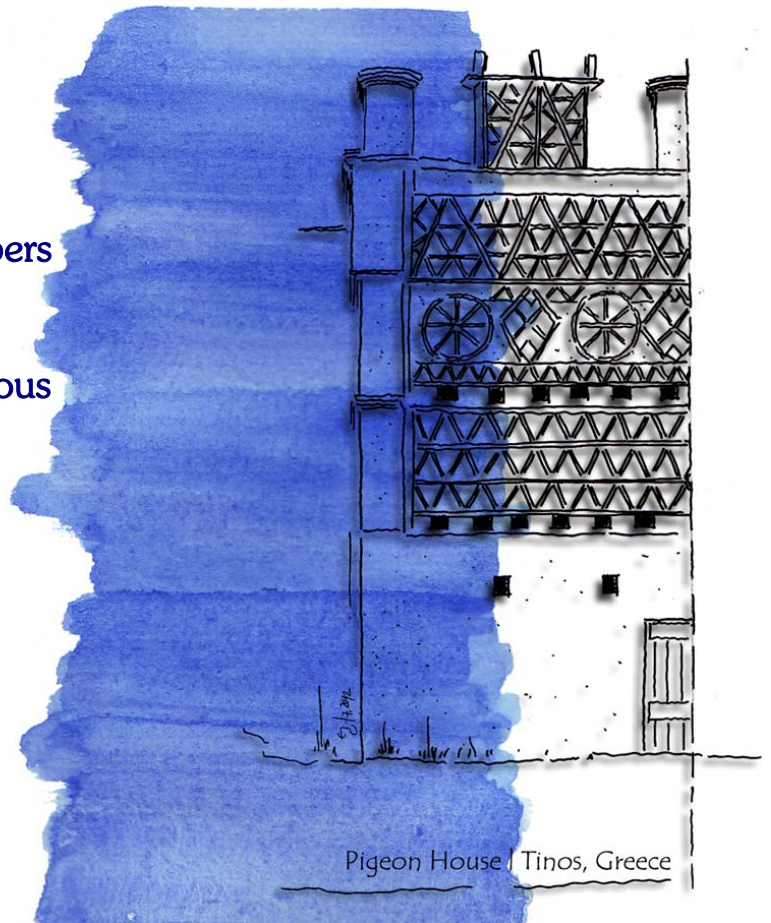


## CIVVIH Newsletter

June 2012

CIVVIH cordially wishes its members  
Happy Summer Holidays!

and looks forward to our rendezvous  
at the forthcoming meeting  
of Naples in September!



Pigeon House / Tinos, Greece

### CIVVIH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

#### Expert members

Faika Bejaoui (Tunisia), Eman Assi (Palestine)

#### Associate members

Sonia Slim (Tunisia), Patrice Todisco (USA), Santiago Hidalgo (France),  
Remco Vermeulen (Hollande), Kathleen H. Crowther (USA), Tiziana Destino (Italy)



Organization of World Heritage Cities

The **OWHC Project : Case Studies on the Conservation and Management of Historic Cities.Reconciling Heritage Conservation and Urban Development**

is being launched on UNESCO web-site, on the following link: <http://whc.unesco.org/fr/activites/634>

Furthermore, a scientific meeting entitled «Projets durables des villes du Patrimoine mondial» has been planned to take place in Lyon on 22, 23 and 24 May 2013 on the occasion of the Programme's completion.

## 1. CIVVIH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CIVVIH NEW PUBLICATION

will be available soon on our web-site

and

will be distributed in our forthcoming Annual Meeting in Naples



## CIVVIH ANNUAL MEETING & CIVVIH ELECTIONS

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**NAPLES, ITALY September 3 to 5, 2012**

[University of Naples "Federico II", Congress Center, Via Partenope 36 and Faculty of Architecture, Aula Magna: ex Church of San Demetrio e Bonifacio, piazzetta Teodoro Monticelli 3, Naples, Italy]

#### A. CIVVIH ANNUAL MEETING (SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME)

[The web page for Naples is already active in the Web site of CIVVIH

<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/145>]

#### International Symposium on

#### *The role of the integrated conservation of cultural heritage for a creative, resilient and sustainable city*

The meeting is planned around a series of thematic sessions including a blend of presentations.

