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1. Approval of the Agenda: President Claus-Peter Echter referred CIVVIH members to the Agenda distributed via email and asked for approval of the Agenda for the Annual Meeting. Approval was given by acclamation.
2. Andras Roman Medal: Claus-Peter Echter introduced the Andras Roman medal. Andras Roman was the founding President of CIVVIH and a deeply admired figure whose impact on CIVVIH is legendary. His widow sponsors the medal in honor of her late husband, to be awarded on occasion at the discretion of the CIVVIH President. An artist was commissioned to cast a beautiful bronze medallion to be bestowed upon a member of CIVVIH who best exemplifies Andras Roman's commitment to CIVVIH's work. The medal was awarded to Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias in recognition of her tireless leadership and many years of commitment to CIVVIH. All members of the audience enthusiastically supported this announcement. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias stepped forward to receive the medal and expressed heartfelt gratitude.
3. Approval of Nimes Minutes: Claus-Peter Echter reported that the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting have been available on the CIVVIH website for several months. He asked for approval of the Minutes which was given by acclamation.
4. Report of the President: A short summary of the President will be added to the website. It will include information on the meetings in Buenos Aires, Malbork, Marrakesh, Tunis and Beijing. A new communication vehicle has been started called Information from the President. It has been sent almost once per month. If members have not received this, please check your Spam folders. It was reported that some members have not received this information piece. Each member is responsible to inform CIVVIH if his/her email address has been changed. Several members indicated that they, and other CIVVIH members they had heard from, would like to hear more frequently from CIVVIH in order to know more about the activities of CIVVIH. They would like to receive copies of emails and news items/updates that may be relevant to CIVVIH members that are sent to the President and Secretary-General. Claus-Peter Echter would like for CIVVIH to start a Facebook page as many people use Facebook. Khansa Bouaziz, and Emerging Professional from Tunis, Tunisia will be responsible to set up the Facebook page. Another emerging professional will support her.
5. Membership and Statutes: David Logan has volunteered to make recommendations for a transparent process regarding membership requests into CIVVIH. Under the newly adopted ICOMOS By-laws for ISCs, decisions have to be made to differentiate between the Associate and Expert levels. In addition, it is a requirement to evaluate Associate Members on a periodic basis to consider moving the candidate up into the Expert category. David Logan will make a proposal to the President and Bureau to manage this process in a professional manner, as part of the review of CIVVIH's statutes.

With regard to bylaws or statutes, ICOMOS has recently passed new ISC rules regarding these operating principals. Therefore, CIVVIH must undertake an evaluation of its current bylaws and compare them to the new requirements with the goal to update the CIVVIH bylaws at the next Annual Meeting in Sydney. A Working Group for this project was appointed to be chaired by David Logan. Members on the Working Group include Samir Abdulac, Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Gergely Nagy, Faïka Bejaoui, Kathleen Crowther, an Emerging member TBD, Claus-Peter Echter ex-officio

ICOMOS Board member, Riin Alatalu, added that the revised bylaws which CIVVIH will have to conform to require an openness on the part of ISC to participation by a range of members, not just a

few, and that Emerging Professionals are to become essential members of ISCs for the long-term health of ICOMOS. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias recommended that a review of the Associate Members be undertaken to identify Emerging Professionals. Riin Alatalu further mentioned that CIVVIH is doing a commendable job as compared to other ISCs.

6. Communications with members and information: The matter of the CIVVIH newsletter is very important. The newsletter is very well-regarded and has an ISBN number. A newsletter must be produced as soon as possible. Claus-Peter Echter appointed a committee to work on this matter that includes the following members: Paula Cordeiro, Hanna Ishac, Antoine Bruguerolle, Ofelia Sanou, Martin Horacek and Samir Abdulac. Khansa Bouaziz, as assistant to Faïka Béjaoui, has volunteered to translate. Riin Alatalu mentioned that the ICOMOS open archive is very easy to use and that the newsletter can be added to it.
7. Meetings: Since the 2018 Annual Meeting, CIVVIH leadership has attended the AdComm meetings in December, 2018, (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and early in October, 2019, (Marrakesh, Morocco). The second meetings of the Central and Eastern Europe Subcommittee was held in Malbork, Poland (November, 2019). The second meeting of the Asia Pacific Subcommittee will be held in November of 2019 in Beijing, China. With the cooperation of the heads of these subcommittees, short summaries of the meetings will be provided to CIVVIH members. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the 2021 CIVVIH Annual Meeting. A very good proposal has been submitted to meet in Beirut, Lebanon. However, there are restrictions for visas to attend such a meeting for our members in Israel. There is also a proposal from Paula Cordeira to hold the meeting in Brussels. There remains time to make a decision. Teresa Colletta will invite CIVVIH members to a conference on intangible heritage related to carnivals in January 2020. This is not a meeting of the Mediterranean Subcommittee but all are invited to attend.
8. Other Participations: Claus-Peter Echter noted the reduction of participation of CIVVIH members on the World Heritage Panel despite the fact that urban area listings are the most prominent among the listings. He is going to follow-up on this matter. ICOMOS Working Group for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq (and neighboring countries) chaired by CIVVIH Vice President Samir Abdulac has been active. The Roşia Montană Working Group is chaired by Immediate Past President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias has been active.
9. World Heritage: Samir Abdulac has represented CIVVIH on the World Heritage panel. Other members of CIVVIH have performed evaluations and desk reviews. CIVVIH contributed to the evaluation of The Great Spas of Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom. These evaluations are to remain confidential. It can be known which CIVVIH members were involved in evaluations, but it is against ICOMOS rules to associate the names with the sites. CIVVIH was invited to contribute in the evaluation of the following World Heritage nominations: Dutch Water Defence Lines (Extension of “Defence Line of Amsterdam” Netherlands), and Paseo del Prado and Buen Retiro, (landscape of Arts and Sciences in Spain).
10. Partnership and Collaboration: CIVVIH’s partnership with the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) has been fruitful. A slightly revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been developed by Claus-Peter Echter and Samir Abdulac at a meeting in Buenos Aires. Subsequently the finalized MOU was signed in Marrakesh between the ICOMOS President, Toshi Kono and Denis Ricard, the soon-to-retire Secretary General of OWHC. A copy of the agreement will be sent to the member forthwith. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Samir Abdulac represented CIVVIH

on the Jury of the 2019 OWHC Jean-Paul-L'Allier Prize for Heritage. The winner was St Petersburg, and Tunis received a Special Mention.

