

2013 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 93 (including honorary members)
Associate members: 35
Honorary members: 10
Non-ICOMOS members: 0
Enclosed find an updated member list for 2013
- 1-5. Number of new members in 2013, for each of the above mentioned membership categories:
Expert members: 2
Associate members: 2
Honorary members: 0
- 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 (San José, Costa Rica), October 2013):
Ms Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias – President (Greece)
Mr. Samir Abdulac – Vice-President (France)
Ms. Teresa Colletta – Vice-President (Italy)
Mr. Claus-Peter Echter – Secretary General (Germany)
- 1-10. Committee's representative(s) at other ICOMOS meetings in 2013:
Claus-Peter Echter, CIVVIH Secretary General, represented CIVVIH in the ICOMOS Panel of World Heritage from 1 to 5 December 2013 in Paris (France)

2 Statutory and Business Meetings

- 2-1. 2012 meetings:
- CIVVIH Bureau meeting, 2013/9/21, Budapest-Visegrád, Hungary
- CIVVIH Annual meeting and scientific symposium 2013, 2013/9/21-22, Budapest-Visegrád, Hungary

- CIVVIH participation in ICOMOS San José meetings: Executive, Advisory Committee, Scientific council and Scientific Symposium (2013/10/6 to 2013/10/11), San José, Costa Rica
- CIVVIH meeting on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee and Scientific council meeting , 2013/10/8, San José, Costa Rica.
- 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 Colletta, Italy, Vice-President, 2012-2015
Ms Danuta Klošek-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 eight languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian and Hebrew,
 - 2.The Executive Board held one meeting and discussed about official issues, having at its basic topics the preparation of CIVVIH annual meeting and symposium, resolutions to be discussed in the official meeting of CIVVIH, Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), MOU-UN-Habitat, Future CIVVIH meetings, developments in the work of the CIVVIH Ibero-American Sub-Committee (CIHIB), 2013/9/21 in Budapest, Hungary.
 - 3.CIVVIH held its 30th anniversary, scientific symposium and annual meeting in Budapest-Visegrad, Hungary, in 2013/9/21-22. The annual meeting dedicated to the 30 years from the founding and to the memory of its first president Andras Roman started with a commemorative session. The board held one meeting and discussed about official matters and the following main topics:
 - the continuation of OWHC project and MOU ICOMOS with OWHC
 - position of MOU ICOMOS / UN-Habitat
 - Newsletter
 - World Heritage
 - Resolutions on skyscraper project of the Lakta business centre in St. Petersburg, concerning the architectural and cultural heritage of Bucharest and on Desyatinniy pereoulok in Kiev
 - scientific program and tri-annual work plan with the Naples resolution about “Culture as a driver of social and economic development of historic towns, cities and urban areas” as the basis
 - CIVVIH’s participation in 2013 scientific symposium “Reducing Risks to Cultural Heritage from Uncontrolled Development in a Globalized World” as well as the symposium of the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Florence in 2014, “Heritage and Landscape as Human Values”
 - future CIVVIH meetings: a. meeting of the Mediterranean subcommittee in Alanya, Turkey in May 2014, b. official meeting of CIVVIH in connection with the General Assembly in November 2014, c. annual meeting in Syros Island, Greece in September 2015.d.annual meeting in Seoul, Korea in 2016.

The symposium's presentation of CIVVIH members drew on the overall topic "Retaining Authenticity in Historic Cities and Urban Areas" in two workshops: "The introduction of modern infrastructure and new buildings within historic urban landscapes - examples of successful contemporary interventions" and "The impacts of tourism and how historic cities and towns faced the risk of losing inhabitants due to tourism pressures".

4. CIVVIH has actively participated in ICOMOS San José meetings: Executive (Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias), Scientific council, and Scientific Symposium (also Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias co-chair) (2013/10/6-11), San José, Costa Rica.

5. CIVVIH held its meeting on the occasion of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee meeting and Scientific Council meeting, 2013/10/6 in San José, Costa Rica. The board held one meeting and discussed official matters and the following main topics: Welcoming the participants and especially the guests from Costa Rica and Panama, Valetta Principles, CIVVIHs 30th anniversary, newsletter, resolutions of the Budapest-Visegrad meeting, MOU-UN-Habitat, the OWHC project, the two workshops of the CIVVIH Budapest-Visegrad meeting, CIVVIHs triennial work plan.

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 2013-2015 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' is 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 "Reducing Risks to Cultural Heritage from Uncontrolled Development in a Globalized world" (a. Identifying, Understanding and Characterizing the Landscapes, b. Measures and Strategies for Mitigating Risks from Population Growth, Urbanization and Immigration, c. Tourism and Commercialization), as well as the symposium of the next General Assembly of ICOMOS in Florence in 2014, "Heritage and Landscapes as Human Values".

