

## CIVVIH Newsletter

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### News from the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting held last month in Dublin, Ireland.

During the recent ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting a discussion on the CIVVIH document "FOR THE SAFEGUARDING AND MANAGEMENT OF HISTORICAL CITIES, TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS" was scheduled as a topic on Dublin's agenda.

The document was circulated to the National Committees and the ISCs for comments until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A number of comments were received from the Committees, while further important observations were made during the discussion procedure at the meeting. A summary of the comments is as follows:

- Everybody recognized the need for formulating a new document to be addressed to experts on the protection and management of historic cities and all thanked the CIVVIH for the initiative.
- Linguistic improvement of the English version of the document by native speakers is needed (this issue arose from the fact that the original text was written in French).
- A topic?? on the Enrichment??? of definitions is needed within Chapter A.
- The issues of Tourism and Management Plan in the Chapters on Proposals and strategies need to be emphasized.

In regard to the next steps:

- a. the editing committee should incorporate the comments made on the French text prior to and during the meeting of the Advisory Committee,
- b. the English text must be corrected by English native speakers (ICOMOS UK as well as ICOMOS Australia have offered to contribute for the improvement of the text),
- c. Following this, the text must circulate again, according to the ICOMOS procedure for the adoption of doctrinal texts.

Acknowledgments were expressed to the CIVVIH members who were present in the discussion and particularly to Samir Abdulac and Joao Campos, who participated in the discussion.

### During the aforementioned meeting, a Partnership between CIVVIH and OWHC was also discussed.

The participants welcomed this opportunity while the ISCs expressed their interest in pursuing this partnership with their contribution. It was also noted that National ICOMOS Committees could contribute by encouraging partnerships of the countries already having World Heritage Cities.

In addition, regarding the project entitled «Historic cities under development: the keys to understanding and acting» it was recently agreed through Samir Abdulac, on October 5, 2010 in Paris that the International Committee on Historic Cities and Villages (CIVVIH) would contribute within the piloting Committee. The proposed directions are the following:

- defining the project's scientific orientation,
- pinpointing contacts (political and/or technical) of cities that could be potential contributors,
- elaborating the methodology for the restitution model of case studies,
- evaluating the research results,
- and in general monitoring the focus on case studies.

## 1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [new] A new leaflet of our Committee is available. The leaflet is [ATTACHED](#) on this CIVVIH Newsletter for members' information.
- [new] CIVVIH met on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

Thanks to the invitation of ICOMOS Ireland on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, on the occasion of the abovementioned ICOMOS meetings CIVVIH members who attended in Dublin carried on in a closed lunch meeting. The purpose of the meeting which was lead by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias was to discuss current issues and to invite guests to get familiar with CIVVIH. There was an informative character to the meeting, focusing on the following issues:

- general information for the new members meeting in Dublin, by Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias.
- information on the Damascus meeting held on June in Damascus, Syria, by Samir Abdulac,
- information on the forthcoming CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee Meeting 2010 which will be held on 18-20 November, by Athina Papadopoulou.

The lunch meeting was attended by:

Samir **Abdulac** (France), Riin **Alatalu** (Estonia), Sofia **Avgerinou Kolonias** (Greece),  
Joao **Campos** (Portugal), Vladimir **Krogius** (Russia), Geregly **Nagy** (Hungary),  
Athina **Papadopoulou** (Cyprus), Marianna **Savrami** (Greece), Susan **Stepowski** (Australia),  
Helen **Wilson** (Australia) and the members of ICOMOS Ireland Elene **Negussie**, Tom **Cassidy**  
and Patrick **Shaffrey**.

Irish co-ordinator: Dr. Elene Negussie.



Documentation from CIVVIH meeting in Dublin

## 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

Additionally to ICOMOS Cyprus members and experts, the Cyprus meeting will gather 22 CIVVIH members from the following 14 countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, among those coming from Cyprus, Turkey as well as Greece.

**ATTACHED to this newsletter is the final programme of the meeting**

Organized by: ICOMOS Cyprus & CIVVIH

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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).

## 3. IBERO-AMERICAN SUB-COMMITTEE (CIHIB) ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IBERO-AMERICAN SUB-COMMITTEE (CIHIB) Meeting 2010

#### "Recent feedback on the Protection of Historic Ibero-American Cities: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice"

"La experiencia reciente en la protección de las ciudades históricas iberoamericanas:  
diagnóstico, carencias y buenas prácticas"

24 to 28 November 2010 - Madrid, Spain

Main topics of the meeting:

I: Recent feedback on protecting Historic Towns and Villages: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice.

