

# **Minutes from the EAAE/ARCC Council meeting, 31 October 2014**

Venue: University of Lisbon, Faculty of Architecture

Present: Karl Otto Ellefsen (EAAE President), Adalberto Del Bo (EAAE Vice-President), Manuel Couceiro da Costa (EAAE and FAUL), Michelle Rinehart (ARCC Vice-President), Hazem Rashed-Ali (ARCC), José Nuno Beirão (FAUL Directive Council Member), Filipa Roseta (FAUL), Pedro Januário (FAUL) and Mário Kong (FAUL)

Minutes: Manuel Couceiro da Costa

The Agenda was approved according to the call, namely:

- EAAE/ARCC Council Meeting (International Conference – Lisbon 2016)
  1. Introduction / reference point
  2. Title, sub-themes and logo
  3. Participants: EAAE + ARCC data-bases; other possible guests and respective cooperation status
  4. Administrative and scientific organization
  5. Work and social agenda structure; keynote speakers; rooms
  6. Budget and financing
  7. Activities plan

## **1. Introduction / reference point**

Opening the meeting, Manuel Couceiro da Costa presented the participants and pursued with a reference point of the process, remembering that:

- . the candidacy, of the University of Lisbon (Faculty of Architecture) to the organization of the conference, was approved during the EAAE Council Meeting in Prague (17/1/15)
- . preliminary coordination meetings occurred in Honolulu, during the EAAE/ARCC International Conference 2014, with the presence of ARCC members (Keith Diaz-Moore, ), Michelle Rinehart and Hazem Rashed-Ali) and EAAE members (Adalberto del Bo and Manuel Couceiro da Costa), where a preliminary calendar was established
- . also during that conference, a Welcome Message from the Rector of the University of Lisbon, was addressed to all the potential participants in the conference of 2016 present at the audience
- . after that, attempts for the definition of title and sub-title of the conference of 2016 (profiting the 2014 EAAE Council meetings in Hasselt, Ankara and Chania and through email exchanges), have been made, with the core in architectural research but with no conclusive decision.

Pursuing the discussion for further developments, Karl Otto Ellefsen confirmed architectural research as the main focus of the conference.

Further contributors claimed to consider as questions to explore the differences between academia and practice and the need, in both cases, of making evident the implicit existence of strong methodologies.

## **2. Title, sub-themes and logo**

After discussion “**Architectural research addressing social challenges**”, was the most appreciated title, subject to rethinking and confirmation by the members.

Sub-titles should also be considered, including criteria that could allow for exclusion of some submission, without being too much specific. Some proposals wait for final decision, namely:

- . Renaturalization of the city
- . Extreme poverty in global cities
- . Rural challenges
- . New forms of production
- . Heritage sites
- . Climate change and development

Upon confirmation of the title and sub-title, FAUL members of the Conference Organizing Committee (COC) will propose a logo and an advertising poster

## **3. Participants: EAAE + ARCC data-bases; other possible guests and respective cooperation status**

The intention is to open the conference worldwide and so a general database of contacts must be set, upon the databases of ARCC and of EAAE and also including any other possible contact links.

The COC will receive and coordinate all the separate databases, for institutional progress of the conference organization, being also desirable that in parallel, EAAE and ARCC also diffuse the information.

Special attention should be addressed to architectural schools with strong tradition about PhD Courses.

In total about 250 to 300 participants are expected.

## **4. Administrative and scientific organization**

The administrative and scientific organization, up to now, is established as follows:

. Conference Organizing Committee - responsible for the general organization, the site, and logo of the conference, the coordination system for the reviewing process, the logistic of receptions (hotels, meals, optional tours...)...

Manuel Couceiro da Costa (Chair) - EAAE and FAUL

Adalberto Del Bo (Vice-Chair?) – EAAE

Leonard Bachman (Vice-Chair?) – ARCC

Filipa Roseta (Vice-Chair?) – FAUL

Pedro Januário – FAUL

Mário Kong – FAUL

. Conference Scientific Committee – will be responsible for the scientific organization, for the choice of the keynote speakers and moderators, for the coordination of the reviewers and for the edition of the proceedings (9 members, 3 from each organizing entity + honorifics)

FAUL - Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Filipa Roseta, ...

EAAE - ...

ARCC - Michelle Rinehart, Hazem Rashed-Ali and Julia Robinson

Honorifics - ... (to be chosen by the other members of the Scientific Committee)

. Conference Paper Reviewer Committee - responsible for the blind review of abstracts and papers

... (to be drawn upon for the task, on behalf of member lists of the organizing entities)

. Conference Moderators

... (to be chosen by the Scientific Committee)

## **5. Work and social agenda structure; keynote speakers; rooms**

Manuel Couceiro da Costa presented a Preliminary Conference Schedule of Events that was analysed and generally accepted, with remarks about the length and type of opening and closing sessions – it was decided that these should take about 2 hours each and be organized as “Chania type debates” (see the attached and reformulated Preliminary Conference Schedule of Events).

These allows for 3 keynote lectures and 26 paper presentations in a row (or multiples of 26 with parallel sessions) or 4 keynote lectures and 23 paper presentations in a row (or multiples of 23 with parallel sessions; in this case Saturday morning would be occupied with 1 keynote lecture + closing session) – each paper presentation will not exceed 20 min. including debate.

The sessions will be held at the Faculty of Architecture, that must provide an auditorium (for 250 to 300 participants) and rooms for the sessions (30 participants each, 1 of them being bigger) – special attention must be addressed to the acclimatisation of the rooms

The social agenda includes 2 lunches in the canteen, the welcome party, 2 dinners and option tours on Saturday afternoon or Saturday afternoon and Sunday

## **6. Budget and financing**

The COC will work so that the costs of the conference organization are paid by the registration fee (€400 to €450/normal registration; €350 to €400/Phd students – price grows for late registrations).

That fee will include the registration itself, the program for the social agenda (except the optional tours and the proceedings (format still to be decided – paper and/or digital, but in anyway indexed).

Sponsors are welcome.

## **7. Activities plan**

The preliminary calendar was confirmed and is as follow:

- . April 2015: call for papers
- . October 2015: submission of draft abstracts
- . November 2015 : submission of final abstracts
- . February 2016: submission of final papers
- . March 2016: presentation of final papers
- . 16-19 June 2016: conference

Obs.: in this context, participants on the EAAE/ARCC Council Meeting (Lisbon, Oct. 2014), must express their individual remarks about each of the questions/points of this minute until the 18/2/15 (important the definition of the title and sub-title of the conference)