

Council meeting Valencia (13-14.03.15)

**Present:** Karl Otto Ellefsen (President), Adalberto Del Bo (Vice President), Koenraad Van Cleempoel (Treasurer), Ivan Cabrera i Fausto, Nur Çağlar, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Vasilica Trova, Susanne Komossa, Lucyna Nyka, Zdenek Zavrel, Herbert Bühler, Inge Lens (secretary).

Agenda

## 1) Report from activities late 2014 and 2015

### - Report Lisbon meeting

The minutes from the Lisbon meeting have not yet been distributed as a part still needs to be added. It is agreed that the minutes can be published without this part.

### - Report Oslo meeting

In January, Karl Otto, Adalberto and Koenraad met in Oslo to discuss the future strategy of the EAAE and the Milano conference. The minutes from this meeting have been mailed to all council members.

### - Meeting with ARENA

There has been a meeting with representatives of Arena.

Karl Otto reads short note that resulted from this latter meeting: EAAE and Arena mutually recognize that their interests partly overlap. Both organizations will have internal discussions and plan to update each other on a follow-up meeting in June 2015.

The short minutes from the meeting between Arena and EAAE will be put on the EAAE website.

### - Meeting with ENHSA

ENHSA finalizes its EU-financed work at the end of March (Report Chania). There have been Skype-meetings with the ENHSA coordinators.

The ENHSA coordinators prefer to not pursue a role as EAAE project leaders.

ENHSA will provide information to the EAAE to continue with certain projects (e.g., archidoct).

### - Other activities

Research by design book was sent out by Inge to all member schools.

## 2) Erasmus + reports

The Council is the steering group of the project.

### a. Overall report for the project

The EAAE plans to disseminate information from Erasmus + project in Milano in the morning before the General Assembly.

### b. Report from the three groups

Sustainability workshop: Main assumption is to focus on architectural design, not understand sustainability from a technical perspective.

Heritage group: Had a first meeting in Prague. Group is good on track.

c. EAAE representative in the Erasmus + project (TADPK)

Two groups have an EAAE representative, one group (TADPK) still needs a representative.

Decision: Ivan Cabrera is decided to be member of the TADPK.

### 3) EAAE/ACE working group – report

A new EAAE/ACE working group is established. Representatives from the EAAE are Adalberto, Koenraad and Karl Otto. The latest meeting in the group was on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at the ACE-offices in Brussels. There are two joint projects (Erasmus + and EAAE/ACE student prize). Terms of reference and a position paper are being developed.

### 4) Student competition, EAAE/ACE/Ion Mincu

There are plans to reinstate the student competition this spring with prizes given in November 2015. The entries will be limited to Diploma projects from European Schools of Architecture. The school should do selection. The plan is one main prize for “Best Diploma 2014/2015 (Title: European architectural diploma medal)” and three subordinate thematic prizes given by Ion Mincu, ACE and EAAE.

The Council prefers not to limit applications to member schools only.

### 5) EAAE – future role and ambitions

The presentation at the GA in Milano will deal with what we have done and our plans for the future. A main point is the EAAE role and ambitions.

According to the Council members, the key ambitions of the EAAE can be summarized as follows:

- Platform of involvement, participation
- Platform of (broad) communication (not only heads of schools)
- Platform for dissemination of information
- Distinction between core activities (*mapping of schools, dissemination, annual conference, assessing needs of schools*) and other activities in which the EAAE may (facilitate to) create content

### 6) EAAE networks, strategic initiatives and projects

- The EAAE should be more precise in the definition of its role and tasks. The organization should concentrate itself on questions on architectural education and architectural research.
- The ENHSA networks are no longer working and will not be resettled by ENHSA. The EAAE has to judge which of these networks we should take action to continue.
- Two of the ENSHA initiatives are particularly interesting to continue: The Conservation network (because it works well), and the Archidoc project (because

it is a good and general initiative with a lot of basic material collected already, and because the topic is genuinely an EAAE task)

- EAAE is at the moment not working in a professional manner with Architectural Research. There is a need to organize and formulate scope of work for all the groups.

⇒ **Conclusions of agenda points 5 and 6:**

**EAAE Basic organisation – approaches:**

The activities of the EAAE are divided into

- *Core activities* and
- *Initiating/supporting activities*

Core activities deal with the essential role and mission of the organisation. Initiating activities are events, networks and projects that the EAAE supports and eventually takes part in (permanent or temporarily) because this in accordance with the mission of the organisation and strengthens the core activities.

The EAAE is involved in:

- Networks (example the Conservation Network inherited from EAAE/ENHSA activities)
- Projects (example Erasmus+ projects)
- Strategic Initiatives (example EAAE/ACE working party)
- Events (examples EAAE yearly conference and GA, EAAE/ARCC conference)

**EAAE Core activities and organisation**

EAAE *activities* are based on:

- A secretariat in Hasselt that (today 20%) should be expanded.
- President, Vice president and Treasurer (leader group) each supported by their schools.
- Council Members supported by their schools.
- Activities in member schools

EAAE *economy* is based on:

- Membership fees
- Eventual finance and income from projects
- Activities financed from membership schools

**Core activities** that should be reflected in EAAE organization, mandates and responsibilities are:

## 1. EAAE ACADEMY – EDUCATION

Headed by a Council-member/school responsible for educational questions.