The main subject of the CIVVIH Annual meeting which will be held in Italy will focus on the Axis "***The role of the integrated conservation of cultural heritage for a creative, resilient and sustainable city***"

#### Theme:

Much of the current debate on how we should preserve our cultural heritage revolves around urban sites, historic monuments in urban settings, historic districts, but especially in the complete historic towns and particularly in the historical towns of the big cities.

The growing complexity of urban heritage conservation makes reaching a consensus on how to manage urban heritage difficult.

Today, old cities are sometimes just neighbourhoods inserted in much wider modern metropolises. This however is where architectural cultural heritage is concentrated and only there a deep feeling of identity is to be found. Interventions for old cities conservation are much more difficult than the restoration of individual historical monuments, not only because of the quantity of physical structures to be restored or rehabilitated, but mainly because cities are living organisms, with a complexity of human and functional, social and economical aspects.

Additionally, the sharp increase in the world's population now living in urban areas combined with a lack of policies to facilitate a sustainable use of heritage assets means the pressure on historic towns is set to rise.

Cultural Urban Heritage is not built only. It may encompass crafts, art works, traditional trade and religious activities and may be intangible and a diversified population that is sometime fragile, often ill known inhabits Old Cities. All this complexity contributes to the whole characteristic of historical old Cities. However, mighty processes are at work to turn them into non-functional areas: slum or gentrified, tourist or commercial neighbourhoods, museum towns, stagnant places that lose their attractiveness etc.

Unless new and innovative ways of managing these sites can be agreed on, the creativity in the cities will be gone and historic cities as we know them today will not survive.

The integrated conservation and the urban historical landscape managing heritage offers today a comprehensive overview of the intellectual development in urban conservation in the 21 century on the basis of the evolution of the conceptual and operational context of urban management and the development of local urban conservation policies and practices.

On one side: Social Development and equity imply to keep local communities into places to preserve their balance and diversity; on another Economic Sustainable Development implies the safeguard of the built urban heritage and the inclusion in such places of non-harmful activities and an excessive pressure from tourist and commercial activities is to be avoided.

The safeguard of Old Cities may include series of successive projects that ensure its visibility and credibility for the population.

As a whole they do however generally participate in a long-term process and a strategy where the roles of public and private stakeholders should be complementary and harmonious.

The conservation of heritage should support energy saving, promote local jobs and regenerate some construction processes. A well known principle of "integrated conservation" is to begin with the knowledge and understanding of the present urban heritage to promote an "active" preservation. Based on a deep analysis and understanding of the built environment and of the historic values, *general guidelines* for new restoration plans and changes can be produced to design additions that well harmonize with the existing environment. This can be a useful tool for new proposals and for planning future developments.

#### **The question to debate in the congress:**

Are there any actual examples from urban heritage sites worldwide to demonstrate key issues and best practices in the integrated conservation of the urban heritage of historical cities' core and their urban historic landscape today?

#### **The three sub-topics of the general theme are:**

1. The creativity in the safeguard and in rehabilitation of the historical towns
2. The opportunity of cultural tourism for the historical towns sustainable development
3. The integrated conservation of the historical cities' core and their urban historic landscape.

Examples and Best Practices

#### **Papers:**

Presented communications should deal with one of the three sub-topics. This may include examples of good practices or case studies at different scales. They could be comprehensive, as in a City or a Conservation area or thematic. They should however indicate the policy, strategy, as well as the juridical, institutional and/or budgetary framework that make them possible. The Symposium papers will be published as CD-Rom and presented on the CIVVIH website.

