

URBAN HERITAGE FACING GLOBAL AND LOCAL CHALLENGES

Scientific Symposium of CIVVIH and ICOMOS Finland

April 17-21 Helsinki Finland

The symposium will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Finnish National Committee of ICOMOS as well as CIVVIH's 2007 annual meeting. Also the Finnish Committee of the European Association of Historic Towns and Regions will hold its annual meeting within the framework of the symposium.

Organizers: The Finnish national committee of ICOMOS and the International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages of ICOMOS (CIVVIH).

Participants: ICOMOS and CIVVIH members as well as consultants, researchers, civil servants, planners, decision makers and members of interest groups, who are interested in the conservation of urban heritage.

Theme and background: Towns are related to international itineraries of trade and culture, transmitting impacts to their surroundings. Today, factors of change, transforming fabrics and development of towns, are increasingly international, rapid and complex. Local involvement, in turn, requires transparent processes which are open, intelligible and sufficiently slow. In order to enhance balanced transformation of environment, activators of local and national management of urban heritage need to be involved with new partners and various processes with valid and accurate argumentation, facts and know-how. Enhancing professional contribution of heritage sector to urban dynamics, heritage knowledge and skills should be integrated with urban planning and management. Nordic wooden towns and modern architecture are Finland's contribution to urban cultural heritage.

International guidance and professional networking, which are provided by ICOMOS, by its International Committees in general and the International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) in particular, enhance the expertise dealing with urban heritage. The seminar aims at sharing expertise on current management tools and on the implementation of guidelines, policies and practices on urban heritage. Members of the International Scientific Committee of Historic Towns and Villages will participate in the seminar and contribute with up-to-date international expertise to the discussion. CIVVIH will also introduce a new operational concept, that of Historic Urban Landscapes.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 17.4.

Arrival of the participants

19.00 - 21.00 Meeting of the Bureau of CIVVIH (limited participation).

19.00 – 21.00 Optional guided walk for those who do not attend the bureau meeting.

WEDNESDAY 18.4. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MONUMENTS AND SITES

(Translation from English to French provided)

9.00 – 10.00 Registration of the participants

10.00 - 10.30 **OPENING OF THE SEMINAR**

Welcome speeches: * ICOMOS Finnish National Committee, Mrs. Kirsti Kovanen, president of the Finnish National Committee and * International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH), Mr. Ray Bondin, president of CIVVIH.

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee

11.00 - 13.00 **URBAN HERITAGE AND ITS MANAGEMENT IN THE NORTHERN CONTEXT**

Urbanism around the Baltic Sea in the 17th century, Nils Ahlberg, PhD, Sweden

Challenges for progress – the time span of urban heritage, Margaretha Ehrström, senior advisor, National Board of Antiquities, Finland

Preservation of urban heritage by planning - shortages and potentials, Mikko Härö, chief intendant, National Board of Antiquities, Finland

Improved tools for urban heritage management by regional co-operation, Marianne Lehtimäki, architect, Finland

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 17.30 **IDENTIFYING VALUES OF MODERN URBAN HERITAGE**

Evaluating modern heritage, Anja Kervanto Nevanlinna, PhD, University of Helsinki, Finland

Suburban areas in the Baltic Sea region, Mona Schalin, architect, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland

Modern urban heritage in Helsinki, Leena Makkonen, Dr.Tech., Helsinki City Planning Department, Finland

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee

16.00 – 18.00 Papers of Nordic seminar participants and a concluding discussion.

18.30 – 19.30 **RECEPTION** held by the City of Helsinki in the Old City Hall at the Market Square

THURSDAY 19.4.

(Translation from English to French provided during the morning session)

INTRODUCTION TO HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPES

9.00 - 12.00 Program to be announced (it will be prepared by CIVVIH with the intent of introducing the topic and the various aspects of the debate to the participants. The session may include key note presentations, short presentations and initial discussion).

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 19.00 **EXCURSION** - *Urban heritage of the 1950's and 60's*, for ex. Olympic Village, Käpylä housing area, Maunula housing area, Munkkivuori housing area, Tapiola garden city, Pihlajamäki and Vuosaari housing areas.

19.00 Visit and cocktails in the studio of Alvar Aalto.

13.00 – 19.00 Not included in the fee: optional tour to Porvoo (Old town, possibly a site visit to the medieval church), extra charge, min. 20 participants.

FRIDAY 20.4.

(Translation from English to French and from French to English provided during the workshop)

9.00 - 16.00 **CIVVIH WORKSHOP ON HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPES AND ON VALUE BASED METHODOLOGY** (limited participation)

17.00 - 20.00 CIVVIH business meeting

(Informal farewell party possible)

SATURDAY 21.4.

Departure of the participants

CALL FOR PAPERS AND REGISTRATION

Call for papers for the symposium on April 18th is open until **13.3.2007**. Abstracts with a maximum of 200 words should be sent to: sihteeri@icomos.fi.

An updated program, information on the seminar and relevant material on the urban history of Helsinki may be found at www.icomos.fi. *Note that the workshop on April 20th is not open to all participants of the symposium.*

Participation fees:

General attendance: 65 € (the fee covers participation in the symposium, the excursion and the reception as well as folders, meals and coffees as outlined in the program).

Students: 30 € (the fee covers participation in the symposium, the excursion and the reception as well as coffees as outlined in the program).

Registration should be completed by **20.3.2007** by email to the address sihteeri@icomos.fi or by mail to **ICOMOSin Suomen osasto r.y., Tieteiden talo, Kirkkokatu 6, 00170 Helsinki, Finland.**

Registration fees are to be paid by 23.3.2007 to account 800010-614645 in Sampo Pankki Oyj, Unioninkatu 22, 00075 SAMPO, Finland. BIC/SWIFT code PSPBFIHH, IBAN code FI4380001000614645.

Accommodation: a limited number of rooms on a "first come first" basis is reserved for the participants of the conference for a price of 61-72 € per night in a single occupancy room and 36 € per night in a double occupancy room. Reservations by email to sihteeri@icomos.fi.

Cancellation policy: no refund after 10.4.2007.

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We wish you welcome to Helsinki!
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