

## Triennial report of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages from January 2014 to December 2016

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- 1-5 *Current number of total Committee members:* 154
- 1-6 *Increase/decrease in membership during the triennium 2014-2016:* 16
- 1-7 *Please indicate numbers by membership categories, e.g. associate members, designated National Committee voting members, expert, non-ICOMOS members, and young professional members. Please attach current membership list that provides members' names, contact information, membership category (ie)*  
Expert members: 103  
Honorary members: 10  
Associate members: 41

Non-ICOMOS members: 0  
Designated National Committee members: 50  
Young professional members: 3

- 1-8 *Does your Committee use the on-line ICOMOS Member and Experts Database (<http://membership.icomos.org/login.php>) to manage its membership?*  
YES
- 1-9 *Year Committee established:*  
1982
- 1-10 *Date of last revision of your Committee statutes (now called By-laws): Attach current statutes/By-laws according the guidance of ICLAFI, adopted during the Seoul Annual Meeting, November 2016*
- 1-11 *Please advise of your Committee's social media presence - URL/Address of Website/Facebook/Twitter/LinkedIn accounts etc.:*  
Website: [www.civvih.icomos.org](http://www.civvih.icomos.org)
- 1-12 *How does your Committee disseminate information to its members (email, listserve, Facebook, postal mail, newsletter etc.)?*  
Email, newsletter
- 1-13 *Name(s) of your Committee's official delegates at Advisory Committee and Scientific Council meetings (official representative and observers):*  
2014: official representative: Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias;  
observers: Samir Abdulac, Claus-Peter Echter  
2015: official representative: Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias;  
observers: Samir Abdulac, Claus-Peter Echter  
2016: official representative: Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias;  
observer: Samir Abdulac
- 1-14 *Name(s) of Committee member(s) officially representing the ISC at scientific meetings (ICOMOS or other organizations) (List title of the meeting/organiser/date/location):*
- 2014 Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Samir Abdulac, Meeting of the European National Committees in Strasbourg (2014/6/28-29)
  - 2014 Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, High-Level Regional Conference "Cultural heritage rehabilitation as a key to sustainable development" (2014/10/27-2), in Dubrovnik-Croatia
  - 2014 Claus-Peter Echter, International Workshop on the Sustainable Development of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces, Mengsi City and Yuan Yang County of Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan Province, China (2014/10/27-31)
  - 2014 Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Claus-Peter Echter, ICOMOS Panel 2015 Nominations, Paris, (2014/12/1-6)
  - 2015 Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Samir Abdulac, Claus Peter Echter, Danuta KloseK-Koslowska, Meeting of ICOMOS Poland for the 50th Anniversary of ICOMOS and the European National Committees in Warsaw, (2015/6/21-22)
  - 2015 Samir Abdulac, ICOMOS Panel 2016 Nominations, Paris, (2015/11/ 11)
  - 2016 Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Claus-Peter Echter and other members Meeting of the European National Committees in Athens 6-7th of June and scientific symposium on "Reconstructions: European perspectives"(2016/6/6-7)
  - 2016 Jeff Soule, Hae Un Rii, Patricia O' Donnel IUCN World Conservation Congress, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA, (2016/9/1-10)
  - 2016 Samir Abdulac Présentation of « Guide méthodologique pour la gestion durable des villes historiques de la Méditerranée » at a Round Table with the Association des villes européennes de culture (AVEC) (2016/10/4).
  - 2016 Samir Abdulac International Conference on Cities in Development with the Association internationale des maires francophones, Tunis (2016/10/22-24)
  - 2016 Claus-Peter Echter, ICOMOS Panel 2017 Nominations, Paris, (2016/11/21-29)
  - 2012-2016 Many CIVVIH members participated in the activities concerning the Habitat III: Naples, Caserta, Prague, Paris, Brazil, Surabaya, Quito etc.

