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Council: Karl Otto Ellefsen (President), Adalberto Del Bo (Vice President), Koenraad Van Cleempoel (Treasurer), Ivan Cabrera i Fausto, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Vasilias Trova, Susanne Komossa, Zdenek Zavrel, Herbert Bühler, Inge Lens (secretary).

Invited: Johan De Walsche, Sally Stewart, Oya Atalay Franck, Débora Domingo, Stefano Musso, Gunnar Parelius, Hilde Heynen, Johan Verbeke

19 June - Council meeting

1. The president welcomes the council and introduces the agenda for the entire meeting. The agenda is approved.

## 2. Evaluation of EAAE **work plan**

The president explains that the EAAE is in need of a simple structure (academy structure) such that members clearly see what the organization stands for. To this 'structure' we can attach projects, networks and strategic initiatives. The work plan as it was added to the agenda prior to the meeting is not complete. Issues such as policy or communication are overlapping and should be better specified.

Suggested to work with a structure of 4 overlapping fields. Each field will be handled by a responsible person in the EAAE Council:

- Policy and advocacy
- EAAE academy - education
- EAAE academy - research
- Communication and web

All activities will be categorized into these fields and will be labeled. There will be appointed leaders for all activities and given clear mandates and responsibilities:

1. Projects
2. Events
3. Networks
4. Strategic initiatives

### 3. Status of election strategy

Zdenek Zavrel is head of the Election Committee and made an overview: Three current council members should continue in the next council according to the new statutes of the organization (accepted at the GA I Chania September 2014):

- The current EAAE president is automatically a member of the new council (2015 – 2018)
- Adalberto del Bo was elected as vice-president in Chania according to the new Statutes (2014 – 2017)
- Koenraad Van Cleempoel (treasurer) will continue due to the location of the secretariat in Hasselt and to the formal claim in the Statutes that one member of the Council should be Belgian.
- Maximum number of council members: president, vice-president and 9 members.
- President Karl Otto Ellefsen has clarified that he is not a candidate for president in the 2015 -2018 period, and will not stand for re-election.
- Both vice-president and treasurer express their esteem for the good work of the current president and ask him to reconsider the option to continue – albeit for one year – his presidency.

Three of the Council members were elected in 2014 and are formally members until 2016 (Susanne Komossa, Lucyna Nyka and Vasilija Trova). The other members were elected in 2013 and are members until 2015.

- All present members of the council (except for KO, ADB & KVC) will step back at the GA. Not present members will be asked to joint this step. Those who will continue could be candidates for re-election. This means that up to 8 persons should be elected to the Council in Milano.
- New President of the EAAE will be elected in Milano.
- The Council has experienced that a Council of 11 members does function very well. What is needed is a leading working group (has consisted of president, vice-president and treasurer) and defined task and responsibilities for the different members.
- The member-schools in France, GB and Germany were very passive since 2013. The need to re-activate this schools within EAAE has to be considered in the process towards the elections.

Zdenek Zavrel and the Election Committee will publish information on the elections on the EAAE website. The EAAE opens up for candidates to the Council and ask them send a short CV and an argumentation for their candidacy. The conditions will be presented on the website [www.eaae.be](http://www.eaae.be).

#### 4. Status of **Milano Conference** preparations

Suggestions for additions or changes to the agenda:

- The roundtable about the directive needs to be more focused and related to the need for a possible outcome/status/EAAE position paper.
- Erasmus + dissemination should be extended in time and the roundtable shortened down.  
There was a series of suggestions for speakers, especially representatives of schools that may talk about their way of reacting to a changing Europe.

Practicalities and other comments:

- So far 65 questionnaires have been returned, which is a very good result. The council members will use their network to gather more answers.
- Registration seems to be difficult. Action will be taken (e.g. sending a pdf with a traditional registration form that can be printed, completed by hand and returned by mail to Milan, or mailing with instructions)
- In Milano the EAAE also needs to present a perspective for future conferences. So far there is launched two alternatives for the 2016 EAAE Conference/GA:
  - Turkey (Izmir)
  - Rotterdam (Biennale)

The site will be decided upon at the GA in Milano.

#### 5. ARCC/EAAE Global Conference on Architectural Research

Decisions and practicalities:

- Conference from 15-18 June 2016.
- New website and new logo for the Conference are launched
- Fees: PhD students and faculty members from EAAE member schools will get a discount
- Following its decision during Valencia Council Meeting (see minutes) to help the conference through EAAE funds, it is decided that the

correspondent amount is € 20.000. This amount will be included in EAAE Budget for 2016, to be approved by the GA in Milano.

-EAAE members in the Scientific Committee are Karl Otto Ellefsen and Koenraad Van Cleempoel. The EAAE will ask ARENA also to appoint a representative in this Committee. There is need for some 'strong and well know names' in the scientific committee.

- Adalberto del Bo represents EAAE in the Organization Committee.

19 June afternoon: meeting with project leaders
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The president welcomes the project leaders and invited guests and explains the current situation. The council was elected two years ago and tried to prepare the ground for something new. A new council will be elected in August.