**The Scientific Committee: Nur Akin, Eleni Maistrou, Claus-Peter Echter.**

#### **Timetable and more information:**

on CIVVIH web site <http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/145>

For information related to Naples, please visit:

[www.centrostorico.na.it](http://www.centrostorico.na.it) | [www.naples-napoli.org](http://www.naples-napoli.org) |  
[www.siti.unesco.it/napoli-il-centro-storico.html](http://www.siti.unesco.it/napoli-il-centro-storico.html)



## **B. CIVVIH ELECTIONS** [<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/146>]

In accordance with the Statutes (articles 19-24 and 40-44) during the Annual Meeting in Naples September 5, 2012, the CIVVIH is required to elect the new Executive.

According to the article 42 «**Subject to article 29, any Expert Member may be elected to the Executive of CIVVIH**».

According to the article 31 «A person may serve on the Bureau of the Executive for **no more than three consecutive terms in one office**. At least one term should then elapse before that person may again be reelected to that office».

**As result, the positions of Vice-Presidents and Secretary General of CIVVIH must be occupied by new people.**

Nomination forms has been already distributed via e-mail to all CIVVIH member.

The nomination forms must be submitted by the candidates no later than

**July 28, 2012 by email to the Secretary General of CIVVIH Michal Firestone at:** [michalfirestone@yahoo.com](mailto:michalfirestone@yahoo.com)

**and with communication to the President of CIVVIH Sofia Avgerinou Kolonias at:** [skolonia@arch.ntua.gr](mailto:skolonia@arch.ntua.gr)

The voting expert members must elect the new Executive as follows:

1 President | 3 Vice Presidents | 5 Members of the Executive | 1 Secretary General | 1 Treasurer, (if necessary)

The Executive may co-opt up to three members in a manner that would strengthen regional representation.

The acting Executive will prepare the list of candidates which must be communicated by email to the members of CIVVIH at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

The acting Executive will nominate an Electoral Committee to preside over the election process, during the General Assembly.

The Electoral Committee will consist of at least two members of CIVVIH who will not be candidates.

The Electoral Committee will approve the list of candidates, preside over the election, count the votes, announce the results of the election.

### **General Information about the electoral process**

The process of the election will be similar to the one in use in ICOMOS.

1. The candidates will specify which office they wish to run for.
2. The Expert voting members of CIVVIH will elect one President, then 3 Vice Presidents, then one Secretary General, then one Treasurer if necessary and then 5 Executive Members.
3. Candidates who are not elected for a given office may run for the next office in line (*i.e. if a candidate for the office of President, for example, is not elected, he/she will become a candidate for the office of Vice President*).
4. Candidates may withdraw at any time during the electoral process.

## 2. CIVVIH MEDITERRANEAN SUB-COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scientific Symposium Conclusions from

### **CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub-Committee ANNUAL MEETING “ MULTILAYERED HISTORIC TOWNS”**

that was held on 18- 21 May 2012 in İzmir, Turkey

#### ***Resolutions drafted by Nur Akin, Samir Abdulac, Teresa Coletta***

Towns located around the Mediterranean Sea are often characterized by a singular long historical past that, sometimes, extends to several thousands of years. The remains of these diverse eras are found side by side and are even combined on the same level. They often form multiple layers. Accidental discoveries on the occasion of building construction or infrastructure implementation enable us to gradually improve our knowledge of the urban past of these towns.

The symposium in Izmir comprised thematic presentations, as well as specific case studies. It concluded with on-the-spot visits to Izmir, as well as its surroundings. Despite the context of increasing economic pressures, it affirmed the value of all historical layers and the interest in preserving and highlighting all of them. The participants also underlined the importance of a series of supplementary measures:

1. Elaboration of the knowledge about visible and invisible layers
2. On site preservation of the stratifications
3. Elaboration of appropriate town planning documents
4. Establishment of specific legal protection measures
5. Integrated management of sites
6. Information and mobilisation of the public.
7. Training of the persons involved

The participants were, in particular, aware of the increasing economic pressures exercised on the central districts and confirmed their interest in reinforced coordination between the CIVVIH and the International Scientific Committee Responsible for the Management of Archaeological Heritage (ICAHM), especially with regard to the subject of multilayered historic towns.