- 1-15 *Last date on which your Committee invited National Committees and other ISCs to nominate members to your ISC:*  
 NC: ICOMOS Portugal November 2016, ICOMOS Korea November 2016, ICOMOS Ireland January 2017, ICOMOS Israel January 2017, ICOMOS Mexico February 2017
- 1-16 *Please describe the relationship your ISC has developed with National Scientific Committees:*  
 CIVVIH is collaborating with other ISCs of ICOMOS as ISCEC, ICLAFI, CIAV, ISC20C, THEOPHILOS etc. and the NC of Greece, France, Italy, Hungary, Turkey, China, Korea, Australia, etc
- 1-17 *Describe how your Committee reaches out to experts in the field to join your ISC and ICOMOS:*  
 Outreach requests of CIVVIH bureau, executive and expert members to expressed in the fields
- 1-18 *List the specific actions taken by your Committee that contribute to the ICOMOS Triennial Plan 2015-2017 adopted at the General Assembly 2014 (see Resolution 18GA 2014/17)*  
[http://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/2015/GA\\_2014\\_results/GA\\_2014\\_Resolutions\\_EN\\_20150109\\_finalcirc.pdf](http://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/2015/GA_2014_results/GA_2014_Resolutions_EN_20150109_finalcirc.pdf):
- Reaffirming the role of CIVVIH as a paramount advocate for the safeguarding and management of historic Cities and urban areas
  - Participating in the preparation of ICOMOS Scientific Symposia (Organization Committees, evaluations, etc ),
  - Participating in the ICOMOS World Heritage Work
  - Participating in ICOMOS Heritage Alert activities
  - Representing ICOMOS and collaborating with OWHC within the relevant MOU
  - Supporting ICOMOS to be an associate partner of the World Urban Campaign, to be involved in the Post-2015 Development Agenda and to implementation of the Sustainable Development (SDGs) CIVVIH members share research, develop cultural related knowledge and participate in exciting and solid partnerships
  - Continuing to strengthen the role of CIVVIH in providing impartial and objective advice in World Heritage matters to the World Heritage Committee
  - Strengthening CIVVIH's capacity to provide advice in relation to historic cities and villages affected by disasters and development proposals

## 2. Statutory and Business Meetings

- 2-1 *List the statutory and business meetings held by your Committee (list title of meeting/date/location/estimated number of participants)*
- 2014**
- CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub-Committee meeting in Alanya, Turkey (2014/5/2-3)
  - CIVVIH Bureau meeting with the participation of Denis Ricard, Secretary General of OWHC, Florence, Italy (2014/11/10)
  - CIVVIH Executive meeting, Florence, Italy (2014/11/11)
  - CIVVIH Annual meeting 2014, Florence, Italy ( 2014/11/13) (41 members and 12 observers)
  - CIVVIH participation in 18th General Assembly ICOMOS Florence meetings: Executive, Advisory Committee, Scientific council and Scientific Symposium, Florence, Italy (2014/11/7 to 2014/11/14)
  - CIVVIH participation in 18th General Assembly in the Forum of ISCs and in the Networking ISCs presentation (2014/11/11)
  - CIVVIH representation in the Scientific Council Meeting in 18th General Assembly by its President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice Presidents Teresa Colletta, Samir Abdulac and the Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (2014/11/8)
- 2015:**
- Meeting of CIVVIH Bureau in Warsaw, Poland on 2015/6/21-22
  - Meeting of CIVVIH Executive on the boat from Piraeus to Syros, Greece on 2015/9/16

- International Scientific Meeting and Annual General Assembly (Business meeting and elections) of CIVVIH-ICOMOS at Ermoupolis on the island of Syros on 2015/9/17-18 (45 members and 5 observers)
- Meeting of CIVVIH Executive in Galissas on the island of Syros on 2015/9/19
- CIVVIH participation in 19th General Assembly ICOMOS in Fukuoka, Japan, meetings: Board, Advisory Committee, Scientific Council and Scientific Symposium on 2015/10/25-30
- CIVVIH Lunch meeting in Fukuoka on 2015/10/29 (16 members and 5 observers)

**2016:**

- First CIVVIH Sub-Committee meeting for Central and Eastern Europe 2016/6/29 in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic (17 CIVVIH members and 9 observers)
- CIVVIH participation in 20th General Assembly ICOMOS meetings in Istanbul, Turkey. Board, Advisory Committee, Scientific Council and Scientific Symposium on 2016/10/15-21
- CIVVIH Lunch meeting in Istanbul on 2016/10/20 (12 members and observers)
- CIVVIH Annual meeting in Seoul, Korea 2016/11/14-16: Bureau meetings, Executive meeting, Business meeting (28 members, 2 observers)

