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**News from the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting  
held last month in Dublin, Ireland.**

During the recent ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting a discussion on the CIVVIH document "FOR THE SAFEGUARDING AND MANAGEMENT OF HISTORICAL CITIES, TOWNS AND URBAN AREAS" was scheduled as a topic on Dublin's agenda.

The document was circulated to the National Committees and the ISCs for comments until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A number of comments were received from the Committees, while further important observations were made during the discussion procedure at the meeting. A summary of the comments is as follows:

- Everybody recognized the need for formulating a new document to be addressed to experts on the protection and management of historic cities and all thanked the CIVVIH for the initiative.
- Linguistic improvement of the English version of the document by native speakers is needed (this issue arose from the fact that the original text was written in French).
- A topic on the Enrichment of definitions is needed within Chapter A.
- The issues of Tourism and Management Plan in the Chapters on Proposals and strategies need to be emphasized.

In regard to the next steps:

- a. the editing committee should incorporate the comments made on the French text prior to and during the meeting of the Advisory Committee,
- b. the English text must be corrected by English native speakers (ICOMOS UK as well as ICOMOS Australia have offered to contribute for the improvement of the text),
- c. Following this, the text must circulate again, according to the ICOMOS procedure for the adoption of doctrinal texts.

Acknowledgments were expressed to the CIVVIH members who were present in the discussion and particularly to Samir Abdulac and Joao Campos, who participated in the discussion.

**During the aforementioned meeting, a Partnership  
between CIVVIH and OWHC was also discussed.**

The participants welcomed this opportunity while the ISCs expressed their interest in pursuing this partnership with their contribution. It was also noted that National ICOMOS Committees could contribute by encouraging partnerships of the countries already having World Heritage Cities.

In addition, regarding the project entitled «**Historic cities under development: the keys to understanding and acting**» it was recently agreed through Samir Abdulac, on October 5, 2010 in Paris that the International Committee on Historic Cities and Villages (CIVVIH) would contribute within the piloting Committee. The proposed directions are the following:

- defining the project's scientific orientation,
- pinpointing contacts (political and/or technical) of cities that could be potential contributors,
- elaborating the methodology for the restitution model of case studies,
- evaluating the research results,
- and in general monitoring the focus on case studies.

■ CIVVIH met on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

Thanks to the invitation of ICOMOS Ireland on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, on the occasion of the abovementioned ICOMOS meetings CIVVIH members who attended in Dublin carried on in a closed lunch meeting. The purpose of the meeting which was lead by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias was to discuss current issues and to invite guests to get familiar with CIVVIH. There was an informative character to the meeting, focusing on the following issues:

- general information for the new members meeting in Dublin, by Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias.
- information on the Damascus meeting held on June in Damascus, Syria, by Samir Abdulac,
- information on the forthcoming CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee Meeting 2010 which will be held on 18-20 November, by Athina Papadopoulou.

The lunch meeting was attended by:

Samir **Abdulac** (France), Riin **Alatalu** (Estonia), Sofia **Avgerinou Kolonias** (Greece),  
Joao **Campos** (Portugal), Vladimir **Krogius** (Russia), Geregly **Nagy** (Hungary),  
Athina **Papadopoulou** (Cyprus), Marianna **Savrami** (Greece), Susan **Stepowski** (Australia),  
Helen **Wilson** (Australia) and the members of ICOMOS Ireland Elene **Negussie**, Tom **Cassidy**  
and Patrick **Shaffrey**.

Irish co-ordinator: Dr. Elene Negussie.



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