For the agenda and more information: http://www.centennialcollege.ca/chi/symposium/agenda10]

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REMINDER

ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting - Scientific Council Meeting, Dublin, Ireland, October 2010

For more information: http://conference.icomosireland.ie

ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2011

The 17th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS will be held from 27 November to 2 December 2011 in Paris, France. A detailed programme will be presented at the Advisory Committee meeting in Dublin (October 2010).

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