2-2 *Date and place (or electronic/mail ballot) of last elections for your Committee:*

Mail ballot and election in Ermoupolis on Syros island, Greece on 2016/9/18

2-3 *Please list your Committee Officers elected during the last elections and indicate their compliance with officer rotation [requirements](#) (include names/contact details and positions, and contact details). Indicate how many terms of office of how many years each officer has served – including the current term. Refer to the Eger-Xi'an Principles:*

<https://drive.google.com/a/icomos.org/file/d/0B9iNqtp1usWgWTU5eDdTeXhvSFE/view?usp=sharing>

Ms Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, Greece, President:

(1 term as acting president +2 elected president), Vice-President 2

Mr Samir Abdulac, France, Vice-President: 2 and Member of the Executive 1

Ms Teresa Colletta, Italy, Vice-President: 2 and the Member of the Executive 1

Ms Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska, Poland, Vice-President: 2 and Member of the Executive 3

Mr Claus-Peter Echter, Germany, Secretary General: 2

Ms Faika Bejaoui, Tunisia, Member of the Executive 2 (1 as coopted member)

Mr David Logan, Australia, Member of the Executive: 3 (1 as coopted member of the Executive)

Mr Gergely Nagy, Hungary, Member of the Executive: 2 (1 as coopted member)

Mr Giora Solar, Israel, Member of the Executive: 2

Ms Olga Sevan, Russia, Member of the Executive: 2 (1 as coopted member)

Mr Zhang Jie, China, Member of the Executive: 2 (as coopted member of the Executive)

Mr Saleh Lamei, Egypt, Member of the Executive: 2 (1 as coopted member of the Executive)

Ms Elene Negussie, Ireland, Member of the Executive: 2 (1 as coopted member of the Executive)

Ms Hae Un Rii, Korea: 1 Executive, coopted member

Ms Angela Rojas, Cuba: 2 (as coopted member of the Executive)

Ms. Ofeliia Sanou 1 Executive, coopted member

Mr Jeff Soule, US: 2 (as coopted member of the Executive)

### 3. Scientific Conferences, Seminars and Talks

*List the scientific events organized or co-organized by your Committee (include title of meeting/date/location/estimated number of participants)*

**2014:**

- CIVVIH's participation in in 2014 Scientific Symposium of the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Florence, "Heritage and Landscape as Human Values", in addition Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias co-chair

- CIVVIH representation in the Scientific Council Meeting in 18th General Assembly by its President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice Presidents Teresa Colletta, Samir Abdulac and the Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter, Angela Rojas (2014/11/8)
- CIVVIH Annual meeting 2014, Florence, Italy (2014/11/13).
- The reports from CIVVIH Executive Member Jeff Soule on UN-Habitat and Andrew Potts, Executive Director of US/ICOMOS and ICOMOS Focal Point on the issue of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were both enlightening and constructive.

#### 2015:

- International Scientific Meeting of CIVVIH-ICOMOS at Ermoupolis on the island of Syros, "Heritage, Driver of Historic Towns and Urban Landscapes Sustainable Development" (2015/9/17-18)
- CIVVIH participation in the Scientific Symposium of the S. Council, Ad.Com. and General Assembly ICOMOS in Fukuoka, Japan on 2015/10/26-30
- CIVVIH representation in the Scientific Council meeting in Fukuoka by its President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice President Samir Abdulac and Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter on 2015/10/26-30
- CIVVIH two presentations by its President CIVVIH Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias: "The concept of sustainability in the context of the objectives" and "The work of CIVVIH under the new directives of the UN Millennium Goals regarding the Sustainable Development (Target 11.4)" on the Side event "What every ICOMOS National Committee needs to know about cultural heritage, Habitat III and the UN Post 2015- Development Agenda" on 2015/10/27
- Joint Scientific Symposium of the ISC on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (Theophilos) and CIVVIH in Bangalore, India on 2015/11/26-28 entitled "Conserving Living Urban Heritage. Theoretical Considerations of Continuity and Change". The Symposium was hosted and organised by the UNESCO Chair in Culture, Habitat, and Sustainable Development India, Shristi Institute of Art, Design and Technology with support from ICOMOS India