#### **Explanation of the suggested measures:**

##### **1 - Elaboration of the knowledge about visible and invisible layers**

The knowledge of the past, sometimes extinct, of a historic urban site may be based on ancient texts, preserved illustrations, archaeological findings, air photographs, epigraphy, geological interpretation etc.

The knowledge of each historic phase of the urban stratification, from those of the Antiquity to date, passing through those of the Middle Age and the recent centuries, is fundamental.

The use of maps or archaeological atlases would enable us to link, on the same scale and using the same coordinates, individual archaeological discoveries belonging to the same period which are, though, geographically separated. These atlases would constitute the foundations of a scientific and town-planning alert system.

An atlas of the historic towns in the Mediterranean elaborated using the same references would permit highly useful comparisons to be made.

##### **2 – On site preservation of the stratifications**

It is advisable to maintain the remains of all past eras on site and, if possible, to render them visible and accessible. The Venice Charter, the 2011 Valetta Principles, as well as the international scientific rules, can be used as reference.

Where the superposition of archaeological layers is too complex and the value of the excavated evidence is limited, detailed plans will be drafted, the excavations will be documented and the remains discovered will be studied.

##### **3 - Elaboration of appropriate town planning documents**

Appropriate town planning documents must protect and highlight any known ancient remains and integrate them into those of subsequent periods, as well as into the modern life. Particular attention

must be paid to sectors where discoveries are possible. This applies to private and public construction projects or, even, infrastructure projects (networks, transports, etc.).

#### **4 - Establishment of specific legal protection measures**

The existing historic buildings and any visible or invisible remains, as well as their surroundings, must be covered by specific and appropriate legal protection measures, either for reasons of value, evidence, structure, functionality or aesthetics.

#### **5 - Integrated management of sites**

A multidisciplinary technical mechanism, comprising town planners, architects, archaeologists and engineers, must be able to manage, control, study and focus on the different projects that are rendered necessary by the evolution of the multilayered historic town or the discoveries. These must be based on a management plan elaborated in cooperation with the local authorities.

#### **6 - Information and mobilisation of the public**

The understanding of multiple historic layers and their features must be communicated not only to tourists but also to local residents. Specific locations (onsite museums, etc.) and pedagogical processes (exhibitions, boards, reconstructions, simulations, brochures) can facilitate this pedagogical task. Good information is a prerequisite for motivation and participation of the citizens. Raising the awareness of young students is, at the same time, a way of forming the citizens of the future and affecting their parents.

#### **7 - Training of the persons involved**

Training must be provided to all persons involved in the multilayered historic town, whether these are town planners, architects, archaeologists, engineers, teachers or workers. The said training must enable them to enrich their initial education and to better cooperate with each other in the implementation of the projects.

### **Moments from Izmir**

I. At the meeting's opening session, the Dokuz Eylul University Deanery welcomed CIVVIH. Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias (President of CIVVIH) and Nur Akin (ICOMOS Turkey / CIVVIH) made greeting references.

The following presentations were made:

- *Multilayered Historic City: Izmir* - ETI AKYUZ LEVI, AKIN ERSOY
- *Costs and Values in Facing the Historic Layers of Sofia City Centre* - ELENA DIMITROVA
- *Multilayered Historic Towns as «Memory»* - ELVIRA PETRONCELLI
- *Présentation et Représentation du Passé des Villes Historiques* - SAMIR ABDULLAC
- *Making the Future in the Historical City of Safi, Morocco* - JOAO CAMPOS
- *Sidon: A Mediterranean City with a Testimony of History* - SALEH LAMEI
- *Urban Planning of Greek Cities in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and Transformation of Their Medieval Urban Fabric. Questions on Coexistence of Different Periods of Cities* - ELENI MAISTROU, MARIA DANIL
- *Villes Historiques et Paysages Urbains Stratifiés de l'Italie du Sud Face aux Découvertes d'Archéologie Urbaine, Facteurs d'Attractions touristiques* - TERESA COLLETTA
- *La Réhabilitation comme Outil de Préservation d'un Centre Historique* - FAIKA BEJAOU
- *45 Ans de Pratique des Secteurs Sauvegardés en France – Evolution de l'Outil et des Pratiques* - ANTOINE BRUGUEROLLE