II: Diagnosis and challenges for the protection of historic towns and villages: new special plans for protection.

III: The necessary co-ordination in the management of historic centres.

IV: The subject's current standing in the discussion of urban historic landscapes and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other relevant international norms.

V: Presentation of practical case studies, analysis and project promotion;

Contact person: María Rosa Suárez-Inclán Ducassi, President of ICOMOS España ([icomoshispania@gmail.com](mailto:icomoshispania@gmail.com)).

## 4. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

- **[new]** On the 8 to 10 October CIVVIH Acting President **Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias**, V. President of ICOMOS/Hellenic and **Maria Daniil**, architect-CIVVIH member from Greece participated with the presentation "The Byzantine church in the historical evolution of Athens. Protection and rehabilitation through modern urban interventions" in the scientific symposium "Byzantine churches" which was organised by the National Committees of ICOMOS Bulgaria and Greece and under the auspices of the Municipality of Nessebar (World Heritage City). The meeting was a first step

towards a fruitful professional cooperation between the two national committees on the common heritage for both countries.

- [new] During the "Salon International du Patrimoine Culturel" which was held from 4 to 7 November in Paris, the subject "Le Patrimoine de la Méditerranée" was developed. ICOMOS France participated in the abovementioned event while a conference was provided by CIVVIH member **Samir Abdulac**, Vice-President of ICOMOS France on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, entitled: "Les maisons à patio, modèles d'architecture bioclimatique traditionnelle en Méditerranée".

## 5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [new] **Europa Nostra** features prominently on CNN.com with a campaign on Alliano, to raise awareness on the plans to flood the ancient Roman spa settlement, in support to the campaign led by local and national heritage NGOs in Turkey. CNN.com is read every day by an average of 26 million people from all over the world. There exists a dedicated section on EUROPE featuring all the main stories of our continent. It is often the case that these stories are then picked up by other media outlets. Since June 2010 there is a dedicated page on Alliano on the website. [www.europanostra.org/alliano](http://www.europanostra.org/alliano) It is an overview on the campaign with links to other Europa Nostra news on Alliano, documents, letters sent to authorities, a video showing the location, a set of photos, etc. It is a brief introduction to this Heritage in Peril case, in line with the way information is diffused nowadays. This webpage aimed at introducing our campaign to a bigger audience with small investment. Some time ago when typing Alliano on Google it would come up first. With more websites talking about Alliano it is now further down the list, but still is among the top results. There is also a response from UNESCO acknowledging our letter and highly valuing Europa Nostra's concern and action for saving Europe's heritage in peril. For more information visit the following media link:  
CNN <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/10/06/alliano.flooding>
- [new] The Recommendations of the workshop "**Preventive conservation and maintenance**" held in Ghardaia, Algeria, from 23 to 25 December 2009, are now available on the following link: <http://www.euromedheritage.net/intern.cfm?menuID=16&submenuID=20&subsubmenuID=13>
- [new] Regarding **MED PORTS Plus**. Aims to contribute to the integration of Mediterranean regions concerning port logistics industry to develop an integrated transport system in the Mediterranean basin. More information at: [www.open-med.eu](http://www.open-med.eu)
- [new] The **South-East Archeritage Project**, funded by the European Union under the program Ciudad - Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue undertakes its first steps. The project was submitted to the European Commission by a partnership consisting of Italian, Romanian, Russian and Tunisians partners to promote sustainable tourism and strategies of territorial planning through the valorisation of Roman Empire archaeological sites. For more details, please visit: [http://www.open-med.eu/portal/en/ms\\_ARCHERITAGE.wp](http://www.open-med.eu/portal/en/ms_ARCHERITAGE.wp)
- [new] The World Monuments Watch calls international attention to cultural heritage around the world that is at risk from the forces of nature and the impact of social, political, and economic change. From archaeological sites to iconic architecture, cultural landscapes to historic urban centres, the Watch identifies places of significance in need of timely action. The **2012 Watch nominations** are now being accepted. Deadline for nominations is **March 15, 2011**. Information about the 2012 World Monuments Watch can be found at: [www.wmf.org/watch](http://www.wmf.org/watch). Questions about the nomination process should be directed to [watch@wmf.org](mailto:watch@wmf.org)
- [new] **OWHC International Video Production Competition - My City, Our World Heritage**. With this competition, young people between the ages of 14 and 17 and between the ages of 18 and 21 are invited to produce a video of 5 minutes or less on the world heritage city in which they live, and to upload it on YouTube. Deadline for the production of the videos must be completed by **May 31, 2011**. For further information: Ms. Chantale Émond, in charge of the project, at: [cemond@ovpm.org](mailto:cemond@ovpm.org)



