

2010 Annual report of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

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Member

1-3. Membership Manager, if different from Secretariat:

N/A

1-4. Number of members:

Expert members - 83

Associate members – 18

Honorary members – 5 (2 new Honorary members Vladimir Krogus and Krzysztof Pawlowski)

Non-ICOMOS members - 0

Enclosed please find an updated members list for 2010.

1-5. Number of new members in 2010, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:

Expert members – 10

1-6. Committee created in:

1982/12/12

1-7. Last revision of Statutes:

2008

2 Basic data to be provided by all the Committees

2-1. Website of the Committee, if any: www.civvih.icomos.org

2-2. Committee's representative(s) at the Advisory Committee meeting (Dublin, October 2010):

Ms. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Greece, Acting President

2-3. Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2010:

N/A

3 Statutory and Business Meetings

3-1. 2010 meetings:

- Annual Meeting of CIVVIH, 2010/04/07-10, Valletta, Malta

- Meeting on the occasion the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting, 2010/10/26, Dublin, Ireland.
- Annual Meeting of Mediterranean Sub Committee CIVVIH, 2010/11/19-20, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Annual Meeting of IberoAmerican Sub Committee CIVVIH, 2010/11/26, Madrid, Spain

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:**

1. The International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages held its Meeting on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting and Scientific Council Meeting, 2010/10/26 in Dublin Ireland in October 2010. The board held 1 meeting and discussed about official matters and the following main topics:

- General information
- information on the Damascus meeting held on June in Damascus, Syria,
- information on the forthcoming CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee Meeting 2010

2. The International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages held its annual meeting in Valletta Malta in April 2010. The board held 1 meeting and discussed about official matters and the following main topics:

- The Symposium's Paper on 'The Historic City as a Reference Model for Sustainable Urban Development Policies'
- The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas

3. The Mediterranean Sub Committee of CIVVIH held its annual meeting in Nicosia Cyprus in November 2010. The Sub Committee's board held 1 meeting and discussed about official matters and the following main topics:

- Context and new directives related to Management Plans.
- The Urban Tourism as a special factor on Mediterranean's Cities Management Plans.
- Procedures for the elaboration of Management Plans.
- Sharing best practices with reference to: Cultural Heritage Management, Regeneration of Historic Centers, New Development in Historic Cores, Uses, Mobility/Circulation, Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities.

4. The IberoAmerican Sub Committee of CIVVIH held its annual meeting in Madrid Spain in November 2010. The Sub Committee's board held 1 meeting and discussed about official matters and the following main topics:

- Recent feedback on protecting Historic Towns and Villages: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice.
- Diagnosis and challenges for the protection of historic towns and villages: new special plans for protection.
- The necessary co-ordination in the management of historic centres.
- The subject's current standing in the discussion of urban historic landscapes and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other relevant international norms.
- Presentation of practical case studies, analysis and project promotion;

4 Scientific Work Programme

- 4-1 Date adoption of the Scientific Work Programme:
2009/6/23 (updated during May and June of 2010,
web page <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/63> in English and French version)
- 4-2. Suggestions for new initiatives: CIVVIH continues its initiative on Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas. Additionally, the committee created two work groups: one on heritage at risk and one on fortified towns.

5 Seminars

- 5-1 List of gatherings:
- "The historic city, a reference model for urban sustainable development policies", Valletta (Malta), April 8-9, 2010, 43 participants.
 - "Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability", Nicosia (Cyprus), November 18-20, 2010, 25 participants (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=sub/med>).
 - "Recent feedback on the Protection of Historic Ibero-American Cities: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice", Madrid (Spain), November 26-27, 2010, 23 participants (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/44>)
- 5-2 Summary for the Annual Report:
CIVVIH held 3 open seminars that dealt with different aspects of conservation.

The first one, organised by the Mediterranean Sub-Committee, discussed "The historic city, a reference model for urban sustainable development policies" with 43 participants and 14 lectures. A special emphasis was laid on the following:

- designing sustainable development policies
- the impact of human activity on our climate
- the survival of our natural ecosystems
- the durability of urban ecosystem
- coordination of actions with a long-term vision
- adoption and implementation of the sustainable development

The second one discussed "Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability" with 25 participants and 13 lectures. A special emphasis was laid on the following:

- the particularities in the Mediterranean historic cities
- the need to deal with problems and in priority with the degradation of the waterfront of Mediterranean historic cities
- the need to encourage the creation of management plans leading to sustainability; creative activities need support, commercial investments should be controlled, functions and uses should be guided to keep diversity and amenities should be guaranteed in order to attract and support habitants.
- the management of a historic city needs economic and public policy
- the need to promote aspects of regional design and of the landscape, as well as its special qualities

- the need for political commitment, for cooperation amongst professionals and the business community and the need for communication with and involvement of relevant stakeholders and interested parties.

The third one, organised by the Ibero-American Committee, discussed "Recent feedback on the Protection of Historic Ibero-American Cities: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice" with 23 participants and 13 lectures. A special emphasis was laid on the following:

I: Recent feedback on protecting Historic Towns and Villages: diagnosis, shortcomings and best practice.

II: Diagnosis and challenges for the protection of historic towns and villages: new special plans for protection.

III: The necessary co-ordination in the management of historic centres.

IV: The subject's current standing in the discussion of urban historic landscapes and its connection with the European Landscape Convention and other relevant international norms.

V: Presentation of practical case studies, analysis and project promotion;

During the first thematic unity were presented and discussed issues pertaining to the recent experience in the protection of Ibero-american historic cities (diagnosis, gaps and best practices) and the management plans for protection.

6 International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April

N/A

7 Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk

CIVVIH Vice-President, Michel Bonnette, travelled to Port-au-Prince to teach architectural and urban heritage preservation.

8 World Heritage related activities

3 members of CIVVIH have undertaken a desk review mission.

2 members of CIVVIH have undertaken an in situ mission.

9 Other Activities and Programmes

The CIVVIH represents ICOMOS on the Steering Committee of a joint project associating OWHC, UNESCO, EU and Getty Conservation Institute called "Historic Cities in Development: Keys for Understanding and Acting." It aims at presenting Case Studies chosen among World Heritage Cities. Within the framework of this project, CIVVIH contributes in the definition of the Scientific Orientations, the identification of political and technical decision makers, the Methodology for the presentation of the Case Studies, etc.

10 Publications

Eight (8) Electronic newsletters of CIVVIH (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/18>)

11 Current topics

In addition to the themes mentioned above, the Committee activated its sub-committees on [Mediterranean and Ibero American geographical regions and on fortified towns]. The Valletta Principles was written into French and English language and it is in process to be translated in Spanish language.

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

N/A

14 Awards
N/A

15 Photographs



Valletta, Malta meeting, April 2010



Documentation from CIVVIH meeting in Dublin



Documentation from the Cyprus meeting



Documentation from the Madrid meeting