#### 2016:

- Scientific meeting on Urban Communication for Informed Tourism in Historic Cities, Florence on 2016/3/3-4. Workshop organized by ICOMOS Italy and CIVVIH
- CIVVIH Sub-Committee meeting for Central and Eastern Europe co-organised with ICOMOS Czech Republic in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic, 2016/6-7/29-3 on the scientific theme: "Quality of Public spaces in World Heritage Cities. Opportunities and Threats"
- CIVVIH participation in the Scientific Symposium of the S. Council, Ad.Com. and General Assembly ICOMOS in Istanbul
- CIVVIH representation in the Scientific Council meeting in Istanbul by its President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice President Samir Abdulac
- CIVVIH Scientific Symposium in Seoul co-organised with ICOMOS Korea, Seoul Korea 2016/11/15-16 on "Urban Heritage and Sustainability: Regional Strategies and Sustainability", Workshops on Management and Promotion of Urban Heritage in Historic Cities;
- Sustainable Urban Development Issues in Historic Cities: Un-Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador and SDGs 2016/10

#### 4. International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April

*List of your Committee's events/activities for 18 April (include the title of meeting/date/location/estimated number of participants)*

2014:N/A

2015:N/A

2016:N/A

#### 5. Heritage@Risk and Heritage Alerts

5-1 *Did your Committee contribute a report to the 2014-2015 Heritage@Risk Publication: A contribution on Aleppo should be included in next issue.*

5-2 *Has your Committee issued any Heritage Alerts during the triennium (please mention site concerned/date/what the issue at the site was/actions undertaken/results of the alert)*

2014: Syria and Iraq, Moldova - Supporting two resolutions of 18th ICOMOS General Assembly in Florence, Italy by CIVVIH: - "Safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq" and - "Urban Cultural Heritage Protection in Moldova"



2015: CIVVIH Vice-President and Chair of ICOMOS Working Group for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Irak (and neighboring countries), Samir Abdulac, received the 2015 Summit Award impact on heritage assigned by the challenge CyArk 500 in Berlin on 19 October 2015

2016: Rosia Montana Working Group chaired by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, in progress.

2016: Heritage Alert, City of Vyborg, Russia, CIVVIH Resolution of Cesky Meeting (2016/6-7/29-3) and ICOMOS letters to President Putin, Mr. Medvedev, no response

## 6. World Heritage related activities

*List and describe any World Heritage related events/meetings organized by your Committee or attended by members as official representatives of your Committee (List the title of event/organiser/date/location/estimated number of participants). List any official Committee responses to calls by the ICOMOS World Heritage Units, advice provided to national/local authorities or sites on tentative lists, nominations, state of conservation issues, etc.)*

Each year CIVVIH's experts participate in the evaluation of World Heritage nominations giving the high professional opinions for WH and Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias in her capacity as CIVVIH President is collaborating with ICOMOS WH Unit for the new nominations.

### 2014:

CIVVIH was invited to contribute in the evaluation of the nominations:

- Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities/India
- Christiansfeld a Moravian Settlement/ Danemark
- Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Cefalú and Monreale/Italia
- The Ahwar of Southern Iraq and the Relict Landscape of the Mesopotamian Cities/ Iraq.

Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias participated officially as member of ICOMOS Executive Claus-Peter Echter represented CIVVIH within the WH panel. Angela Rojas, Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo, Pal Anders Stensson, Joseph Štulc, Samir Abdulac and Wang Lijun, contributed with mission reports and desk reviews.

### 2015:

Continuing to strengthen the role of CIVVIH in providing impartial and objective advice in timely manner to the World Heritage Committee: The contribution expanded in 2014-15 (4 evaluations of nominations). President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias in her capacity as invited expert and Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter represented CIVVIH within the panel of the 2015 nominations.

CIVVIH was again invited to contribute in the evaluation of the 2016 nominations (4 evaluations of nominations).

- Antigua and Barbuda: Antigua Naval Dockyard and Related Archaeological Sites
- Montenegro: Historic Center of Cetinje
- Panama: Archaeological Site and Historic Centre of Panama City
- Turkey: Ani Cultural Landscape

CIVVIH was invited also to participate in the WH Panel of 2016 and was represented by CIVVIH Vice-President Samir Abdulac.