**On CIVVIH web site is available the relevant material as well as presentations and abstracts:**

<http://civvih.icomos.org/?q=node/133>

I. During the opening session CIVVIH President Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias made the following references:

Mediterranean countries are linked not only by geographic, but also by primitive cultural and historic ties, which can form a propitious framework for rapprochement and cooperation between peoples, in order to face the problems of interstate relations devised by former generations.

These ties form equally propitious presuppositions, encouraging the tackling of new problems having risen in the Mediterranean because of globalization conditions.

Over the past two years, these problems have been aggravated because of the deep financial crisis in the countries of the European south and by instability in Arab countries. However, these countries are able to produce optimistic economic data in the present and in their future, given that they dispose important resources rendering them important and attractive destinations for investments. Through targeted developmental initiatives, contributing substantially to the development of local economies, but also through a more reinforced cooperation in the fields of culture and education, we will bring the peoples of the Mediterranean closer.

To this day, four scientific meetings have taken place to tackle these issues. Two in Greece (Patras, Corfu), one in Turkey (Edirne) and one in Cyprus (Nicosia).

Our fifth meeting takes place today in the historic city of Izmir. At a place inhabited over the last 8.500 years.

Where different cultures have met over the passing of the centuries, leaving traces which we admire and are obliged to rescue.

This is the multi-layered historic city of Izmir which, thanks to its historic role is charged with the memories of the meeting that took place here, among the peoples of the eastern Mediterranean.

Our meeting here at Izmir on the subject of: *"Multilayered Historic Towns"* is very important, because the successive historic layers are a feature in most historic cities in the Mediterranean, which are the most ancient in the world.

Our subject is also opportune, given that the problem we are discussing is linked to the large-scale interventions and mega-constructions imposed today by the circumstances of globalized economy and by the developing tourism, thus threatening historic urban landscapes.

This issue has preoccupied the CIVVIH and our concern is evident in the Valletta Principles, adopted by the 17<sup>th</sup> International General Assembly at Paris.

The opportuneness of these directions is further amplified as we are celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the adoption of the Convention on World Heritage, which was proposed by ICOMOS.

The special meaning of this celebration concerns the relation between protection and sustainable development, as well as the role of local societies.

It is recognized that without the active participation of local societies, the protection of cultural heritage cannot be ensured. To this end, ICOMOS has set the goal and works in the direction of making local societies realize the role played by cultural heritage in the preservation of the cultural identity and the preservation of the quality of living in historic cities.

Among the goals of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I have chosen those which we should draw our attention upon, within the context of our Mediterranean Sub-Committee:

- global climate change and natural disasters that place heritage at risk;
- conservation challenges associated with increased development pressure or underdevelopment,
- increased tourism that may in some cases threaten the values of World Heritage properties.
- the contribution of World Heritage to sustainable development and improving the quality of life of local communities.

Being a cultural organism, ICOMOS has the high duty to show extroversion and creativity and to construct a solid cooperation for the protection of our shared heritage.

I would like to congratulate and thank ICOMOS Turkey as well as the Dokuz Eylul University and the local authorities for supporting the organizing of this meeting.

I would also like to express my deep emotion and welcome all colleagues who responded to our invitation for this meeting in the historical city of Izmir.

