

ICOMOS
International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)
Executive Meeting
February 24, 2023
Via ZOOM

Members Present:

PRESIDENT: Paula CORDEIRO, BELGIUM

SECRETARY GENERAL: Kathleen CROWTHER, USA

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Claus-Peter ECHTER, Germany

MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU:

Antoine BRUGUEROLLE, France
Elena DIMITROVA, Bulgaria
Torsten HAAK, UK
Siame –Hanna ISHAC, Lebanon
Awon RII, HaeUn Korea

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE:

Eman ASSI, U.A.E.
Robyn CHRISTIE, Australia
Yuksel DINCER, Turkey
Said ENNAHID, Morocco
Juan A. GARCÍA ESPARZA, Spain
Pål Anders STENSSON, Sweden

Not in Attendance:

Ofelia SANOU, Costa Rica

Agenda:

- 1) Minutes: President Paula Cordeiro asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the December 9th 2022 meeting. There were none; the minutes were approved.
- 2) ICOMOS General Assembly in Sydney, Australia: Paula announced that CIVVIH's Annual Meeting will be held during the General Assembly in Sydney on Saturday, September 2nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, location to be determined. There will also be an ISC Forum on Tuesday, September 5th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The cost of attending the GA was a topic of discussion. We hope that the CIVVIH Annual Meeting will be hybrid. Two posters from CIVVIH have been requested; they are due on the 23rd June.

- 3) CIVVIH Subcommittees: Paula announced that the Mediterranean Subcommittee will convene on May 25 -27, in Djerba Island, Tunisia. The subject is climate change in the Mediterranean.
- 4) CIVVIH meeting Coimbra, Portugal, June 20th (Conference is June 21st -22nd): The organizers of the conference in Coimbra have asked Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias, Alvaro Gomez-Ferrer Bayo and Paula to guide a discussion at one of their round tables relating to management plans. Prior to the start of the conference, Paula would like to convene the working group of the Valetta Principles. The meeting would be in the morning of the 20th. In the afternoon, she envisions an exchange with World Heritage Portuguese network. Then there could be a tour of Coimbra and dinner. Paula will send written information about both the conference and the pre-meeting of the working group.

There was a second meeting with Sofia, Alvaro, Paula and Antoine Bruguerolle relating to the Valetta Principles update; the document is still too long. The recommended structure has been used, but the development within the structure remains too long. There remains a need for the document to be useful in practice Antoine explained his recommendations related to a new document. Currently, Sofia and Alvaro are only working on a French version. Paula hopes there will be reduced revision to send to the Executive in March in French and English. Juan A. Garcia Esparza recommends a meeting of the working committee before the in-person meeting in Coimbra. Discussion ensued related to concerns about how to move forward in an effective yet diplomatic manner. Paula agrees that a pre-Coimbra meeting will be called to be organized.

- 5) Publication of the Proceedings of the Brussels Symposium: Paula asked for all those who are reviewing articles of this developing publication to complete their work on time. She remains hopeful that the publication will be available for Sydney. Said Ennahid recommended that the publication be available on a digital basis for wide readership. Paula indicated that the matter of digital availability has been discussed by ICOMOMS Belgium. Some authors do not want to be published on the internet. Said indicated often it is the publisher who does not want digital availability. She will ask again.
- 6) Members: Paula reported that the outreach to members has concluded. The plan now is to post the revise and shorter membership list on the CIVVIH website. A message will be included that indicates if a member does not see his/her name on the list, the member should contact the Bureau. Paula asked for the Bureau's support now to post the revised list. This will occur once a year. Various comments were made and eventually all Bureau members agreed to this approach.
- 7) Miscellaneous: Antoine recommends an upcoming conference in Florence. He will send the information to Paula for distribution. ICOMOS asked CIVVIH for members of a working group on fire. Two CIVVIH members volunteered for this working group: Faïka Bejaoui and Matiyas Fantaye.

Said asked for the topic of mentoring the next generation on cultural heritage to be a topic at an upcoming meeting. He believes that CIVVIH should reach out to the next generation, not simply

talk among ourselves. Paula indicated that this topic can be considered after the conclusion of the work of the website, revision of the member list and the Valetta Principles. After this work is completed, Paula would like for thoughts on the promotion of the work of CIVVIH outside of ICOMOS, to promote its documents for wider use.

Pål Anders Stensson recommends that CIVVIH always having students at their meeting. Paula agreed and will ask about student participation at the Coimbra meeting upcoming. Hanna agrees that there is a big gap in knowledge. In Lebanon, ICOMOS went to schools to discuss heritage, this was very effective. Claus Peter Echter, Past President, noted that CIVVIH needs students to join.

- 8) Website: Kathleen Crowther, Secretary General, reported that the banner “under construction” has been removed from the new website. There are a couple items to be posted from Paula and Claus-Peter. Now the primary objective is to keep the website current.
- 9) ICOMOS Indonesia: Paula had the pleasure of meeting the president of ICOMOS Indonesia on zoom meeting. This meeting was possible thanks to an Indonesia ICOMOS member that participate at the meeting of the Organization of World Heritage cities recently in Quebec city. The National Committee of Indonesia will become more active. There are potential young members from this national committee that might join CIVVIH. Members of ICOMOS Indonesia expect to be in Sydney and might attend CIVVIH’s Annual Meeting.
- 10) The next meeting of the Executive was scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2023 at, 7:30 am EST.
- 11) The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were written by Kathleen H. Crowther, Secretary General
Approved by Paula Cordeiro, President
March 5, 2023