

**Report of the President
of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee
on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)
Budapest/Visegrad, September 21-22, 2013**

This report refers to the period of the last year (2012-2013).

My priorities for CIVVIH are still to :

- continue the work of our committee within the framework of friendship, understanding and scientific cooperation that we have all built together from the establishment of the committee to this day.
- continue working at a high scientific level, watching the current phenomena and challenges concerning the historic towns
- cooperate with other International Scientific and National Committees and of ICOMOS
- continue to develop partnership with other international organizations with whom they have common interests

MEMBERSHIP and STATUTES

Our committee is widely represented by

93 Expert members including honorary members

34 Associate members

10 Honorary members (4 new 2012 Honorary members :)

Since last year, we have welcomed 10 Expert members and 4 Associate members

After a long process the Statutes the Statutes were completed according the Eger Xian principles and the comments made by ICLAFI
<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=statutes>

The GILLES NOURISSIER Database has begun being completed. However, each member must pay their fees to their National Committees and must first enter this information in the Database. Otherwise, the Database does not allow the registration of members.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS AND INFORMATION

This obligation was met in two ways:

- The Website

Through the completion of the Committee's Website www.civvih.icomos.org, after numerous efforts and volunteer work by new members of ICOMOS-Hellenic; despite its eventual imperfections, I believe that this site offers fairly satisfactory information on the history and goals of our committee, its activities and programs. Unfortunately, we were unable to preserve our previous website, despite the efforts deployed in cooperation with the officer responsible for ICOMOS SITE.

However I believe that we can further develop our presence and communication via ICOMOS WEB Site and to exploit the possibilities offered by the social media.

Moreover, provisions have been made to post, when they request so, our members' scientific publications.

Don't hesitate to send us articles and news from the work and activities.

CIVVIH newsletter

Through the institution and regular diffusion of the CIVVIH newsletter, which is published when there is informative material available, pertaining to the committee's work. From May 2010 to September 2013, 18 CIVVIH electronic newsletters have already been released.

Following the decision of the Executive (6/9/2012) a working group was created, which took collectively the electronic CIVVIH Newsletter as follows:

Co-ordinator/Coordinatrice: Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias.

Editors/Rédacteurs: Elene Negussie and David Logan.

French editing/Version française: Santiago Hidalgo. Assistant to the editors/Assistante de rédaction: Santiago Hidalgo.

Format and layout/Format et disposition: Elene Negussie.

Another major success was that CIVVIH Newsletter gained an international registration number ISSN 2306-6482. For this reason the CIVVIH Newsletter obtained more prestige. Thanks to the collective work the 19th and 20th of the new upgraded version was edited in French and English and we are ready to prepare the 21th Newsletter which will be dedicated to the 2013 Annual Meeting, the thirty years of CIVVIH and to our founder Andras Roman

(More information on <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/18>)

MEETINGS

From September 2012 to date, CIVVIH has convened 2 Statutory and Business Meetings, combined with 2 open scientific seminars that dealt with different aspects of urban conservation.

CIVVIH's 2011 annual meeting, Elections for 2012-15 and Scientific Symposium on the topic "*The integrated conservation of the historical cities 'core and their urban historic landscape'*" and **joint meeting** with ISCEC and ICLAFI on the topic "*The Role of Integrated Conservation of Cultural Heritage for a Creative, Resilient and Sustainable City*"., which took place in Naples, on September 3-6, 2012

The meeting was hosted by ICOMOS Italy and co-ordinated by Teresa Colletta, CIVVIH Vice-president and General Secretary of ICOMOS Italy, and Luigi Fusco Girard of ICOMOS Italia. It coincided with the Sixth World Urban Forum UN Habitat meeting, at which ICOMOS and UNESCO made a joint presentation on the role of culture in sustainable urban development (see below).

