

Minutes of the Council and Project Leaders Meeting, Chania, CAM

Council Meeting, Sunday September 1, 14.30h

Present: Adalberto Del Bo, Ferran Sagarra, Gunnar Parelius, Herbert Buehler, Ivan Cabrera, Karl Otto Ellefsen (President), Koenraad Van Cleempoel (treasurer), Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Nur Caglar, Zdenek Zavrel
Invited: Loughlin Kealy, Herman Neuckermans, Stefano Musso
Minutes: Lou Schol

Welcome by the President.

1. Minutes of the Council Meeting in Milan

The minutes were approved.

The meeting started with an open discussion on EAAE's strategy for the future.

- To initiate strategic discussions in the organization
- To be present in the discussion of the architectural education
- To be more professional
- To define its role clearly. Crucial: political role and more official role (influence on the governments)
- Crisis to be stopped as soon as possible. Important to show unity and transparency
Reconciliation meeting?
- Networking: role in projects, fund raising
- Relationship EAAE – ENHSA.
- To contact the ARENA Group
- Membership schools:
 - schools are not really leaving but are observing what will happen.
 - to explore for raising membership
- The strategic process can't be delayed. A General Assembly should be planned for Spring 2014 "at the registered offices" (at that time Leuven) – to discuss strategies and present a preliminary report.

2. Finances

- Treasurer:
 - Coming from a turbulent period there is need for strategy in order to make a budget for 2014.
 - Total amount today: 180.000 € (current & savings account): sufficient to work with.
- Contract with external accountant lasts till end 2014 (contract signed by the former Council)
- EAAE is considered as a small association:

- VAT: The Councils preliminary investigations conclude that EAAE have behaved correctly dealing with the question of VAT. This needs to be verified by the external audit.
- Conferences/workshops: no VAT seems to be required (cultural, teaching). Also this has to be decided upon after an explicit statement from the external accountant.
- Chania meetings:
 - Principally, in terms of economy and finance, the handling of the ENHSA EU-financed project is the responsibility of Thessaloniki University. The practical and academic handling of the ENHSA projects and the Chania meetings are the responsibility of the project leaders. This means that the economical dispositions and accounts of ENHSA is not the responsibility of EAAE. This Council at the same times underlines that the role-wise, practical and academic relationships between EAAE and ENHSA have to be discussed thoroughly.
- The economical discussion of the relationship between EAAE and ENHSA deals with the flow of money between the two organizations. Transfer of money to a project or a project –leader is a necessity. What needs to be clarified is the quality of the transfer and the accounting
- 15.000 € from Montana (EAAE Prize) on EAAE’s bank account
- Two invoices remain unpaid: University of Münster (EAAE ENHSA Construction Workshop 2012) and Anna Kealy (EAAE ENHSA Workshop Construction 2011). To be discussed with Constantin Spiridonidis.
- To be decided upon: which projects to continue with
- Membership fees are not a huge problem.
- External audit:
 - The treasurer has a mandate from the Council to organize the external audit
 - To audit the accountancy 2 years back in time
 - Deadline: Christmas 2013
 - Document of the audit to be presented at the General Assembly – spring 2014.

3. Website (Ivan Cabrera – see also report sent by mail on August 22)

- Website difficult to handle and requires special software.
- Looks old fashioned
- Need for an historical archive
- World Press: becoming the official platform
- Time needed: 1 year for complete renewal,
- Decision: To provide 2.000 € in order to speed up the reorganization of the website (6 months)

4. Request for membership

- Università dell’Aquila, Italy: approved.

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Council & Project Leaders Meeting, Monday September 2, 11.00h

Present: Council:
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Karl Otto Ellefsen (President), Koenraad Van Cleempoel (treasurer),
Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Nur Caglar, Zdenek Zavrel

Project Leaders:
Zeno Bogdanescu, Johan De Walsche, James Horan, Emil Popescu,
Anne Elisabeth Toft, Johan Verbeke

Invited: Ebbe Harder, Loughlin Kealy, Herman Neuckermans, Stefano Musso

Excused: Aart Oxenaar, Constantin Spiridonidis, Maria Voyatzaki, Pieter Versteegh

Minutes: Lou Schol

Welcome by the President. The goal of this meeting is to present all projects. The Council will decide later on the continuation of each project.