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

-“The Americas Fortifications: Research, Preservation, Assessment and Management”, Havana (Cuba), February 11-15, 2013

-“The Historic City and the City Walls“ and “Traditional Urban Planning Principles and City Walls in Asian Capitals”, Seoul (Korea), February 21-22 and November 14-16, 2013

-The CIVVIH French 'mirror group' meeting, Paris (France)” March 5 and December 4, 2013

-“The Historic Center and the Next City: envisioning Urban Heritage Evolution”, Savannah (USA), 1-4 May 2013

-“The Management Plans of the Historic Cities, Analysis and Guidelines for their Contents and Methodology”, Madrid (Spain), May 20-24, 2013

-“Historical Cities under Development. Keys for Understanding and Acting”, Lyon (France), 23-24 May 24-25, 2013

-“Historic Urban Landscape” meeting, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), September, 3-5, 2013

4-2 Summary for the Annual Report:

CIVVIH representatives participated in the following meetings and references that dealt with different aspects of conservation.:

A joint ISC meeting and seminar symposium entitled “The Americas Fortifications: Research, Preservation, Assessment and Management” was held on 11-15 February in Havana, Cuba by two ICOMOS ISCs: ICOFORT and Shared Built Heritage (SBH) with a

post conference study to the city Santiago de Cuba. A special emphasis was laid on the forts, castles and fortified cities as a special part of shared built heritage. An important line of the Havana conference concerned the recognitions of the heritage of fortifications and the protection and management of heritage places in the future. Six members of CIVVIH participated in this conference: CIVVIH Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Siegfried Enders (Germany), CIVVIH Honorary Member Joao Campos (Portugal), CIVVIH Executive Member Angela Rojas, Member of the ICOMOS Executive Committee and President of ICOMOS Korea, Hae Un Rii (Korea) and Susan Jackson-Stepowski (Australia).

Two international symposiums were held in Seoul, Korea from 21 to 22 February and from 14 to 16 November 2013 entitled "The Historic City and the City Walls" and "Traditional Urban Planning Principles and City Walls in Asian Capitals". Both conferences were hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and organised by Institute of Seoul Studies with support from the Cultural Heritage Administration and ICOMOS Korea. The first Symposium highlighted the values of city walls retained in historic and contemporary cities that are registered on UNESCO's World Heritage List and Tentative List. The second one discussed the characteristics and values of Asian city walls, the OUV of city walls as World Heritage and urban planning principles. Five members of CIVVIH participated in the first conference: Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias (Greece), CIVVIH Executive member Nur Akin (Turkey), CIVVIH Vice-President Teresa Colletta (Italy), Hae Un Rii (Korea), Inho Song (Korea) and four members in the second conference: Raymond Bondin, Honorary Member and former President of CIVVIH (Malta), Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) and again Hae Un Rii respectively Inho Song.

CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias (Greece) and ICOMOS Mexico President Olga Orive, both Members of the ICOMOS Executive Committee, attended the meetings of the CIVVIH French 'mirror group' during their stays in Paris to take part in the ICOMOS Executive meeting and the ICOMOS Panel Meeting on 5 March 2013 and 4 December 2014.

On April 14, 2013, Jeff Soule and Ron van Oers presented "Culture and values: understanding, evaluating and integrating heritage and culture in plans" at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in Chicago. Case examples of the use of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation from China and the Caribbean were included.

US ICOMOS convened the 16th International Scientific Symposium from 1-4 May 2013 in Savannah (Georgia). The symposium was entitled "The Historic Centre and the Next City: envisioning Urban Heritage Evolution". The purpose of the symposium was to further the interpretation and implementation of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation (HUL). Nils Ahlberg, CIVVIH Honorary Member and Vice-President, ICOMOS Sweden opened the symposium with a presentation entitled "Historic Values of Cities and Towns: An Historic Urban Landscape approach as a tool for Understanding and Planning". US CIVVIH members in attendance included Jeff Soule, CIVVIH Executive Member, and Associate Members William A. Dupont and Kathleen Crowther.

A workshop on the "The Management Plans of The Historic Cities, Analysis and Guidelines for their Contents and Methodology, Especially Related to Those inscribed on the World Heritage List" held on 20-24 May 2013, Madrid, organised by the Spanish National Committee of ICOMOS (CNE) with the support of the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. Experts from Latin-American countries, Portugal and Spain, most of them members of the Subcommittee on Iberoamerican Historic Cities (CIHIB) of CIVVIH discussed the topic and prepared conclusions and a document serving as a practical basis for the elaboration of the above plans of management.

In collaboration with their partners, the City of Lyon (France) and the OWHC with the World Heritage Centre, The Council of Europe and ICOMOS CIVVIH organised a meeting on World Heritage and Historic cities on 23-24 May 2013. This meeting continued the impetus initiated by the "Historical cities under Development: Keys for Understanding and Action" project. Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias made concluding remarks on this event. CIVVIH Vice-President Samir Abdulac (France), introduced the session "Adaptive reuse:

identifying new uses and new urban functions”. Antoine Bruguerolle (France), Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) and Santiago Hidalgo Sánchez (Spain) attended also the meeting.

The World Heritage Centre convened a meeting to discuss the mainstreaming of the principles of the HUL Recommendation into the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention. The meeting was held in Rio de Janeiro on 3-5 September 2013. Alfredo Conti, ICOMOS Vice-President and Member of CIVVIH (Argentina), attended this conference.

