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## **CIAV – International Committee of Vernacular Architecture**

### **REPORT**

#### **ANNUAL MEETING and SEMINAR FINNSKOGEN, NORWAY 2010**

The national committees of Norway, Sweden and Finland invited all CIAV members to the annual meeting and seminar to be held in Kongsvinger, Norway 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010 with e-mails sent in September 2009.

The response from ICOMOS members and cultural workers was good and the necessary financial support was received.

#### **Program**

The theme for the seminar was **”Vernacular Crossing Borders”** The venue was Finnskoogen, an area straddling the border between Norway and Sweden, where generations of Finnish immigrants have lived on the fringe of the existing native society and developed their own vernacular heritage based on traditions from their homeland.

This Finnish immigrant community offers unique opportunities for the study of the assimilation of a foreign minority culture into an established society - the survival of national identity in the face of an adopted environment. Their history, way of life and the question of future conservation was issues for in-depth discussion throughout the conference.

There were 18 papers presented from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia, Russia, Greece, Egypt, Canada, Mexico and Australia.

The program was accomplished according to plan. The final details are presented on the attached pages:



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3 ½ days from Monday afternoon to Thursday evening with presentations, papers and discussions including a one day excursion visiting farms in the Finnskogen area. The discussions were extensive and with strong participation from all the persons present.

Following the conference the Annual Meeting of CIAV took place on Friday morning.

A Post Congress Tour was arranged on the following Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday going north to Rösos and southeast to Hälsingland in Sweden and eventually to Stockholm.

### Participation

There were 52 participants following the conference from the following countries:

|           |          |    |
|-----------|----------|----|
| Abu Dhabi | 1        |    |
| Australia | 2        |    |
| Canada    | 3        |    |
| Czech     | 1        |    |
| Egypt     | 1        |    |
| Estonia   | 5        |    |
| Finland   | 5        |    |
| Germany   | 3        |    |
| Greece    | 2        |    |
| Hungary   | 1        |    |
| Mexico    | 2        |    |
| Norway    | 18       |    |
| Romania   | 2        |    |
| Russia    | 1        |    |
| Sweden    | <u>5</u> | 52 |

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|   |            | NOK         | EUR        |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|
| Nordisk kulturfond - <i>Nordic Culture Fund</i>       | 80 000 DKK | 91 200      | 11 400     |
| Kulturkontakt Nord - <i>Nordic Culture Point</i>      |            | 100 000     | 12 500     |
| Hedmark fylkeskommune - <i>Hedmark County</i>         |            | 50 000      | 6 250      |
| Kongsvinger kommune - <i>Kongsvinger Municipality</i> |            | 10 000      | 1 250      |
| Letterstedtska föreningen                             | 15 000 SEK | 12 150      | 1 519      |
| Fritt Ord - <i>Free Speech</i>                        |            | 30 000      | 3 750      |
| Sum   |            | NOK 293 350 | EUR 36 669 |

In addition the seminar fee of 140.00 EUR is paid by all the participants.

### Publication

The program and the papers in full as well as the abstracts are presented on the web-pages of ICOMOS CIAV: [www.ciaiv.icomos.org](http://www.ciaiv.icomos.org) - and ICOMOS Norway: [www.comos.no](http://www.comos.no)

### Conference committee

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With thanks to all the participants, on behalf of the committee

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Bodø, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010