

Minutes Council meeting Bordeaux 10.11.2016

Present: Karl Otto Ellefsen (President), Emma Boelen (secretary), François Brouat, Martin Chénot, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Hugo Dworzak, Dalibor Hlaváček (present through skype), Susanne Komossa, Gunnar Parelius, Sally Stewart (present through skype), Johan Verbeke

Excused: Adalberto del Bo, Nur Çağlar, Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Inge Lens (secretary)

Agenda

President Karl Otto Ellefsen welcomes the new Council members Hugo Dworzak and Martin Chénot. Martin is happy to welcome the Council in Bordeaux.

Due to an unexpected delay Koenraad Van Cleempoel will not be attending the Council meeting. The agenda will be adapted.

1. Minutes from Delft GA and Council meeting

The minutes are approved by the Council.

2. Learning from Delft

What can we learn from Delft specifically?

In short, the EAAE spent approximately €8000. Even taking unexpected expenses into account, the foreseen budget was not exceeded.

The conference website cost €4000. It proved to be easy to redesign the template of the website. It is suggested that it is important to spend money on a good quality website.

What can we learn from Delft generally?

Mailing list

The mailing list was based on the list from Milano and the list from EAAE and a new Delft list. During the event it became obvious that there is a need for a double listing: one updated document listing the official representatives of the schools, and one historical list containing all EAAE contacts.

Action: The final list from Delft will be made operational for the EAAE and sent to the Secretariat.

Schedule and program

- Decision on the schedule and the main program should be taken earlier during the process. Not the least the keynotes have to be booked early. It is important to be able to start the promotion of the 2017 conference in Bordeaux in January 2017.
- The balance between conference and networking was good. Unofficial networking time and breaks could be longer. Lunches around a square (as in Chania) could be an option for the unofficial networking. In Delft the evening meetings were positively evaluated.

Comments:

- 'Learning from Bordeaux' could be a separate topic for the program at the GA.
- Important to further develop the social part of the GA.
- The experience in Delft learns that it is important to discuss the context of the conference with the keynote speakers beforehand.
- The Council advises that the conference takes place in the city center of Bordeaux.
- Extend the number of days? E.g., excursion with unofficial networking on 3rd day.

Action: Manuel Couceiro da Costa summarizes the lessons from the EAAE/ARCC conference in Lisbon and mails it to the Council.

3. New membership

Due to unforeseen circumstances both Treasurer Koenraad Van Cleempoel and Secretary Inge LENS were not able to join the council meeting. The discussion of new membership was therefore exposed.

4. Report from meeting with SCHOSA

SCHOSA is the organization for the heads of British, Welsh, Scottish, and Northern Irish schools of Architecture. In total, SCHOSA has a membership of approximately 50 schools. The EAAE membership of these schools has been limited in the past. SCHOSA and the EAAE have expressed an intention to work together more closely in the future. EAAE president Karl Otto Ellefsen was invited to the SCHOSA meeting in Cardiff in the spring of 2015 and to a meeting in La Tourette in October this year. Both the head of SCHOSA, Don Gray, and the Secretary, Richard Patterson, took part in the EAAE Delft Conference.

Additional remarks by president Karl Otto Ellefsen:

- It is important for the EAAE to involve the SCHOSA schools in our discussions on European Architectural Education and Research. The British Isles are an important part of Europe: economically, socially, culturally and in terms of academic traditions.
- In Brexit-times, the EAAE might become an important bridge between UK schools and European Schools.
- SCHOSA is not a unique organization in Europe. The French schools are organized as a body, the same is the case for Nordic and Baltic schools (NAA – Nordic Academy) and we find similar organizations in many European countries (Spain, Italy, Portugal, Turkey) and even embryos for organizations in territories/regions like South East Europe.

Different alternatives regarding EAAE membership and collaboration have been discussed at the meeting in La Tourette:

- SCHOSA might organize a collective associated membership for the member schools. In a mail to the EAAE, a preliminary proposal from SCHOSA was to pay €150 per school a year (50 schools). At this moment, however, it is not entirely clear what an associated membership means in terms of rights and influence. It is important that the EAAE further clarifies this.
- Alternatively, SCHOSA presented a proposal in which SCHOSA and the EAAE are treated as similar organizations, covering different territories, and cooperating even with representatives in the two boards.