CIVVIH's representatives participated also in the following meeting and conference: 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 6 December 2013 in Bruxelles, Belgium: Claus-Peter Echter (Germany), Nuran Zeren Gulersoy (Turkey) and Pierre Laconte (Belgium). A main subject of the conference was the discussion about the different events of the celebration of EN's 50th anniversary.

5 International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April

N/A

6 Heritage Alerts and Heritage@Risk

City of Bucharest, city of Kiev, city of Saint Petersburg - resolutions of CIVVIH G.A 2013. About Bucharest, CIVVIH has completed the Heritage Alert procedure in collaboration with ICOMOS Romania and the assistance of the International Secretariat

7 World Heritage related activities

Each year CIVVIH's experts participate in the evaluation of World Heritage nominations giving the high professional opinions for WH.

7-1 List of activities:

CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions:

Erbil Citadel (Iraq) – Samir Abdulac, Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Mekka (Saudi Arabia) Bursa and Cumalikizik: the Birth of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) – Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo & Elena Dimitrova, Khor Dubai, Dubai Creek (United Arab Emirates) – Hanna Ishac

Also CIVVIH members (Angela Rojas, David Logan, Samir Abdulac etc.) have performed evaluations for the World Monuments Funds (WMF) on the following sites: Ciudad De La Plata, Rancho, Historic City Center Of Oranjestad, El Centro Histórico Urbano de Sagua la Grande, Ideal City Of Adelaide, Historic Center Of L'Aquila, Ancient City of Aleppo, Tour Triangle.

7.2 Summary for the Annual Report:

During the year CIVVIH contributed with desk review or in situ missions: Erbil Citadel (Iraq), Historic Jeddah (Saudi-Arabia), Bursa and Cumalikizik (Turkey), Khor Dubai (United Arab Emirates). Also CIVVIH members have performed evaluations for the World Monuments Funds (WMF) on the following sites: Ciudad De La Plata, Rancho, Historic City Center Of Oranjestad, El Centro Histórico Urbano de Sagua la Grande, Ideal City Of Adelaide, Historic Center Of L'Aquila, Ancient City of Aleppo, Tour Triangle.

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 “Historical Cities under 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 has been finalized. The project report came in two parts – Volume I being an analytic report and Volume II the collection of fact-sheets for the 40 case studies.

CIVVIH participated in the evaluation of the Paul Alier price and was represented by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Samir Abdulac.

9 Publications

Two (2) Electronic newsletters of CIVVIH were published (<http://civvih.icomos.org>). The last one, CIVVIH newsletter No. 21, December 2013: ISSN 2306-6482

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

INHO SONG (editor), Historic city and City Walls, (editor), Seoul City Wall, Studies Series, vol.1, Seoul 2013, pp. 1-249, ISBN 978-89-92-069-67-0 also in Korean Language ISBN, 978 89-92069-68-7

T.COLLETTA (editor), The role of the integrated conservation of cultural heritage for a creative resilient, and sustainable city, ACTA of Naples' CIVVIH Meeting, with the "Resolutions", Franco Angeli, Roma-Milano 2013, pp. 1-150, ISBN 978 88-204-5079-3

Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska, HERITAGE OF THE CITIES. PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, DZIEDZICTWO MIAST. OCHRONA I ROZWÓJ, publisher of the Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw 2013, pp.263, ISBN 978-83-51236-45-0

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 2014-2016.

CIVVIH collaborates on the World Urban Campaign to prepare for the Post 2015 Urban Development Goals under The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in 2016. Jeff Soule is representing the Committee and ICOMOS on the World Urban Campaign.

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.

Following a long collaboration between ICOMOS and OWHC, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the two organizations at the 12 th World Congress of the OWHC, held in Oaxaca/Mexico on November 19, 2013. The main objective of this MoU is to establish a general framework of co-operation for activities to be planned and implemented jointly by ICOMOS and OWHC concerning the joint areas of interest for the conservation of cultural heritage of World Heritage cities.

Concerning the ICOMOS/UN Habitat collaboration the main purpose for ICOMOS is to achieve common objectives with UN-Habitat and especially to participate in the New Habitat agenda procedure regarding the future policies for the preservation and revival of historic cities, towns and urban areas. CIVVIH declared during its annual meeting in Visegrád that it is in favour of this collaboration. In San José in October 2013 the ICOMOS Executive Committee asked CIVVIH to explore the collaboration with UN Habitat. The President of CIVVIH and Executive member Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias then participated in the international meeting of Split (12-15 October 2013), on the occasion of the 25 th Anniversary of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat-GBH. The interest in collaboration between ICOMOS and UN Habitat was reconfirmed and CIVVIH will continue to work for this collaboration

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

12 Obituary

N/A

13 Awards

N/A.

14 Photographs



Visegrad, Budapest, 20-23/09/2013



San Jose, Costa Rica, 7-11/10/2013

- Drafting by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Claus Peter Echter
- with comments from Danuta Klosek Kozłowska, Jeff Soule and Teresa Colletta