### November 2010

- **[new]** Call for papers: The conference "The importance of place" will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period 13-16 June 2011. The deadline to submit an abstracts is the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. For more information at: [www.bhcicop.co.ba](http://www.bhcicop.co.ba)
- **[new]** Industrial Heritage 2010. The 5th European contact weekend for industrial heritage volunteers and associations will be held in Venice, Italy, from 19 to 21 November 2010. The main themes of the meeting will be:
  - the *Campaign for an European Industrial and Technical Heritage Year*,
  - European border crossing *cooperation* between industrial and technical heritage associations,
  - *twinning* between associations,
  - exchanging *experiences* from the field,
  - discussing the possibilities of launching joint *European projects*.Additional information on the Fifth European Industrial and Technical Heritage Weekend is available and will be regularly updated
  - on the website of E-FAITH, [www.e-faith.org](http://www.e-faith.org) (go to the new webpages),
  - or can be requested by e-mail at [2010@e-faith.org](mailto:2010@e-faith.org)
- **[new]** The Landscape & Tourism Conference will be held on 22-24 November 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. It is organised by NECSTouR RECEP - ENELC and Region Västtra Götaland. Conference topics:
  1. The importance of landscapes for tourism - the impact of tourism on landscapes
  2. Strategic landscape planning that involves tourism
  3. Landscapes versus Tourism - a challenge for sustainable development
  4. South and North Europe – what different conditions do they face when planning for tourism?For more information at: [www.vastsverige.com](http://www.vastsverige.com)
- **[new]** The European commission and 'The Parliament Magazine' organize, on November 30th 2010 in Brussels, a conference entitled: "Tourism and sustainable development in South East Europe". For more information at:  
<https://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?e=68ccbfa0-8823-448b-8215-948b2bcb6e61>

### December 2010

- **[new]** The meeting "Building and implementing a protection plan for Audiovisual Archives": a new training part of the project Med-Mem will be held in Alexandria from 30 November to 2 December 2010. It is about a further step towards the preservation and enhancement of the Mediterranean's audiovisual heritage  
<http://www.euromedheritage.net/intern.cfm?menuID=9&submenuID=7&idnews=424>
- **[new]** The Symposium "The Perception of Art Nouveau" will be held at the Royal Museums of Art and History in Brussels on the 4th and 5th of December 2010. The symposium, labelled under the Belgian Presidency of the European Union, offers a historiographical assessment of the perception of Art Nouveau in three parts following a chronological approach:
  - Admirers and detractors: how was Art Nouveau perceived at that time?
  - Continuity, break and rediscovery
  - Scientific, economic and touristic valorisation of Art NouveauFor further information at: [www.artnouveau-net.eu](http://www.artnouveau-net.eu)

### Other E-Newsletters we recommend visiting:

- 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](http://www.icomos.org/icahm/articles/ICAHM_News_07-10.pdf)
- ICCROM e-News available online at <http://www.iccom.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>
- OpenMed, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at [www.open-med.eu](http://www.open-med.eu)

**REMINDER**

**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. 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 for them to be included on Member's Activities in the forthcoming CIVVIH Newsletters**

**CIVVIH – Mediterranean Sub-Committee**

**Scientific Symposium and Annual meeting 18- 20 November 2010**

**Famagusta Gate, Walled City of Nicosia, Cyprus**



**PROGRAMME REVISED**

**Friday 19.11.2010 – Scientific Symposium, Part I**

15:30 – 16:00 Registration at Famagusta Gate

16:00 - 16:30 Welcome addresses

16:30 – 16:50 “Nicosia Urban Regeneration Company – A tool for management and regeneration”, *Mrs. Agni Petridou, Municipal Engineer, Nicosia Municipality*

16:50 – 17:10 “Procedure and methodology for the management of Historic Cities.