Mission/tasks:

- Mapping architectural education in Europe and Globally
- Initiating and discussing research on architectural education
- Structure, approaches and curriculum in basic architectural education
- The development of knowledge and architectural insight through education
- Accreditation

## 2. EAAE ACADEMY – RESEARCH

Headed by the Council-members/schools responsible for questions concerning research

- Reflections on architectural research (reformed advocacy group)
- Mapping architectural research programs.
- Mapping Doctoral Education (continuation of Archidoct)
- Listing meriting publication channels (continuation of earlier initiative)

## 3. Web, Communication and Membership Services

Headed by a Council member/school responsible for the Web and Communication strategies.

## 4. Other Core activities:

- EAAE yearly Conference
- EAAE/ACE working party
- EAAE/ARCC Research Conference
- International relations

## **Initiating/supporting activities**

Thematic networks (both research and education) 15.03.2015

- Conservation/heritage/adaptive re-use (established network and Erasmus +)

Projects 15.03.2015

- Erasmus + projects
- Student prize

Strategic initiatives 15.03.2015

- Esra project (crossroads workshop series)
- Vasilia project (innovative teaching methods)
- Sustainability (development Erasmus +)
- Urban challenges in Architecture (new)

## 7) EAAE Communication and web

In order to improve communication, Ivan and Hector Castillo have made improvements to the webpage:

- (council) members page updated.
- Website migrated to a new platform (wordpress).
- Links to Facebook, twitter,... as a way to also involve students, professors,... (increase audience)
- Visitor counter will be added
- New private area for the members
- Changes in the administrative area are planned

Budget for all these changes: 2904€ (vat included), which is about half of the budget that was approved in Chania.

Action: An EAAE web-group is established to support Ivan. The group consists of Ivan, Vasilias and Inge.

## 8) The Milano Conference August 2015

The council discusses a draft of the programme which will be finalized and added as soon as possible to the website.

Questions for the EAAE schools:

Each member school will receive a number of questions prior to the conference. All answers should appear on the website by July 1<sup>st</sup>. A book is printed in July.

Questionnaires will be sent out very soon.

Action: Susanne and Adalberto will further discuss the questionnaire.

Budget and fees:

The EAAE will give 20000 euros to help organize the conference (approved by the GA in Chania 2014).

Closing date of conference registration July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Title:

Proposed: Architectural Education 2030. The council agrees that the title should be more dynamic. Suggested: Towards architectural education 2030.

## 9) The Lisbon Conference 2016; EAAE/ARCC Council meeting

The Conference was discussed and preliminary planned at the Lisbon Conference. Manuel presents a schedule for the conference. The conference is about paper presentations, with 3 or 4 keynote lectures.

The Council will give input to theme, organization and budget.

- Title and themes

Title of conference: “Architectural research addressing social challenges”  
The following sub-themes are proposed by the EAAE:

**1. Ways of life – new normal/new standards**

Modernism and the quest for an industrialized welfare-society did establish new normal that were pursued by architecture. We are observing growing inequality also in European cities. We are observing extreme wealth and urban poverty. People find new ways of handling their life. We are looking for studies that show the imprints of these changes on urban architecture.

**2. In transit – the global migration.**

An increasing number of people are on a global quest for work, knowledge, protection, adventure and a better life. The number of migrants worldwide reached 250 million in 2014. World Tourism is booming. We are looking for research on how architecture interferes with and handles this condition. We are also looking for historical studies of situations that might mirror the present condition.

**3. Renaturalization of the City**

The urban areas are conceptualized in new ways. Urban and rural conditions overlap, built up areas merges with landscape and nature. We are looking for research that reconceptualise the urban condition and for research that are looking into transformation processes and possible ideals for future urban development.

**4. Emerging fields of Architectural Practice.**

The challenge of Climate Change sets a revised scientific and political agenda. Economic and socio-cultural changes challenge the role of the architect and architectural practice. There is a need for knowledge as to how the profession answers, eventually redefines or adapts to the new agendas.

**5. Research on Architectural Education**

Education in the discipline of Architecture has evolved mirroring societal challenges and conditions. Architectural Education can also be considered as a multitude of traditions displaying different national flavours. New social challenges address architectural education. We observe an emerging field of research on Architectural Education.

It is agreed that the scientific committee continues to work on the themes.

- Scientific committee

The EAAE President will be part of the scientific committee. One additional committee member is still required.

- Budget

The council recognizes the possibility to attract sponsors through the book that will be published about the conference. The Council also accepts to help the organization of the conference through EAAE funds, with an amount to be decided.

## 10) New Council – new president

The GA in Milano is a moment to show the work we have done and to put the EAAE on a new track. The president underlines that the situation ahead is very challenging and that all members of the Council should consider if they want and have the capacity to go along. The council agrees that new elections for Council members should be organized in Milano.