A number of **challenges for the** EAAE are discussed

- Zdenek Zavrel explains the decisions for upcoming elections: The council members who are present at the Antwerp meeting have decided to take a step back. The president announces that he prefers not to run for presidency again. It is stressed that the elections should be the result of an open, democratic process.
- So far most council members did not have clear roles within the organization. The work plan aims to change this. An implication could be that the role of the president will be a little different and with a specific responsibility on policies and advocacy. The new council should have a responsible for Research, Education, Communication.
- How to develop a bigger, more powerful administration?
- Role of project leaders will be more important in the coming years than it was in the past.

Comments to this overview:

- Stefano Musso sees a potential problem in completely renewing the council (continuity is important). He also stresses that the council should not be too small (representation).
- Susanne Komossa argues it is important to not only stress continuity, but also change.
- Johan Verbeke makes two suggestions based on his own experiences from ECAAD:
  - Past, current and future president could work together in the council (cfr. Elia).
  - Representative board (larger, representative group) + executive board (limited selection of people who make decisions on the policy).
- Gunnar Parelius stresses that it might be possible to find a good president outside the (current) council.

Status of the **Milano conference** (presented by Adalberto del Bo)

- Adalberto del Bo explains that he received sufficient answers to the questionnaire to publish them. Nevertheless, he invites all to motivate contacts to still send in their answers to the questionnaire.
- The panel discussions in parallel sessions (end of August 28<sup>th</sup>) are discussed: Perhaps need to be more focused (especially 2 and 3).
- August 30: roundtable on the directive. So far it hasn't been easy to find good speakers. Perhaps this roundtable needs to be reframed: Related to the title of the conference (architectural education 2030) and shorter (1h)?
- It is suggested that the General Assembly should be in the morning of August 30<sup>th</sup> instead of the afternoon to better fit in everyone's schedule.
- Council meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 or 10h.

### **EAAE/ARCC conference 2016 (presentation by Manuel Couceiro da Costa)**

Manuel Couceiro da Costa presents the conference website, logo and the status of the preparations. The conference's subthemes will be:

- 1) ways of life – new standards
- 2) in transit – the global migration
- 3) renaturalization of the city
- 4) emerging fields of architectural practice
- 5) research on architectural education

Koenraad Van Cleempoel notices that there are still some grammatical and spelling errors in the text – these will be corrected.

Manuel Couceiro da Costa and Adalberto del Bo represent the EAAE in the Organizing Committee of the conference

### **Short term work plan for the EAAE**

The president explains that a work plan (short and long term) will be presented at the GA in Milano. This work plan will explain the 'new' role and structure of the EAAE.

- Policy / advocacy → President (position in new council)
- EAAE Academy education → One person in charge (position in new council)
- EAAE Academy research → One person in charge (position in new council)
- Communication & web: used to see this as a means, now we consider it as part of the mission of the EAAE. → One person in charge (position in new council)

Comments to the new structure:

Current activities fit in these categories.

- Milano conference → communication.
- Erasmus+ → education

Important that people know where they are in this system. Categorization is needed.

- Strategic initiatives (e.g. ACE/EAAE working group)
- Thematic networks (e.g. heritage, Stefano)
- Projects (e.g. Erasmus +)
- Events (e.g. Milano, ARCC)

Everyone present agrees that communication is important. Ivan Cabrera I Fausto adds that job positions, conferences and contests generate most traffic on facebook. Stefano Musso adds that the EAAE guide is a powerful tool. Unfortunately it is not sufficiently updated.

20 June council and project leader meeting
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The first part of the meeting is reserved for presentations by project leaders.

Skype meeting with **Maria Voyatzaki** and **Constantin Spiridonidis**

Maria Voyatzaki and Constantin Spiridonidis present a number of projects they have initiated under the ENSHA umbrella and that should be brought further:

- *Archidoc*. Review on doctoral education. Will be continued by ENHSA
- *Observatory*: database with keywords, email addresses for doctoral students (→network, find 'common ground'). So far between 200 and 300 entries. Probably continued by Thessaloniki doctoral students. To be discussed.
- *Mapping of doctoral education in Europe*. Will be discussed as a possible project attached to the EAAE.
- *Mapping of master education in Europe*. Platform to help bachelor students to find a destination master (based mainly on the information schools provide about their masters). Will be discussed in relation to the further development of the EAAE guide.

Presentation by **Johan De Walsche**

Johan De Walsche was a former project leader involved in the research committee, yet he is also dedicated to education. With his presentation he wants to bring some elements in the discussion:

- Important that cross-connection between education, research and practice remains in the focus.
- Important to have an internal debate before going external with our discourse. Reaction to directive (for instance) should be underpinned by a rigorous discussion. If the EAAE does not do it, who will?
- Educational and pedagogical value of radical pedagogies needs to be researched.
- Lack on theory building on what is happening in the studio.
- What does it mean to be (educated as) an architect?
- How does research support/substantiates education? When and how does education benefit from being situated in a research context?
- What kind of research benefits from being conducted in an educational environment?