The case of Greece”, *Mrs. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia, Mrs. Eleni Maistrou*

17:10 – 17:30 “Modern functions in historic urban settings: revitalization or degradation?”, *Mr. Georges Zouain*

17:30 – 17:50 **coffee break**

17:50 – 18:10 “The management of the Mediterranean historical port cities’ conservation. Cultural Heritage and urban Tourism on the historical waterfronts”, *Mrs. Teresa Colletta*

18:10 – 18:30 “Shared space: a concept to remember for Historic centres”, *Mr. Michel Van der Meerschen*

18:30 – 18:50 Discussion

**Saturday 20.11.2010 – Scientific Symposium, Part II**

**and Meeting of Mediterranean Sub-Committee**

8:45 – 9:00 Arrival of participants

9:00 – 9:20 “The conservation of Mediterranean Arab cities in the context of the management plans”, *Prof. Saleh Lamei*

9:20 – 9:40 “Management Plans for three Mediterranean towns”, *Mr. Giora Solar*

10:00 – 10:20 “Historic city of Damascus: strategy for a tourism action plan”, *Mr. Samir Abdulac*

10:20 – 10:40 “Facing challenges of preservation and development in Bulgarian cities of today”, *Mrs. Elena Dimitrova*

10:40 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 11:40 “**Minimal requirements for the management plan**”, *Mr. Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo*

11:40 – 12:00 “New perspectives for the development of the historic city-port of Patras”, *Mr. Ioannis Pantazopoulos*

12:00 – 12:20 “Two Mediterranean historic towns in France”, *Mr. Antoine Bruguerolle*

12:20 – 12:40 “Bulwarked Cities from the Mediterranean throughout the world-the case of Portugal and its borders”, *Mr. Joao Campos*

12:40 – 13:00 Discussion and end of Scientific Symposium

13:00 – 14:30 Reception at the symposium venue

14:30 – 18:30 Meeting of CIVVIH Mediterranean Subcommittee

**Note:**

*Simultaneous translation (English and French) will be provided during the Scientific Symposium and the Mediterranean Sub-committee meeting.*

# ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

## About CIVVIH

**Background**  
CIVVIH celebrated its 20th Anniversary during its April 2008 meeting in Béziers, France. It was on the 15th of December, 1988, that the Executive Committee of ICOMOS decided on the foundation of an international scientific committee for the protection of historic towns and villages, and also that the headquarters of this committee should be in Hungary, in the historic town of Eger.

The committee was given as its first task to compile the charter on the protection of historic towns as soon as possible. The first meeting of the committee was held between 26-30 March 1984 in Bácskeve, not far from Budapest.

CIVVIH acts as a network for professionals in the field and collaborates with all organisations that request collaboration including ICOMOS, UNESCO and others. It has also cooperated with ICOMOS-IPHA to lead the HDI initiative.

- Officers elected**
- President:** Ray BONDIN, Malta (until April 2010)  
**Acting President:** Sofia AVGERINOPOULOU, Greece  
**Vice Presidents:** Nils AHLBERG, Sweden / Michel BONNETTE, Canada  
**Secretary General:** Michal FIRESTONE, Israel  
**Bureau Members:** Samir AMOUZAC, France / Nur AKIN, Turkey / Teresa COLLETTA, Italy / Danuta KLOBEK-KOZLOWSKA, Poland / Michel VAN DER MEERSCHEN, Belgium
- The Bureau co-opted:** Salah LAMLI, Egypt / Yu FUKUKAWA, Japan / David LOGAN, Australia / Paolo Motta, Italy
- Honorary members:** Alvaro GÓMEZ-FERRER MAYO, Spain / Vladimir KROKHIN, Russia / Krzysztof PANKOWSKI, Poland / Nevzat ILHAN, Turkey / Tamás FEJÉRSZKY, Hungary
- Membership:** 82 expert members, 18 associate members, and 5 honorary members.
- contact us:** CIVVIH web-site: [www.civvih.icomos.org](http://www.civvih.icomos.org)

# General Assemblies

- 2001: Porto  
 2002: Corfu  
 2003: Eger  
 2004: Nancy  
 2005: Istanbul  
 2006: Patras  
 2007: Helsinki  
 2008: Quebec  
 2009: Narni  
 2010: Malta

# Annual Scientific Meetings

- 2009  
 • Small towns and villages, Narni (Italy), June 22-24, 34 participants.  
 • Risk preparedness, Narni (Italy), June 23, 24 participants.  
 • Washington Charter (updating of), Athens (Greece), May 8-9, 35 participants.  
 • World Heritage issues in the Mediterranean - The Edirne case, Edirne (Turkey), November 15-17, 23 participants.

