

CIVVIH Newsletter

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1. SUB-MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee Meeting 2010

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

On

Management Plans for Mediterranean
Historic Cities and Sustainability

18 to 20 November 2010 – Famagusta Gate, Walled City of Nicosia, Cyprus

REPORT

The city of Nicosia in Cyprus hosted the 4th meeting of the Mediterranean Sub – Committee and the International Seminar on *Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability*

This meeting was organized by the CIVVIH – Mediterranean Sub-Committee, ICOMOS-Cyprus and was held in the conference area of the Famagusta Gate at Nicosia.

This meeting contained a special message of cooperation and friendship among the participants. Within this spirit, Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia, as acting President of CIVVIH, declared at the meeting's opening:

«...Mediterranean countries are linked not only by geographic, but also by primitive cultural and historic ties, which can form a propitious framework for rapprochement and cooperation between peoples, in order to face the problems of interstate relations devised by older generations.

These ties form equally propitious presuppositions, encouraging the tackling of new problems having risen in the Mediterranean because of globalization conditions, such as migration, climate change and the degradation of the natural and cultural environment.

Mediterranean civilizations have highlighted and maintained the stability of the values for the respect of human values and rights, for the cultural heritage of humanity and the natural environment. We therefore believe that they can continue to loyally serve these values and to create a common future of peace, democracy, prosperity and social and cultural understanding.

The participants in today's meeting can actively contribute within this framework. **The participation in this meeting is not accidental:**

Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Bulgaria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Israel, Italy, Belgium, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal

We form a circle of friendship and scientific cooperation of ICOMOS on matters pertaining to historic cities...»

This successful meeting was actually attended by 25 members of CIVVIH Med. Sub Committee, representatives of the local society, professionals (architects, engineers, planners, conservation experts) from both the Turkish Cypriot and the Greek Cypriot community, professors of University of Cyprus, journalists, university students and members of ICOMOS Cyprus.

At the opening of the Meeting and the scientific Seminar, greetings were addressed by Eleni Mavrou, Mayor of Nicosia and Athena Aristotelous, representative of the Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Cyprus as well as representatives of the Civil Engineers and Architects Association and ICOMOS Cyprus.

The diversity of the important Mediterranean civilizations has yielded a rich heritage, and many properties of this heritage have been included in the UNESCO list of world heritage the historical cities have a prominent place among them. The strategic goal of the CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee is to strengthen the cooperation on the protection and preservation of the historic cities in the Mediterranean.

The dangers we commonly face, whether natural, such as earthquakes, floods and fires, or the result of economic crisis, intensive development or touristic pressure, impose the need for cooperation and joint programs for the protection and promotion of historic cities.

Within this framework, the emphasis of the meeting was given on Management Plans of Mediterranean historical cities, as they provide 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 was given on factors contained in a Management Plan such as identification of values (in combination to the Statements of Outstanding Universal Value) and through more modern methods such as the SWOT analysis, tools of urban regeneration, legislation, economics of the historic city, monitoring, the effective collaboration of competent bodies, policy makers, citizens and all affected stakeholders under the guidance of the World Heritage Centre and with solidarity of the International Advisory bodies.

Furthermore, the meeting approached the issue of Urban Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities as an individual and special parameter and 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)

Finally, particular problems as well as good practices from cases studies of various Mediterranean cities were presented. More particularly :

The first presentation by Agni Petridou, Director of Technical Services in the Municipality of Nicosia concerned the "Nicosia Urban Regeneration Company – A tool for management and regeneration",

A group of presentations concerned methods and tools for Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities, such as

- Procedure and methodology for the management of Historic Cities. The case of Greece, Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia, Eleni Maistrou-Greece

- Modern functions in historic urban settings: revitalization or degradation, George Zouain-Lebanon
- The management of the Mediterranean historical port cities conservation. Cultural Heritage and urban Tourism on the historical waterfronts, Teresa Colletta-Italy
- Minimal requirements for the management plan, Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo, Spain.
- Shared space: a concept to remember for Historic centers, Michel Van der Meerschen-Belgium

A second group of presentations concerned problems, experiences and good practices arising from cases studies from around the Mediterranean. The following presentations were made