11. Scientific Work Program: CIVVIH's Work Program remains relevant in most ways. However, it is necessary to update the Valletta Principals to incorporate the HUL approach. A recommendation on SDGs, HUL and Climate change will be elaborated. The CIVVIH SD recommendation from Malta 2010 and the Valletta Principles adopted by ICOMOS 2011 will be the basis for this. A Working Group to address this challenge was established. It will be chaired by Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo and Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias. The following members were appointed: David Logan, Paula Cordeiro, Elena Dimitrova, Elvira Petroncelli, Samir Abdulac, an Emerging Professional tbd. Claus-Peter Echter, ex-officio. In addition, information regarding CIVVIH's work via Jeff Soule on the UN-World Urban Forum can be updated. CIVVIH could strengthen its collaboration with other ISCs which is a goal of the Secretariat.
12. The Ibero American Subcommittee (CIHIB): The Ibero American group would like to be recognized as an official CIVVIH subcommittee. This matter elicited vigorous discussion. Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo offered to be a liaison to try to resolve the matter of whether this group can become a CIVVIH subcommittee. He mentioned that a proposal has been sent to the President of CIVVIH and should be seriously considered. Given the spread of geography represented by the group, it is not usually practical to meet in person. Whether this group can be an official CIVVIH subcommittee is not a new issue, and the feeling is that now it must be resolved. It was pointed out that a CIVVIH subcommittees must be composed of CIVVIH members and must be open to CIVVIH membership. The operating guidelines of a CIVVIH subcommittee must mesh with the CIVVIH bylaws which will now undergo a revision. Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo requested that the Bureau resolve this matter before the Sydney meeting.
13. Resolutions: A resolution regarding Carthage will be forthcoming after the Annual Meeting. A resolution regarding the Ibero-American Subcommittee will be forthcoming after the Annual Meeting. Attached you will find these two resolutions on Carthage and the Ibero-American Subcommittee.
14. Others: There was no other business.

Written Kathleen H. Crowther, Secretary General, with contributions from Claus-Peter Echter, David Logan and Samir Abdulac.

Approved by Claus-Peter Echter, President

9 December 2019

Appel de Carthage

Nous membres du Comité International des Villes et Villages Historiques (CIVVIH), Comité scientifique international de l'ICOMOS, réunis en notre assemblée générale annuelle à Carthage même, les 21 et 22 octobre 2019, avons constaté, lors de nos visites du site archéologique de nombreuse constructions anarchiques ainsi que des dépassements illégaux.

S'agissant d'un site prestigieux, figurant sur la Liste du Patrimoine Mondial de l'UNESCO, nous nous permettons d'attirer solennellement l'attention sur l'urgence de veiller à sa protection et à sa mise en valeur selon les modalités du Code du Patrimoine national tunisien, en concertation avec les parties concernées.

Carthage Appeal

We members of the International Committee of Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH), International Scientific Committee ICOMOS, meeting in our annual general assembly in Carthage itself, on 21 and 22 October 2019 took notice, during our visits to the archaeological site numerous anarchic constructions as well as illegal infringements.

As it is a prestigious UNESCO World Heritage site, we would like to solemnly draw attention to the urgent need to ensure its protection and enhancement in accordance with the provisions of the Tunisian national heritage Code, in consultation with concerned stakeholders.

Resolution on CIHIB adopted in the annual meeting of CIVVIH in Tunis

In order to resolve the situation of the Ibero-American Subcommittee of CIVVIH named CIHIB, after listening the proposal made by Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo, past president of CIHIB, and honorary member of CIVVIH, the general assembly of CIVVIH held in Tunis in October the 21 and 22, 2019 agreed the following points.

1. The members of the CIHIB list revised on October 2019 attached at the end of the resolution must follow the normal way to become members of CIVVIH, sending each of them to the president its own documentation (registration form) that they can find on the webpage of CIVVIH.
2. The board of CIVVIH accepted the commitment, to resolve each petition, if it is according the rules and requirement to be considered expert member, in the shorter delay possible, in order to finish the procedure before the next ICOMOS assembly in Sydney.
3. Before the summer time the members of that list that have been accepted, and others CIVVIH members from Ibero-American countries, Spain and Portugal, that wish belong to CIHIB, must celebrate elections to form the new board of directors. This election can be made by electronic system according the procedure and rules established by ICOMOS.
4. The new board of CIHIB must send for approval the statues or “Regulation for operating”. This document can be written following the similar documents of the others subcommittees as the Mediterranean or Asia and Pacific ones.
5. The general assembly of CIVVIH, accepted the proposal included in the “Report and Project” submitted to the president of CIVVIH before the Tunis assembly, in which is proposed that CIHIB will work by electronic means with physical attendance every three years.
6. All these points must be sent to Maria Rosa Suarez Inclán former president of the Spanish National Committee of ICOMOS, and member of CIVVIH, in charge of the renewal of CIHIB in order to continue the procedure.

Valencia the 5th November 2019

Alvaro Gómez-Ferrer Bayo