Following the Joint ISC meeting/symposium, the CIVVIH symposium and the Annual Meeting were held over the subsequent two days. The CIVVIH meeting took place in the former Church of San Demetrio and Bonifacio, Aula Magna Faculty of Architecture University of Naples "Federico II". The presentations drew on a wide range of case studies and topics as provided in the ten papers presented by CIVVIH members under three sub-topics: creativity in the preservation and valorisation of historical towns; the opportunity of cultural tourism for the sustainable development of historic towns; and integrated conservation of the core of historic cities and their historic urban landscape.

The symposium resulted in a drafting process of a document to be issued as Resolutions of the Naples Symposium on the Role of Integrated Conservation of Cultural Heritage for a Creative, Resilient and Sustainable City at the 2012 Annual Meeting of CIVVIH, highlighting culture as a driver of social and economic development of historic towns, cities and urban areas.

The joint ISC meeting format is encouraged by the Scientific Council of ICOMOS in order to increase communications between ISCs and to achieve greater coherence and alignment of their positions. Such meetings require follow up and sharing of results and proceedings as stressed by President Gustavo Araoz at the meeting.

The Sixth World Urban Forum themed 'The Urban Future' took place in Naples from 1-7 September 2012 and coincided with the ICOMOS Joint ISC meeting. On 5 September ICOMOS participants jointly attended the Forum organized by UN HABITAT. A joint contribution by ICOMOS and UNESCO formed part of one of the side events to promote the need for further integration of culture and heritage in urban development programs.

28 members of CIVVIH and 2 observers participated in the meeting.

The results of the elections were as follows:

Eleven Executive members:

Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Greece, President,
Samir Abdulac, France, Vice-President,
Teresa Coletta, Italy, Vice-President,
Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska, Vice-President
Claus-Peter Echter, Secretary General,
As members of the Executive
Nur Akin, Turkey,
Faika Bejaoui, Tunisia,
Saleh Lamei, Egypt,
David Logan, Australia,
Gergely Nagy, Hungary, ,
Elene Negussie, Ireland, ,
Giora Solar, Israel,

The Executive co-opted also

Zhang Jie (China),
Angela Rojas (Cuba),
Olga Sevan (Russia)
Jeff Soule (US)

New Honorary members

Nils Ahlberg,
Michel Bonnette,
Elvira Petroncelli,
Joao Campos

The official part of the CIVVIH meeting discussed the following main topics: scientific program, tri-annual work plan 2012-2014, changes to CIVVIH statutes, relationship with the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OVPM), developments of the work of the CIVVIH Ibero-American sub-committee (CIHIB), developments of the work of the CIVVIH Mediterranean sub-committee, registration of the Committee's members in the Membership of the Gilles Nourissier Database as well as the schedule for future CIVVIH meetings.

New sub-committees and forthcoming meetings were also discussed. A new initiative for a Sub-Committee for Central and Eastern Europe was endorsed and is now underway led by Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska.

In the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the committee it was proposed and decided that the 2013 annual meeting be held in Hungary in honour of the first CIVVIH President Andras Roman

Finally the Draft Resolutions of the Naples Symposium were adopted.

(More information on <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/145>)

Beijing meetings

In my quality of President, I represented the Committee in the meetings of the Scientific Council and the Advisory Committee (Beijing/China, 27October-1November 2012):

Samir Abdulac, CIVVIH Vice-President, participated in the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium on 31 October in Beijing with a presentation on the Monitoring of the Syrian Conflict, based on his previous reports, with a set of short and long term recommendations.

CIVVIH held a lunch meeting with a numerous participation (19 members and observers) on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting and Scientific Council meeting. The main topics where:

The new representation from Asia, noting that the quality of the Committee's work is dependent on regional representation.,

The Chinese translation of Valletta Principles,

The CIVVIH participation in next year's scientific symposium Globalisation and Uncontrolled Development,

The symposium of the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Florence in 2014, 'Heritage and Landscapes as Drivers of Human Rights'.

OTHER MEETINGS AND PARTICIAPTIONS

Numerous members of our committee participated in scientific activities pertaining to its subject-matter.

