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**DRAFT Minutes**

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## **Thursday, 13 June 2019**

### **1 Opening & In Memoriam: Michael Petzet**

Grellan D. Rourke (Vice-President for Europe, Chair) opened the meeting. Jörg Haspel (President of ICOMOS Germany) led the tributes paid to Michael Petzet, Honorary President of ICOMOS, who passed away on 29 May 2019. A minute of silence was observed to honour him.

### **2 Attendance & Apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants, in particular those attending for the first time.

### **3 Approval of the draft agenda**

The draft agenda was approved.

### **4. Minutes of Buenos Aires meeting for approval**

The minutes of the Europe Group meeting in Buenos Aires were approved with a few additional corrections concerning the attendance & apologies (ICOMOS Norway - the spelling of Bente Mathisen was corrected and ICOMOS Switzerland was missing from the List of Apologies). The final version will be recirculated as a pdf.

### **5. Board updates (for information)**

**Reconstructions:** following an open call, case studies have been selected under the direction of President Toshi Kono. An ICOMOS publication is expected for 2020, and a workshop will be held if the necessary funding can be secured. Debating reconstruction and recovery is hugely important, as was demonstrated once more by the devastating fire of Notre Dame in Paris in April 2019 (see also item 10).

**Heritage Impact Assessments:** ICCROM is preparing a draft paper that will take into account the results of the annual conference of the International Association of Impact Assessments (IAIA) held in Brisbane (Australia) - *AIA19: Evolution or Revolution: Where next for impact assessment?* By the end of September 2019, the draft will be submitted for comments to the National and International Scientific Committees. The ICOMOS coordinator is Richard McKay (ICOMOS Australia). Initial input for the draft paper has been provided by Susan Denyer, Luisa De Marco, Britta Rudolf – ICOMOS World Heritage advisors.

**ICOMOS Ethical Principles:** following six years of implementation, the ICOMOS Ethical Principles are up for review in 2020 and the process will be led by Peter Philips, Secretary General. **Conclusion:**

the Europe Group will table proposals **during the Advisory Committee meeting** in October in Marrakech, the aim being to strengthen the references to participation and Human Rights. Input will come from the conclusions of the 2018 Europe Group meeting in Helsinki concerning participation, and the training organised in Estonia in May 2019 by the working group 'Our Common dignity - Rights Based Approaches'.

**InnovaConcrete project:** Marie-Laure Lavenir (Director General of the international Secretariat) gave a presentation of the state of the art of this EU-funded project and acknowledged that there are some governance problems to resolve. **Conclusion:** the Europe Group asked that a progress report on the project as a whole and on the implication of ICOMOS experts from EU National Committees in InnovaConcrete be presented at the Advisory Committee meeting in Marrakech, as well as a status report on the methodology for projects with external funding.

## EUROPEAN INITIATIVES

### 6. European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 & the EU Commission's Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage

Recalling the objectives of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 (EYCH), Bénédicte Selfslagh (ICOMOS Belgium) reported that there had been 38 European-level stakeholders in the 28 EU countries and 9 additional countries, 10 flagship initiatives, more than 18,000 events and 1,400 labelled projects and events, and more than 30 million visitors to the European Heritage Days.

The European Commission adopted a **European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage** to ensure a lasting legacy and to "set a common direction for heritage-related activities in EU policies and programmes". The Framework for Action will be available in all EU languages and is based on 4 key principles: a holistic, an integrated approach and mainstreaming, evidence-based policy making, and multi-stakeholder cooperation.

It has 5 main areas for action:

1. Cultural heritage for an inclusive Europe: participation and access for all;
2. Cultural heritage for a sustainable Europe: smart solutions for a cohesive and sustainable future;
3. Cultural heritage for a resilient Europe: safeguarding endangered heritage;
4. Cultural heritage for an innovative Europe: mobilising knowledge and research;
5. Cultural heritage for a stronger global partnership: reinforcing international cooperation.

The follow-up on the "Cherishing Heritage" / Quality Principles project (see agenda item 8) will be conducted under the banner of area 3, resilient Europe.

The European Commission will also set up a **Cultural Heritage Forum** with individual experts and representatives of non-governmental organisations and EU Member States. ICOMOS will have the possibility to designate a representative to this Forum.

**Conclusions:** The Europe Group noted that during 2018 - EYCH, there was a very good and important relationship between the European Commission and ICOMOS. It would be useful to have a report on the more fundamental effects of the EYCH.

