

**Annual Report of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee On Historic  
Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)  
from January to December 2017**

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 Email  
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**2 MEMBERSHIP**

**IN 2017: / EN 2017 :**

- 2-1 Total number of your Committee members in 2017: 162  
[Individual members: 119](#)  
[Institutional members: 0](#)  
[Associate members: 43](#)  
[Emerging Professionals: 4](#)  
[+ 2 Honorary Members \(PM\)](#)

**IN 2016: / EN 2016 :**

- 2-2 Total number of your Committee members in 2016: 154  
[Individual members: 113](#)  
[Institutional members: 0](#)  
[Associate members: 41](#)  
[Emerging Professionals: 3](#)  
[+ 2 Honorary Members \(PM\)](#)

- 2-3 Was there an increase or decrease in your overall Committee membership from 2016 to 2017?  
If it changed, why? Great demand for membership in the Committee  
 Increase  
 Decrease

- 2-4 Does your **Committee Board** include an Emerging Professional member(s)? How many? N/A

### 3 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN 2017

- 3-1 Please provide a short **summary** of your Committee's activities in 2017 (200-300 words):

CIVVIH continues the work of its committee within the framework of friendship, understanding and scientific cooperation that we have all built together from the establishment of the committee to this day.

CIVVIH continues working at a high scientific level on an update three-year scientific program watching the current phenomena and challenges concerning the historic towns and urban areas.

CIVVIH works for the protection and management of historic towns and against the menaces threatening urban identity and heritage.

CIVVIH cooperates with other International Scientific and National Committees of ICOMOS in an interdisciplinary context.

CIVVIH continues to develop partnership with other international organizations with whom we have common interests, especially to empower the collaboration with international organizations in the field of historic towns such as UNESCO, OWHC, EU, UN etc.

The statutory annual meeting of CIVVIH has been held during the 19 GA in Delhi, India in December 2017 and a Mediterranean Sub Committee meeting in Tunis, Tunisia in April 2017 on "What future for the historical cities? What is the role of young people?"

With regard to heritage alerts chaired CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and Vice-President Samir Abdulac the Rosia Montana and the safeguarding of culture heritage in Syria and Iraq Working groups.

The contribution of CIVVIH in World Heritage related activities (evaluation of WH nominations, mission reports, desk reviews, participation in the WH Panel) expanded in 2017-2018.

CIVVIH is intensively involved in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) activities, events and participates in the Task Force on Sustainable Development and also in the Task Force on Climate Change and Heritage. The Committee is about to work on the Habitat III project and hereby review its *Valletta Position paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban development policies*.

- 3-2 List the **statutory and business meetings** held by your Committee (include title of meeting/date/location/estimated number of participants) in 2017:

- CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee meeting, Tunis, Tunisia (2017/4/27-29)
- CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee Business meeting, Tunis, Tunisia (2017/4/28)
- CIVVIH Bureau meeting, Tunis, Tunisia (2017/4/29)
- CIVVIH Annual meeting, Delhi, India (2017/12/9) (32 members and 28 observers)
- CIVVIH representation in the Scientific Council Meeting in 18th General Assembly by its President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice-Presidents Danuta Klosek-Koslowska, Samir Abdulac and the Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (2017/12/10)
- CIVVIH participation in 19th General Assembly in the Forum of ISCs

- 3-3 List the **scientific events** organized or co-organized by your Committee in 2017 (include title of meeting/date/location/estimated number of participants):

- CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee meeting co-organized with ICOMOS Tunisia (2017/4/27-29) on "What future for the historical cities? What is the role of young people?"
- CIVVIH's participation in 2017 Scientific Symposium of the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Delhi, "Heritage and Democracy". Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias has participated in the Scientific Committee of the symposium of Delhi, has evaluated the abstracts and has been like Samir Abdulac co-chair of a session.
- CIVVIH representation in 2017 Scientific Council Meeting in 19th General Assembly by the President Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias and participation of Vice-Presidents Danuta Klosek-Koslowska, Samir Abdulac and the Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter.

