

2012 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 91 (including honorary members)
Associate members: 32
Honorary members: 10
Non-ICOMOS members: 0
Enclosed find an updated member list for 2012
- 1-5. Number of new members in 2012, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:
Expert members: 7
Associate members: 12
Honorary members: 4
- 1-6. Committee created in:
1982/12/12
- 1-7. Last revision of Statutes:
2012
- 1-8. Website of the Committee, if any: 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 (Beijing, October 2012):
Ms Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias – President (Greece)
Mr. Samir Abdulac – Vice-President (France)
Mr. Claus-Peter Echter – Secretary General (Germany)
- 1-10. Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2012:

2 Statutory and Business Meetings

- 2-1. 2012 meetings:
 - CIVVIH Bureau meetings, 2012/9/3 and 2012/9/6, Naples, Italy
 - CIVVIH Annual meeting and symposium 2012, 2012/9/4-5, Naples, Italy,
 - Joint ISC meeting and symposium of three ICOMOS ISCs: CIVVIH/ISCEC/ICLAFI, 2012/9/3-5, Naples, Italy

- CIVVIH participation in ICOMOS Beijing meetings: Executive, Scientific council and Scientific Symposium (2012/10/27 to 2012/11/1), Beijing, China
- CIVVIH meeting on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee and Scientific council meeting , 2012/10/31, Beijing, China
- Annual meeting of Mediterranean Sub Committee CIVVIH, 2012/5/18-21 in Izmir, Turkey

2-2 **Date and place of last elections:**

2012/9/5, Naples, Italy

2-3 **Officers elected:**

Ms Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Greece, President, 2012-2015

Mr Samir Abdulac, France, Vice-President, 2012-2015

Ms Teresa Coletta, Italy, Vice-President, 2012-2015

Ms Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska, Vice-President 2012-2015

Mr Claus-Peter Echter, Secretary General, 2012-2015

Ms Nur Akin, Turkey, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

Ms Faika Bejaoui, Tunisia, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

Mr Saleh Lamei, Egypt, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

Mr David Logan, Australia, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

Ms Gergely Nagy, Hungary, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

Ms Elene Negussie, Ireland, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

Mr Giora Solar, Israel, Member of the Executive, 2012-2015

The Bureau co-opted Zhang Jie (China), Angela Rojas (Cuba), Olga Sevan (Russia) and Jeff Soule (US) as Members of the Executive for 2012-2015.

2-4 **Summary for the Annual Report:**

1. CIVVIH after five years work and according the ICOMOS procedure of adoption of doctrinal texts proposed in 17th General Assembly The Valetta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas. The document was unanimously adopted as ICOMOS doctrinal text. The Valetta Principles book is available in six languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, and Chinese.

2.. The Executive Board held two meetings and discussed about official issues, having at its basic topics the preparation of CIVVIH annual meeting and elections respectively symposium, Honorary members, a new subcommittee in Central and Eastern Europe, 2012/9/3 and co-optation, triennial work plan, announcing of the newly elected Executive of CIVVIH, 2012//9/6 in Naples, Italy.

3.. CIVVIH held its annual meeting with the elections for a president, eleven board members and four honorary members in Naples, Italy in 2012/9/5. The board held one meeting and discussed about official matters and the following main topics: scientific program, tri-annual work plan 2012-2014, changes to CIVVIH statutes, relationship with the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OVPM) as well as the schedule for future CIVVIH meetings. The symposium's presentation of CIVVIH members drew on the topic "The Role of Integrated Conservation of Cultural Heritage for a Creative, Resilient and Sustainable City". Draft Resolutions of the Naples Symposium on this topic were adopted at the 2012 Annual Meeting highlighting "Culture as a driver of social and economic development of historic towns, cities and urban areas."

4. A Joint ISC meeting and symposium entitled again "The Role of Integrated Conservation of Cultural Heritage for a Creative, Resilient and Sustainable City" was held on 3-5 September in Naples by three ICOMOS ISCs: CIVVIH/ISCEC/and ICLAFI. It coincided with the Sixth World Forum UN Habitat meeting, at which ICOMOS and WH Center of UNESCO made a joint presentation on the role of Culture in sustainable urban development.

