

## **Nomination Proposal as Honorary Member : Sofia Avgerinou Kolonia**

Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia is an Architect, having graduated from the National Technical University of Athens (N.T.U.A,1973). She holds a diploma from the Institute of Regional Development of Panteion University (1980) and of D.E.A. a l' Histoire et Civilisation (Etudes Urbaines) of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales-Paris. (EHESS, 1981). She also holds the Doctorat (Nouveau Régime) of EHESS in the field of Urban Geography (1986).

From 1982 to the present, she has worked in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning of the Department of Architecture at the N.T.U.A. Her teaching and research interests range in the field of Urban and Regional Planning. More specifically, she deals with issues of analysis and developmental planning of historical centres, historical cities and settlements, as well as with research and recording of the processes of changing rural and urban areas, particularly areas in crisis: sensitive urban and rural area, areas with limited resources, that are seeking new, alternative directions for development in today's swiftly changing reality.

She joined ICOMOS in 1979, was an elected member of ICOMOS Executive Committee/Board from 2008 to 2017 and is currently elected Vice-President of ICOMOS Hellenic. She contributed to the reinforcement of the international scientific activity of ICOMOS from 2006 to 2015 among the coordinators of the ICOMOS Scientific Council and participated in ICOMOS working group of World Heritage.

She became a member of CIVVIH in 1997, was elected Vice-President of CIVVIH in 2002, took over as Acting President in 2010 and was elected two more times in 2012 and 2015. During her mandate, she contributed with all her forces for the development of the scientific work of the committee: promoting the Committee's publications, restructuring its

website, creating its electronic newsletter, contributing to updating its statutes and representing the Committee before the international ICOMOS bodies. She proposed the adoption of the Regulation for operating the Mediterranean Sub-committee of which she was president from 2006 to 2014. In her capacity as President of CIVVIH, she introduced the “Principles of Valetta for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas” adopted in 2011 by the ICOMOS 17th General Assembly in Paris.

She has opened CIVVIH to new regions as Asia and South America. On 1997 when she became a member CIVVIH had 20 members, was a “close” committee and the reputation was somehow controversial. Today the situation is totally different. She collaborated during her presidency perfectly with the bureau, the executive and all the expert members. So CIVVIH has now not only more than 160 members, but the prestige of the committee became very strong. CIVVIH gained much respect within ICOMOS community.

Taking into account all this mentioned above relating to Sofia Avgerinou Kolonia’s contribution to the work of CIVVIH, as well as her curriculum vitae attached, we propose that our colleague be awarded the title of Honorary member of CIVVIH.

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