

CIVVIH Newsletter

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The ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting will be held this month in Dublin, Ireland.

In our next Newsletter issue we will include relevant material from these two important meetings. For more information about the meetings: <http://conference.icomosireland.ie>

News from the ICOMOS Documentation Centre

The online bibliographic database has been updated. More than 400 new references have been added since January 2010.

Available at <http://databases.unesco.org/icomos/>

1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ [new] CIVVIH is active in Haiti

We were all shocked by the earthquake that struck Haiti last January 12. All international NGOs urgently reacted by bringing their help to the country's people, in particular those families living in the cities and towns of the south and central areas of the country. The city of Port-au-Prince itself, the country's capital city, was very much destroyed. The same happened with the small town of Jacmel, a famous tourist and cruise ship destination, which was on the country's tentative list for inscription as World Heritage.

All buildings of the State University of Haiti (SUH) were destroyed, most of which were located downtown Port-au-Prince. A large number of its professors and students were killed. Huge efforts have been undertaken since by University authorities to resume academic activities, even under precarious conditions. Laval University in Quebec which had been involved already for some time in a partnership with SUH to hold post graduate studies in the field of cultural heritage reaffirmed its full collaboration with SUH to help resume courses. In this context, Laval and SUH invited our colleague and CIVVIH Vice-President, Michel Bonnette, to travel to Port-au-Prince to teach architectural and urban heritage preservation. Taking into account the heavy loss that the Haitian population has to suffer and the major challenge it is now facing, it is a must for ICOMOS to bring its support to the development of guiding methods and approaches to help local actors undertake such a major initiative.

SUH appreciated Michel Bonnette's contribution who held an *in situ* workshop downtown Port-au-Prince to discuss with his students issues and approaches relevant to the reconstruction of the city. He was invited to return Haiti to continue his teaching in this field.



Documentation from Haiti Mission

2. 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

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special topics proposed for discussion during Cyprus meeting are:

- a. Context and new directives related to Management Plans.
- b. The Urban Tourism as a special factor on Mediterranean's Cities Management Plans.
- c. Procedures for the elaboration of Management Plans.
- d. Sharing best practices with reference to: Cultural Heritage Management, Regeneration of Historic Centers, New Development in Historic Cores, Uses, Mobility/Circulation, Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities.

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Scientific committee:

Prof. Nur Akin (Turkey), Prof. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias (Greece), Prof. Teresa Coletta (Italy), Prof. Heleni Maistrou (Greece), Athina Papadopoulou (Cyprus).

Abstracts of not more than **300 words** are invited addressing the meeting theme. It is recommended that you send the text of your abstract **until the 10th of October 2010** to ath-geo@cytanet.com.cy

- **[new]** The Proceedings of the **Workshop: Heritage Economics and Conservation Funding** which was held on 6 - 8 June 2010 in **Damascus, Syria** are available at www.euromedheritage.net
According to Jean-Louis Luxen:

The Proceedings include the various documents drawn up for the workshop held in Damascus, Syria, from 6 to 8 June 2010. The workshop was organised by the **EUROMED HERITAGE** programme, under the patronage of the Directorate General of Antiquities of the Ministry of Culture, with the participation of several specialised international organisations.

The workshop is one of a series organised in response to calls from the Programme's partner countries in North Africa and the Middle East for a strengthening of the institutional and legal framework of their heritage policies. The issue of managing and funding conservation is an important one in these countries, which heritage economics can help to address.

The other workshops focus on inventories of cultural properties, preventing and combating illicit traffic in cultural property, the rehabilitation of historic towns and urban areas.

The preparatory documents and the debates at the Damascus workshop have clearly illustrated the importance of the economic dimension of heritage. Heritage is increasingly being seen as a resource to be used not only for cultural promotion, but also for the social development and well-being of populations. This social dimension increasingly forms the foundation of the legitimacy of the human and financial efforts devoted to heritage conservation and restoration. This kind of requirement is particularly strong when it is a matter of rehabilitating cultural sites or architectural ensembles in which people live (historic towns or villages), in which the social dimension and housing problems are major challenges.

The funding needs are such that they cannot be covered by cultural budgets alone. It is essential to obtain credits from a variety of departments (infrastructure, transport, housing, urban rehabilitation, etc.). A partnership between the public and private sectors is also essential, together with forms of encouragement (of a regulatory or financial nature) for property owners. Sponsorship and patronage can provide additional resources. International cooperation also makes it possible to direct financial resources towards national projects. The workshop has considered the various possibilities for financial packages and the mobilisation of credits.

Cooperation between countries in the Mediterranean enables mutually beneficial exchanges of ideas, experiences and best practices. The recommendations adopted at the end of the workshop advocate that training seminars should be held regularly to look at these questions in depth at national level, while taking into account the particular institutional and legal context of each country.

Ahead of the workshop, participants from the various countries and international organisations were issued with a "background document", in order to gather their views, opinions and proposals. Fifteen written contributions were received and distributed to all participants before the workshop, allowing for more focussed discussion.

The Proceedings includes the background document, a general overview of the situation in the partner countries, the recommendations adopted at the end of the workshop, a summary of the presentations and the debates, as well as the written contributions from participants.





Photographic material from the Workshop

3. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

- **[new]** CIVVIH member Samir Abdulac is responsible for the management of the Advisory service for Architecture, Planning and Environment (CAUE) in France for more than 30 years. The web site of the CAUE d'Eure-et-Loir is a testimony to the advisory, information, inventory and research activities undertaken at the scale of a French "Département". You may visit it, download files and watch videos at www.caue28.org
- CIVVIH member Torsten Haak, Director of Glasgow City Heritage Trust is coordinator of the forthcoming International Heritage Conference in Glasgow entitled **"Investing in the Past to Impact on the Future. Funding Heritage Projects: Global & Local"** which will be held on 18-20 November 2010.

According to the press release:

Valuing our Heritage

Over the past two decades, Glasgow has famously transformed itself into one of the most dynamic and vibrant cities in Europe. A recent Visit Britain survey saw Glasgow in the top 5 visitor destinations in the UK, with many visitors saying they come to Glasgow to find out more about the stories behind its history. Statistics show heritage in Scotland as a whole as being worth in excess of £2.3 billion, with Glasgow strongly contributing to this total. Glasgow has been able to achieve this success in no small part by recognising, and investing in, one of its most unique assets; its built heritage.

The story of course doesn't end there. There is still much to achieve, in Glasgow as elsewhere.

Promoting collaboration and creativity

In November 2010, a three-day conference Investing in the Past will take place in Glasgow, to look at issues and challenges of creatively sourcing and managing funding for heritage projects and delivering successful results. The event includes speakers who have been involved with managing major built heritage projects both in the UK and internationally.

"If it's used, it's loved".

Keynote speaker for the first day of the conference is Loyd Grossman, chair of Heritage Alliance, heritage enthusiast and well-known television personality. Grossman argues "we need to find a way in which we can be sure that the bulk of our historic environment is used, because if it's used, it's loved and if it's loved people feel ownership, and then the funding and the sustainability flow from that." Along with Grossman's keynote presentation, Investing In The Past will include plenary sessions by speakers from Barcelona, India, Germany, Hungary, America and Scotland, workshops, site visits and tours of some award-winning heritage projects in Glasgow.

[For further information about the Investing In The Past conference, visit the event website at www.investinginthePast.co.uk]

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>
- OpenMed, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at www.open-med.eu

REMINDER

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).

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