

**2011 Annual report of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)**

**1 Basic data to be provided by all the Committees**

**This information must necessarily be also included in the Gille Nourrissier database of members.**

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- 1-3. Membership Manager, if different from Secretariat:  
N/A
- 1-4 Number of members:  
Expert members: 83  
Associate members: 18  
Honorary members: 6 (Mr Ray Bondin was agreed to be made an Honorary Member during the CIVVIH Annual Meeting 2011 in Paris)  
Non-ICOMOS members: 0  
Enclosed please find an updated members list for 2011.
- 1-5 Number of new members in 2011, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:  
10 expert members
- 1-6 Committee created in:  
1982/12/12
- 1-7 Last revision of Statutes:  
2008
- 1-8 Website of the Committee, if any: [www.civvih.icomos.org](http://www.civvih.icomos.org)  
The Committee also circulated the CIVVIH newsletter since May 2010, in electronic format.
- 1-9 Committee's representative(s) at the Advisory Committee meeting (Paris, November 2011  
Ms Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias – Acting President (GREECE)
- 1-10 Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2011:  
David Logan, CIVVIH Executive board member represented CIVVIH in the International Seminar on the Monitoring and Management of World Heritage Sites which was held in Suzhou, China from 18 to 21 September, organised by ICOMOS China and the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, People's Republic of China (SACH) as part of the Chinese celebration of the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage.

**2 Statutory and Business Meetings**

- 2-1 2011 meetings:  
 - CIVVIH participation in ICOMOS 17th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium and ISCs Forum (2011/11/27 to 2011/12/2), Paris, France  
 - CIVVIH Bureau meeting, 2011/12/1, Paris, France  
 - CIVVIH Annual meeting 2011, 2011/12/2, Paris, France

2-2 Date and place of last elections:

2009/6/23, Narni, Italy

2-3 Officers elected:

Mr Ray Bondin, Malta, President, 2009-2012  
 Mrs Michal Firestone, Israel, Secretary General, 2009-2012  
 Mr Nils Ahlberg, Sweden, Vice president, 2009-2012  
 Mrs Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Greece. Vice president  
 Mr Michel Bonnette, Canada, Vice president, 2009-2012  
 Mr Samir Abdulac, France, member of the executive, 2009-2012  
 Mrs Nur Akin, Turkey, member of the executive, 2009-2012  
 Mrs Teresa Colletta, Italy, member of the executive, 2009-2012  
 Mrs 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.

2-4 Non-elected candidates:

Mr Giora Solar, Israel, secretary general  
 Mr Samir Abdulac, France, vice president  
 Mrs Teresa Colletta, Italy, vice president  
 Mr Michel Van de Meerschen, Belgium, vice president  
 Mr Claus Peter Echter, Germany, member of the executive  
 Mrs Agnieszka Kiera, Australia, member of the executive  
 Mrs Susan Jackson-Stepowski, Australia, member of the executive

2-5 Summary for the Annual Report:

CIVVIH after five years work and according the ICOMOS procedure of adoption of doctrinal texts proposed in 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly ***The Valletta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas***. The document was unanimously adopted as ICOMOS Doctrinal text.

CIVVIH have actively participated in the ISCs Forum during the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICOMOS in Paris and presented its activities with tree banners (see below) and a video.

CIVVIH held also its annual meeting on the occasion of the ICOMOS 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Paris, France in 2011/12/1.

The Executive board held 1 meeting and discussed about official issues, having as its basic topic the preparation of CIVVIH annual meeting, 2011/12/2 in Paris, France.

The International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages held its annual meeting in Paris, France in 2011/12/2 chaired by Acting President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias. Two thematic presentations arranged to be made to the CIVVIH members and introduced by Samir Abdulac on behalf of ICOMOS France. These aim essentially at presenting the original initiatives concerning the World Heritage cities undertaken in France (The Association of World Heritage French Cultural Properties, as well as abroad (A collection of Case studies about the Conservation and Management of World Heritage Cities around the world).

The official part of the meeting included information about the Adoption of the Valletta Principles, developments of the work of the CIVVIH Ibero-American sub-committee (CIHIB), developments of the work of the CIVVIH Mediterranean sub-committee, inscription of the members of the Committee in the Membership of the Gilles Nourissier Database, the selection of criteria for honorary memberships, the triennial scientific work plan 2011-2014, as well as the schedule for future CIVVIH meetings: a. CIVVIH's 2012 Annual Meeting in Naples and Elections, b. The Joint meeting with THEOPHILOS ISC in Baku in April 2012, c. The next meeting of the Mediterranean sub-committee in Izmir in May 2012.

Finally It was unanimously decided that Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias be appointed Acting President for the next 12 months pending the elections due to be held at the next CIVVIH Annual Meeting in 2012.

**3 Scientific Work Programme**

- 3-1 Date adoption of the Scientific Work Programme:  
2009/6/23 (updated during May and June 2010 / available on  
web page <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/63> in English and French version)
- 3-2 Suggestions for new initiatives:  
During the annual meeting in Paris the Scientific Work Plan of CIVVIH for the next triennium 2011-2014 was discussed within the proposed triennial research topics of the Scientific Council. It was also recommended that CIVVIH will explore:
- what 'Integrity' means within the framework of CIVVIH activities, as well as the implications of the HUL Recommendation.
  - the various heritage management issues included a range of impacts associated with tourism, loss of inhabitants from historic centres and impacts associated with climate change.