- The conservation of Mediterranean Arab cities in the context of the managements plans, Saleh Lamei-Egypte
- Management Plans for three Mediterranean towns, Giora Solar-Israel
- Historic city of Damascus: strategy for a tourism action plan, Samir Abdulac-France
- Facing challenges of preservation and development in Bulgaria cities of today, Elena Dimitrova -Bulgaria
- New perspectives for the development of the historic city-port of Patras, Ioannis Pantazopoulos-Greece
- Two Mediterranean historic towns in France, Antoine Bruguerolle-France
- Bulwarked cities from the Mediterranean throughout the world – the case of Portugal and its borders, Joao Campos-Portugal

The discussion that followed confirmed:

- the particularities in the Mediterranean historic cities
- the need to deal with problems and in priority with the degradation of the waterfront of Mediterranean historic cities
- the need to encourage the creation of management plans leading to sustainability; creative activities need support, commercial investments should be controlled, functions and uses should be guided to keep diversity and amenities should be guaranteed in order to attract and support habitants.
- the management of a historic city needs economic and public policy
- the need to promote aspects of regional design and of the landscape, as well as its special qualities
- the need for political commitment, for cooperation amongst professionals and the business community and the need for communication with and involvement of relevant stakeholders and interested parties.

Finally, during the official meeting of the Mediterranean Sub-Committee which took place at noon of November 20th, the following issues were discussed:

News and information concerning Med activities in which members of the Sub-Committee participated, included:

- the meeting of the AVEC network at Arles, France, in 22-23 April 2010 on the Urban Heritage in the Mediterranean, where Ray Bondin participated in his role as president of the CIVVIH and Samir Abdulac ,
- the EUROMED meeting in Rabat of Morocco (7-10 December 2009) on the Rehabilitation of historic cities, where Mina Elemgari participated
- the EUROMED meeting in Damascus 6-8 June 2010 on the Finances of Heritage and the financing of conservation, where Samir Abdulac participated.

The 2011 Annual Meeting

The next Mediterranean Sub-Committee is being planned to take place in Alexandria (Egypt).

EU Projects

The need was noted for the committee to become more actively involved in European programmes such as EUROMED as well as to be connected with programmes undertaken in a European context.

Other Issues

During the proceedings of the meeting, the CIVVIH document (Valetta principles) was discussed, as well as the cooperation program with the World Organization of Historic Cities.

Notes of Thanks

In closing the meeting's procedures the Sub-Committee resolved to thank and congratulate the local authorities of Nicosia, the sponsors of the meeting and especially the ICOMOS Cyprus, for their warm welcome and hospitality and the very successful organization of the Cyprus meeting.

Finally the members of the subcommittee adopted the following Resolution for Nicosia.

RESOLUTIONS for Nicosia / 20.11.2010

CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub-committee, as a result of the meeting held in Nicosia, Cyprus adopts the following points as related to the historic city of Nicosia:

The Committee expresses its full support towards the current efforts and those realized throughout the past 30 years under the bi-communal Nicosia Master Plan project for the integrated conservation, planning and regeneration policies and actions for the historic city of Nicosia.

It is evident that the entire walled city of Nicosia embodies great potential for a sustainable future where Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots can live and create together in a united vibrant city where their common cultural heritage will be protected and enhanced.

During a walking tour through the walled city of Nicosia, CIVVIH Mediterranean sub-committee members visited areas where urban renewal and restoration projects are taking place as well as visited projects implemented in the past. The visit included the site where the New Town Hall is planned to be erected in coexistence with the antiquities found there, as well as other sites which include new development in the historic town.