We mention some of them indicatively, asking you to inform us relevantly, so that we can have a more complete image:

- The meeting organized by Euromed and Montada in Salé (Morocco), 11_12 October, discussed the city as living heritage. During this second Regional Euro-Mediterranean Conference. Michel Van der Meerschen (Belgium) and Samir Abdulac (France), Vice-President, were invited to present papers.
- The meeting, organized by the World Heritage Centre at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, 17-18 December, was an international colloquium on World Heritage earthen architecture conservation. CIVVIH Vice-President, Samir Abdulac (France) was invited to present a paper on *The Old City of Damascus, lesson from an eventful past*, during a session devoted to Earthen architecture in *Conflict/Post-conflict situations*.
- Three members of CIVVIH, who are also Council members of Europa Nostra (EN), participated in the EN autumn council meeting on 22 and 23 November 2012 in Helsinki, Finland: Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Nuran Zeren Gulersoy (Turkey) and Pierre Laconte (Belgium). A main subject of the conference was the discussion about the Congress 2013 on the occasion of EN's 50th anniversary in Athens from (13-17/ 6/ 2013).

- The international symposium *The Historic City and the City Walls* held in Seoul, Korea on 22 February 2013 hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and organised by Institute of Seoul Studies, with support from the Cultural Heritage Administration and ICOMOS Korea and ICOMOS Korea. The keynote speech *City Walls as a Heritage in the Urban Context* was given by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, President of CIVVIH. This was followed by a presentation on *'The City Walls of Istanbul as a World Heritage Property'* by Nur Akin, and on *'Italian Fortified Cities on the World Heritage List'* by Teresa Colletta, Vice-president of CIVVIH.
- The ICOMOS International Scientific Committees on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT) and Shared Built Heritage (SBH) organised a joint meeting and seminar in Havana, Cuba (11-15 /2/ 2013) on the *Americas Fortifications: Research, Preservation and Management*. Six members of CIVVIH participated and presentations were given by Claus-Peter Echter on *'Old Forts in Bagamoyo, Tanzania and Fort Bismarck in Qingdao, China – History and Conservation'*, Siegfried Enders on *'Cooperation between the ISCs on Fortifications and Shared Built Heritage'* and João Campos on *'The construction of Brazil: Meaning of Bulwarked Fortifications in Brazilian Border'*
- The CIVVIH French 'mirror group' had the pleasure of meeting CIVVIH President and ICOMOS Mexico President Olga Orive, during their stay in Paris to take part in the ICOMOS Executive meeting. At its third meeting on 5 March 2013 at the Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine at Palais de Chaillot in Paris, the 25 attendants participated in a conference on *The 'Valletta Principles'* by François Gondran, CIVVIH expert member. Next, *Santiago Hidalgo*, CIVVIH associated member, gave an update on the translation and publication of the Case Studies on the Conservation and Management of World Heritage Cities. Afterwards, CIVVIH Vice-President Samir Abdulac informed the attendants of the preparation of a meeting in Lyon on May 2013 on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the inscription of the City on the World Heritage List. The meeting concluded with a presentation on CIVVIH and ICOMOS future action by CIVVIH President.
- From May 1 to 4, 2013, US ICOMOS convened its 16th International Scientific Symposium in the historic city of Savannah, located in the southern US state of Georgia. The symposium was entitled "The Historic Center and the Next City: Envisioning Urban Heritage Evolution." The purpose of the symposium was to further the interpretation and implementation of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation (HUL) adopted by UNESCO in 2011. Approximately 250 delegates from 12 countries attended the conference. Nils Ahlberg, CIVVIH Honorary Member and Vice President, ICOMOS Sweden, opened the symposium with a presentation entitled "Historic Values of Cities and Towns: An Historic Urban Landscape Approach as a Tool for Understanding and Planning." ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz was attentive to the entire symposium and with Patricia O'Donnell, US ICOMOS Board member and ISC Cultural Landscapes USA Expert Member, presented the draft Savannah

Declaration for discussion. US CIVVIH members in attendance included Jeff Soule, Executive Committee Member, and Associate Members William A. Dupont and Kathleen Crowther.

