

2008 Annual report of

ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

Meetings

The committee held one business meeting during its annual meeting in Quebec. The board held one meeting prior to the meeting of the committee. and discussed the activities of its two regional sub-committees, the revision of the committee's statutes in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles, the revision of the Washington Charter, location and schedule for future meetings, possible cooperation with ICOFORT and the committee's web-site.

Seminars

CIVVIH held two open seminars that dealt with different aspects of conservation. The first one was held by CIVVIH's sub-committee for the Mediterranean region. The meeting aimed to highlight the contemporary problems of Mediterranean historical cities and to discuss methods to address these problems. The meeting was attended by 29 participants, 19 of which were members of CIVVIH. The participants highlighted the need to define acceptable interventions in historical cities, the need for management plans and the need for ongoing monitoring. They also called for in-depth research on how to address the problems of the historical cities of the Mediterranean and, for that end, the preparation of an Inventory of Historical Cities of the Mediterranean

In September the 29 members and 10 guests gathered again in Quebec for CIVVIH's annual meeting. The meeting consisted of three parts: 4 presentations on Urban Conservation – the Canadian Perspective, a site visit of Old Quebec and a workshop on the revision of the Washington Charter. The workshop commenced with a presentation – by Elvira Petroncelli – of the proposed new text, followed by a discussion on both the contents and character of the document. It was decided that the Washington Charter should be considered a historic document and should not be revised, and that the new document will take the form of a new charter or guidelines. Further discussion was scheduled for May, 2009.

International Monuments Day (18 April) and World Heritage related activities

N/A

Activities and Programmes

N/A

Publications

ICOMOS-Hellenic published the proceedings of the first meetings of the sub-Committee for the Mediterranean region which was held in the city of Patras in 2006.

Current topics

N/A

Institutional members and partners

CIVVIH developed partnerships with ICCROM, OWHC and ISOCARP.

Obituary

N/A

Achievements

N/A

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2.a. Date adoption of Statutes (and revision if any): 29.9.2008

2.b. Date revision of Statutes in application of Eger/Xi'an principles: 29.9.2008

3. Date and location of the 2008 business meeting(s): Quebec, 29.9.2008

4.a. Date and place of last elections: Istanbul, May 2005. Elections to be held in Narni, 23.6.2009.

4.b. Officers elected:

- a. CIVVIH held elections for President, 3 Vice Presidents, Secretary General and 5 Bureau Members. 25 members voted, 3 of them by proxy. The term began in 2005 and will terminate in 2009 when the Committee will hold elections again.
- b. Results:

President:	Ray BONDIN, Malta
Vice Presidents:	Nils AHLBERG, Sweden
	Sofia AVGERINOI KOLONIAS, Greece
	Michel BONNETTE, Canada
Secretary General	Michal Firestone, Israel

Bureau Members: Nur AKIN, Turkey
Joao CAMPOS, Portugal
Ian HOCKING, Australia
Elvira PETRONCELLI, Italy
Michel VAN DER MEERSCHEN, Belgium
Alvaro GOMEZ-FERRER BAYO, Spain - coopted
Anna NURMU-NIELSEN, Finland - coopted (Anna passed away in 2006)
Christopher POUND, UK - coopted

4.c. Non-elected candidates:

1. For President: Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias (Greece), Michel Bonnette (Canada)
2. For Vice-Presidents: Joao Campos (Portugal)
3. For Secretary General: none
4. For Bureau Members: Corinne Langlois (France), Pavel Gregor (Slovakia)

5.a. Total number in 2008 for each of the ISC member categories (expert, associate, honorary and institutional members): CIVVIH began processing its membership according to the new criteria in 2009. In 2008, CIVVIH had 49 voting members, 91 associate members (+associate members from USA) and 4 honorary members.

5.b. Number of new members in 2008, for each of the above mentioned ISC member categories: 3 associate members.

6.a. ISC Representative(s) at the Advisory Committee meeting in Quebec (October 2008):

Ray Bondin, Malta, President
Michal Firestone, Israel, Secretary General

6.b. ISC Representative(s) at other ICOMOS or international meetings in 2008:

1. Ray Bonin, President, Malta (meeting to discuss the proposal for the nomination of the city of Sibiu (Romania) to the WHL by invitation of ICOMOS-Romania, March 2008)
2. Ray Bondin, President, Malta (speaker at meeting organised by WHC on Cultural Landscapes of the 20th century, December 2007, Chandigarh)
3. Ray Bondin, President, Malta (speaker at meeting organised by Spain on World Heritage and Global Change, May 2008, Ibiza)
4. Ray Bondin, President, Malta (Speaker at meeting organised by Korea on Cultural Landscapes and Traditional Villages, July 2008, Andong)
5. Nur Akin, Vice-President, Turkey (President of ICOMOD TR National Committee to the meetings of the joint reactive UNESCOQWHC & ICOMOS mission to the historic areas of Istanbul, May 2008)
6. Michel Bonnette, Vice-President, Canada (meeting to discuss the proposal for the nomination of the city of Sibiu (Romania) to the WHL by invitation of ICOMOS-Romania, March 2008)

7.a. Date adoption of Scientific Work Programme: Istanbul, May 2005.

Scientific work programme as adopted by CIVVIH in May 2005:

1. Administrative infrastructure / *Infrastructure administrative*
 - a. Guidelines for sub-committees / *Lignes directrices pour les sous-comités*
 - b. Format of annual meetings / *Format des réunions annuelles*
 - c. CIVVIH and villages / *CIVVIH et les villages*
2. Scientific work / *Travaux scientifiques*
 - a. Follow up on the Vienna memorandum / *Suivi au memorandum de Vienne*
 - b. Revision of the Washington Charter / *Revision de la Charte de Washington*
 - c. Workshop on methodology, values and boundaries / *Atelier sur la méthodologie, les valeurs et les frontières*
 - d. Strengthening the status of CIVVIH within ICOMOS / *Renforcer les statuts du CIVVIH à l'intérieur de l'ICOMOS*
3. Meetings / *Reunions*
 - a. 2006 Annual Meeting in Finland / *Reunion annuelle 2006 en Finlande*
 - b. 2007 Annual Meeting / *Réunion annuelle 2007*
 - c. 2008 annual meeting / *Reunion annuelle 2008*
 - d. 15th ICOMOS General Assembly, X'ian, China / *15e Assemblée générale de l'ICOMOS, X'ian, Chine*
 - e. Habitat - World Urban Forum Meeting / *Habitat - Forum urbain mondial*
 - f. 6th European Biennale of Town Planning in Copenhagen / *6^e Biennale européenne sur la planification urbaine - Copenhague*
4. Revision of Statutes following final definition of ISC role and structure by ICOMOS / *Revision des statuts suite à l'adoption d'une définition finale du rôle et de la structure des Comités scientifiques internationaux par l'ICOMOS*

Accordingly, during its meeting in Patras in 2006, CIVVIH formed three working groups: One to develop a methodology for a "values based evaluation of WH sites," one to investigate the city as a cultural landscape and one to examine the updating of the Washington Charter.

7.b. Suggestions for new initiatives:

A new scientific work program will be adopted by CIVVIH during its 2009 annual meeting (Narni, June 2009). Two new initiatives have been identified for the scientific symposium in Narni : small towns and villages, and risk preparedness.

7.c. Partnerships with National Committees and affinity organizations:

CIVVIH acts as a network for professionals in our field and collaborates with all organisations that request collaboration including ICCROM, OWHC, ISOCARP and others. It has also cooperated with ICOMOS-IFLA to lead the HUL initiative.