EAAE Academy – education

Mission/tasks:

- mapping architectural education in Europe and globally
- initiating and discussing research an—on architectural education
- structure, approaches and curriculum in basic architectural education - the development of knowledge and architectural insight through education
- accreditations

Suggestions for parallel sessions in Milano:

- Research on architectural education
- Pedagogy (deep-learning)
- Adaptations (to new situations)

Presentation **Débora Domingo** and **Hilde Heynen**

Mapping architectural periodicals in Europe. Project has started in the past. Hilde Heynen is happy to be able to take up this project again together with Débora Domingo. A lot of the old members of the committee have already reported that they are interested to start up again or search for follow-up to work on this.

Context: We lack a clear list/understanding of periodicals within the field of Architecture. The mapping project is important for the recognition of researchers' work (by the own institution) and as a service to researchers who are trying to find out where to publish.

Aim:

- Create something visible for schools/researchers within two years.
- Mapping, not evaluating.
- Provide solution to keep database updated and to create visibility (easily exportable data, infographics,...). Perhaps also to provide a complete report every two years (on the EAAE website).

Project needs technical approach, EAAE 'management' of project (validation, contacting schools to fill out questionnaires, uploading to database). Héctor Castillo is working on this already.

Comments:

- Koenraad Van Cleempoel sees this project as a real service to EAAE members and suggests that we might spend some budget on the project. Ideally some of this could be shown in Milano.
- Oya Atalay Franck wonders whether there will be connections to existing indexes. Hilde explains that the mapping in this project is more inclusive and open. As a consequence, this project may also be used as an instrument for recognition for local journals in local languages that have difficulties to become visible on the international level.

Presentation by **Susanne Komossa** and **Gunnar Parelus**

- Susanne Komossa and Gunnar Parelus are working on preparing the agenda for the EAAE work on architectural research.
- We will at the moment focus on content and not on establishing permanent structures.
- The specific role of the EAAE in AR has to be defined in relation to other organization and actors.
- The EAAE has to focus on a certain set of tasks/activities to initiate work in this field..

20 June short council meeting
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6. The following new memberships are considered and approved by the Council. Final formal approval will be given by the GA in Milano

- University of Ferrara, Department of Architecture
- Dipartimento di Architettura, Palermo (Italy)
- University of Trieste – Department of Engineering and Architecture – Headquarters in Gorizia
- Department of civil, environmental and architecture, univ of Cagliari (Italy)
- Università IUAV di Venezia – dipartimento di culture del progetto
- SoAB - School of Architecture Bremen
- University of Split, faculty of civil architecture, engineering and geodesy (Croatia)
- ISCTE-IUL Lisbon (Escola de Tecnologias e Arquitectura)
- Technical University of Kosice, Slovakia
- Ozyegin Univ., faculty of Architecture and design, Istanbul

7. Zdenek Zavrel announces that the French school leaders announced (Martin Chenot) that, if they decide to be active in the EAAE again, they will do so collectively. A meeting in Paris will be arranged in short term.



20 June afternoon: small group workshops.

During one hour the group split in three sub-groups for discussions on education, research and communication. Each group then presented their most important findings to the group:

### **Education group**

3 general topics for research on architectural education, may help to form initiatives or projects

- Role of the architect, professional identity, competences, ability/skill
- Traditions and institutional environments of schools of architectures. What are traditions of schools, are they sticking to it or not, how are they changing (if they are changing)?
- Pedagogies, didactics, methods. What do we understand under the education of an architect?

These general topics aim to use what is already existing, e.g. Milano or Lisbon conference (keynote speakers could perhaps provide input on thesis topics)

These points do not exclude what has been done or what is being done right now. They are a way of categorizing important themes.

Perhaps use the opportunity of Milano to quickly get information and do some mapping there. Try to bring in a bottom up approach in Milano.

### **Communication group:** website, communication and membership services

Membership services which are provided through the website:

- intranet
- EAAE guide: only member schools in the guide
- chance to promote events, calls,...
- download full publications (summary and index to non-members)
- reduction in prices when subscribing to events

One administrative user who is the official EAAE contact. Each school can have other users as well (teachers, students,...) → can apply by using their corporate address.

### **Newsletter**

- Published every two months
- Including minutes of past council meeting
- 6 to 7 other items
- Everybody able to subscribe

What to do with very urgent information (short deadlines, job vacancies,...)? FB and twitter have the advantage of immediacy → educate member schools to use the social media.

Proposal: distribute a letter to current and (in second stage) previous members:

- tell about the new ways of communication
- tell about the benefits of being a member
- suggesting to put logo EAAE + link to website on their school's website
- look up pass word + invite people to update EAAE guide
- template letter to distribute in their school
- remind schools of student prize (= other benefit of EAAE)

Comments:

- many schools move towards an open access policy on publications. Feels strange having to access EAAE publications with password
- many people do not have facebook or twitter. Other platforms (linkedin, academia)?
- Milano programme in next newsletter.

### **Research group**

- Mapping architectural research in Europe
- Mapping doctoral education
- Advocacy of architectural research

Work-shops 2015/2016 on the status of AR in Europe → establish roadmap. Try to formulate a program with suggestions for a network.