**4 Seminars**

- 4-1 List of gatherings:  
The International Symposium on "Social and Economic Development in Old Cities", 2011/4/26-28, Damascus, Syria - [CIVVIH jointly with the European and Syrian Program for Decentralisation and Local Development (MAM II) **is pending** because of the civil war in Syria
- 4-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

CIVVIH representatives participated in the following meetings and conferences:

Prof. Olga Sevan participated to the coordination of the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Culture of Wood – Wood in Culture" which was held in Rostov Velikij, Yaroslavl region and chaired an open workshop entitled 'The Conservation Management of Historic Wooden Towns'. She also acted as scientific curator for the exhibition having as subject the historical monuments from the book "Buildings in Wood". The duration of the exhibition was from 22 February to 21 March 2011.

CIVVIH Executive board member Dr. Samir Abdulac participated in the preparation, the presentation and the closure of the European Conference on "Building with Earth" (Terra incognita, Ecole d'Avignon and ICOMOS France) which was held in Marseille from 4 to 5 May 2011.

CIVVIH Executive board member Prof. Danuta Kłosek-Kozłowska organized and participated with Teresa Coletta in the conference "The life quality in city centres –Conditions for residence and tourism (Toruń World Heritage City)" which was held in Poland from 12 to 15 May 2011.

CIVVIH Executive board member Prof. Nur Akin organised a conference on "the management of World Heritage Sites" with the participation of Samir Abdulac and Giora Solar, in Istanbul on 18 May 2011.

Dr Joao Campos organised the Almeida International Seminar 2011 on Military Architecture: "The new borders of modern times and the bulwarked fortifications" (Almeida' Siege, Portugal, from 26 to 28 August 2011).

Dr Claus-Peter Echter during the conference of the German working group of professors and researchers "Theory of Heritage Conservation"(September 28, 2011) gave a speech on "The importance of the German publications series "Monument Topography" on an international level. He also participated in the conference "Cultural Heritage – Conservation – Transcultural" which was held on 29 September to 1 October in Heidelberg, Germany and chaired a session entitled "Cultural Heritage as transcultural sociofact".

Samir Abdulac and David Logan, CIVVIH bureau members, participated at the OWHC Conference in Sintra Portugal which was held on November 2011. David Logan has been assisting the Getty Conservation Institute in planning the Workshop for Mayors of World Heritage cities on 22 November. David Logan was also a facilitator at the Workshop. Samir Abdulac participated in a panel discussion on 23 November and presented the contribution of CIVVIH -ICOMOS in the project of the World Heritage Cities Case Studies.

**5 International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April**

N/A

**6 Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk**

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

## 7 World Heritage related activities

### 7-1 List of activities:

1. CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions
  - Rabat (Morocco)
  - Russian Kremlins (Russian Federation)
  - Plasencia–Monfrague-Trujillo: Mediterranean Landscape (Spain)
  - Seville (Spain)
  - Rio (Brasil)

2. At the same time, CIVVIH members realized evaluations for the World Monuments Fund (WMF) on the following sites:

- Village of Doel and surrounding polder, Belgium;
- Jacmel Historic District, Haiti;
- Historic Havelis of Bikaner, India;
- Cospicua a.k.a. Bormla, Malta;
- Saadani Abushiri Village, United Republic of Tanzania;
- Old Town of Testour, Tunisia;
- Chetwode village, United Kingdom;
- GWR Mechanics' Institution, United Kingdom;
- Limnerslease, GF Watts's House and Studio, United Kingdom;
- Charleston Historic District, United States;
- City of Cohoes, United States.
- Village of Doel and surrounding polder, Belgium and
- Avenue du Port, Brussels, Belgium,

### 7-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

During the year CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions Rabat (Morocco), Russian Kremlins (Russian Federation), Plasencia–Monfrague-Trujillo: Mediterranean Landscape(Spain), Seville (Spain), Rio (Brasil) as well as evaluations for the World Monuments Fund (WMF) on particular sites.

## 8 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, the editing, etc. Are on one hand the historic cities inscribed in the World Heritage list and on the other the World Heritage sites in an urban context. Samir Abdulac is the delegate of CIVVIH and more than 20 expert members of CIVVIH contributed in various ways in the collection of information under this project.

## 9 Publications

Seven (7) Electronic newsletters of CIVVIH (<http://civvih.icomos.org>)

## 10 Current topics

In addition to the themes mentioned above, the Committee activates as well with its sub-committees on Mediterranean and Ibero American geographical regions and on fortified towns. The adopted by the ICOMOS 17th General Assembly document “Valletta Principles” was written into French and English language and translated into Spanish, Russian and Greek language. At the current time, the Committee prepares its Scientific Work Plan for the triennium 2011-2014.

## 11 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

## 12 Obituary

- 13 N/A  
Awards
- 14 N/A  
Photographs

Documentation from Paris meetings (December 2011)



From the FORUM of ISCs



From the Annual Meeting



The banners of CIVVIH from ISCs Forum