Comments:

- The EAAE is eager to develop relationships with schools in regions/countries where the membership is rather weak at the moment, e.g. UK, Germany, Austria or Russia. Therefore the Council is pleased that a closer collaboration with SCHOSA is sought.
- The term of associated membership is at the moment somewhat confusing and reserved for schools and institutions not outside the EU, but outside the European continent. Clarification is indeed needed.
- Technically all schools in the UK are members of SCHOSA and SCHOSA serves as a portal for those schools. It would be positive to formally connect both organizations. An additional proposal could be that SCHOSA becomes an associated member, but that the UK schools are offered individual memberships.

Conclusion:

The discussions with SCHOSA should be continued. So far, EAAE will offer SCHOSA cooperation and associated membership. This is rather an offer to formalize exchange of information than a question of payment for services. The EAAE will continue to motivate individual UK schools to become full EAAE members.

Action:

The EAAE will report back to SCHOSA after the Council meeting.

5. “European Medal” and the Mies Award for “Young Talent”

EAAE/ACE/ION MINCU will award the European Medal and three other awards to the best European Diploma in late November. So far we know that the amount of projects submitted has doubled since last year, and that the number of European countries participating is close to 30.

The Young Talent Award – administrated by the Mies Foundation in Barcelona - has the same scope as the European medal and was awarded for the first time this autumn in Venice. The Young Talent award is awarded every second year. So far, the European Medal is awarded every year.

EAAE and ACE have discussed the future of the prizes with Anna Ramos, who is heading the Mies Foundation. The future of the prizes and a possible cooperation has also at different occasions been discussed with EU Culture. All parties are interested in finding a mutual agreement.

Decisions:

- The EAAE will take the initiative to arrange the European Medal competition also in 2017. The Council believes that ACE and Ion Mincu University will support this initiative.
- Our intention is to get a formal cooperation – marketing all parties – already from 2017.
- The agreement should be developed and signed before the competition in 2018.

6. Report from the Education Academy (by Sally Stewart on Skype)

Sally Stewart reports that the current main activity of the EAAE Education Academy is the 2nd workshop ‘The profession of the architect, and the role of the school in relation to this profession’, to be held in Porto on November 25th -26th. There are 15 confirmations so far, more are expected to follow.

Questions related to the meeting of the Academies in Bordeaux 2017: What kind of space does the EA need in Bordeaux and how much time is needed for a workshop? The workshop in Delft was successful. New people were involved easily. Doing something active seemed to appeal to people.

Actions: Analogous to the EAAE research charter, the EA intends to develop a charter on education and to present this proposal to the Council. 8 trigger abstracts and a position paper are expected as outcome of the workshop in Porto. A draft of the position paper will be presented to the Council.

7. Report from Research Academy (by Johan Verbeke)

The RA had a meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Presentations of different PhD programs were given. The questionnaire was discussed as well - there is a need for a substantial update of the formulations.

Comments:

- RA should develop a position paper on PhD education that might be further developed and voted upon as an EAAE policy paper.
- The question is raised whether the RA should be split into subgroups with clear missions.
- Suggestion to do RA and EA before the start of the conference on the first day. Council meeting before lunch and RA - EA after lunch. More than two hours are needed for RA. Possibly the group could be split in smaller subgroups that will be actively involved.
- A new attempt to discuss the EAAE and RFA policies with Arena should be made.

Actions:

- Johan Verbeke updates the questionnaire. The secretariat will send it out.
- A charter/policy paper on PhD education will be made with many policy papers 'underneath'. The Council asks RA to create a position paper and the Council develops the charter/policy paper. These documents will be presented and discussed in Bordeaux.

8. Relationship to Arena

Arena is developing many activities. The positive atmosphere at the meetings in Delft and Ljubljana suggests that it may be the right time for a formal meeting or. A clear signal from EAAE is expected and future negotiation is recommended.