Let us leave darkness behind, open the horizons of our thinking towards knowledge and the hope for a viable future, following the appeal of the Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis, who loved dearly the Mediterranean and wrote so much about it through his travels: ***"The light has sworn not to surrender"***

Let our meeting signal this light.

III. A formal letter was addressed to the Mayor of Izmir by CIVVIH President Sofia Angerinou-Kolonias, on behalf of CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee.

Athens, 05/06/2012

Attention to **Mr. Aziz Kocaoğlu**  
İzmir Büyükşehir Belediyesi Başkanı  
İzmir Büyükşehir Belediyesi (Izmir Municipality)  
Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No. 1  
Konak / İZMİR / TURKEY

Honorable Mayor

As you have already known, on 18-21 of May 2012 was held in your beautiful and hospitable city of Izmir, the Annual Meeting 2012 of the International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages (**CIVVIH**) Mediterranean Sub-Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (**ICOMOS**), which is the advisor of UNESCO for the Cultural Heritage, on "**Multilayered Historic Towns**".

38 scientists from different countries participated in this meeting, such as: France, Turkey, Greece, Tunis, Malta, Italy, Germany, Bulgaria, Israel, Egypt, Belgium and United Arab Emirates.

Having seen and heard suggestions for your city, we kindly came to the following proposals:

Izmir, particularly the area which is known as *New Smyrna* and which was established and developed at the foot of Kadifekale and has been settled since the Hellenistic period, displays a multilayered structure. This, the example of a long bridge extending to the deep past of the city, is great wealth. However, this brings about some featured conservation approaches.

In this context, it is proposed:

- to reinvestigate Agora, the Theater and Kadifekale with integrated conservation approaches;
  - to provide necessary controls by considering the multilayered structure of the city in the context of conservation of the ruins likely to occur at the foundation stage of new buildings to be constructed in the section of the city which is described as New Smyrna and which remains within the Kemeralti urban site today;
  - to rearrange the arteries approaching the historical work in and around Agora;
  - that the exhibition and conservation approaches to be performed in the multilayered areas of the city be suitable for this structure;
  - to utilize Agora and its environment as an open-air museum together with the works of different periods;
  - to carry out nationalization activities in order to have the multilayered structure of the city perceived;
- and
- to veil the new buildings developing considerably nearby the historical work with a green pattern (e.g. trees), although partially.

I hope that in the future you will manage to implement them.

We will be very happy, if we will have some information on the results of your initiatives.