5. CIVVIH has actively participated in ICOMOS Beijing meetings: Executive (Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias), Scientific council, and Scientific Symposium (2012/10/27-2012/11/1), Beijing China. Samir Abdulac, CIVVIH Vice-President, participated in the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium on 31 October in Beijing. He gave a presentation on the Monitoring of the Syrian Conflict, based on his previous reports, with a set of short and long term recommendations.

6. CIVVIH held its meeting on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting and Scientific Council meeting, 2010/10/31 in Beijing, China. The board held one meeting and discussed official matters and the following main topics

- welcoming the new representation from Asia
- new responsibilities for the CIVVIH newsletter
- CIVVIH's participation in next year's scientific symposium "Globalization and Uncontrolled Development" as well as the symposium of the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Florence in 2014, "Heritage and Landscape as Drivers of Human Rights"
- future CIVVIH meetings: a. Annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium Meeting in Savannah in May 2013, b. 30 th Anniversary of CIVVIH and Annual Meeting in Budapest in September 2013, c. invitations from Alanya, Turkey and Syros Island, Greece for meetings of the Mediterranean sub-Committee, d. meeting of the Central and Eastern Europe subcommittee in Krakow in June 2013.

7. The Mediterranean Sub Committee of CIVVIH held its annual meeting in Izmir, Turkey in May 2012 and discussed the topic "Multilayered Historic Towns". A resolution on this theme was adopted.

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 Naples the Scientific Work Plan of CIVVIH for the next triennium 2012-2015 was discussed within the proposed triennial research topics of the Scientific Council. The Naples resolution of CIVVIH about 'Culture as a driver of social and economic development' will be the basis of the CIVVIH's triennial plan. It should also be taken into account the participation of CIVVIH in the scientific symposium of 2013 "Globalization and Uncontrolled Development" (a. Landscape Threats, b. Population Growth, Immigration, and Urbanization, c. Tourism and Commercialization), as well as the symposium of the next General Assembly of ICOMOS in Florence in 2014, 'Heritage and Landscapes as Drivers of Human Rights'.

CIVVIH, being fully aware that the current changes in the life of towns and urban areas take place rapidly and within the multidimensional modern environment, will continue its concern for and make its recommendations in view of these developments and challenges. CIVVIH needs to consider in the future the most progressive opinions and, mainly, proposals for the protection and revival of historic towns, such as those relating to creative and smart cities, thus continuing the thirty-year tradition of the Committee.

4 Seminars

4-1 List of gatherings:

Indicate title or subject, town (country), date, number of participants

- "Historic Cities and Cultural Tourism. Cities of art or cities of culture", Ravello (Italy), March 23-24, 2012
- "Heritage under pressure – Perspectives of Historic Urban Landscape", Baku (Azerbaijan), April, 26-28, 2012
- "Challenges and Opportunities for the Conservation and Management of Urban Heritage", Bruges (Belgium), May 31- June 1, 2012 (<http://www.wh2012.be/>)

4-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

CIVVIH representatives participated mainly on three conferences that dealt with different aspects of conservation.

The first one, organised by ICOMOS Italy and the Italian Committee on Historic Cities and Villages, discussed "Historic Cities and Cultural Tourism. Cities of art or cities of culture?" A special emphasis was laid not only on the extraordinary potential of cultural goods and activities, but also Italy's urban heritage and exceptional historic urban landscapes, with all their historic and artistic values. In this workshop, presided by Teresa Colletta, CIVVIH Vice-President and General Secretary of ICOMOS Italy, participated also CIVVIH President and Member of the ICOMOS Executive Committee Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias (Greece) and CIVVIH Executive Member Nur Akin (Turkey).

The second one, organised by the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (TheoPhilos) discussed “Heritage under pressure – Perspectives of Historic Urban Landscape”. A special emphasis was laid on the contemporary challenges for heritage protection and a new paradigm for heritage protection. The threatening development of urban historic areas and a brutal break of continuity were considered as a crucial issue. An important line of the Baku conference concerned the impact of the urbanization process that is the result of human activity on cities where World Heritage Sites are located. Six members of CIVVIH participated in the Baku conference: CIVVIH Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Michael Firestone (Israel), Vladimir Krogus (Russia) , Boguslaw Szmygin (Poland), Josef Stulc (Czech Republic) and Silvio Zancheti (Brazil).