Many CIVVIH members contributed with mission reports and desk reviews. Furthermore CIVVIH members have performed 16 evaluations for the World Monuments Fund.

### 2016:

The contribution of CIVVIH to World Heritage related activities expanded again in 2015-16. CIVVIH is invited to participate again in the evaluations and the WH Panel of 2016-17 and was represented by Secretary Claus-Peter Echter.

The procedure is ongoing. CIVVIH proposed experts for missions and desk reviews for the following cases:

- Angola: Centre historique de Mbanza Kongo
- Azerbaijan: Historic Centre of Sheki with the Khan's Palace
- China: Kulangsu: a historic international settlement
- Eritrea: Asmara : Africa's Modernist City
- France: Strasbourg : de la Grande-île à la Neustadt, une scène urbaine européenne
- India: Historic City of Ahmadabad
- Iran: Historic City of Yazd
- Italy/Croatia/Montenegro: Venetian Works of Defence between 15th and 17th Centuries

- Jordan: As-Salt Eclectic Architecture (1865-1925), Origins and Evolution of an Architectural Language in the Levant
- Russian Federation: The Assumption Cathedral of the Town-island of Sviyazhsk
- Republic of Korea: Hanyangdoseong, the Seoul City Wall
- United Arab Emirates Khor Dubai, a Traditional Merchants' Harbour

## 7. Other Activities and Programmes

*List other significant Committee activities and programs not already identified in this report:*

### 2014:

The CIVVIH represented 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 aimed at presenting Case Studies chosen among World Heritage Cities. A presentation, a comparative analysis and a synthesis of case studies of historical cities were finalized. The project report came in two parts – Volume I being an analytic report and Volume II the collection of coherent illustrated fact-sheets for the 40 case studies. The reports were printed in English, French and Spanish. As a follow up of this project – besides a data bank – OWHC undertakes a survey under its member cities. The aim of this endeavor is to measure a better evaluation of the work of OWHC. CIVVIH has been informed about the results of the survey.

During the meeting of CIVVIH Bureau on November 10th in Florence, Italy with Denis Ricard, Secretary General of OWHC/OVPM, who expressed his gratitude for the collaboration with CIVVIH, a reviewing of the existing cooperation with CIVVIH/ICOMOS has been done. CIVVIH/ICOMOS participated 2013 in the process of Jean Paul L'Allier award, but with one vote, although both the President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Vice President Samir Abdulac contributed. CIVVIH contributed again in the Allier award of 2015. OWHC will further cooperate with CIVVIH on a regional level.

### 2015:

- The Jean-Paul L' Allier Prize bearing the name of the founder of the OWHC is awarded very second year to a city that is a member of the organization and that has distinguished itself by an achievement in terms of conservation, enhancement or management of property located on its territory, and that is inscribed on the World Heritage List. ICOMOS represented by CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Vice-President Samir Abdulac has participated with one vote in the jury of 2015. The results of the competition have been announced in the General Assembly of OWHC on 3-6 November 2015 in Arequipa, Peru. The President of CIVVIH is the official member of its jury and Vice President Samir Abdulac attended the jury meetings. CIVVIH members of Americas attended this conference in Arequipa
- Members of CIVVIH Participated in the evaluations requested from WORLD MONUMENTS FUND

Members of CIVVIH participated in the following scientific meetings, seminars, and symposium of ICOMOS:

- Samir Abdulac awarded the Cyark 500 Challenge - 2015 Summit Award Berlin October 19, 2015.
- Samir Abdulac and Jeff Soule participated in Panel discussions at the Shifting cities: urban Heritage in the 21st Century at Rutgers University, NJ, on 12-14 November 2015
- Lecture at the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO and Vilnius University on "Historic Cities and Sustainability" by Claus-Peter Echter In Vilnius, Lithuania, on 21 December 2015;
- ICOMOS China Historic Towns and Village Committee was founded in Beijing on 23 October 2015;

### 2016:

- Faïka Bejaoui participated in the UNESCO-ICCROM International Experts Meeting on Safeguarding Libyan Cultural Heritage in Tunis
- Samir Abdulac participated in the Meeting on Strategies to rebuild Aleppo by the Association of the Friends of Old Aleppo, the DAI, Bund Deutschen Arkitektur and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin, on 22 April 2016