**7. Updates - EU Reflection Group, European Heritage Alliance 3.3 & Council of Europe**  
Grellan D. Rourke thanked ICOMOS Belgium and, in particular, Sara Van Rompaey, for representing ICOMOS and the Europe Group at meetings in Brussels, in relation to the European institutions.

**European Heritage Alliance 3.3:** Sara Van Rompaey (ICOMOS Belgium) represents ICOMOS in this group; the Chair promised that Sara will be updated in advance so that she can attend those meetings on behalf of ICOMOS in a comfortable position.

**Council of Europe - Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscapes (CDCPP,** a committee composed by representatives of 54 countries): as ICOMOS has no funding to support travelling costs, Geoffroy Heimlich, a member of the ISC on Rock Art who lives in Strasbourg (France) where the Council of Europe is based, has been designated to represent ICOMOS on the CDCPP. Andrew Pots addressed the CDCPP at its last meeting on the topic of Climate Change. Given the work of the Council of Europe on Human Rights, there may be a possibility to present the work of the "Rights Based Approaches"-Working Group at an upcoming meeting of the CDCPP.

**EU-Reflection Group:** Bénédicte Selfslagh (ICOMOS Belgium) is the Europe Group representative on this forum and reported on the outcomes of the meeting held in March 2019:

- There is a consensus that one must build upon the momentum created by 2018 - EYCH to put (or maintain) cultural heritage on the political agenda, and that heritage is an opportunity to talk about Europe, its history, its values. National Committees could draw the attention of their Members of the European Parliament to the importance of cultural heritage conservation.
- Positive feed-back was given on the ICOMOS Quality Principles for EU-funded interventions on cultural heritage (see agenda item 8).
- As a matter of reciprocity, the heritage administrations of the EU Member States suggested that they be associated as observers to important meetings organised by the NGO's. For the current ICOMOS meeting in Lisbon, a representative of the European Commission has been invited to speak at the scientific symposium; the Europe Group may invite the heritage administration of the country where the next meeting will be held to attend (part of) the meeting as an observer.

**European Heritage Heads Forum (EHHF):** Nils Alberg (ICOMOS Sweden) represented ICOMOS as an observer at the meeting of the EHHF held in May in Stockholm. Many of the Heritage Heads are ICOMOS members. The EHHF has two standing committees: the European Legal Forum (which has to identify at an early stage EU legislation which may threaten cultural heritage) and the Task Force on economics and statistics (to create a common methodology for collecting economic data of cultural heritage). It is important that the Europe Group be represented at the EHHF when asked.

## **8. The Quality Principles Document - update & next moves by National Committees**

Grellan Rourke (Chair) recalled the origins of the project, starting from the 2016 meeting in Athens and the discussions on 'reconstruction' when many members of the Europe Group complained about the lack of quality of interventions on cultural heritage that were funded by EU programmes. Contacts were established with colleagues in the Directorate Education and Culture of the European Commission, who had similar concerns, and ICOMOS received a mandate to discuss "quality principles for EU funded interventions on cultural heritage": under the name "Cherishing Heritage", it was one of the 10 flagship initiatives during 2018 - EYCH.

ICOMOS, with the support of a steering group, the European Commission and a team of editors, organised a workshop in May 2018 at its headquarters in Paris, consultations with the European National Committees, a conference in November 2018 in Venice, more consultations with all stakeholders, and it participated in the April 2019 meeting organised during the Romanian Presidency of the EU on "European Heritage: Shared Experience and Regional specificities".

The Quality Principles Document states that achieving quality is dependent on all stages of a project, from conception to completion, and beyond. In addition, quality concerns for interventions on cultural heritage should be taken into account when designing the financing programmes of the EU and the rules for their implementation and evaluation. The Quality Principles Document contains 40 recommendations and a Checklist of Selection Criteria for projects.

Although the focus was on EU-funded interventions, the document has generated interest from abroad (e.g. Australia). The document is not static: lessons from the EU Presidency meeting in Romania will be incorporated, the document will be discussed at meetings and conferences such as the social platform of Horizon Europe in the autumn of 2019, and peer-learning and study visits will take place in 2020-2021.

During the Q & A session, the following points were raised:

- The document has been well received by the EHHF (European Heritage Heads Forum) and the EU-Reflection group and gives a positive image of ICOMOS.
- The 40 recommendations have different target groups and it would be important to measure how they have been implemented.
- Has ICOMOS ownership of the document? Whilst some revisions are necessary (e.g. the use of "shall" and "should" in the recommendations may require further editing), the stability of the document and the possibility to implement the recommendations should not be undermined.
- The National Committees and International Scientific Committees (such as ICLAFI) should screen the document, its 40 recommendations and the checklist of selection criteria, against the situation in their country and report back to the Europe Group.
- Continuing dialogue with the EHHF and its Legal Forum, and the EU-reflection group is expected.
- Paul Mc Mahon (ICOMOS Ireland, Vice-President of the International Scientific Committee on Training - CIF, and member of steering group) would be happy to help with further coordination.

**Conclusions:** Comments on the document can be forwarded to the Chair **until the end of 2019** so that the International Secretariat can release an updated version in January 2020.

Several participants made the connection with the debate on the Venice Charter and on reconstruction. The Chair informed the participants that case studies on reconstruction are being studied (see agenda item 5).

## **9. Urban agenda for the EU, Partnership Culture/Cultural Heritage**

The Urban Agenda for the EU was launched in May 2016 with the Pact of Amsterdam. It represents a new multi-level working method promoting cooperation between Member States, cities, the European Commission and other stakeholders in order to stimulate growth, liveability and innovation in the cities of Europe and to identify and successfully tackle social challenges.

A positive result of 2018 - EYCH is that culture and cultural heritage have been added as priority nr 13 (security in public places is nr 14), whilst heritage was not even mentioned in the 2016 Pact. The current partnership includes 5 Member states (Germany, Cyprus, France, Italy, Spain), several regions (such as Flanders) and federations/associations (such as the Dutch Federation of Cultural Heritage Cities). Two main partners are missing: ICOMOS and Europa Nostra.

Jörg Haspel (ICOMOS Germany), who is in contact with the German coordinators proposes that the Europe Group become involved. There will be a sequence of meetings in 2019-2020 to prepare an action plan by 2021; next meetings will take place in October (Brussels) and November 2019.

**Conclusions:** the Europe Group fully supports the proposal and it was agreed that Jörg Haspel will be the focal point.

#### **10. Charter of Venice Initiative (update) and Notre-Dame de Paris (discussion)**

Jean-François Lagneau and Florence Babics (ICOMOS France) gave a presentation on the fire that destroyed the roofs and the tower of Notre Dame and the options for the recovery works. Jean-François Lagneau started by presenting a time-line of the events, starting from a mass at 18:00 to the first signs of the fire, how religious works and works of art were evacuated, and how the fire brigades operated to eventually contain the fire. He explained the works that were carried out in the aftermath, the techniques used and the works that are necessary to make the site safe.

Florence Babics, acknowledging that there is a strong political will to start the recovery works as soon as possible, assessed the situation using the different articles of the Venice Charter.

The presentations generated a lively debate, which needs to be continued in order to have an in depth reflection. Mention was made of: similar experiences in other countries; the excellent skills and expertise in France to carry the project; the issues of authenticity; the scientific leadership of ICOMOS; a seminar on Notre Dame to be organised by ICOMOS France at the request of the Ministry of Culture; a meeting on reconstruction in May 2020 in relation to the World Heritage Committee; and the suggestion by the ICOMOS Board to organise an essay competition on the reconstruction options (the winning essay would be selected by prestigious jury members and the prize would be attending the 2020 Sydney General Assembly).

**Conclusion:** the Europe Group agreed that this discussion was a kick-off and that it will be continued in Marrakech.

### **INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES**

#### **11. Protection of Cultural Heritage – scientific journal**

ICOMOS Poland has published over 30 monographs related to cultural heritage, which are available in pdf format on its website. Boguslaw Szmygin informed the Europe Group that thanks to a grant and university support, there is now an opportunity to reformat this existing publication series into a peer-reviewed and international Journal, published twice a year, in English and in Open Access. The issues of the Journal would still be monographs. Authors will not have to pay for their articles to be published. The proposal is that the Europe Group become the co-editor of this existing but reformatted Journal, that the Europe Group provide experts for the editorial board, and that the National Committees help with its dissemination. This system would be put in place on a trial basis for two years.

**Conclusions:** The Europe Group agreed in principle with the proposal as outlined above and asked that practical details be provided in due time: e.g. how many editors would be needed, what would be the upcoming themes for the Journal, etc.

#### **12. SDGs: Localising the SDGs**

This item was presented by the Chair. Under the Sustainable Development Goals ICOMOS falls under the 11<sup>th</sup>. Goal. ICOMOS Policy in relation to this is: *Heritage as a Driver of Development*. In Buenos Aires in preparation for a draft decision on SDGs for the GA2020, the Advisory Committee:

-Requests all ICOMOS Scientific Committees to develop ‘Scientific Position Statements’.

-Recommends to the ICOMOS National Committees to liaise with public officials and other stakeholders engaged with the SDGs in their respective countries, with particular focus on contributing to the UN HLPF (High-Level Political Forum) reporting process.

-Recommends to the Scientific and National Committees to build visibility and awareness of their expertise in the public sphere and among external stakeholders at all levels.

Peter Cox is the Coordinator of Localising the SDGs and can be contacted at [peter@carrig.ie](mailto:peter@carrig.ie) for further information.

### **13. Emerging Professionals update**

On behalf of the Emerging Professional Working Group (EPWG), Grigor Angjeliu (ICOMOS Albania) presented the activities of the EPWG for the years 2018-2019. The EPWG has members from 63 National Committees and International Scientific Committees, and from 24 European National Committees.

The new initiative of webinars by ICOMOS experts for Emerging Professionals was highlighted, e.g. President Tohshi Kono presented the ICOMOS initiative on Reconstruction. The EPWG expressed the will to reach out also to NCs and ISCs through this initiative so they can present their work to the group.

The EPWG hopes to have one EP per National Committee and International Scientific Committee by the end of 2019 and one person on their boards, as well as to further extend the number of EP representatives in the International Scientific Committees, the National Committees and in the Regional Groups.

Following the presentation, it was reported that several European National Committees have an active policy to recruit EP and to engage them in their working. It was noted also that the distinction between EP and ‘normal’ members becomes more diffuse.

**Conclusions:** The Europe Group encourages EPs to join its National Committees and urges National Committees who have not yet designated a representative in the EPWG to do so. The Europe Group also expressed the desire to contribute to the EPWG webinars, starting by an introduction to the Europe Group.

### **14. Changes, challenges and opportunities for ICOMOS**

The presentation of the Director-General, Marie-Laure Lavenir, focused on the new challenges facing ICOMOS today. While some are related to the history and the internal dynamics of the organisation (generational renewal for example), others relate more specifically to issues of conservation (extension of the heritage field, integration of new non-Western approaches, etc.). A third type of challenge, and not the least one, is based on profound societal transformation issues such as the development of information technologies or the general questioning of the role and knowledge of experts.

**Friday, 14 June 2019**

## **HERITAGE, PARTICIPATION & GOVERNANCE**

### **15. Our Common Dignity Initiative - Rights-based Approaches (OCD - RBA working group)**



Gráinne Shaffrey (ICOMOS Ireland) provided an update on behalf of the OCD - RBA Working Group. This initiative is about taking into account Human Rights and participation in heritage conservation and building strong relations with communities and people. Heritage practices should respect the rights of the people. The RBA seek to support an open and supportive dialogue on rights issues and allows balance of powers to shift. Through its awareness and training activities, the Working Group encourages the implementation of the ICOMOS Buenos Aires declaration adopted in 2018.

Lately, a call to join the Working Group had been sent to National Committees and International Scientific Committees and more members are welcome. The Working Group has monthly meetings by Zoom.

Training workshop are being organised in different countries: there was one in Estonia in May 2019 and more are to come in India and in Mexico or Latin America. The RBA training in Estonia benefitted from a big presence of stakeholders, professors from universities (local and international) and international experts. Following the training in Estonia, the Working Group recommends that the references to participation and Human Rights in the ICOMOS Ethical Principles be reinforced.

During the discussion that followed, a link was established between several agenda items: consultation and participation of the public, the Ethical Principles, the principles of the Venice Charter, the Quality Principles and the quality of the process, as well as the example of Notre Dame in Paris, for which the International Secretariat may organise an essay competition.

**Conclusions:** To involve the next generation and to take the process forward, it was agreed to call for suggestions regarding the ICOMOS Ethical Principles and to ask the Advisory Committee to discuss them in Marrakesh.

## **16. Cultural Heritage & Community Involvement in ICOMOS: Pilot project in Chefchaouen, Morocco**

Alicia Castillo Mena (ICOMOS Spain) presented an update of an initiative started in Buenos Aires. ICOMOS Spain would like to work more in the context of civil society and community engagement in cultural heritage. They are currently working for an application of this methodology. They will organise a workshop in collaboration with the local community, in Chefchaouen, Morocco on 21 -26 July 2019. The objective is to experiment and develop methodologies for transforming cultural heritage into a sustainable asset for local development. A video of the course was presented during the meeting.

**Conclusions:** Given the parallel between this initiative and the case-studies presented at the Helsinki Europe Group symposium in 2017 and noting that it pursues similar objectives as the RBA Working Group, the Europe Group asked that they join forces. An update on all RBA activities should be given at the Advisory Committee meeting in Marrakech.

## **WORLD HERITAGE**

### **17. World Heritage: perspectives for protection**

Soraya Genin (ICOMOS Portugal) highlighted the need to better understand the process/connection between the different bodies in relation to World Heritage: what are the respective roles of the National Committees, the two World Heritage Units in the ICOMOS International Secretariat, universities, and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre? How should they communicate (or not) with each other? Examples regarding the city of Porto, were presented to illustrate how the current process is working.

It is not clear how the process of World Heritage Nominations and State of Conservation reports develops, and what the role of the National Committees is in this process. Information about the process is lacking in the ICOMOS Rules of Procedure (the ICOMOS Policy for implementing its World

Heritage mandate should be annexed to the ICOMOS Ethical Principles according article 6-e, but it is not).

The discussion was welcomed. Members expressed that the experiences vary from country to country. The Chair informed the meeting that the Board was working on international guidelines, but that the draft was still in a preliminary stage. It was noted that National Commissions for Unesco may have other procedures.

**Conclusions:** The Europe Group hopes that the Board will soon produce guidelines on World Heritage Procedures for inclusion in the ICOMOS Rules of Procedure and agreed that ICOMOS should speak with one voice on World Heritage.

### **18. Threats and opportunities in World Heritage**

Mariana Correia (ICOMOS Portugal) gave a brief overview of the duties of the World Heritage Committee: 1) Inscribe sites on the World Heritage List; 2) Include sites on the list of World Heritage in Danger; and 3) de-list sites from the WH list. Only 4% of the sites on the Danger List are in Europe. She then reviewed the main issues related to World Heritage in Danger in Europe. The lack of management plans/systems is the main threat, but there are also problems from urban pressures and illegal activities. Risk preparedness is key. Major issues are boundaries of the property and bufferzones; integrity and authenticity can be an issue, especially when there are new developments (shopping centres or foreign investments); and terminology misuse, such as ‘rehabilitation’ to designate ‘façadism’.

An announcement was made of an international conference on *Vernacular Architecture in World Heritage Sites: risks and new technologies*, 9-12 September 2020, in Valencia (Spain); the conference is supported by the EU Creative Europe Programme.

### **19. Revision of the World Heritage Tentative List**

On behalf of ICOMOS France, Isabelle Palmi recalled the work carried out a few years ago, which led to recommendations to review France’s Tentative List. ICOMOS France is now particularly interested in serial and trans-border nominations. They plan to organise a series of workshops in 2020 and extend invitations to the members to participate. Since their aim is to take the European dimension into account, they would like to know which National Committees have been associated with the revision of the Tentative List in their country.

**Conclusion:** National Committees working on revising the Tentative List of their country are invited to contact ICOMOS France. ICOMOS Austria, Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels), Finland, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Spain already expressed their interest to join.

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE INITIATIVES**

### **20. Water & Heritage**

Robert Quarles van Ufford (ICOMOS Netherlands) and Nils Alberg (ICOMOS Sweden) recalled the connection between Water and Heritage. Some aspects of water heritage are: nature, food production, communities, location, urban design, social values, recreation, identity, etc. Today problems are for instance the *EU water framework directive (2000)* where heritage is not considered because nature preservation is dominant.

There are many meetings on water and heritage organised by UNESCO, the Council of Europe, Taiwan, the World Water Week in Stockholm (August 2019). The latter is one of the largest conferences on water with around 3,000 participants. The team has tried to manage, to create a meeting and include the

heritage component in this multidisciplinary conference, and ICOMOS will be considered as a partner at future conferences.

A way for ICOMOS to move this initiative forward is to create an International Scientific Committee, which could be launched at the GA 2020. The process needs to be further discussed.

**Conclusion:** There is a lot of interest in this topic. ICOMOS France invited the presenters to participate in a conference in Rochefort in November 2019 on heritage and how water-related heritage can be a driver for regional development.

## **21. 20th. Century Heritage: questionnaire**

Serge Pitiot (ICOMOS France) presented examples of 20th Century Heritage and illustrated the challenges for its protection, maintenance and restoration - with some examples. The risks are to lose part of this heritage, if no actions are taken. Though it is possible, in France, to utilise a variety of protective mechanisms, the percentage of this heritage under protection remains very low: about 4% for built heritage and 2 % for cultural goods (movable heritage).