1. 1:1 Review (Anne Elisabeth Toft & Ebbe Harder)

- The 1:1 started in 2011 and aims to be a new platform for publishing articles and interviews after the disappearance of the EAAE News Sheet. The articles are peer reviewed.
- Editorial Board: Urs Hirschberg, Johannes Käferstein, Ebbe Harder, Anne Elisabeth Toft and Per Olaf Fjeld. Withdrawal from Board: Urs Hirschberg & Johannes Käferstein.
- Business plan:
 - money provided from the former Newsheet (News Sheet was 10.000 €/year)
 - sponsoring from the University of Genova (S. Musso).
 - 15.000 € from EAAE Prize are also available.
- Publication: every year and a Conference every 2 years.
- As Ebbe is retired, the School of Copenhagen will not publish the Review anymore. As a consequence too he is not able anymore to do the fund-raising. If a new Group would be installed he would be available for consulting however.
- The Review needs a new strategy (essays, interviews, discussion on teaching), a new Group has to be installed and a publisher to be found. Suggestion: interview people in EAAE with teaching experience.

Decision:

- The Council links this discussion to the publication profile of EAAE
- The Council asks Anne Elisabeth Toft to continue the work on publication within EAAE. A new group for the review should be established around her.
- Discussions on publication strategies and what should be done with the existing 1:1 material will be taken in the coming Barcelona Council meeting.

2. Representation Network (Anne Elisabeth Toft)

- An International Symposium was held in Copenhagen.
- Network was funded by Research Consortium and her own school.
- The initiative stopped.
- Decision: EAAE wants to support the network, but not financially. Possibility to search finance in Nordic countries?

3. EAAE Prize (Ebbe Harder)

- At the start of the project: 80 entries.
- Sponsored first by Velux and then by Montana.
- If the project should continue: need for a new project leader. It is a huge job especially the fund raising. The concept should be re-discussed.
- Publication of the winning articles can no longer be postponed. Decision on publication will be taken in the Barcelona Council meeting.

4. ACE (James Horan)

- Close relationship between EAAE and ACE during Adrian Joy's presidency. Resulted in the revision of the directive: Professional Qualifications Directive. The "eleven points" are still mentioned in the directive. Relationship between academic and profession are both integrated. During 5 years there was a joint approach to the Commission in Brussels.
- New president of ACE will soon be elected.
- Need to refresh the relationship after James Horan, Per Olaf Fjeld & Herman Neuckermans.
- If the project should continue, James will be glad to help his successor.
- It was strongly advised to find a new project leader within EAAE or to recruit somebody from outside.

5. Student Prize (Zeno Bogdanescu and Emil Popescu)

- The Prize started in 2000. First presentation in 2002, sponsored by AG2R (62.000 €). Contract between Ion Mincu Bucurest, EAAE and French Embassy.
- Organized every 2 years

- Prize cancelled in 2013 by the former Council.
- Suggestion for change:
 - Competition for all schools but should be best project of the school members
 - Winner to be announced during the Chania conference
 - Appoint panel
 - To produce a catalogue of best projects in Europe
- Current sponsor Lafarge ready to sponsor for 2 more years
- School in Bucarest is interested to continue
- Is help to convince East European schools to join the membership
- In favor to be continued: material to be prepared for the next Council Meeting. Conclusion: The Council is very much in favor of continuing the Student Prize. Zeno Bogdanescu and Emil Popescu are asked to continue their work with the prize. A new approach to the competition will be formalized at the Council meeting in Barcelona.

6. **Improving networks EAAE/Turkish schools** (Johan Verbeke)

Johan Verbeke represented the working group. The intention was to establish organizational relationships in an increasing number of Turkish schools of architecture. We are talking about around 80 schools (mostly private). 40 of these giving a Master in Architecture. The intention is also to strengthen EAAE in Turkey and eventually establishing the association as a sub-group to EAAE. A model for this could be the Nordic Academy.

The work group has been very active, with 8 meetings and a conference in Istanbul in the spring of 2013 that has published printed proceedings.

Conclusion: EAAE supports the continuation of the network. Eventually the project can adapt a model that may be applied to “regions”, creating a wider forum for the discussion of the future of EAAE

7. **EAAE Research Initiatives** (Johan Verbeke. Johan de Walsche)

The Council has been informed that a new association called ARENA with the intention of being a European network for architectural research was established In July 2013.

EAAE will make contact with the network and discuss relationships related to roles and future applications for EU-funding.

All EAAE research initiatives will be re-discussed at the Council meeting in Barcelona in November.

EAAE – Platform for Architectural Research (Johan De Walsche)

First version of the EAAE charter for architectural research was presented in 2010, approved as a draft at the GA in 2011 and finally approved at the GA in 2012.

Decision: There is a need to go further with this work and Johan De Walsche agreed on going on as a project leader.

EAAE – Advocacy group (Johan Verbeke)

There is a concern in EAAE of not being present in the EU discussions on research platforms, programs and projects. The advocacy group was established to articulate positions and to connect to other disciplines.