- Participation in the World Urban Campaign. Many members participated in the activities concerning the HABITAT III: Naples, Gazerta, Prague, Paris, Brazil, Surabaya, etc.
- IUCN World Conservation Congress (2016/9/1-5) – Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA in collaboration with ICOMOS USA
- Samir Abdulac represented ICOMOS at an international conference about "Villes en développement" of the Association of the "Maires francophones et le gouvernement de Walonie avec la contribution d'ICOMOS Tunisie" - Tunis (2016/10/22-24)
- Samir Abdulac participated in the Colloquium "les figurations de la cite: le cas de Palmyre" at the Academy of Architecture, Paris on 22 November 2016.
- Claus-Peter Echter represented CIVVIH at Habitat III: New Urban Agenda, Quito, Ecuador (2016/10/17-20)

## 8. Publications

*Please list the publications published by your Committee during the triennium (including title, author, publisher, date, number of pages, ISBN / ISSN, language.)*

The Valletta Principles are now available in 13 languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian, Hebrew, Portuguese, Polish, Arabic, Italian, Hindi

<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/159>

Three newsletter of CIVVIH were published (<http://civvih.icomos.org/?node/18>).

CIVVIH newsletter No. 22, October 2014: ISSN 2306-6482

CIVVIH newsletter No. 23, July 2015: ISSN 2306-6482

CIVVIH newsletter No. 24-25: ISSN 2306-6482

Communications of papers of the CIVVIH Scientific Symposium in Syros, Greece, on September 17th 2015 are published by Syros Institute on PDF version on: Sustainable Development, Culture, Traditions Journal,

Volume 1A/2015, 1B/2015, 1A/2016, 1B/2016):

ISSN: 2241-4002, <http://sdct-journal.hua.gr/index.php/en/>

Teresa Colletta and Olimpia Niglio, editors, "Urban Communication for Informed Tourism in Historic Cities", proceedings of the Florence ICOMOS Italia CIVVIH Workshop (2016/3/3-4)

Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias in her capacity as CIVVIH President contributed with the article "A Multidimensional View of Heritage as a factor of Sustainable Urban Development" in the Global Report UNESCO 2016 entitled " A Multidimensional View of Heritage as a Factor of Sustainable Urban Development - Culture, Urban, Future"

*Please do not forget to send a copy of your publications to the ICOMOS Documentation Centre in Paris: they will be referenced in the Documentation Centre Database, the ICOMOS website and in the Annual Report.*

## 9. Dissemination of Documents, Open Access Archive and Photobank

- 9-1 *List of ISC documents uploaded by your Committee to the ICOMOS Open Archive (<http://openarchive.icomos.org/>), distributed to your members, made available on your website, or disseminated by other means during the triennium: N/A*
- 9-2 *Has your Committee contributed images to the new ICOMOS Photobank? (<http://www.icomos.org/en/mediatheque>): N/A*
- 9-3 *Has your Committee provided documents to the Documentation Centre over the triennium? N/A*
- 9-4 *Has your Committee provided the International Secretariat with news items to be circulated/shared with other Committees/wider membership over the triennium: Yes, many information on OWHC, Habitat III and SDGs activities*

## 10. Engaging with Young Professionals (YP)

- 10-1 *Number of Young Professionals in your Committee in*  
 2014: 3  
 2015: 3  
 2016: 3



- 10-2 *Do your Committee's current statutes/By-laws limit or inhibit membership in the Committee or By-laws u by young professionals? If so, in what way, and what is your timetable for change?:*  
We encourage young professionals to participate in our meetings and we will change current By-laws after the decisions made of the next board meeting in March 2017.
- 10-3 *Number of Young Professionals currently on the Bureau/Board of your Committee: Expressed as % of Bureau/Board membership: N/A*
- 10-4 *How does your Committee facilitate engagement with YPs? Please describe your Committee's activities and programs over the last triennium such as offering YP internships, mentoring, special events, designated publications etc.: N/A*
- 10-5 *Please provide a short description of your Committee's Intern or Mentoring Program, if applicable:*  
*Date of last intake:*  
*Number of internships offered by your Committee:*  
*Number of Committee members taking up internships offered by other organizations:*  
N/A
- 10-6 *Describe your Committee's involvement in the Young Professionals Working Group established by the ICOMOS International Board:N/A*

## 11. Special Initiatives

*Please describe any particular initiatives or actions currently being pursued, which are of particular interest to your Committee, such as doctrinal texts or declarations in preparation, not identified above, which can be mentioned in the ICOMOS Annual Report*

### THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

CIVVIH recognizes the role of cultural heritage specifically and culture in general in sustainable development through the explicit inclusion of cultural heritage and culture related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 development Agenda of the UN and UNESCO.

