

MINUTES OF NEW CIVVIH EXECUTIVE MEETING 2012

Naples, 6 September 2012

Participants

1. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias – President (GREECE)
2. Danuta Klošek-Kozłowska, Poland – Vice President (POLAND)
3. Samir Abdulac – Vice President (FRANCE)
4. Teresa Colletta – Vice President (ITALY)
5. Claus-Peter Echter – Secretary General (GERMANY)
6. Nur Akin – Executive Member (TURKEY)
7. Elene Negussie – Executive Member (IRELAND)
8. David Logan – Executive Member (AUSTRALIA)
9. Faika Bejaoui – Executive Member (TUNISIA)

Apologies

1. Giora Solar – Executive Member (ISRAEL)
2. Saleh Lamei – Executive Member (Egypt)
3. Gergely Nagy – Executive Member (HUNGARY)

1. Welcoming

President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias opened the meeting and stated that we are in a new era of the Executive Committee. The President welcomed all the members and wished for their success and encouraged them in their individual tasks and responsibilities. She stated her intention to delegate tasks and highlighted the importance of close contact and collaboration between members of the Executive, mainly by email, Skype and in some cases telephone conversations.

2. Co-optation

A decision had previously been made to increase the number of the members of the Executive up to ten. By now we have a total of twelve members of the Executive Committee (five Bureau members, seven ordinary Executive members).

The need for stronger regional representation of members on the CIVVIH Executive Committee was highlighted, particularly since CIVVIH had tended to be more highly represented by European countries in the past.

Consequently, the meeting decided to co-opt the following members as representatives of North America, Eastern Europe:

- Angela Rojas (CUBA) as representative for South America
- Jeff Soule (USA) as representative for North America
- Olga Sevan (RUSSIA) as representative for Eastern Europe.

The need to co-opt a member to represent Asia was recognised and that it may be appropriate to approach a member from China with increased interest in CIVVIH expressed by ICOMOS China. However this may be resolved at a later stage following the upcoming ICOMOS Advisory and Executive Committee and Scientific Symposium to be held in Beijing in October/November 2012.

3. Tasks of the Secretary General

The Secretary General has to revise the member list, which is not in a good condition, and the list of the designated voting members. The participation of the voting members in the Narni and Naples meeting could have been better. Regarding the member list old members lack often a CV and a completed form. Thus we can have a revised membership web page.

4. Task of the Vice Presidents

The role of the Vice Presidents to evaluate and select new members was discussed. Following review of membership applications they decide on admission of new members and whether to grant expert or associate membership.

5. Newsletter

The President asked Elene Negussie and David Logan to jointly be in charge of the CIVVIH newsletter. They both accepted this invitation and it was agreed to issue the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Fixed dates may be established with deadlines for submitting new information for release and publication. It was noted that the newsletter has scope for including any issues relating to the remit of CIVVIH, not only its own activities.

6. Presentation of the new Executive committee on the CIVVIH website

The new Executive will be presented on the CIVVIH website, the President asked for each member to update his Curriculum for this purpose.

7. Triennial Work Plan

A triennial work programme for CIVVIH needs to be established. This work will be undertaken by a working-group: David Logan as coordinator, Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Eleni Maistrou, Claus-Peter Echter, Nur Akin, Teresa Coletta and Antoine Bruguerolle.

8. Cooperation with the Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OWHC).

Available material from the OWHC is to be released on the CIVVIH website. The cooperation with the OWHC has to be continued, thanks to Samir Abdulac

9. Subcommittee for the Mediterranean region

Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias explains that should another member of the Executive instead of her to take the responsibility of the Mediterranean subcommittee
Teresa Coletta will stand for candidacy for the new President for the Mediterranean subcommittee.

10. National Scientific Committees.

In terms of National Scientific Committees (NSC), Elene Negussie stated that ICOMOS Ireland had asked her to establish a new NSC to reflect the work remit of CIVVIH and asked how this had been approached in other countries. The President confirmed that such committees formed part of several other national committees and that members would preferably also become members of CIVVIH (expert or associate).

11. Statutes

The CIVVIH statutes had been discussed with Gideon Koren, President of ICLAFI, who has provided advice on issues such as including the new 'Friends of CIVVIH' within the associate membership category, voting and honorary membership (a correction is required in the CIVVIH statutes regarding honorary membership, honorary members may vote if designated a voting member by the national committee). The President prepares a paper to ICLAFI about amendments to the statutes.

12. Announcing of the new elected Executive Committee of CIVVIH

The President will confirm the new Executive Committee of CIVIVH in writing to Gustavo Araoz, President of ICOMOS, John Hurd, President of Advisory Committee, Coordinators of Scientific Council and to the International Secretariat.

Minutes Written by: Claus-Peter Echter and Elene Negussie
Comments by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias