

## Minutes Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> of December Leuven

Present: Karl Otto Ellefsen, Adalberto Del Bo, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Sally Stewart, Dalibor Hlaváček, Susanne Komossa, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Johan Verbeke (afternoon), , Gunnar Parelius, Johan De Walsche. Inge Lens (secretary), Ingvild Kristoffersen (secretary)

Excused: Ivan Cabrera I Fausto, Nur Çağlar

### Agenda

#### **Welcome by president Karl Otto Ellefsen**

Generally the EAAE-atmosphere at the moment is very optimistic. The challenge is to bring the different initiatives into action. The agenda for the meeting is introduced and approved.

#### **1. Minutes from the Council meeting in Lisboa.**

There are no comments on the minutes of the Lisbon meeting.

#### **2. Membership (responsibility: Karl Otto Ellefsen, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Inge Lens)**

- Report of the meeting between French schools.

There has been a meeting of the French schools in October. The French schools are positive about rejoining the EAAE as a group. An invitation letter and presentation of the EAAE, together with invoices for 2016, will be sent to the deans of the French schools.

- Report of the meeting with SCHOSA, GB Deans, in Cardiff.

President Karl Otto Ellefsen attended a meeting of SCHOSA (Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture). Several British schools have showed interest in joining the EAAE. An invitation letter and presentation of the EAAE, together with an invoice for the 2016 membership will be sent to the deans of the GB schools by Inge Lens. A list with contact addresses will be collected. Karl Otto asked for a list of addresses from the coordinator of SCHOSA. Sally Stewart might also provide the addresses.

- Membership situation and membership action.

Koenraad Van Cleempoel and Inge Lens reported on the financial situation.

The main source of income are the school membership fees. At the time of the meeting 102 schools have paid their membership fee for 2015. Some of the schools who applied and were approved in Milano have not paid yet. Possibly, this is due to the fact that the application procedure is rather slow at this moment (application via email, formal approval of applicants during the General Assembly in August). It is agreed that, from now on, the council will start accepting schools straight away. A change in the statutes might be discussed during the upcoming GA.

#### **3. EAAE – Organization and administration (responsibility: Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Inge Lens)**

Koenraad Van Cleempoel briefly presents his idea for a new EAAE structure (that was also part of the Lisbon minutes):

Proposal:

Creation of an EAAE board (up to 25 members) that may act as an advisory group for the Council.

- The board could deliver input to the Council (What do schools need? What do regional entities need?). It might be a good instrument to involve a wider cross-section of our membership in the discussions.
- More effort in stimulating strategic discussions during the yearly conference?
- How would board members be chosen?
- Important to give independence to the Academies. Could the Academies do the more detailed work and involve more people, and then give their input to the council?
- Board is way to create more consistent connections with other organizations.

Decision: A first advisory *meeting* (instead of *board*) will be organized during the GA.

The EAAE Council will follow up the daily running of the EAAE (core groups + other roles/responsibilities) Pressing problems and actions for the Council

- defining responsibilities
- seeking ways to generate external input to set the EAAE agenda.
- communication < clear communication strategy, website closer to the secretariat, roadmap to improve website (see also point 4) Sustainability of communication is important. A number of issues with the website need to be addressed.

#### **4. EAAE – Academy on Education (responsibility: Sally Stewart, Johan De Walsche)**

Presentation by Johan De Walsche (*Presentation EAAE Academy on Education*)

The presentation is attached to the minutes from the meeting.

All present council members are positive to the approach of the Academy on Education and the goals the Academy has set. It is a very good example of how the academies might work. The response of the schools will be important during the next steps.

Karl Otto Ellefsen suggests that some of the work by the EAAE Academy on Education might be developed in a keynote for the Lisbon conference. Communication of the work of the Academies will be very important.

An important question concerns the budget allocated to the Academies, and – related to this – their independence. Treasurer Koenraad Van Cleempoel reminds the Council that in the approved budget for 2016 (GA Milano) 15.000€ was reserved for the Academies and thematic networks and 20.000€ for the website. It is agreed that the Academies and the website needs a substantial amount of money (development, not only maintenance).

Decision: The Council accepts the plans developed by the Academy of Education. The working group consists of Johan De Walsche, Sally Stewart and Oya Atalay Franck. Johan de Walsche is appointed as project leader for the AE.

#### **Specific initiatives - Bergen initiative Network on Refugee situation**

Bergen school of architecture is making a proposal for a new initiative: a network on the refugee situation in Europe. This might result in an Erasmus + application with the EAAE possibly as one of the partners (e.g. to take a certain role in the dissemination).

Decision: The Council supports the initiative from BAS and expresses interest in playing a role in the network. Until further Karl Otto will handle the cooperation with BAS.

The Council underlines that the next dead-line for applications to Erasmus + is already 31.03.2016

## **5. Web and Communication (responsibility Ivan Cabrera I Fausto - present through Skype) and Dalibor Hlaváček,**

Dalibor Hlaváček will assist Ivan Cabrera with the website. The website is an important part of the broader communication strategy: member schools need information on what the EAAE is doing.

Ivan Cabrera explains that he plans to launch the online newsletter before Christmas. The website needs to be updated with the current activities and Academies. He is working on the new upload system for member schools < other way of uploading school information.

A question is raised regarding the user-friendliness of the website. Ivan Cabrera suggests to add links to the most important documents. A search function might be added as well. Ivan requests to send examples of problems with the website to be better able to judge the most important needs.

It is agreed that the Academies should be very visible on the website; information related to the Academies should be easily accessible (Academies should appear in the top-menu).

Action: Dalibor and Ivan will meet before the next council meeting. The intention is that Adalberto, Koenraad and Karl Otto takes part in the meeting and combines this with a work-party in the EAAE leader group. The intention is to locate the meeting in Valencia.

Some quick structural changes to improve the accessibility of information will be made and a basis for a long term strategy will be developed.

## **6. EAAE – Research Academy (Responsibility Susanne Komossa, Johan Verberke)**

Susanne Komossa briefly summarized the work plan presented in the minutes of the Lisbon Council meeting. The focus will be on the mapping of architectural research. Using the EAAE guide as a starting point, an inventory of the PhD programs was made. Schools will be approached with a questionnaire to ask specific questions about their PhD programs. This is helpful to get insight in the number of PhD's, their financing etc. (also useful for advocacy).

Johan Verbeke summarizes the time schedule:

Publication group: Hilde Heynen will organize the next meeting to move it forward.

Mapping project: Susanne Komossa and Johan Verbeke did preparatory screenings, which will be analyzed in the next weeks. Based on these results the questionnaire will be developed.

Questionnaire ready by January.

Network of PhD supervisors: The aim is to establish a meeting in spring to bring supervisors together.

→ It was suggested that this could also be a one-day event just before the GA. The supervisor theme may be very relevant and could attract many (young) people.

The question is raised that there is a lot of research that is not linked to a PhD. How do we deal with this? In addition, should we define a subject area for architectural research? Institutions are not just educating PhD students, but they are also conducting research within certain areas.

Action: Karl Otto Ellefsen asks for a detailed work plan with very operational tasks and a clear time schedule that can be communicated through the website, preferably by January 2016. It is stressed that the EAAE needs a similar strategy and clear communication about plans and aims for both Academies. Both need a long term perspective that is neatly split up in smaller packages in which people can be involved.

The working group for the Research Academy consists of Susanne Komossa, Johan Verbeke and Gunnar Parelius. If Susanne will head the planning of the 2016 Conference and GA in Delft, Johan Verbeke is asked to head the RA.

#### **7. Initiating and supporting activities, networks/projects/initiatives**

Not presented during the meeting.

Gunnar Parelius will, together with Karl Otto, develop a basis for discussion that will be mailed to the Council members.

#### **8. Agreement project leaders, final decision (prepared by Gunnar Parelius)**

Gunnar Parelius prepared a draft of an agreement with project leaders. The agreement is shown and briefly discussed. The present Council members agree that some issues may arise (e.g. with respect to intellectual property) when the document is presented to the legal department of different schools. The agreement will be tested on project leader agreement between the EAAE and Johan De Walsche.

The question was raised what the EAAE can offer if a person wants to pursue a project in the name of the EAAE, yet not as a project leader. This theme will also be discussed in the material that will be developed by Gunnar Parelius and Karl Otto Ellefsen.

#### **9. Final decision on GA/Conference 2016**

Karl Otto Ellefsen explains that there are two alternative locations that are formally launched: Delft and Bordeaux.

A few factors are important to consider when making a decision are the attractiveness of the place, the program and capability of the school/organizing team and political arguments.

Susanne presented the candidacy of Delft (focus on radical pedagogies) and Koenraad presented the candidacy of Bordeaux. Martin Chénot is contacted by phone for additional information. Both proposals had been distributed before the meeting to all Council members.

- Dates of the next EAAE Conference/GA: 31<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> august/September.

- The Council agrees, given that certain conditions are met, with the following proposition:

2016: Delft < condition: other theme than radical pedagogies

2017: Bordeaux (link with biennale) < condition: The option of celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EAAE in Turkey has been discussed with Nur Çağlar previously. Given the current political happenings, this might not be the best location, yet president Karl Otto Ellefsen will consult with Nur.

- For Koenraad Van Cleempoel an important condition to agree with the choice for Delft in 2016 is that the event in 2017 will be held in Bordeaux.

- Adalberto Del Bo stresses that it is relevant to celebrate the 40th anniversary of EAAE in 2017 in France in view of the 40th celebration of the French Law on architecture, which has been a fundamental moment in the constitution of the 1985 European Directive on Architecture.

- Finally, it is suggested that Susanne Komossa is preferably not in charge of the conference and of the Academy on Research at the same time. Adalberto Del Bo suggests that Martin Chénot could be a member of the organizing committee of the conference in 2016 (< continuity).

Decision: 2016 conference will be in Delft, 2017 conference in Bordeaux. The council expresses a strong preference for Bordeaux in 2017 and asks the president to discuss this matter with Nur Çağlar. Karl Otto will initiate a discussion with Delft on the organization and program for the Conference and GA 2016.

### **Additional agenda points**

- Adalberto Del Bo mentions that:

A- he is working on the publication of the Annual EAAE Book collecting the key-lectures from the Milano Annual EAAE Conference. In the Book, the EAAE needs to also publish the Wicked Problems reports;

B - the 2016 Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships have been launched. It would be positive to promote the application of other member Schools (as for the Wicked problems program) by putting an advertisement for application on the website.

C - the Major of Vigevano has informally proposed to host an international Summer School in the city with the EAAE and Politecnico di Milano as partners. The EAAE expresses interest in taking part in a summer school in Vigevano and suggests that a call should be made to member schools.

D -the meeting between UIA, UNESCO and the EAAE in Paris ended in EAAE not supporting (as decided in the Council in Lisbon) the initiative for a new system of accreditation. EAAE proposed, as decided in the Council in Lisbon, to work together with the two organizations in developing an accreditation for the internationally oriented programs in the schools.

Related to the point B, Karl Otto Ellefsen expressed that there is a need to coordinate the dissemination from all the three Wicked groups. He will take the initiative to meet the three coordinators of the groups. Eventually with two of them on SKYPE.

### **10. Revised schedule 2016**

A. Council meeting spring (Glasgow) –3 + 4 march Glasgow

B. Conference Lisbon June – Council meeting as well, preparing for the GA and the EAAE Conference → 14 June (morning)

C. GA/Conference/ Council meeting – CM 31th of August, Conference and GA 1<sup>st</sup> of September to 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

D. Council meeting autumn 2016 → to be decided