- 3-4 List your Committee's events/activities for **International Monuments and Sites Day on 18 April 2017** (include title of meeting/date/location/estimated number of participants):  
N/A
- 3-5 Describe how your Committee's activities, meetings and conferences in 2017 engaged with **Emerging Professionals** on a national and international basis:  
We encourage young professionals to participate in our meetings.
- 3-6 List the site and date of **Heritage Alerts** issued by your Committee in 2017:  
ICOMOS Working Group for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq (and neighboring countries) chaired by CIVVIH Vice-President Samir Abdulac;  
Rosia Montana Working Group chaired by Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias, in progress.  
Two resolutions were adopted: Resolution of CIVVIH on High-Rise Buildings in Budapest;  
Resolution on the disturbing situation with the World Heritage site "Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Group of Monuments":
- 3-7 List the contributions to the **ICOMOS Heritage@Risk** report by your Committee in 2017:  
Two members of CIVVIH contributed to Heritage at Risk World Report 2014-2015 on Monuments and Sites in Danger:  
Samir Abdulac, Chair, ICOMOS Working Group for Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Syria and Iraq: ICOMOS et le défi de la destruction à grande échelle du patrimoine culturel au Proche-Orient, pp. 63-65 and: War and Destruction in the City of Aleppo, pp. 97-100;  
Vjekoslava Sankovic Simcic: The Historical Museum, Sarajevo, pp. 29-31.
- 3-8 List the **World Heritage** related events/meetings organised by your Committee or attended by members as official representatives of your Committee in 2017 (please include title of event/organiser/date/location and estimated number of participants):  
Each year CIVVIH's experts participate in the evaluation of World Heritage nominations giving the high professional opinions for WH. The contribution of CIVVIH expanded in 2017-2018. Many members of CIVVIH contributed with mission reports and desk reviews. CIVVIH was invited to participate again in the evaluation and the WH Panel 2017-2018. Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter represented CIVVIH within this Panel from 20-26 November 2017.
- 3-9 List any **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** events/activities that your Committee was involved in 2017:  
ICOMOS 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.

CIVVIH Executive Member Jeff Soule (USA) represented CIVVIH and ICOMOS in the World Urban Campaign. On this matter worked also CIVVIH Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) and CIVVIH Vice-President Teresa Colletta (Italy).

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 (SDGs) and the Post-2015 development Agenda of the UN and UNESCO. The SDGs were adopted during the UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda in New York on 25 September 2015. The New Urban Agenda (NUA) was adopted during the Habitat III conference in Quito on 20 October 2016. CIVVIH is currently strengthening its efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural heritage through fully supporting the SDGs and "Culture 2013 Goals".

CIVVIH President and member of the ICOMOS Board Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias was authorized as Chair of the SDGs working group. Together with Claus-Peter Echter she participated in the international coordination meeting for SDGs held in Istanbul in February 2017 and in the meeting during the ICOMOS 19th General Assembly in Delhi in December 2017.

- 3-10 List the **Climate Change** events/activities that your Committee was involved with during 2017:

An informal group of volunteers has been founded to assist the ICOMOS Secretariat in addressing the referrals made to ICOMOS by 41 WHC in Krakow, Poland regarding climate change and sustainability. The volunteers of climate change from CIVVIH are Angela Rojas, Cuba and Alvara Gomez Ferrer Bayo, Spain. CIVVIH President Avgerinou Kolonias and Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter are also included in the list of this working group.

