

**CIVVIH Business Meeting,
Nimes, France
September 22, 2018
MINUTES**

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Summary of Discussion

1. Adoption of the Agenda: President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia sent the Agenda in advance and asked for a slight re-ordering of the items so that the new President will manage the proposed Resolutions. All Members present agreed with the re-ordering.
2. Adoption of the Minutes Delhi 2017 and Beijing 2018: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting in Delhi (December 9, 2017) and the Asia-Pacific Sub-Committee Meeting and the Scientific Symposium in Beijing 2018 (April 13 - 16, 2018) were approved unanimously.
3. Thanks: President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia expressed deep appreciation to CIVVIH Expert Member Antoine Bruguerolle and the city government of Nîmes for hosting the 2018 Annual Meeting of CIVVIH.
4. Report from the President: CIVVIH President presented an overview of the Committee's activities in a PowerPoint presentation. The members of CIVVIH have been very active. In fact, CIVVIH is one of the most active ISC of ICOMOS. CIVVIH conducts its business according to high-level principals. All members must pay attention to assure their membership fees in ICOMOS. CIVVIH members paid their fees. Voting privileges are revoked for non-payment of dues. Topics 5 – 13 below organize the report of the President.
5. Sub-committee reports:
 - a. Zhang Jie reported that the Asia-Pacific Sub-committee will consider the topic of the conservation of the heritage of urban and rural areas villages for Asians during a meeting in a smaller historic city in China in 2019. Sofia asked for the timing to dovetail with other CIVVIH meetings. The Sub-committee intends to look forward, not just in arrears.
 - b. Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska reported that the Central and Eastern European Sub-committee could not meet last year due to finances but will convene in 2019 on the subject of reconstruction. While sub-committees specialize in a region, they are open to all CIVVIH members to attend.
 - c. Teresa Colletta thanked the members of the Mediterranean Sub-committee for their participation in the 2017 Tunis meeting.
 - d. Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo discussed the Ibero-American Sub-committee as having difficulty meeting in person but is considering other options using technology. It must be clarified that every member of this sub-committee has to be a CIVVIH member.

6. The Newsletter: The 2018 CIVVIH newsletter 26-27 has been published a week ago. CIVVIH's highly-regarded bilingual newsletter takes a great deal of effort to produce. Contributions from members are desperately needed. CIVVIH members were urged to contribute content, even simply small reports on active projects. Thanks were extended to Claus-Peter Echter, David Logan and Paula Cordeiro for their assistance.
7. World Heritage/Monuments Fund: Evaluation of World Heritage nominations is increasingly important and complex each year. Members of CIVVIH play an essential role in this process. This includes desk reviews, in situ missions and participation on panels. Periodically CIVVIH members also conduct a desk review of nominations to the World Monuments Watch as well. Member providing expert review must have some knowledge of the resource.
8. Collaboration with OWHC within the MOU: CIVVIH's Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities) must be reviewed every five years. All World Heritage cities are to have a current Management Plan. ICOMOS represented by its President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias and Vice-President Samir Abdulac participated (as in 2013 and 2015) 2017 in the jury of the Jean Paul L'Allier Prize.
9. Urban Heritage and war: Most of CIVVIH members know that the ICOMOS Working Group on the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Syria and Iraq has undertaken a set of complementary activities under Samir Abdulac's chairmanship. They combine monitoring and evaluation, reflection and exchanges, information and raising awareness, training, providing advice and assistance or undertaking projects in partnerships.

Samir Abdulac is glad to let CIVVIH members know that ANQA, one of these projects aiming at training Syrian professionals in 3D techniques, in partnership with CyArk (USA) and the DGAM (Syria) with the support of Arcadia Fund (UK), is now almost completed, as the first surveys undertaken in Damascus are have just been published on-line earlier this month by the University of Carleton (Canada)¹.

Samir Abdulac also personally went to Syria last month to visit and document on-going reconstruction projects in historic districts of Damascus, Homs and Maaloula.