Conclusion: The way of working needs rethinking. Johan Verbeke has agreed upon going on as a project leader.

EAAE – Periodicals group

The intention was to play a role in establishing meriting publishing channels trying to make different European systems comparable. The work is at the moment not continued.

Conclusion: The Council looks upon this issue as crucial and will take the initiative to set up a new periodicals group.

EAAE/ENHSA Theory and History Network

The network is for the moment not active. Publication from last conference in Paris is not published and needs a budget. The Council will make contact with the organizers in order to publish the report.

8. EAAE and ARCC (Adalberto del Bo)

ARCC is an American network within Architectural Research. This network is not a part of ACSA (Association of Collegial Schools of Architecture) considered as the sister organization of EAAE in the US.

EAAE has been cooperating with ARCC since 1998, in the recent years co-organizing bi-annual conferences on architectural research. In Europe there have been conferences in Copenhagen and Milan. The next conference will take place in Hawaii in the spring of 2014. Proceedings from the conference in Milan will be published this autumn.

- Council member Adalberto Del Bo is responsible for the EAAE relationship to ARCC.
- Information about the Hawaii conference is put on the EAAE web-site
- EAAE has taken the initiative to arrange a world-wide research conference on Architectural Research in Europe in 2016. It is not decided about which city/university will host the conference.

9. EAAE and MACE (Herman Neuckermans)

Mace was financed by the EU for three years with the intention of becoming the “google for architecture”. The project is not altogether completed. Herman Neuckermans will follow the project for EAAE.

10. EAAE Conservation network (Loughlin Kealy, Stefano Musso)

The Council considers this as a very successful network that has been able to renew its way of working and ways of financing activities.

Next workshop this autumn:

28th – 31th of October

Roma – Castelvecchio , Calvisio (See EAAE web-page)

11. EAAE statutes and regulations (Gunnar Parelius, Herman Neuckermans)

An introduction to the discussion of EAAE statutes and regulations was presented by Gunnar Parelius, Herman Neuckermans. These matters are closely linked to the development of EAAE strategies.

A proposal for future statutes and regulations will be mailed to the Council members. The suggestion is an e-mail discussion before final discussions in the Barcelona meeting. New Statutes and regulations for the EAAE will be discussed and voted upon at the GA Council in the spring of 2014.

As an inspiration we attach the “UDEFAL MAIN PRINCIPLES presented by Ivan CARTES, president of the “Latin American union of schools and faculties of architecture” (UDEFAL) at the Chania meeting September 2013:

- *To communicate with affiliated Schools*
- *To coordinate and promote academic liaisons*
- *To be responsible for the decisions taken in the CLEFAs*
- *To become a center for academic assistance*
- *To promote academic relationships*
- *To publish and facilitate publications, as well as student exchange*
- *To promote liberty of ideas as well as autonomy of chairs*
- *To care for ecology, heritage and architectural urban development*
- *To be devoted to academic excellence*
- *To defend human rights and social justice*

12. EAAE Work-plan 2013 – 2014

The Council has set two meetings during the winter of 2013-2013:

7th – 8th of November 2013 in Barcelona

Coordinator Ferran Sagarra

Discussions:

EAAE Statutes and Regulations (Gunnar Parelius)

EAAE Strategic Process (Karl Otto Ellefsen)

EAAE/ENSHA – a discussion of roles.

EAAE Research initiatives

EAAE Communications (Ivan Cabrera)

EAAE networks – decisions

Research Conference 2016 EAAE/ARCC

17th – 18th of January 2014

In Prague

Coordinator Zdenek Zavrel

Discussions:

EAAE external audit
EAAE/ENSHA post 2014 relationship
EAAE Regulations – proposal for the GA
EAAE Strategies – proposal for the GA
EAAE COUNCIL – candidates for the GA

13. EAAE General Assembly

The council has decided upon calling for a
EAAE General Assembly in Hasselt Belgium
28th and 29th of March 2014

Agenda:

28th of March – EAAE Status. Elections.

29th of March – EAAE Strategies.

The General Assembly in Leuven in June 2013 decided upon that the next GA should be in Chania latest September 2014. Alternatively “at the registered offices” in the spring of 2014.

For the organisation to be able to follow up decisions from the GA in June 2013, reconcile EAAE, define future strategies, and make decisions about economy, the Council see the need for a GA in the spring of 2014.

The Council has decided upon Hasselt University in Belgium as the place for the next GA. The reason for this is that the EAAE administration is proposed to be moved to Hasselt. The Council does not see the change in place for the GA, from Leuven to Hasselt in conflict with the intentions of the GA decision in June 2013.

Coordinator for this GA will be:

Treasurer of EAAE Koenraad Van Cleempoel