#### 4 PUBLICATIONS IN 2017

-The Valletta Principles are now available in thirteen languages: English, French, Greek, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Croatian/Serbian/Bosnian, Hebrew, Portuguese, Polish, Arabic, Italian, Hindi  
<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/159>

-Title: **Urban Heritage and Sustainability**

Author(s): ICOMOS CIVVIH, ICOMOS-Korea  
Publisher: Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonia, RII Hae UN  
Date of publication: November 30, 2017  
Number of pages: 358  
ISBN: 979-11-950076-1-5  
Language: English

#### 5 COMMITTEE PROJECTS AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES

5-1 Please describe your Committee's **current projects, special initiatives or activities**, such as doctrinal texts or declarations:

The Post 2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 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 Delhi on December 9, 2017 endorsed three resolutions of the 19th General Assembly of ICOMOS, which have been adopted: **Resolution 19GA 2017/21**: "Strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural heritage through fully supporting the Sustainable Goals and "Culture 2030 Goals; **Resolution 19GA 2017/30**: "Mobilizing ICOMOS and the cultural heritage community to help meet the challenge of Climate Change"; **Resolution 19GA 2017/29**: „Endorsement and promotion of the 2017 „Approaches for the Conservation of Twentieth Century Heritage“ - Madrid Document Revision.

5-2 Please describe any **support** your Committee has provided to another ISC, NC or ICOMOS Working Group:  
CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee with ICOMOS Tunisia (2017/4/27-29) on "What future for the historical cities? What is the role of young people?"  
CIVVIH participates in the ICOMOS working groups on the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Syria and Iraq. CIVVIH Vice-President Samir Abdulac, Chair of the above working group has a lot of missions, participations and speeches in related meetings and activities.  
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, where Claus-Peter Echter is also a member.  
The volunteers of climate change from CIVVIH are Angela Rojas and Alvaro Gomez Ferrer Bayo participate in the ICOMOS working group on Climate Change and Heritage. CIVVIH President Avgerinou Kolonias and Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter are also included in the list of this working group.  
CIVVIH Executive member Jeff Soule serves as ICOMOS Focal Point for the World Urban Campaign.

5-3 List the joint meetings, projects or other **collaborative activities** with other ICOMOS Committees or affiliated organizations (such as Docomomo, TICCIH, etc.) (Please include

title of meeting/type and topic of project/other Committees or partners involved/dates/location):

CIVVIH collaborates with other NGOs and affinity organisations. 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, ISC 20C, the ICOMOS working group on Syria and Iraq, with the ICOMOS Cross ISC-Task Force on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development and with the ICOMOS working group on Climate Change and Heritage.

Following a long collaboration between OWHC and ICOMOS, a MoU was signed in November 2013 in Oaxaca, Mexico. CIVVIH is the responsible ISC for the implementation of this MoU with a main objective the co-operation for activities to be planned and implemented jointly by ICOMOS and OWHC concerning the point areas of interest for the conservation of cultural heritage of World Heritage cities.

CIVVIH/ICOMOS contributes in the process of Jean Paul L'Allier award for Heritage. ICOMOS represented by CIVVIH President and Vice-President Samir Abdulac has participated in in the jury of 2017. The results of the competition were announced during a ceremony organized within the 14th World Congress of the OWHC, which was held in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea from 31 October to 3 November 2017.

The theme of the congress was "Heritage and Communities: Tools to engage local communities". ICOMOS was represented by ICOMOS Korea President and member of CIVVIH Executive Professor Hae Un Rii.

Gustavo Araoz, ICOMOS President has signed on 2014 the Statement of Commitment by ICOMOS as Associate Partner of the World Urban Campaign

The main purposes were 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.

ICOMOS 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.

CIVVIH Executive Member Jeff Soule (USA) represented CIVVIH and ICOMOS, in the World Urban Campaign. On this matter worked also CIVVIH Secretary General Claus-Peter Echter (Germany) and CIVVIH Vice-President Teresa Colletta. Many members participated in the activities concerning the Habitat III: Naples, Gazerta, Prague, Paris, Brazil, Surabaya, Istanbul, Jeju, etc.

<http://www.unhabitat.org>, <http://www.worldurbancampaign.org/>

Claus-Peter Echter represented CIVVIH at the World Congress of International Union of Architects (UIA) in Seoul, Korea (2017/9/4).