The third one, organised by the Government of Flanders, the Flanders Heritage Agency and the City of Bruges, in close cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, discussed the challenges and opportunities for the conservation and management of Urban Heritage. Five members of CIVVIH participated in the Bruges conference: CIVVIH Vice President Samir Abdulac (France), Andrée Van Bever (Belgium) , Elena Dimitrova (Bulgaria), CIVVIH Honorary Member Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo (Spain) and Michael Van der Meerschen (Belgium).

The fourth one, organised by Euromed and Montada in Salé (Morocco), 11_12 October, discussed the city as living heritage. During this second Regional Euro-Mediterranean Conference. Michel Van der Meerschen (Belgium) and Samir Abdulac (France), Vice-President, were invited to present papers.

The fifth one, organised by the World Heritage Centre at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, 17-18 December, was an international colloquium on World Heritage earthen architecture conservation. CIVVIH Vice-President, Samir Abdulac (France) was invited to present a paper on “the Old City of Damascus, lesson from an eventful past”, during a session devoted to Earthen architecture in “Conflict/Post-conflict situations”.

CIVVIH’s representatives participated also in the following meetings and conferences: Three members of CIVVIH, who are also Council members of Europa Nostra (EN), the citizens’ movement for the safeguarding of Europe’s cultural and natural heritage, participated in the EN autumn council meeting on 22 and 23 November 2012 in Helsinki, Finland: Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Nuran Zeren Gulersoy (Turkey) and Pierre Laconte (Belgium). A main subject of the conference was the discussion about the European Heritage Congress 2013 on the occasion of EN’s 50th anniversary congress in Athens from 13-17 June 2013.

5 International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April

N/A

6 Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk

7 World Heritage related activities

7-1 List of activities:

A. CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions:

Ville et Château de Vianden, Luxemburg

Levuka Historical Port Town(Fiji)

Agadez (centre Historique d' Agadez)Niger

Sviyahsk Historical Architectural, Natural and landscape Complex(Russian Federation)

Historic City of Alanya (Turquie)

B. CIVVIH represented ICOMOS at:a meeting on Bruges (Belgium) and Petra (Jordan)

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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. CIVVIH Vice President Samir Abdulac is the delegate of CIVVIH with the collaboration of CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz and more than 20 expert members of CIVVIH contributed in various ways in the collection of information under this project. A synthesis of case studies of historical cities is presently being finalized. A final discussion about case studies is expected in the city of Lyon in May 2013. The project report comes in two parts – Volume I being an analytic report and Volume II the collection of fact-sheets for the 40 case studies

-The CIVVIH is represented by Samir Abdulac at an ICOMOS Task Force on the situation of Syrian Cultural Heritage during present armed conflict. Other members include John Hurd, Rohit Jigyatsu, Bijan Rouhani and Gaia Jungblodt. Projects include monitoring, training, raising awareness and advisory contributions. A partnership is developing with ICORP inside ICOMOS and with UNESCO and ICCROM outside.

9 Publications

Six (6) Electronic newsletters of CIVVIH were published (<http://civvih.icomos.org>). The last one, CIVVIH newsletter No.19, December 2012: ISSN 2306-6482

The Valetta Principles Book is now available in 6 languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese (<http://civvih.icomos.org>) ISBN 978 – 960 – 93 – 4338 – 2.

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. A new initiative for a Sub-Committee for Central and Eastern Europe was endorsed during the Annual meeting in Naples and is now underway led by CIVVIH Vice-President Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska. The adopted by the ICOMOS 17th General document "Valetta Principles was written into English and French language and translated into Greek, Spanish, Russian and Greek language. At the current time, the Committee prepares its Scientific Work Plan for the triennium 2012-2015.

11 Partners

11-1 Partnerships with other Committees and/or affinity organizations:

CIVVIH has an ongoing partnership with ISoCaRP – the International Society of City and Regional Planners. A further partnership may develop with OWHC.

11-2 Summary for the Annual Report: N/A

12 Obituary

N/A

13 Awards

N/A.

14 Photographs



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Annual meeting of Mediterranean Sub Committee CIVVIH, 2012/5/18-21 in Izmir, Turkey



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CIVVIH Annual meeting and symposium 2012, 2012/9/4-5, Naples, Italy



CIVVIH Lunch Meeting (2012/10/27 to 2012/11/1), Beijing, China