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 22nd. 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 27th 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.
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  
Contact person: Athina Papadopoulou (ath-geo@cytanet.com.cy)  
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 practices”

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 (icomoshispainia@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.

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 6th, entitled: “Les maisons à patio, modèles d’architecture bioclimatique traditionnelle en Méditerranée”.

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Europa Nostra features prominently on CNN.com with a campaign on Allianoi, 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 Allianoi on the website. www.europanostra.org/allianoi It is an overview on the campaign with links to other Europa Nostra news on Allianoi, 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 aims at introducing our campaign to a bigger audience with small investment. Some time ago when typing Allianoi on Google it would come up first. With more websites talking about Allianoi 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:

The Recommendations of the workshop “Preventive conservation and maintenance” held in Ghardaïa, 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

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

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

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. Questions about the nomination process should be directed to watch@wmf.org

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
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 abstract is the 15th of November 2010. For more information at: www.bhcicop.ba

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 (go to the new webpages),
- or can be requested by e-mail at 2010@e-faith.org

The Landscape & Tourism Conference will be held on 22-24 November 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. It is organised by NECSTouR RECEP - ENELC and Region Västra 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


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

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 Nouveau
For further information at: 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/


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


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

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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).

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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
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 Bruguierolle
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.
The Valetta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historical Cities

**PREAMBLE**

Historically, cities and urban areas across the globe have played a vital role in shaping human civilization. They have been centers of economic, cultural, and social development, and have been the stage for some of the most significant events in history. As such, the protection and conservation of historical cities and urban areas are crucial for preserving our cultural heritage and ensuring the sustainability of our urban environments.

The Valetta Principles, adopted on April 18, 2010, by CIVVIH, are a set of guidelines designed to enhance the safeguarding and management of historical cities and urban areas. These principles aim to provide a framework for the effective conservation and sustainable development of cities that have historical significance.

**THE VALETTA PRINCIPLES FOR THE SAFEGUARDING AND MANAGEMENT OF HISTORICAL CITIES, TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS**

Adopted by CIVVIH, April 18, 2010

**BACKGROUND**

The Valetta Principles are based on a special meeting of the CIVVIH committee in Malta and were endorsed by the General Assembly of CIVVIH during its meeting in Malta in 2010. The principles are intended to serve as a guide for decision-makers, planners, and stakeholders involved in the conservation and management of historical cities and urban areas.

**APPROPRIATE USE OF SPACE**

Historical towns and urban areas are valuable resources and should be used in a manner that respects their historical, cultural, and social significance. This includes the preservation of traditional architectural styles, the protection of historical streets and squares, and the encouragement of mixed-use development that respects the historical character of the area.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The principles emphasize the importance of sustainable development, which involves integrating economic, social, and environmental considerations in the planning and management of historical cities and urban areas. This includes the promotion of green spaces, the use of renewable energy sources, and the encouragement of low-impact tourism.

**CULTURAL CONTINUITY**

The Valetta Principles recognize the importance of maintaining cultural continuity, which involves preserving the traditional practices and customs that have shaped the character of historical cities and urban areas. This includes the protection of cultural landscapes and the promotion of cultural heritage tourism.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public participation is essential in the planning and management of historical cities and urban areas. The principles call for the involvement of local communities, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the decision-making process to ensure that the needs and desires of all stakeholders are represented.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

The Valetta Principles are intended to be implemented at the national and local levels, with the support and guidance of international organizations and experts. The principles provide a framework for the development of policies and strategies that are tailored to the specific needs and characteristics of each historical city and urban area.

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CIVVIH is an international scientific committee committed to the safeguarding and management of historic towns and urban areas. The committee aims to promote the conservation and sustainable development of historical cities and urban areas, as well as to raise awareness of their importance for cultural heritage and sustainable urban development.