

Council meeting 30.08.2017 Bordeaux

Present: Karl Otto Ellefsen (President), Adalberto Del Bo (Vice President), Hugo Dworzak, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Dalibor Hlaváček, Martin Chénot, Sally Stewart, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Nur Çağlar, Inge Lens (secretary), Emma Boelen (secretary/webmaster), Johan De Walsche (Education Academy),

Excused: Susanne Komossa, Gunnar Parelus, Ivan Cabrera i Fausto, Oya Atalay Franck

Agenda

Short address by the president (Karl Otto Ellefsen)

The president welcomes the Council in Bordeaux, congratulates the crew in Bordeaux, headed by Martin Chénot, with their organization, and provides an overview of the agenda.
The agenda is accepted.

Status Education academy (by Johan De Walsche)

Johan De Walsche presents an overview of the EA's work plan, that will also be presented to the GA. The EA is working on a charter on architectural education which is planned to be finished and ready for approval in 2018.

Comments:

- The council stresses that it is important to create enthusiasm for the EA at the GA, to focus on the content and the outcome of the workshops, rather than on the practicalities (e.g., where the forthcoming workshops are organized).
- It is stressed that the new website is an important tool for the Academies to show their activities. Perhaps it is necessary to add an additional menu item, next to the academies, summarizing all projects. People may not know that a project is initiated by one particular Academy when they search for it, or projects might be related to both academies.

Status research academy

Due to the very sad passing of Academy leader Johan Verbeke, the question arises how the RA will evolve/be organized in the (near) future. Karl Otto Ellefsen will use the opportunity of the Bordeaux conference to discuss this with the new president.

Comments:

- There is quite a bit of overlap in the people involved in both academies.
- Conservation network could perhaps be integrated in the RA > needs more visibility on the website.

- Probably we should not see the Academies as boxes that everything should be divided into. The Conservation Network could be looked upon separately, put into a box called “Networks” and be divided into separate projects.

The new EAAE web (by Dalibor Hlaváček)

The new web has been launched successfully. This is a major improvement for the EAAE and will be presented at the GA, as the success of the site to become a ‘hub’ for architectural education depends on the involvement of the member schools and Council.

Karl Otto Ellefsen thanks Dalibor Hlaváček for his efforts and stresses that it is important that the new council understands that we have to use the potential that the new web creates, similar like the potentials of the Academies. It is important that this message is also communicated to the GA.

Dalibor Hlaváček presents an overview of the work on the new web that has been done, stressing the changes that are most important to the membership.

Comments:

- The minor changes to the logo will not be discussed during the GA, as they merely reflect an ‘update’ of the logo, rather than a real change.
- Now the web is ‘live’, ideas for improvements or new elements are coming up. It is important that we continue to do efforts to gather these ideas and comments. This may require a certain amount of money on an annual basis.
- It is important to prioritize: school profiles and pages of the academies should get most attention first. At the GA: show the changes and stress that these elements need our efforts most at this moment.
- Open up for comments on the new web after the presentation at the GA.

Status Bordeaux conference (by Martin Chénot)

Martin Chénot goes through the program of the conference and some last practical arrangements are made.

Around 170 people are attending. The budget is higher than for the previous conferences, but the balance is ok. A small part of the budget will be reserved for a publication after the GA.

Status General Assembly (by Karl Otto Ellefsen)

The agenda is presented.

Inge Lens, Emma Boelen and Sally Stewart will attend to the registrations in the morning.

The president’s report to the GA is already on the EAAE web-page. Karl Otto Ellefsen briefly highlights the most important sections of the report he will present. As part of this speech, he will talk about the conflict. He aims to look at the conflict from a distance, giving the former council the credit they deserve for their strategic thinking about the organization. In addition to the conflict, he will summarize some of the main achievements of the current Council and describe future challenges for the EAAE.

Preparations for the elections (by Sally Stewart)

Sally Stewart summarizes the situation; 4 council members are to be replaced (Adalberto del Bo, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Johan Verbeke and Martin Chénot), including the election of a new president and the appointment of a new vice-president and a treasurer.

Procedure:

- All candidates will present themselves briefly during the GA, before the elections.
- First the new president will be elected, followed by the election of (max.) 3 council members. We received 1 candidacy for president, and 6 candidacies for council members.
- Out of all elected council members, the vice-president and the treasurer we will be appointed by the Council.
- If Koenraad Van Cleempoel is not re-elected, he will be appointed as a project leader, heading the secretariat. This will be communicated by the head of the election committee at the GA.

Status for the Erasmus+ projects

Dissemination of the “Wicked Problems” project is important at the conference. This will be done by Ivan Cabrera, who took over the role of project coordinator from Karl Otto Ellefsen.

Also the e-FIADE project will be presented during the conference. The project coordinator and the project partners will be present at the conference. They will use the opportunity to work on the project in Bordeaux (appointments are made with people attending the conference and GA).

Nur Çağlar briefly presents a possible new project about materiality, which could be linked to the education academy → it requires future discussion how the EAAE will cope with the growing number of projects that are being initiated.

Status membership and economy (by Koenraad Van Cleempoel)

Koenraad Van Cleempoel shows his presentation for the GA, displaying the balance of 2016 and the financial situation in 2017 (up to August 22nd), the current membership (118 members) and the new membership applications.

Main conclusion: if the organization continues to “travel light”, the organization can be run in an effective way for 100.000 euro per year.

Meetings with Velux, ACSA and ARCC

A dinner is organized tonight (30.08) with all present representatives from Velux, ACSA and ARCC. The EAAE has been contacted by Velux regarding possibilities for sponsorship. One proposal could be a biannual competition on the best PhD in architecture.

Status for the European medal competition

The European medal competition will be organized for the 3rd time. Representatives from Ion Mincu University will be at the conference to arrange some practicalities, given the illness of Emil Popescu.

Status ACE/EAAE work-party

Hugo Dworzak has been in good contact with Dubravko Bacic, representative from ACE. They plan to meet twice a year and will start working on a paper that benefits both the EAAE and ACE.

A meeting in the ACE/EAAE work-party will be arranged in Autumn to make arrangements on how to proceed with the relationship. It is suggested that Hugo Dworzak and Karl Otto Ellefsen will attend this meeting. The future representation of the EAAE in the work-party is a discussion for the next President and Council

The meeting is ended by President Karl Otto Ellefsen thanking the Council for their work during the past period of presidency. Particular thanks is expressed to the Council members leaving the Council after the upcoming GA.