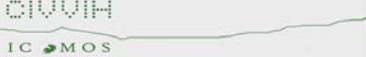
# Action Plan

- November 2010:  
 • CIVVIH Ibero American sub committee meeting, Spain  
 • CIVVIH Mediterranean sub committee meeting, Cyprus  
 May 2011:  
 • CIVVIH Meeting in Damascus
- Washington Charter (1987)  
 • Working meeting in Malta-Valletta Principles (2010) [Adopted by CIVVIH / to be discussed in ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting in Dublin, 2010]  
 • Position paper (Malta 2010)  
 • Valletta Position Paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban Development Policies

# Member's library

the new CIVVIH web-site:  
[www.civvih.icomos.org](http://www.civvih.icomos.org)

1. Work groups  
 2. Work-groups identified towns  
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# CIVVIH Sub Committees

## CIVVIH Ibero American Sub Committee (CIIH in the Spanish acronym)

The CIVVIH's sub-committee for the Ibero American region aims to highlight the contemporary problems of the above-mentioned region's historical cities and to discuss methods to address these problems.

**Annual Meeting:**  
 "Recent feedback on the Protection of Historic Ibero-American Cities: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practices"  
 "La experiencia reciente en la Protección de las Ciudades Históricas Iberoamericanas: diagnóstico, carencias y buenas prácticas"  
 24 to 28 November, 2010 - Madrid, Spain

Special topics of the meeting:  
 I: Recent feedback on protecting Historic Towns and Villages: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practices.  
 II: Diagnosis and challenges for the protection of historic towns and villages: new special plans for protection.  
 III: The necessary co-ordination in the management of historic centres.  
 IV: The subject's current standing in the discussion of urban historic landscapes and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other relevant international norms.  
 V: Presentation of practical case studies, analysis and project promotion.  
**Contact person:** María Rosa Suárez-Inclán Ducassi, President ICOMOS España ([icomoshispania@gmail.com](mailto:icomoshispania@gmail.com))

## CIVVIH Sub Mediterranean Committee

The CIVVIH's sub-committee for the Mediterranean region aims to highlight the contemporary problems of Mediterranean historical cities and to discuss methods to address these problems.

**Annual meetings:**  
 2006 PATRAS, Greece/2008 Corfu, Greece/2009 Edirne, Turkey  
 Forthcoming meeting  
 "Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability"  
 16 to 20 November 2010 - Nicosia, Cyprus

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, Registration of Historic Centers, New Development in Historic Core, Uses, Mobility/Circulation, Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities.

Organized by:  
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comité international des villes et villages historiques  
 international committee on historic towns and villages

# The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historical Cities, Towns and Urban Areas

Adopted by CIVVIH, April 10, 2010

**PREAMBLE**

Humanity faces today a number of changes, concerning particularly the habitat in general, and the towns and urban areas in particular.

The main modifications consist in a greater awareness of intangible values, socioeconomic factors, environmental factors as well as the issue of historical heritage on a territorial level and not only on an urban ensemble scale.

In this sense, the understanding of heritage as an essential resource, part of the urban ecosystem, is fundamental. This understanding must be respected in order to ensure a harmonious development of the town and its territory.

The notion of sustainable development has gained such importance that many directives on architectural planning and intervention are based on no demolition policy and rather, on preservation of the urban heritage limited resources.

The main objective of this document is to propose principles and strategies applicable to all interventions in historical towns and areas. These must safeguard the values of historical towns and areas, as well as their integration in the social, cultural and economic life of our times.

This is important in order to guarantee the respect towards the historical tangible and intangible values of the heritage, and towards the environment as well as the quality of life of their inhabitants.

The present document for the safeguard of historical towns and urban areas and their setting is divided into four parts:  
 A. Definitions / B. Aspects of change (Challenges)  
 C. Intervention criteria / D. Proposals and strategies

**ASPECTS OF CHANGE**

Historical towns and urban areas as living organisms are subject to continual change. These changes concern all the elements (natural, human, tangible and intangible) of the town.