- A scientific meeting entitled «*Projets durables des villes du Patrimoine mondial*» took place in Lyon on 22, 23 and 24 May 2013 on the occasion of the completion of OWHC project on “*Historic Cities in Development. Key for understanding and Acting*”. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the dynamics, methodology and analyses implemented through the compilation of case studies and :
 - The preservation and enhancement of heritage through case studies dealing with the reconversion of monuments or sites involving new uses
 - The role of local inhabitants through case studies on the sharing of heritage values, social appropriation or governance, which address issues of good citizenship.
 - The strategy of local authorities through case studies dealing with urban projects for which the question is: how to implement a global development scheme? The meeting is addressed primarily to mayors and elected officials as well as managing bodies of World Heritage cities and historic towns, with a focus on the European region.

At the procedure CIVVIH was represented by its President and Samir Abdulac CIVVIH V. President. The meeting was attended also by Claus Peter Echter and Antoine Bruguerolle

For more information:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1009/>

<http://www.lyon.fr/evenement/rencontre/cities-and-heritage-meeting.html>

- Workshop on ‘The Management Plans of the Historic Cities, Analysis and Guidelines for their Contents and Methodology, Especially Related to Those Inscribed on the World Heritage List’ held on 20-24 May 2013, Madrid, organised by the Spanish National Committee of ICOMOS (CNE) with the support of the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports and hosted by the School of Mining Engineering of the Polytechnic University of Madrid. Experts from Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Brasil, Uruguay, Portugal and Spain, most of them members of the Subcommittee on Iberoamerican Historic Cities (CIHIB) of CIVVIH discussed the topic and prepared conclusions and a document serving as a practical basis for the elaboration of the above plans of management.

WORLD HERITAGE RELATED ACTIVITIES

I am glad to announce that the contribution of CIVVIH expanded in 2011-2012.

During 2012, a monitoring mission was undertaken for the Albanian cities Berat e Gjirokastra..CIVVIH has also contributed with desk review or in situ mission for

- Iraq / Erbil Citadel
- Saudi Arabia /Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah
- Turkey /Bursa and Cumalikizik: the Birth of the Ottoman Empire
- United Arab Emirates /Khor Dubai (Dubai Creek)

Also, CIVVIH members have performed evaluations for the **World Monuments Fund (WMF)** on the following sites

- Ciudad De La Plata (Angela Rojas)
- Rancho, Historic City Center Of Oranjestad (Angela Rojas)
- El Centro Histórico Urbano de Sagua la Grande (Angela Rojas)
- Ideal City Of Adelaide(David Logan)
- Historic Center Of L'Aquila (Teresa Colletta)
- Ancient City Of Aleppo(Samir Abdulac)
- Tour Triangle (Samir Abdulac)

OWHC PROJECT

The CIVVIH represents ICOMOS (Samir Abdulac) in the Steering Committee of the joint project associating OWHC, UNESCO, EU and Getty Conservation Institute called *“Historic Cities in Development: Keys for Understanding and Acting.”*

Since 2008, the OWHC and the city of Lyon, in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and UNESCO within the framework of the Cities Program and with the financial and technical support of the France-UNESCO Convention, the Netherlands Funds in Trust, the Council of Europe, the Getty Conservation Institute and ICOMOS, have worked for the development of a Compilation of case studies which will ultimately allow the sharing of unparalleled knowledge and expertise in the world of historic cities

It aims at presenting Case Studies chosen among World Heritage Cities. Within the framework of this project, CIVVIH contributes to the definition of the Scientific Orientations, the identification of political and technical decision makers, the Methodology for the presentation of the Case Studies, etc.

Samir Abdulac represented ICOMOS/CIVVIH

The Steering Committee n°22 convened on 2 and 3 May 2012, in UNESCO, Paris, The *OWHC Project: Case Studies on the Conservation and Management of Historic Cities - Reconciling Heritage Conservation and Urban Development* is posted on UNESCO website, at: <http://whc.unesco.org/fr/activites/634> and <http://www.ovpm.org> for the final report.