The committee members agreed on the following recommendations:

1. The bi-communal Nicosia Master Plan projects and Nicosia municipality projects have reinforced and enhanced the quality of regeneration, providing intelligent and high quality interventions.
2. This high quality can further support a vibrant historic city by encouraging insertions of creative small business ventures to come into the walled city of Nicosia.
3. Regarding the site of the New Town Hall, the experts expressed their concern about the extensive exposed archaeological area. It is of utmost importance to document, identify and evaluate the importance of the archaeological remains. In addition, the archaeological finds must be enhanced for public interest and understanding. At the same time the remains which do not present special characteristics and significance for the general public should be backfilled to be protected from further decay and preserved for future study. The long process of collaboration between the Nicosia Municipality and the Department of Antiquities has produced a design of coexistence between the New Town Hall and the found antiquities should be implemented without further delay in order to protect the ancient remains and regenerate this part of the city.
4. It is recommended that a master plan for the ditch of the Venetian walls is made in order to enhance the monument by clarifying its various parts (upper part, main walls, and ditch).
5. The buffer zone in the walled city of Nicosia should be studied further and emergency supports of buildings to be carried out in order to preserve the important architectural heritage it includes. Also, an area scheme for this area can help further prepare for the future reunification of the city.



The members of the Committee during a walking tour along the buffer zone in the Walled City of Nicosia



Documentation from the Cyprus meeting

2. IBERO-AMERICAN SUB-COMMITTEE (CIHIB) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rencontre du SOUS-COMITE IBERO-AMERICAIN (CIHIB) 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

26 and 27 November 2010 - Madrid, Spain

The meeting of the CIVVIH Ibero American Sub Committee (CIHIB) took place on the 26 and 27 November in Madrid in the Historic building of the School of Mining Engineers of the Madrid Polytechnic School, with the support of ICOMOS-Spain. 23 CIVVIH and ICOMOS members participated, from 9 countries of the Ibero-American region: Spain Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Colombia ,Costa Rica, Uruguay ,Argentina, Paraguay Venezuela.

The Ibero American region is very rich in cultures and traditions which have met with the European tradition. Today, cultural heritage in this area is of renowned world importance and cities have an exceptional place in this heritage. The historic cities of the Ibero American cultural space concentrate the entire intellectual wealth and wisdom of its peoples.

It is for this reason that many cities have already been included in the World Heritage List, others have been included in indicative catalogues or are studied in order to document their considerable value.

As Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, the Acting President of CIVVIH declared at the opening of the proceedings of the Scientific Meeting:

«... We should be able to monitor record and propose solutions for dealing with the major issues influencing the lives of historic cities due to the modern phenomenon of globalization – this is the important goal of the CIHIB. More specifically:

- The intensification and increasingly threatening urbanization and especially large-scale constructions imposed by the unmeasured development of the services sector in cities, the large infrastructure works and circulatory congestion, tourist activity and the required facilities
- Climate change and its repercussions
- Earthquakes and other natural dangers, resulting from the insufficient or erroneous management of the natural environment (floods, fires)

The memorandum of our Sub-Committee anticipates procedures and methods for the organization of our activity enabling us to deal with these issues...»

Main topics of the meeting were:

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;

During the first thematic unity were presented and discussed issues pertaining to the recent experience in the protection of Ibero-american historic cities (diagnosis, gaps and best practices) and the management plans for protection. The following presentations were made:

- Ciudades historicas iberoamericanas. Estan realmente representadas en la Lista del Patrimonio Mundial?, Angela Rojas Avalos (Cuba)
- Situacion de los centros historicos espanoles Patrimonio Mundial. Los nuevos planes de gestion, Cristobal Vallhonrat Anduiza (Spain)
- Valoracion patrimonial para el plan especial de manejo y protection del centro historico de Tunja, Colombia, Rodolfo Ulloa Vergara (Colombia)
- Aregua: acunada en suenos, Maria Teresa Gaona Alarcon (Paraguay)

During the second thematic unity of the meeting were presented and discussed matters pertaining to a. the necessary coordination in the management of historic centers and b. the historic urban landscape and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other international norms. The following presentations were made:

- **Introduccion al tema:La necesaria coordinacion en la gestion de los centros historicos**, Cristobal Vallhonrat Anduiza (Spain)
- **Contraste entre las perspectivas municipal y gubernamental, en Colombia, en lo relativo a la definicion y manejo de las ciudades y poblados caracterizados nacionalmente como Bienes de Interes Cultural e, inclusive, a su deseada inclusion en la Lista del Patrimonio Mundial**, Maria Claudia Romero Isaza (Colombia)
- **Rotulacion en Ciudades Historicas, aciertos y desaciertos en el caso de Antigua Guatemala**, Thelma Judith Carrera Castro (Costa Rica)
- **Las obras publicas y los conjuntos monumentales: El Castillo de Lorca y el Arrabal Andalusi de la Arrixaca Nueva en Murcia**, Caridad de Santiago Restoy (Spain)
- **Introduccion al tema: El estado de la cuestion en la discusion de los paisajes urbanos historicos y su conexion con el Convenio Europeo del Paisaje y otra normativa internacional al respecto**, Victor Fernandez Salinas (Spain)