The first phase of the protection was focused only on the most famous architects (Le Corbusier, etc.). This does not yet apply to the post World War II buildings for a number of reasons. Another issue is the maintenance, in particular insufficient financial resources for yearly conservation. Restoration: the widespread use of concrete in the 20<sup>th</sup>. Century, forced conservation professions to learn more about the material.

A questionnaire on the conservation of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Century heritage buildings was sent to Europe Group.

**Conclusions:** The Europe Group agreed that 20th. Century Heritage may be a topic for future cooperation at the level of the Group, that more scientific research is needed, that the major challenges related to the conservation of this heritage may differ according to country, and there is a potential to work with Docomomo. The first step, however, is to fill in the questionnaire and to send it back to ICOMOS France. Comments to improve the questionnaire were welcome.

## **22. Pilot Survey on theory and practice of conservation in Europe**

Soraya Genin (ICOMOS Portugal) proposed a questionnaire to understand the level of education as well as definitions & concepts (conservation, restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, re-use, etc.) and legislation in different countries.

**Conclusions:** The Europe Group agreed that the questionnaire could be distributed through the listserv of the Europe Group, and that the survey would be carried out in cooperation with the international Scientific Committees of Training (CIF) and Theory and Philosophy (Theophilos).

## **ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS**

### **23. National Committees – role in organisation & exchange of practices**

Dominique Schneider (ICOMOS France) raised a number of organisational issues, based on the experience of previous ICOMOS meetings. Rather than taking the Statutes and Rules of Procedure as a starting point (because they are written in a formal way and often describe what can or cannot be done) it would be of interest to find out how to reach the professionals and their expertise, for the benefit of ICOMOS and its members. This should be done ‘bottom-up’ and take into account that society has changed - transparency, good governance and dialogue are paramount today.

There is a need to:

- 1) Improve the management of the international network;
- 2) Increase the transparency of the selection process of World Heritage experts;
- 3) Define the role of the experts, their relationship with the National Committees, and to update the list of World Heritage experts;
- 4) Ensure that ICOMOS Working Groups use the input provided by the National Committees, and this input should be requested more in advance;
- 5) Ensure more transparency in how the organisation is managed, financed and information is disseminated. Cultural diversity, representativity and multilingualism should be respected;
- 6) Give more weight to the National Committees;
- 7) Promote more exchanges between National Committees and between National Committees and International Scientific Committees.

**Conclusions:** Members propose that probably there is a need to create a table to discuss the list of issues. It was noted that, although a part of the issues had been already addressed successfully, it is important also to address also the feeling that more work needs to be done on others, and there are different opinions regarding the transparency of the organisation. There is an ethical dimension. In particular, the minutes are important to be available after every meeting and General Assembly, in order to update the members and improve the transparency.

#### **24. ICOMOS Spain update**

Alicia Castillo Mena gave an update on the workings of ICOMOS Spain. She proposed to have in every Europe Group Meeting, a session dedicated to the life of the National Committees. In the session the committees can learn and collaborate with each other.

#### **25. Annual General Meeting: Sydney 2020**

The discussion on the preparation of the General Assembly in 2020 is postponed until the next meeting of the Europe Group in Marrakech.

#### **26. Europe Group Meeting in June 2020 - proposals**

A decision must be taken on the next venue for the Europe Group meeting. A proposal has come from ICOMOS Spain.

**Conclusions:** If there are additional proposals they can be sent directly to the Chair and a decision can then be made by email in advance of the EG meeting in Marrakech.

#### **27. Any Other Business**

ICOMOS Switzerland: Invitation to the conference on High-Quality Baukultur in Geneva, Switzerland, 4 -5 November 2019.

ICOMOS Norway: the risk of demolition of the Y-Block in the Norwegian Government Quarter in Oslo was discussed briefly; the Heritage Alert may be having some effect.

ICOMOS Austria: an invitation was extended by Cyrill Planta (Treasurer, ICOMOS Austria) to the treasurers of the National Committees to organise a meeting on financial issues in Marrakesh.

**28. Close**

The Chair thanked all the participants who had contributed to such a long Agenda; there had been considerable discussion over many relevant topics. He also thanked Soraya Genin, President of ICOMOS Portugal and her colleagues for hosting this very successful Europe Group event. Finally, he thanked both rapporteurs, Grigor Angjeliu and Bénédicte Selfslagh.

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08.10.2019