



ICOMOS
International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)
MINUTES
Executive Meeting
At the home of Antoine Bruguerolle
Nîmes, France
September 22, 2018

Members of the Executive in Attendance:

Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) - President

Samir Abdulac (France) - Vice-President

Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska (Poland) - Vice-President

Zhang Jie (China) - Vice-President

Kathleen H. Crowther (USA) - Secretary General

Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias - Immediate Past President - Honorary member

Members of the Executive

Paula Cordeiro (Belgium)

Elena Dimitrova (Bulgaria)

Yuksel Dincer (Turkey)

Gergely Nagy (Hungary)

Hae Un Rii (Korea)

Pal Anders Stensson (Sweden)

Members of the Executive apologized :

Faika Bejaoui (Tunisia) - Vice-President

David Logan (Australia) - Vice-President

Eman Assi (UAE) - Member of the Executive

Marija Nemuniene (Lithuania) - Member of the Executive

Ofelia Sanou (Costa Rica) - Member of the Executive

Summary of discussion

Opening: Claus-Peter Echter, CIVVIH's newly-elected President, opened the meeting. Dr. Echter congratulated the members of the Executive on the election and indicated there was no specific agenda

for this first meeting. A date for the next Executive Meeting has not yet been established.

1. Resolution: A Resolution on the Nyenskans Fortress and other archaeological values of the Okhta Cape in St. Petersburg was presented by CIVVIH member, Sergey Gorbatenko (Russia) and approved to move forward at the Annual Meeting. The matter was referred to the Executive for completion. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia clarified that CIVVIH should communicate with ICOMOS regarding the Resolution, not with World Heritage Committee. CIVVIH is ready to assist ICOMOS. The length of the resolution was discussed, especially page two. The Executive decided to have Claus-Peter Echter complete the resolution on behalf of CIVVIH and according to the proper process.
2. CIVVIH Annual Meeting 2019 in Tunis: It is important for the date to be determined and communicated as soon as possible. The organizers must do this.
3. Communication within the Executive: It was agreed that communication will be through email. Keeping email addresses current is very difficult. For the entirety of CIVVIH there are 160 email addresses. It is impossible to keep current without the full cooperation of each member. CIVVIH needs to be informed of a change in email address. The new Executive should consult the rules of functioning.
4. Funding: CIVVIH does not have a source of its own funds and cannot legally solicit for funds. It is important for CIVVIH members to be current with their dues to ICOMOS. CIVVIH does have a small amount of financial resources from the desk reviews conducted for the World Monuments Fund. Claus-Peter Echter will check with the Secretariat for more information.
5. Election Results: ICOMOS should be informed of the election of new Executive and Bureau. It should be determined who from CIVVIH will be on the list-serve. The President decided that he, the Secretary General and the Immediate Past President should be announced to James Reap, Officer of the Scientific Council and Gaia Jungeblodt of the ICOMOS Secretariat in Paris to be on the list-serve.
6. Co-opting for the Executive: It was acknowledged that there is a need to add to the Executive via co-opting, but it cannot be accomplished at this meeting. Sub-Sahara Africa is an area in need of representation. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias has approached a professor from the University of Senegal, Abdoul Sow, although he has not responded thus far. A candidate to be co-opted is also Antoine Bruguerole, whose activities in CIVVIH are extraordinary. Another gap is Latin America. This should be discussed during the next ICOMOS in Argentina.
7. Website: The CIVVIH website is a valuable depository of documents; it has been greatly improved over the last several years. It is hosted by ICOMOS. Sofia has the keys to the site. She will add certain minutes to the site and provide the keys to the new Executive. Now ten years old, the website could be modernized without losing its valuable content.

8. ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting in Argentina (December 4-8, 2019): It was decided that CIVVIH will convene a lunch meeting of 1-2 hours in duration at the AdCom meeting. It is an opportunity to attract new members to CIVVIH, create visibility. Important to have an agenda. It is expected that the following members of CIVVIH will be in attendance: Claus-Peter Echter, Samir Abdulac, Nils Ahlber, Riin Alatalu, Betina Adams, Gergerly Nagy, Maria Nemuniene, Alicia Leonor Cahn, Patricia O' Donnell, Alfredo Conti and Kathleen Crowther. (Alfredo will be very busy with his duties for AdComm and may not be able to attend the CIVVIH meeting.)
9. CIVVIH Newsletter: The CIVVIH newsletter is very important; it must be published once a year, preferably twice. Send newsletter to ICOMOS Secretariat for distribution. It is recommended that a newsletter committee, respectively a working group, be established; Hannah Ishac and Antoine Bruguerolle have been helpful with translation. Elene Negussie, one of the only English-speaking members, was in charge of the newsletter, but the whole work to produce the newsletter was left to Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias. The newsletter still follows the format of Elene Negussie. This format of the newsletter must be revised. Producing the newsletter in two languages is very challenging; CIVVIH needs bilingual members. Continuing the newsletter in French (as well as English) is important and otherwise opens CIVVIH up to severe criticism. Contributions from CIVVIH member are essential and need to increase. Paula Cordeiro has volunteered to help. The Newsletter should be emailed to CIVVIH members and posted on its website.
10. OWHC: Questions arose as to how the OWHC works. Should members of CIVVIH consider attending their meetings? There is a proper process to follow which is detailed in the MOU with OWHC; there are good relations overall. ICOMOS represented by its President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias and Vice-President Samir Abdulac participated (as in 2013 and 2015) in 2017 in the jury of the Jean Paul L'Allier Prize, which is awarded by the OWHC. The CIVVIH in person of Samir Abdulac represented ICOMOS on the Steering Committee of a joint project associating OWHC, UNESCO, EU, and Getty Conservation Institute called "Historical Cities under Development. Keys for Understanding and Acting." It aimed at presenting Case Studies chosen among World Heritage Cities. A synthesis of case studies of historical cities has been published. (See CIVVIH report 2014 and the website of OWHC). As a follow up of this project – besides a data bank – OWHC undertook a survey under its member cities. The aim of this endeavour was to measure a better evaluation of the work of OWHC.
11. The first meeting of the Executive was adjourned.

Drafting of the minutes by Kathleen Crowther (Secretary General) and Claus-Peter Echter (President)