Finally Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo presented the new document of CIVVIH concerning the Principles for the protection and management of historic cities, Towns and Urban Areas

The participants proposed Angela Rojas (Cuba) as president of the Sub-Committee and Victor Salinas (Spain) as general secretary, and honored Maria Rosa Suarez Inclan Ducassi, Suzanna Sampaio and Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo with the statute of CIHIB honorary member for their contribution to the CIHIB.

Finally, thanks were addressed to the National Committee of ICOMOS Spain for its support to the work of the CIHB. Through the strong cultural bonds it maintains with the public and academic institutions of the Ibero American region but mostly through its great expertise and struggle for defending the cultural heritage, this National Committee constitutes a steady point of reference and a guarantor of the cooperation between the CIVVIH and the Ibero American region.



Documentation from the Madrid meeting

3. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

- [new] In our 5th CIVVIH Newsletter on September 2010, we announced that CIVVIH member Dr. Olga Sevan participated to the coordination of the International Scientific and Practical Conference “Culture of Wood – Wood in Culture” which held in Rostov Velikij, Yaroslavl region and chaired an open workshop entitled ‘*The Conservation Management of Historic Wooden Towns*’. Below is the report by Dr. Olga Sevan. There is a lot of information about the meeting on the following web-site: <http://ecovast.ru/novosti.htm>

Report and Resolution of the International theoretical and practical conference «Culture of wood – Wood in culture»

International theoretical and practical conference began in Moscow 24.09 and for the most part was held in Rostov, Yaroslavl region 25-28 of September 2010 – in the State museum- preserve «Rostov Kremlin». The conference was supported by Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Russian Institute for cultural research – RIC, Russian Committee for village and small town - ECOVAST, Russian foundation for basic research – RFFR, Committee for historical towns and villages CIVIH – ICOMOS (Dr. O. Sevan, Dr. V. Krogius).

Conference gathered over 70 participants from Russia, Germany, Italy, China, Mexico, Poland, Rumania, Turkey, Finland, and Japan. The demonstration of the monuments, museums, historical towns, as well as the scientific and creative communication of Russian and foreign specialists – was an important event for representing Russia abroad. Responses of the guests confirming it - <http://ecovast.ru/novosti.htm>

The participants included leading specialists in the field of study of the wood and wooden constructions, technologies, chemists, as well as architects in the field of preservation and development of the towns, villages, historians, historians of art, restorations of wooden architecture and architects of modern wooden buildings.

Russian participants of the conference stress the fact of disastrous situation in the area of the forestry, woods, as well as the principles of activity of the people, made so spectacular evident in Russia during the summer of 2010. Over the last decades we continue to lose the monuments of wooden architecture – the most distinctive part of the native architectural heritage. Grave situation is emerging with historical wooden towns and villages, although some successful solutions of its preservation and development were demonstrated during the conference.

Existing problems, one way or another connected with the wood, are being solved independently by various departments, scientific and industrial organizations, non-government organizations and private corporations. But common approaches, joint program of actions, unifying the affiliate programs are actually absent. These are the concerns of the federal ministries of culture, of agriculture, natural resources and ecology, of economic development, recently created new federal structures, assigned to contribute to the solutions of domestic housing problem, and other institutions.

Many Russian and international conferences were carried out for the last years, concerning for instance, the monuments of wooden architecture, its study, preservation and use in a number of different areas, as well as the problems of wooden house-building. They all adopted important resolutions, addresses to the state authorities, various instances, however with no practical effect.