- 5-4 Would your Committee like to be **linked (twinned)** with another Committee? N/A  
What would your Committee need? N/A  
What would your Committee offer? N/A

## 6 CURRENT HERITAGE ISSUES

- 6-1 Please provide a short summary of your Committee's perspective on current heritage issues. This will be used as a contribution to the matters for discussions at the next group of National Committee, Scientific Council and Advisory Committee meetings (200-300 words):  
CIVVIH will pursue its scientific research within the framework clearly set by the Scientific Council within the context of the meetings of the 17th, 18th and 19th ICOMOS General

Assemblies, but also under the principal issues that we believe should preoccupy us expressed by the Naples resolutions.

CIVVIH is following the ICOMOS Scientific programme and many members participated in the Scientific Symposium of Delhi 2017. CIVVIH prepared its participation in the symposium of Delhi 2017 and the ICOMOS Ad Com Scientific Symposium on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development in 2018.

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 our *Valletta Position paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban development policies*.

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.

## **7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS**

- 7-1 Please share any further information or comments you may have on your Committee or any ICOMOS-related topic.:
- CIVVIH Vice-Presidents Samir Abdulac and Teresa Colletta represented CIVVIH in the colloquium of the Ministry of Culture, Russian Federation / ICOMOS Russia in Tula on "Revival of a small historic town and village settlements problems" (2017/10/19-21). Samir Abdulac gave a presentation on "Chartres, a monument, a historic town and a rural district. From conservation to comprehensive development". The speech of Teresa Colletta dealt with the topic:"The case of the Amalfi coast."
  - CIVVIH Vice-Presidents Samir Abdulac:communication Etudes de cas au Moyen Orient en: Colloque Reconstruction post-conflit des villes historiques. ICCROM et Louvre Lens, Lens 21 -22 janvier 2017  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=323](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=323)

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## International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages | CIVVIH

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The International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) was founded in 1982.

*The goals of CIVVIH are to further the knowledge and the principles for the conservation of historic towns, villages and urban areas; to promote the integration of conservation in the planning process; to raise interest in the conservation of historic towns, villages and urban areas; to facilitate the exchange of experience, to encourage training, research and publications and to provide technical assistance in relevant areas. Recognizing that historic towns and villages of various regions of the world are different, CIVVIH encourages the formation of regional sub-committees.*

### MEETINGS

- FLORENCE, Italy - October 2014
- ERMOUPOULIS SYROS ISLAND, Greece - September 2015 on "Heritage, driver of historic towns and urban landscapes sustainable development"
- FUKUOKA, Japan - October 2015
- CIVVIH / ISCs THEOPHIL, BANGALORE, India - November 2015 on "Conserving Living Urban Heritage: Theoretical Considerations of Continuity and Change"
- CIVVIH / ICOMOS, FLORENCE, Italy - March 2016 on "Urban communication for a qualified cultural tourism in historical cities: experiences of urban signage"
- CIVVIH CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE SUB-COMMITTEE, CESHY KRUMLOV, Czech Republic - June 2016, on "Quality of Public Space in World Heritage Cities. Opportunities and Threats"
- ISTANBUL - October 2016
- SEOUL, KOREA - November 2016, on "Urban Heritage and Sustainability"
- CIVVIH MEDITERRANEAN SUB COMMITTEE, TUNIS - April 2017, on "What future for the historical cities? What is the role for the young people?"

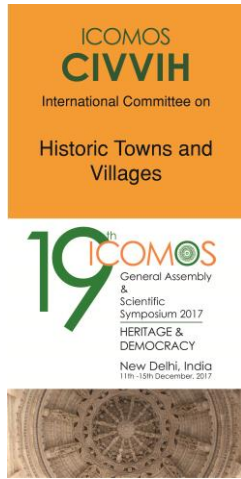


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CIVVIH MEETING IN DELHI DECEMBER 9 2017



CIVVIH IN UCLG SUMMIT 2017