CIVVIH at its annual meeting in Syros on September 18, 2015 endorsed the ICOMOS "Concept Note on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development for the United Nations Post -2015 Agenda and the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)".

## 12. Collaborative initiatives with ISCs, NCs or other scientific organisations

- 12-1 *Please describe any support your Committee has provided to another ISC or NC or ICOMOS Working Group:*

CIVVIH collaborates with other other NGOs and affinity organizations. And it has an ongoing partnership also with ISoCaRP – the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

CIVVIH has a close collaboration with other ISCs of ICOMOS as ICORP, ISCEC, CIAV, ICLAFI, ICOMOS IFLA, ISC20C and the ICOMOS working group on Syria and Iraq and since the Florence GA with the ICOMOS Cross-ISC Task Force on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development.

CIVVIH with ICOMOS Hellenic for International Scientific Meeting on "Heritage, Driver of Historic Towns and Urban Landscapes Sustainable Development" at Ermoupolis on the island of Syros (2015/9/17-18)

CIVVIH with ICOMOS Italia workshop on "Urban Communication for Informed Tourism in Historic Cities", Florence 3-4 March 2016

CIVVIH with ICOMOS Korea on "Urban Heritage and Sustainability: Regional Strategies and Sustainability", Seoul Korea (2016/11/15-16)

CIVVIH participates in the ICOMOS working groups on the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Syria. CIVVIH Vice President Samir Abdulac, Chair of the above Working Group has a lot of missions and participations in related meetings and activities but in

this report only mentioned the related ones with the urban matters. CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias is in charge for Rosia Montana Working Group, and in the ICOMOS Cross-ISC Task Force on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development.

- 12-2 *List joint meetings, projects or other collaborative activities with other Committees (include title of meeting/type and topic of project/other Committees or partners involved/dates/location):*

A joint Scientific Symposium of the International Scientific Committees on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (THEOPHILOS) and CIVVIH was held in Bangalore from 26 to 28 November 2015 entitled "Conserving Living Urban Heritage. Theoretical Considerations of Continuity and Change". The Symposium was hosted and organized by the UNESCO Chair in Culture, Habitat, and Sustainable Development India, Shristi Institute of Art, Design and Technology with support from ICOMOS India. This conference highlighted the issues of continuity and change of historic urban environments in South Asia and elsewhere especially in the context of rapid urbanization and globalization.

- 12-3 Please indicate if your Committee would be prepared to offer support to another Committee: **N/A**
- 12-4 Please indicate if your Committee would find it helpful to be twinned with another stronger or more active' Committee: **No**

### **13. Summary of Activities (2014-2016) for Publication**

*Please provide a succinct (200-300 words) summary of your ISC activities during the triennium (2014-2016) for publication, mentioning your key actions such as doctrine development, World Heritage activity, Heritage Alerts, engagement with young professionals, key scientific contributions, activities for International Monuments and Sites Day, etc. for use in ICOMOS publications.*

Each year CIVVIH's experts are working for the evaluation of World Heritage nominations giving the high professional opinions for WH. The contribution of CIVVIH expanded in 2014-2016.

CIVVIH is participating in the Working Group for Syria and Iraq and Rosia Montana working Group). CIVVIH has prepared the ICOMOS letter about the Heritage Alert of the City of Vyborg to the Russian authorities,

CIVVIH collaborates with other ICOMOS ISCs, NGOs and affinity organizations.

Following a long collaboration between ICOMOS and OWHC, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the two organizations at the 12th World Congress of the OWHC, held in Oaxaca/Mexico on 2013/11/19 and CIVVIH is in charge for the implementation of this MoU. The main objective is the cooperation for the conservation of cultural heritage of World Heritage cities and the participation in the projects of OWHC action plan. CIVVIH contributes also in the process of Jean Paul L' Allier award. This award highlights an achievement related to the conservation, enhancement or good management of a living urban ensemble or property within an urban context thanks, in part, to the commitment of its local communities.