As a result of the discussions the participants of the international conference adopted a resolution:

1. To support a project of an overall concept introduced by Russian institute for culture research and Russian committee for village and small town – ECOVAST, and to further the development of the interdepartmental federal (or national) program «Wood of Russia» (or «Culture of the wood»).
2. Experts of the elaboration the draft conception of «Wood of Russia» should take into account proposals and specifications, stated during its discussion, and also take notice of a number of materials, presented by Russian and foreign participants of the conference in theses and reports.
3. The first stage suggestion is to elaborate and to submit to open discussion by authorities and society the Charter «Wood of Russia» (or «Culture of wood»), designed to make a general agreement regarding the problem solutions, defining its principal arrangements.
4. To address later on to various state, scientific, private and non-governmental organizations, to Russian and international foundations in order for supporting the development and participation in proposed interdepartmental federal (or national) program.
5. Take into account the experience of the international organizations, projects and programs of preservation and management of the wooden towns (Finland, Norway and others), as well as the experience of preservation and propaganda of the wood as a building and decorative material, ecological resource of development of nations (experience of international society «Culture of wood» – China/USA and others.)
6. To find a way of creating the web-portal in a Russian language segment of the internet-site «Wood of Russia» («Culture of the wood») to collect and exchange the information on the subject between regions, settlements, specialists etc. Internet site will meet a lack of web-resources on the subject, and serve as a database for exchange of the experience, platform for the development of educational programs, preparation of the workshops, organization of the partnership of different kinds etc.
7. To carry out the PR-campaign in the media in the support of the preservation of the forests and wooden buildings, unique monuments, dwellings etc. – and the wood as a whole as an ecological and replaceable building material used in the Russian society activity. The emphasis should be made on the education of population, especially of the youth.
8. To determine the regions, towns and villages, institutes, social groups, actors interested in development and realization of sociocultural interdepartmental and interdisciplinary pilot projects, elaborated in terms of the program «Wood of Russia» («Culture of the wood»).

Participants of the conference acknowledge the support of the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation, Russian institute for cultural research, Russian committee ECOVAST, Russian Foundation for basic research, deputies of the International council ICOMOS and State museum-preserve «Rostov Kremlin» for excellent organization of the conference, comprehensive and thorough reports, exchange of the experience and, last not least, friendly and warm atmosphere during the conference.

Dr. Olga Sevan,
Russian ICOMOS, ECOVAST



Documentation from the Rostov meeting

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[new]** Funding the architectural heritage: A guide to policies and examples (16/03/2009). A new edition by the Council of Europe. This guide aims to provide authoritative information on different funding mechanisms, financial resources and management systems utilised in Europe and in North America as a means to assist the development of good and efficient practice.

[For further information and to place an order directly:

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2392

- **[new]** Applications for the Advanced Masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions, approved and financially sponsored by the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Programme, have just opened. A significant number of scholarships, ranging from 4000 to 24000 Euro, are available to students of any nationality. [For further information on the MSc programme, as well as electronic application procedure on the website: <http://www.msc-sahc.org/>]

- **[new]** The STREMAH 2011, the 12th International Conference on Structural Repairs and Maintenance of Heritage Architecture will be held on 5th to 7th September 2011 in Chianciano Terme, Italy. The conference will aim to bring together scholars and professionals to discuss a variety of topics related to architectural and maritime heritage. Organised By: Wessex Institute of Technology, UK [For further information on the the conference's website, which has full details about the conference objectives, topics and submission requirements at:

<http://www.wessex.ac.uk/stremah2011rem2.html>]

- **[reminder]** 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 centers, 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
- **[reminder]** 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: Chantale Émond, in charge of the project, at: cemond@ovpm.org



- **[new]** Information about The Euromed Survey 2010 having assess the economic and financial dimension of Euro-Mediterranean policy
<http://www.iemed.org/activitats/2010/euromedsurvey/aeuromedsurvey2010.php>

March 2011

- **[new]** The Iron & Steel Preservation Conference will be held on March 7th to 9th 2011 in the Lansing Community College in Michigan. Registration begins on January 2011 [For further information you may contact Vern Mesler: vermesler@earthlink.net or 517-614-9868].

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
- The Réseau Art Nouveau Network which aims to preserve and promote Art Nouveau all over Europe www.artnouveau-net.eu (available in seven languages)

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.

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