

2009 Annual report of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

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2. Basic data

- 2.1. Committee created in:
1982/12/12
- 2.2. Last revision of Statutes:
2008
- 2.3. Number of members:
Expert members - 73.
Associate members – in process.
Honorary members – 3
Non-ICOMOS members - 0.
Enclosed please find an updated members list for 2010.
- 2.4. Number of **new** members in 2009, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:
Expert members – New applications + the existing membership of CIVVIH were reviewed for Expert member status during 2008-9 and the first list was compiled by June 2009. Therefore, all Expert members in 2009 are, in fact, new members.
Associate members – in process.
Honorary members – 1.
Institutional members – 0.
Non-ICOMOS members – 0.
- 2.5. Committee's representative(s) at the Advisory Committee meeting (Malta, October 2009):
Mr. Ray Bondin, Malta, president,
Ms. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Greece, vice-president
- 2.6. Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2009:
N/A

3. Statutory and Business Meetings

- 3.1. 2009 meetings:
General Assembly, 2009/6/22-23, Narni, Italy
Board meeting, 2009/6/21, Narni, Italy
Board meeting, 2009/6/23, Narni, Italy
- 3.2. Date and place of last elections:

2009/6/23, Narni, Italy

- 3.3. Officers elected:
Mr. Ray Bondin, Malta, president, 2009-2012
Ms. Michal Firestone, Israel, secretary general, 2009-2012
Mr. Nils Ahlberg, Sweden, vice president, 2009-2012
Ms. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Greece, vice president
Mr. Michel Bonnette, Canada, vice president, 2009-2012
Mr. Samir Abdulac, France, member of the executive, 2009-2012
Ms. Nur Akin, Turkey, member of the executive, 2009-2012
Ms Teresa Colletta, Italy, member of the executive, 2009-2012
Ms. Danuta Klosek Kozłowska, Poland, member of the executive, 2009-2012
Mr. Michel Van Der Meerschen, Belgium, member of the executive, 2009-2012
The Bureau co-opted Mr. Saleh Lamei (Egypt), Mr. Yu Fukukawa (Japan), Mr. David Logan (Australia) and Mr. Paolo Motta (Italy) as members of the Executive for 2009-2010.

3.4 Non-elected candidates:

- Mr. Giora Solar, Israel, secretary general
Mr. Samir Abdulac, France, vice president
Ms. Teresa Colletta, Italy, vice president
Mr. Michel Van de Meerschen, Belgium, vice president
Me. Claus Peter Echter, Germany, member of the executive
Ms. Agnieszka Kiera, Australia, member of the executive
Ms. Susan Jackson-Stepowski, Australia, member of the executive
- 3.5. Summary for the Annual Report:
The International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages held its annual meeting with the elections for a president and 9 board members in Narni, Italy in June 2009.
The new board held one meeting and discussed co-option of members to balance regional representation, areas of responsibility for the members of the Executive, candidates for Honorary membership, and a resolution re: L'Aquila.

4. Scientific Work Programme

- 4.1 Date adoption of the Scientific Work Programme:
2009/6/23
- 4.2. Suggestions for new initiatives: CIVVIH continues its initiative to supplement the Washington charter on historic towns with new principles. Additionally, the committee created two work groups: one on heritage at risk and one on fortified towns.

5. Seminars

- 5.1 List of gatherings:
Small towns and villages, Narni (Italy), June 22, 2009, 34 participants.
Risk preparedness, Narni (Italy), June 23, 2009, 34 participants.
Washington Charter (updating of), Athens (Greece), May 8-9, 2009, 35 participants.
World Heritage issues in the Mediterranean – The Edirne case, Edirne (Turkey), November 15-17, 2009, 23 participants.
- 5.2 Summary for the Annual Report:
CIVVIH held 4 open seminars that dealt with different aspects of conservation of historic towns and villages. The first one discussed small towns and villages with 34 participants and 11 lectures. While past discussions in CIVVIH centered on the conservation of historic cities, this seminar offered an overview of the state of conservation of smaller urban and rural entities around the world. The second seminar discussed risk preparedness in historic towns with 34 participants and 9 lectures. These offered an introduction to concepts and practice as well as relevant case studies from around the world. The third meeting discussed world Heritage issues in the Mediterranean – The Edirne case, with 35 participants and 10 lectures and centered on management issues. The fourth gathering consisted of a workshop with 23 participants, which was convened to prepare a new doctrinal text of principles

for the conservation of historic towns that would complement the Washington Charter and bring it to date.

6. International Monuments Day on 18 April

N/A

7. Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk

The preventive monitoring of cultural heritage sites was one of the main activities of CIVVIH. The committee dedicated one day during its annual meeting to the subject and joined ICOMOS-Italy in its motion for the protection, preservation and restoration of the historic centre of L'Aquila and of the built areas of its province (destroyed during the earthquake of April 2009). The committee also adopted a resolution, expressing serious concerns over the current proposal for extension of Gunnar Asplund's world famous Stockholm City library. The resolution was jointly sent to the Mayor of Stockholm together with a resolution from the ICOMOS Advisory and Executive Committees.

8. World Heritage related activities

A member of CIVVIH has undertaken a desk review mission.

9. Other Activities and Programmes

N/A

10. Publications

N/A

- 11. Current topics**
In addition to the themes mentioned above, the Committee is working to re-activate its sub-committees for the Ibero-American region] and has established a work-group on fortified towns..
- 12. Partners –**
 - 12.1 Partnerships with other Committees and/or affinity organizations:
CIVVIH has an on-going partnership with ISoCaRP – the International Society of City and Regional Planners.
 - 12.2 Summary for the Annual Report:
N/A
- 13. Obituary –**
During the year, CIVVIH was saddened by the loss of professor (Ph. D) Ismet Okyay one of its longest-standing members whose publication “Fransa’da Kentsel Koruma – Malraux Yasası” (Urban Conservation in France- the Law of Malraux/Istanbul, 2001) is still an important reference document in Turkey.
- 14. Awards –**
CIVVIH welcomed the award of the prestigious prize of the Polish ministry of infrastructure for the best publication and the annual prize of the rector of Warsaw Technical University in for the best scientific work and publication to Ms. **Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska** for her publication: Protection of The Cultural Values of Towns and *Urban Design (2007)*.
- 15. Photographs –**
N/A.