The reconstruction and rehabilitation of Aleppo in Syria and of Mosul in Iraq, particularly their residential districts will however be a formidable challenge. Strategic proposals are unfortunately still lacking. This would have been an opportunity for CIVVIH. ICOMOS has several times proposed its participation to UNESCO for brainstorming sessions, colloquiums with stakeholders, global planning, individual guidance recommendations or booklets, etc. We have received no answer so far.
10. UN HABITAT/SDGs: The UN Habitat's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has included heritage in its stated Sustainable Development Goal 11.4. CIVVIH participation led to this important insertion of heritage. Many CIVVIH members are to be commended for their participation. It is imperative that this work continue in the future.
11. Tri-annual plan: CIVVIH continued its work program established on the 17th and 18th ICOMOS GA's in Paris 2011, Florence 2014 and on the Annual meetings of CIVVIH in Naples 2012, Budapest, 2013, Florence, 2014, Syros 2015 and Seoul 2016 working continuously through the 2017 Delhi conference. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias believes these themes remain relevant and should continue, along with partnerships with other global entities such as the World Heritage campaign. She encouraged collaboration with United Citizens and Local Governments (UCLG).

¹ - <https://www.icomos.org/en/> and <http://cims.carleton.ca/anqa/>

12. Future CIVVIH meetings (committee and sub-committees): Future CIVVIH meetings during 2019 are still in development, however, it is expected that the Annual Meeting will be in Tunis (Tunisia) hopefully in March or April. Faika Bejaoui mentioned that the meeting will include excursions to three other historic areas near Tunis. The Sub-Committee Meeting of Central and Eastern Europe will be in Malbork (Poland). The Mediterranean Sub-Committee will be in Naples (Italy) and the Asia-Pacific Subcommittee in Beijing, China in late August, September or October 2019. David Logan will be involved with the General Assembly in Sydney, Australia (5-10 October 2020). There will be many post-conference tours, trip to Canberra, for example. David would like to know if CIVVIH would have additional meetings at this time or not.
13. Others: Discussion of the Annual Report included questions and clarifications as to how cities are selected for the OWHC awards; the need for data studies to measure the impact of the SDGs for the New Urban Agenda; the need for cities to become sustainable.

Finally, at the conclusion of the President's Report, Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia expressed her deep appreciation to her colleagues for their support during her 15 year tenure as President.

14. Elections: The Bureau and Executive was elected -- President, Dr. Claus-Peter Echter; Vice Presidents are Samir Abdulac, Faika Bejaoui, Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska, David Logan and Zhang Jie; Secretary General is Kathleen Crowther; Members of the Executive are Eman Assi, Paula Cordeiro, Elena Dimitrova, Yuksel Dincer, Gergely Nagy, Marija Nemuniene, Hae Un Rii, Ofelia Sanou, Pal Anders Stensson.
15. Honorary Membership: Teresa Colletta and Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia were both made Honorary Members in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to CIVVIH over many years.
16. Resolutions: The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:
 - a. Proposal: Immediate Past President to be a non voting member of the CIVVIH Bureau and Executive
 - b. Nomination Proposal as Honorary Member: Sofia Avgerniou-Kolonias
 - c. Nomination Proposal as Honorary Member: Teresa Colletta
 - d. Resolution on the Nyenskans Fortress and other archaeological values of the Okhta cape in St. Petersburg
17. Additional discussion ensued regarding the fact that Nimes was not accepted on the List for World Heritage. Many members contributed their opinions such as the need to visit the nominated site in person since the monuments are very impressive; the importance of the ensemble representing layers of time; the development of the theme of water with the potential inclusion of Arles; more emphasis on the cultural landscape; the fact that Nimes remains a living city throughout the ages still represented; more discussion in the dossier regarding the lessons the Romans left to succeeding generations; the difference between city center and the outer areas.

On a different matter, Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo suggested that CIVVIH become more involved with climate change through the initiative which Andrew Potts is heading.

Draft minutes written by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Kathleen Crowther and Claus-Peter Echter and comments by Samir Abdulac

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