The president proposes to vote anonymously on three issues.

- 1) Zdenek Zavrel (who will not be a candidate for the upcoming elections) is elected as head of the election committee: 11 (out of 11) agree
- 2) Zdenek Zavrel establishes the committee and may independently decide what this committee should look like (members, number of members,...) : 11 (out of 11) agree
- 3) The election committee is in full control of the process and will come up with a proposal for the new council: 9 (out of 11) agree

## 11) General assembly

3 hours reserved for the GA in the schedule.

Proposal for an agenda.:

- Report from the council: what have we done, what will be done. Formal presentation by the President and formal document published on the website. Draft or final document will be discussed in Antwerp.
- Economy
- EAAE role and strategies → Koenraad
- Priorities, ways of working, projects, initiatives and strategic networks → Susanne
- Election of council members and new president → Zdenek
- Practicalities → Inge

## 12) Work plan March – September 2015 and long term work plan

March – September 2015:

- Publication of basic elements of EAAE objectives, organization and work plan – March 2015
- Publication of agenda for membership/new membership (what does the EAAE offer), May 2015

- Discussions in preliminary working groups (including invited experts) Antwerp June 2015:
  - EAAE Academy Education (Karl Otto)\*
  - EAAE Academy Research (Susanne and Koenraad)\*
  - Web, Communication and Membership Services (Ivan and Inge)\*
  - Milano Conference (Adalberto)\*
  - Election committee (Zdenek)\*
- Proposals for groups, scope of work for the different groups and final work plans (does not include Milano Conference and Election Committee) July 2015 (to be presented on web-site) Core members Council/Core members experts/Open Call.
- Presentation, discussions and elections in Milano late August 2015
- Final establishment of groups and long term work plans September 2015 (first meeting in new Council)

\* The President handles invitations to the Antwerp meeting after proposals from the responsible member(s) from the Council in the different groups.

#### Long term work plan

At the GA in Milano the Council should present:

- A revised version of the role and mission of the EAAE.
- A proposal for a three-year work-plan for the EAAE including long term work-plans for EAAE Academy Education, EAAE Academy Research and Web/Communication.

### **13) Membership and initiatives for new membership**

Inge explains the situation. The database is not complete, yet rather up-to-date for the current members (2013- now).

Payment reminders will be sent out after the Valencia meeting.

### **14) Budget 2015 and 2016**

Koenraad repeats the budget for 2015 (which was agreed upon in Chania):

- Calculated on membership of 120 paying members. 60000.
- Secretariat is highest cost (16000)
- General administrative costs (5000)
- Council meetings (4000)
- Maintenance of website (6000)
- Milano (20000)
- Projects and thematic networks (20000).



The EAAE gained money for the Erasmus + project: may be used on dissemination of info from the projects. Also needs to be spent on EAAE representatives who travel for the project.

Budget for 2016 is difficult to estimate right now, probably use the same categories.

## 15) Specific tasks and discussions so far not included in the agenda

### - Directive

Herbert asks the council to comment on the position of the German chamber of architects (Architektenkammer). He explains that in Germany the 4+2 rule is put forward as the standard.

The president writes a formal statement which is commented upon by the Council members and which will be put on the website.

Statement:

*ATTACKS ON THE QUALITY OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION*

***The EAAE Council at the Valencia meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 approved a statement regarding the EU Directive and the time needed for architectural education within an academic framework. The Directive will be discussed further on the upcoming EAAE-meeting in Milano***

*The EU Directive on Professional Qualifications 2013/55 defines 5 years of academic disciplinary studies as basic for the protected profession of an architect. An exception to this rule can be 4 years academic studies with an additional training in practice.*

*The European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) observes that, in response to the possibilities defined in the directive, different initiatives are launched to reduce the quality of architectural education. An example is the proposal from The German Chamber of Architects to reduce the obligatory academic studies in architecture to four years.*

*The discipline of Architecture is essential for the outcome of the current transformation of the European society. The discipline involves a complicated cultural and social understanding and considerations, and should not be reduced to a limited technical practice.*

*Hence, the EAAE underlines the necessity to defend the minimum of five years of academic studies as a basic qualification for the profession. This will allow European architectural education to continue to meet international standards.*

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*Council*

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## 16) Priorities and three year work-plan

According to the discussion the Council should prepare a three-year work plan for the organization.

The first discussion on this work plan will be launched at the Valencia meeting. The discussion will be concluded and a proposal to be presented for the GA agreed upon in the Antwerp meeting.

## 17) Antwerp meeting

19 – 20 June. Arrival in afternoon/evening on 18<sup>th</sup>. Saturday 20 finished around 16h. Project leaders invited as well.

- Council meeting until lunch Friday
- Experts and project leaders invited from lunch Friday to the end of the meeting on Saturday. Dinner together on Friday night.

Who to invite:

- People that have material to be handed over
- Professionals that are re-invited into the work will be called for
- Needed insider experts like should be invited
- Some "outsider experts" should be invited.
- Proposals are mailed to and final invitations