PARTNERSHIPS with other Committees and/or affinity organizations

CIVVIH has an on-going partnership with **ISoCaRP** – the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

The **MoU with OWHC/OVPM**

ICOMOS has prepared in Collaboration with OWHC a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed in Oaxaca/Mexico next November. The main objective of this MoU is to establish a general framework of cooperation for activities to be planned and implemented jointly by OWHC and ICOMOS concerning the joint areas of interest for the conservation of Cultural Heritage of World Heritage cities. The main possible areas of collaboration are

1. Exchange of information and research concerning the conservation of cultural heritage and urban areas
2. Reinforcement of the current collaboration between OWHC and ICOMOS with the support of the relevant bodies of ICOMOS (Scientific Council and ICOMOS International Scientific Committees, **in particular CIVVIH**)
3. Cooperate in research and development of improved approaches to the conservation of the heritage of cities and urban areas, in particular in the next steps on the project "*Historic Cities in Development: Keys to Understand and Act*";

The **MoU with UN HABITAT**

.After Naples a discussion has started in the ICOMOS Executive after the proposal of Luigi Fusco Girard, president of ISCEC (International Scientific Committee Economics of Conservation) to establish an MoU with UN HABITAT.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme ("UN-HABITAT") is the coordinating agency within the United Nations System for human settlements, the focal point for the monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the Habitat Agenda, as well as the task manager of the human settlements chapter of Agenda 21, and responsible for promoting collaboration with central governments, local authorities, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector.

The main purposes of this MOU is to establish a collaborative arrangement between UN HABITAT and ICOMOS to achieve common objectives, and to provide a basis for cooperation on the World Urban Campaign and its various component projects and initiatives

UN-Habitat cooperation can be based on the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS in those areas that correspond to UNHabitat 's interests and especially with **CIVVIH, ISCEC** and **ICLAFI**.

SCIENTIFIC WORK PROGRAMME

(Date of adoption of the Scientific Work Programme: 2009/6/23 (updated in May and June of 2010, <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/63>)

Through this approach, our committee's scientific work has been included in the triennial Interdisciplinary ISC Scientific Theme for the 2009-2011 Triennium, under title "CHANGING WORLD, CHANGING VIEWS OF HERITAGE: the impact of global change on cultural heritage"

Today, we are called to pursue our scientific research within the framework clearly set by the Scientific Council within the context of the meeting of 17th ICOMOS General Assembly, but also under the principal issues that we believe should preoccupy us.

To this end, I am attaching the Naples resolutions

THANKS

In closing this concise report, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the vice-presidents, Teresa Colletta, Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska and Samir Abdulac for their suggestions on the inclusion of new members and our general secretary Claus -Peter Echter for all his organizational support.

For the realization of the new release of CIVVIH Newsletter I extend my warm thanks to our Editors Elene Negussie and David Logan, the associate member of CIVVIH Santiago Hidalgo. For his very efficient assistant to the editors/ and the translation in French. Special thanks to Elene Negussie for the esthetic format and layout

Special thanks are addressed to Samir Abdulac for his cooperation and participating in representing the ICOMOS CIVVIH in the OWHC project, to Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska for her initiative to create the CIVVIH Sub Committee on The Cities Heritage of Central and East Europe, to Teresa Colletta for her efforts to organize the Naples meeting and to publish the Acta of the symposium.

I would like to warmly thank CIVVIH Honorary members, and the members of CIVVIH Executive for having enriched the CIVVIH with their ideas and concerns, as well as all our active members for their interest and participation in our activities.

Finally, Special thanks are addressed to Gergely Nagy and Tamas Fejerdy, to ICOMOS Hungary and its secretariat to Anna maria Keller for all their efforts to organize and hosting the CIVVIH Annual Meeting 2013 in commemoration of CIVVIH 30th anniversary and our founder Andras Roman.

In closing, I am wishing for our committee to maintain its friendly and collective-colleague character, while strengthening its scientific work in the future.

Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias
President of CIVVIH