IV. Documentation from Ephesus amphitheatre and Izmir.





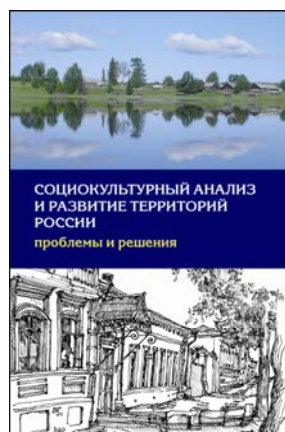
## Izmir participants

**Samir ABDULAC**, ICOMOS France | **Nur AKIN** ICOMOS, TR / CIVVIH | **Eti AKYÜZ LEVİ**, ICOMOS Turkey | **Ayşegül ALTINÖRS ÇIRAK**, Dokuz Eylül University | **Güliz Bilgin ALTINÖZ**, ICOMOS Turkey / Middle East Technical University | **Sofia AVGERINO-KOLONIAS**, ICOMOS Hellenic / CIVVIH President | **Faika BEJAOU**, ICOMOS Tunis / CIVVIH | **Antoine BRUGUEROLLE**, ICOMOS France / CIVVIH | **João CAMPOS**, ICOMOS Malta / CIVVIH | **Teresa COLLETTA**, ICOMOS Italy / CIVVIH | **Maria DANIL**, ICOMOS Hellenic / CIVVIH | **Astrid DEBOLD-KRITTER**, ICOMOS Germany / CIVVIH | **Tiziana DESTINO**, TU Berlin | **Elena DIMITROVA**, ICOMOS Bulgaria / CIVVIH | **Namık K. DÖLENEKEN**, ÇEKÜL Vakfı | **Claus Peter ECHTER**, ICOMOS Germany / CIVVIH | **Yaşagül EKİNCİ**, Bergama Municipality | **Cevat ERDER**, ICOMOS Turkey | Nesrin ERMiŞ, Bergama Municipality | Ahmet ERTÜRK, Gaziantep Municipality | İlkey FERİDUN, ICOMOS Turkey / KKTC | **Michal FIRESTONE**, ICOMOS Israel / CIVVIH | **Ayşe GÖLDAŞ**, Bergama Municipality | **Nevzat İLHAN**, ICOMOS Turkey / CIVVIH | **Emel KAYIN**, Dokuz Eylül U. Faculty of Architecture | **Fatih KURUNAZ**, Bergama Municipality | **Saleh LAMEI**, ICOMOS Egypt / CIVVIH | **Eiif MIHÇIOĞLU**, BİLGİ İstanbul Kültür University | **Deniz ORHUN**, Dokuz Eylül University | **Emrah ORHUN**, Izmir University | **Hatice PAMİR**, ICOMOS Turkey / Mustafa Kemal University | **Athina PAPADOPOULOU**, ICOMOS Cyprus / CIVVIH | **Elvira PETRONCELLI**, ICOMOS Italy / CIVVIH | **Bülent TÜRKMEN**, Bergama Municipality | **Michel VAN DER MEERSCHEN**, ICOMOS Belgium / CIVVIH | **Andree VAN BEVER**, ICOMOS Belgium / CIVVIH | **Ege YILDIRIM**, Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture & Heritage.



### 3. ACTIVITIES BY CIVVIH MEMBERS

- **[new]** CIVVIH members Dr Claus-Peter Echter and Dr Pierre Laconte have been (re-)elected as Europa Nostra Council members last June.
- **[new]** The recent activity of CIVVIH's member **Antoine Bruguerolle** includes:
  - a presentation on the July 4th in the French Senate to present the evolution of protection procedures in France (and ZPPAUP PSMV)
  - a presentation on 4th and 5th June in Berat, Albania for a mission of expertise and advice (site PM) at the request of the ANVAHSS (French National Association)
  - a presentation on the 18th and 19th June to a mission of expertise and consultancy for the cities of Macedonia and Berovo KRATOVO at the request of the ANVAHSS.
- **[new]** Our colleagues Dr. **Katarina Voskova** from Slovakia and **Michel Bonnette** from Canada have been invited to participate in a **seminar** organized by the St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York State, USA, to discuss issues **related to Urban/Rural Preservation**. The document of *The Valletta Position Paper on Historic Cities and Sustainable Urban Development Policies* that was adopted by CIVVIH during its 2010 annual meeting in Valletta, Malta, will serve as one of the main reference documents to initiate discussion. The seminar is planned to raise awareness amongst students, mostly from affluent circles of the State of New York, as well as amongst the local people, more modest and hard hit by the current economic crisis, about the benefits of preserving cultural heritage, tangible and intangible, as a basis for the sustainable development of local communities.
- **[new]** CIVVIH member **Dr. Olga Sevan** is the main editor of the collective monograph **“Sociocultural analyze and development of territories in Russia: problems and decisions” (in Russian)**, which published in Russia some weeks ago. **(M, 2012. 464 pages, 100 illustrations / Photos and drawings by O. Sevan, projects, graphics, questionnaire) / [http://www.ecovast.ru/BOOKS\\_9.htm](http://www.ecovast.ru/BOOKS_9.htm)**



In this book authors analyze own experiences of the different projects for small towns and villages during last 20 years. There are interesting interdisciplinary investigations and real practices with local and regional authorities, different organizations, architects, economist etc, and with business enterprises and local inhabitation for preservation, maintains and development different towns and villages. There are projects for reconstructions of historical centers, development tourism and small business of different trades and solve the problems of self management and organizing partnerships. One takes attention for situation in sphere of modern Orthodox and Muslim religions in different regions of Russia.