Changes, properly managed, can be an opportunity to improve quality in historical towns and urban areas.

a) Change and Natural environment  
 b) Change and Built Environment  
 c) Change of Use and Social Environment  
 d) Change and Intangible Heritage

**PROPOSALS AND STRATEGIES**

a) Elements to be preserved / b) New functions  
 c) New architecture / d) Spatial organization  
 e) Equipments / f) Mobility  
 g) Tourism / h) Risk Management  
 i) Building energy / j) Participation / k) Safeguard Plan

**FOLLOW UP**

The aforementioned recommendations are framed by the CIVVIH. They are supposed to feed a broad brainstorming ignited and driven by ICOMOS.

It's an open source document which can be updated in order to take in consideration the evolution of the urban issues.

# and Management of Historical Cities, Towns and Urban Areas

Adopted by CIVVIH, April 10, 2010

**Background**

May 2008: During the annual meeting of the CIVVIH (Istanbul -Turkey), and the scientific conference on "The preservation of historic centers in large metropolitan areas" the problems affecting historic centers and the possibility for preservation and promotion guidelines was examined. CIVVIH decided to reconsider the Washington Charter.

March 2006: During the Annual Meeting and the first reunion of the Mediterranean sub-committee of the CIVVIH (Patras-Greece), the discussion focused on the first considerations based on:  
 a) change and evolution in historic cities and urban zones  
 b) intervention criteria  
 c) methodological aspects

April 2007: The debate moved outside the borders of CIVVIH - like for instance the considerations on the Vienna Memorandum and HDL. The Annual Meeting at Helsinki decided a new version of a Charter for historic cities. The great evolution noted on an urban scale and the newly found sensitivity on themes regarding the quality of landscape brought to light the necessity for urban planning instruments and for management and control plans in order to hinder interventions liable to alter the areas' identity.

July 2007: A first draft of the new document. This kind of update of the previous Washington Charter stresses the meaning of certain strategic words, reminds the basic questions and gives the principles and intervention methods.

April 2008: During the second reunion of the Mediterranean sub-committee of CIVVIH (Corfu), the new version of the document was largely debated. The proposed and approved structure was that of a Charter for the protection of historic cities and urban zones in a changing world.

September 2008: The document was presented and revised at the 16th ICOMOS General Assembly (Quebec) during a special workshop.

May 2009: The document was reorganized in the form of guidelines, in view of a more universal document for the CIVVIH work meeting of CIVVIH-ICOMOS took place at Athens-Greece, aiming at updating the Charter of Historic Cities, 22 years after its writing, and to formulate guidelines addressed to experts concerning the protection of Historic Cities. It was unanimously decided to keep the initial form of the Charter of Historic Cities - as it constitutes a 'historic text' - and to write a text of guidelines to complete and take into consideration all preceding theoretical texts, not only for professionals, but also for local management bodies. Starting from general principles, it would offer proposals and strategies for managing the inevitable changes in the development of historic cities (new environmental technologies, new infrastructure, new developments, etc.).

The directives text formulated by Elvira Petroncelli and Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer was reformulated.

A committee was formed for the elaboration of the final text (in alphabetical order): S. Avgerinou-Kolonia, R. Bondin, M. Bonnette, A. Gómez-Ferrer, M. Firestone, E. Maistrout, E. Petroncelli and M. Van Der Meersch.

June 2009: On the occasion of the Annual CIVVIH Meeting at Edirne (Turkey), the document was revised, in reference to the decisions made for the doctrinal texts (ICOMOS ADCOM 2009/10) in the Executive Committee meeting at Malta.

July-August 2009: ICOMOS Malta in grouped all observations and incorporated them in the French and English version of the text.

November 2009: During the Mediterranean Sub-Committee meeting at Edirne (Turkey), the document was revised, in reference to the decisions made for the doctrinal texts (ICOMOS ADCOM 2009/10) in the Executive Committee meeting at Malta.

December 2009: A new version of the document was sent to the Committee charged with drafting the observations and the text was then sent (February 2010) to all CIVVIH members for commentaries and observations.

April 2010: During the Annual CIVVIH Meeting at Valletta, one day was dedicated to the systematic discussion and common formulation of the CIVVIH proposal. The document was adopted (in English and French version) by the majority of members, as was the title.

Versions in Spanish and in Italian will also be drafted.