CIVVIH is working constantly on the sustainability of Historic Cities and Urban areas. After its proposal ICOMOS became an associated partner of World Urban Campaign when ICOMOS President, Gustavo Araoz, has signed on 2014 the Statement of Commitment by ICOMOS as Associate Partner of the World Urban Campaign. The main purposes are to establish a collaborative arrangement between UN HABITAT and ICOMOS to achieve common objectives, and to provide a basis for cooperation on the World Urban Campaign and its various component projects and initiatives. This collaboration regards the insertion of the *role of the culture in the New Agenda* and the aim to explain the sense of the culture in the field of Conservation of Urban Heritage. The objective of this collaboration is to affirm that the role of culture is important.

CIVVIH represented ICOMOS in the World Urban Campaign. ICOMOS and many members participated in the New HABITAT Agenda procedure regarding the creativity in the future modern policies for the preservation and revival of historic cities, towns and urban areas. The research of the creative approach and of innovative ways is the drawing value of the urban culture and heritage.

#### 14. Activities planned for 2017

Please inform the International Secretariat of all the events your Committee is planning in 2017 using the format below so they may be publicized in the ICOMOS online [calendar](#). Use short sentences for concise presentation. Please list below or send the information as early as possible to: [calendrier@icomos.org](mailto:calendrier@icomos.org) using the format below (if it is an 18 April event – please mention it also in the email subject line:

- CIVVIH annual meeting during the 19th Triennial General Assembly of ICOMOS, Second week of December 2017, New Delhi, India.
- CIVVIH Mediterranean Subcommittee meeting “What future for the historical cities? What is the role for the young people?” (2017/4/27-29), Tunis, Tunisia  
Faika Bejaoui, ICOMOS Tunisia  
fakabejaoui@yahoo.fr
- CIVVIH Central and Eastern Europe Sub-Committee meeting “Rebuilding of Cities after the destruction during World War II” Autumn 2017  
Malbork, Poland or Budapest, Hungary  
Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska  
Danuta Klosek-Kozłowska <danuta.klosekkozłowska@gmail.com>
- Ibero-American Subcommittee meeting on Mai 2017 in Spain Angela Rojas

**Title of your event**

**Organizers**

**Short description of the event**

**Dates/times**

**Location (Country, town, address)**

**Official contact for further information**

**Official website**

**Attachments (poster / leaflet)**

15. And finally, please provide a short summary of your Committee’s perspective on current heritage issues as a contribution to the discussions at the Advisory Committee meeting in Delhi (200-300 words):

1. The role of Cultural Heritage in the Post-2016 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). and Habitat III
2. The post conflict reconstruction of Urban Heritage

CIVVIH will pursue its scientific research within the framework clearly set by the Scientific Council within the context of the meetings of the 17th and 18th ICOMOS General Assemblies, but also under the principal issues that we believe should preoccupy us expressed by the Naples resolutions.

(Date of adoption of the Scientific Work Programme: 2009/6/23 (updated in May and June of 2010, <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/63>)

CIVVIH is following the ICOMOS Scientific program and it is preparing his participation to the symposium of Delhi 2017 and the ICOMOS Ad Com Scientific Symposium on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development in 2018.

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 three-year tradition of the Committee.

The integration of cultural heritage in the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) including the recognition that safe, resilient and sustainable cities each have a unique identity and sense of place which protects cultural

heritage as key to unlocking creativity fits into the framework of the tri-annual program of CIVVIH.

The main topic is represented by historic cities as a model for sustainability and cultural heritage as the fourth pillar of sustainable development. The Committee is about to work on the Habitat III project and hereby review the "Valletta Position paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban development policies" and deepening "The Valetta Principles for the Safeguarding and Management of Historic Cities, Towns and Urban Areas".

The CIVVIH is aware that some limited reconstruction has started in Syria like in the City of Homs and the iconic village of Maaloula. A reconstruction of Aleppo World Heritage Site would represent a major challenge. The CIVVIH is ready to provide its support in Syria, Iraq and other war torn countries when needed.

***THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS REPORT. THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR A RANGE OF ICOMOS ORGANSATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.***