- **[reminder]** CIVVIH member Joao Campos coordinates the International Seminar of Almeida 2012 which will be held from 24 to 26 August 2012, entitled: “**Commemorations of the 1810 Almeida' Siege**”. For further information: [j.campos@netc.pt](mailto:j.campos@netc.pt)



- **[new]** In Bruges, Belgium a conference was organized on May 31st to June 1st, 2012 by the Government of Flanders, the Flanders Heritage Agency and the City of Bruges, in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre on the subject: **Challenges and Opportunities for the Conservation and Management of Urban Heritage** [<http://www.wh2012.be/>].

CIVVIH was represented by its members **Alvaro Gomez, Samir Abdulac, Elena Dimitrova, Andree Van Bever** and **Michel Van der Meerschen**.

#### 4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[new]** EuroMed2012 - International Conference dedicated to Cultural Heritage Under the Patronage of UNESCO, in cooperation with the European Commission and under the Auspices of the 2012 Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU will take place from October 29th to November 3rd, 2012, in Limassol, Cyprus. [For further information: <http://www.euromed2012.eu>]
- **[new]** The 14th edition of the Historic Structures International Conference will be held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, from September 20 to 22, 2012, on the topic of The Protection of Load-bearing Structures and the Society.
- **[new]** The International Conference and training on Risk Management in Museums: The Museum of Anatolian Civilisations (MAC) announced that an International Conference on Risk Management in Museums will be held on 25 and 26 June 2012 in Ankara, Turkey. The event is in cooperation with the Friends of Cultural Heritage (FOCUH) and the International Council of Museums (ICOM). [For further information: Milli Kütüphane: <http://www.mkutup.gov.tr/>]
- **[new]** The 2nd Euro-Mediterranean Regional Conference: “The City, Living Heritage” will take place on 11th to 12th October 2012, in Salé, Morocco. The aim of this meeting is to encourage the exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge on the theme of heritage as an identity resource for social, cultural and economic cohesion that promotes sustainable development at local level. The objective is to share experiences, create Euro-Mediterranean synergies and promote interregional dialogue [For more information: [www.montada-forum.net/liste/4/all](http://www.montada-forum.net/liste/4/all) • [montada@apabcn.cat](mailto:montada@apabcn.cat)]

### Other E-Newsletters we recommend to visit:

- **Australia ICOMOS** E-Mail News available online at <http://australia.icomos.org/category/e-news/> - new issue: <http://australia.icomos.org/e-news/australia-icomos-e-mail-news-no-494/>
- Newsletter of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee of Vernacular Architecture (CIAV) available at <http://ciav.icomos.org/>
- The new **ICOMOS International Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)** newsletter available at [http://www.icomos.org/icahm/articles/ICAHM\\_News\\_07-10.pdf](http://www.icomos.org/icahm/articles/ICAHM_News_07-10.pdf)
- **ICCROM e-News** available online at <http://www.iccrom.org/index.shtml>
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- International Union of Architects – **UIA E-newsletter** available at <http://www.uia-architectes.org> [subscribe using the on-line form at: <http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-2/5-abonnement.html>]
- **OpenMed**, The portal supporting cooperation projects among Mediterranean Countries funded by EU, available at [www.open-med.eu](http://www.open-med.eu)

**FINAL REPORT OF CIVVIH 2011 is available at:**  
[http://civvih.icomos.org/sites/default/files/Annual%20Report\\_2011.pdf](http://civvih.icomos.org/sites/default/files/Annual%20Report_2011.pdf)

We would like to remind our members that our CIVVIH Website is operating.  
We invite our members to send papers relevant to our subjects of interest to be added in the “library”.

**You are encouraged to send us information about your activities in order to be included on Member's Activities in the forthcoming CIVVIH Newsletters**