Actions: A meeting should be arranged as soon as possible. Johan Verbeke will make the contact.

9. Bordeaux 2017

François Brouat, président of French collège des directeurs and the 'GA Bordeaux organization team' joins the meeting.

Conference title: "Learning with the world"

Comments: The Council agrees that this is a good headline. We are not talking as EU, but we are talking as institutes in Europe that teach. It creates interesting opportunities to invite/engage people from the rest of the world.

Actions:

- By next week decisions have to be made on:

Headline: Learning with the world

Subtitles:

Dates: 30th of August - 2nd of September

GA: 1st of September

Location: center of Bordeaux and 1 day at the university

Decisions:

- Former presidents will be invited. The EAAE will pay their hotel and they are free to enter the Conference.
- The EAAE will invite partners and possibly future partners from all over the world.

10. Questions related to the French Schools rejoining EAAE

A year ago a collective decision was made by the French schools to rejoin EAAE. Martin Chénot has accepted the invitation to be the link between the EAAE and the French collective.

The French organization is a free network of 20 schools of architecture. Architectural education in France has developed from fine arts education and is still operated under the Ministry of Culture. Current governmental activities are reforming the statutes of the schools. Evaluation systems are organized on a national level.

11. Presentation and discussion of the web-project (by Dalibor Hlaváček on skype)

After the Delft meeting, communication with the web design company started. A period of testing with the secretariat and Ivan Cabrera as the former webmaster has started.

Actions:

- The next meeting on the web will be in Prague. (Dalibor, Emma and Inge)
- Issues about the design will be collected in a google drive document. A design for a new logo will be created. The Council decides on the use of the new logo.

12. Distribution of tasks and responsibilities in the Council

Martin Chénot has the responsibility for the GA in Bordeaux. Reference group for Bordeaux:

- President Karl Otto Ellefsen
- Hugo Dworzak
- Susanne Komossa
- Inge Lens (and/or Emma Boelen)

13. Work-plan November 2016 to September 2017

Next Council Meeting: Oslo: 9th- 10th February 2017

Provisionally program:

- Thursday midday: Council meeting part I
- Thursday night: Official Dinner
- Friday morning: Council meeting part II
- Friday evening: end

Council meeting in Rome: 6th of May 2017

15. Work-Shop – short introduction

What policy papers do the EAAE need?

- Charter on Research (existing)
- Charter on Education – coming out of the EA work on position-papers and policy-paper.
- Charter on PhD-education – coming out of the RA work on positions papers and policy-paper.
- Policy paper on profession/education – signed by ACE and EAAE.

After the Council meeting Karl Otto Ellefsen has summed up the discussion on the Bordeaux meeting so far. The proposal will be discussed by the committee in Bordeaux.

Timing:

- Wednesday 30th of August
 - Council meeting in the morning.
 - After lunch: Excursion and lecture: Urban Regeneration of the City.
 - Evening: Opening of the conference and first keynote.
- Thursday 31th of August: Conference.
 - EAAE jubilee and jubilee dinner. 40 years of EAAE
- Friday 1st of September: GA
 - Seminars EA (with reporting from the Wicked project) and RA.
 - Dinner
- Saturday 2nd of September.
 - Seminar on urban heritage and regeneration policies.

Theme: LEARNING WITH THE WORLD

Economy and Practicalities:

- Martin Chénot makes contact with Koenraad Van Cleempoel and the EAAE secretariat arrange the practicalities.

EAAE reference group:

Susanne Komossa, Hugo Dvorzak, Inge Lens, Karl Otto Ellefsen

Invitations:

- Former presidents of the EAAE are formally invited to the Conference.
 - The EAAE will pay their hotel from the 30th to the 2nd, including the meals during the conference. They are free to register free of charge to the conferences. EAAE will not pay for the travel.
- Invitations will be sent to American counterparts (Both ACSA and ARCC), South American counterparts, Chinese counterparts and Australian counterparts.
 - They will have free access to the conference and meals/dinners, but have to pay travel and hotel themselves.