



Minutes EAAE Council Meeting, Winterthur 8 December 2017

**Present:** Oya Atalay Franck (President), Ilaria Valente (Vice President), Hugo Dworzak, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Dalibor Hlaváček, Sally Stewart, Nur Çağlar, Harriet Harriss. Invited guests: Joao Pedro Xavier (organization EAAE conference), Johan de Walsche (Education Academy)

**Excused:** Koenraad Van Cleempoel, Karl Otto Ellefsen, Inge Lens, Emma Boelen

Agenda 08.12.17

**1. Minutes Athens meeting**

The minutes are approved.

**2. Report from secretariat and treasurer**

The reports from the secretariat and treasurer are postponed to the next meeting.

The new applications for full and associated memberships are approved preliminarily by the Council. The definitive approval will be up to the General Assembly.

Action: The secretariat informs the schools.

**3. Matters arising:**

3.1. EAAE Annual Conference 2018

The **title** for the EAAE Annual Conference in Porto is: Design Studio as a laboratory for interactions between architectural education and society.

The idea is to explore the relationship between design studio courses and "real" tasks, with local contexts and real users, in tune with the 5.4.2 topic "How to create "realistic" studio courses?" of the Erasmus+ Project "Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe".

It is also agreed that the conference theme will be explored in three sessions coordinated by the Education Academy, the Research Academy, and the EAAE-ACE Group, focusing on education, research and practice, respectively. FAUP will be coordinating between the three responsible groups.

The **project group** is: Joao Pedro Xavier, Johan de Walsche (EA), Tadeja Zupancic (RA) and Hugo Dworzak (EAAE-ACE).

The **steering committee** consists of: Koenraad Van Cleempoel (finances), Sally Stewart, Ilaria Valente, Manuel Couceiro da Costa, Oya Atalay Franck.

**Action:** A programme draft should be presented at the next Council Meeting on 8 February 2018.

Students should be involved actively in the sessions. For this, FAUP should contact the European Architecture Students Assembly (EASA).

The Portuguese experience should be given special room in the sessions.



The tentative programme of the conference schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday 29th August
  - Afternoon, guided tours in Porto and its surroundings
  - Late afternoon, opening ceremony and keynote lecture by Álvaro Siza (confirmed)
- Thursday 30th August
  - Morning, Education (co-organized by the Education Academy)
  - Afternoon, Research (co-organized by the Research Academy)
- Friday 31st August
  - Morning, Practice (co-organized by the EAAE-ACE Group)
  - Afternoon, GA
  - Late afternoon, closing lecture (tba)
  - Conference dinner
- Saturday 1st September
  - Morning, workshops, academies, groups, networks...
  - Afternoon, Visit to Casa da Arquitectura
- Sunday 2nd September
  - Lunch at Quinta do Vallado in River Douro Valley

FAUP proposes to reexhibit an exhibition from 2016 Venice Biennale "Neighborhood: where Álvaro meets Aldo".

### 3.2. Reports from the Education and Research Academy

#### *Education Academy:*

With the sequence of workshops in Porto, Amsterdam and Athens, the EAAE Education Academy has completed a first cycle through its three central strategic topics: the changing roles of the architect, roots and traditions of institutions, and pedagogies. This cycle has provided insights into the current conditions of architectural education, the needs and difficulties of the schools, and best practice in education.

In conclusion of the first cycle, a Charter on Architectural Education is being formulated. A provisional structure of the Charter is presented at the Council meeting (attachment).

#### *Research Academy:*

The main focus of the work of research academy is PhD and post-doctoral research. The projects/activities are:

- Periodicals Database Project (ongoing)
- Policy Paper project (2019)
- Women in the architectural academy project (2018)
- ADVOCACY project
- PhD X-RAY project (ongoing)
- WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS project

The goals, projects, roles/responsibilities (coordinators of the projects) and timeline of the activities are defined for the next three years (attachment). This information has to be put on the EAAE website.

Possible Fields of Collaboration between the Academies:

In the future, the activities of the EA will be attuned with the activities of the RA and vice versa.

There are several areas, where the scope of activities and the fields of interest of the Academies overlap. At the council meeting seven examples of potential overlaps/shared interests between the research and the education academy are presented, as ground for future discussion:



(1) Teaching through research (= research-based teaching) responds to a first crucial question: "Which research supports architectural education?" Research through teaching on the other hand responds to the second crucial question: "Which research benefits from being conducted in an educational environment?"

(2) PhD is a matter of research, but, as a third cycle of the Bologna model, it is also a matter of education. Moreover, PhD supervision can be seen as a case of research through teaching.

(3) Role and relevance of a PhD in architecture: what is its relevance for professional practice?

(4) What is the role of architecture schools and research centres in making practice more inquisitive ("academising practice")? How to increase the research-foundation of practice? How to increase knowledge transfer and dissemination that stems from professional practice among practitioners and into academia?

(5) How does research and teaching in architecture schools include/relate to knowledge and insights about architecture outside the discipline?

(6) How can architectural education and the competences, dispositions, knowledge and skills that are developed in architectural education contribute to the developments of other fields? What is the impact of an increased awareness about this on research and teaching?

(7) Separate initiatives regarding research about architectural education exist, but there is a need for increased coordination.

(See attachment)

**Action:** The homepage must be updated with the profiles of the core members of the academies. The EAAE-ACE workgroup should also be represented on the homepage.

### 3.3. New possibilities to generate income

The EAAE has a very lean secretarial structure with only 20% FTE, which secures only a minimum of services and does not allow for the needed management of activities. Peer organizations such as ACSA or ELIA have considerably more resources for these activities, but they also generate more income, for example through membership fees.

Today, EAAE is not able to perform all the activities that are at the core of its program and ambitions and are therefore "must haves" not "nice to haves":

- Monitoring the activities of the EU and its Commissions in order to encourage systematic participation of the members in EU research calls
- Advising and supporting member schools in executing EU-funded projects
- Networking with other educational agencies and professional groups and organizing joint events, such as executive educational programmes, peer-reviewed conferences
- Monitoring political developments, initiatives of the EU Higher Education Commission to take influence on policy decisions and advocating the interests of architectural education and research
- Being a platform and hub for the member schools to organise content-/project-based exchange and/or programs for education and research.

Such necessary activities would give more visibility to the member schools and institutions and strengthen the position of architectural education and research in the European and global context.



Due to a lack of resources, a number of functional problems cannot be addressed:

- Although the new website has been successfully launched, the maintenance of the EAAE website – the speedy compilation and updating of information – is insufficient.
- The publication of a regular newsletter with meaningful content is out of the question at the moment.
- Requests from member schools for help regarding all kind of matters can often not be addressed in time.
- There is hardly capacity to systematically look for sponsors and to develop stable, long-term relations through projects (such a new award for PhDs!).

Sally Steward will share an ACSA paper detailing the services provided by ACSA to its members as an example for us.

Harriet Harriss suggests some alternative financial sources besides increasing membership fees:

- Paypoints for EAAE online database access to full papers/research material (which the research group agreed was not viable).
- Affiliate practices page offering advertising space, project write ups etc. added to the EAAE website
- Global design competitions that require fees to enter commensurate with other fee-based competitions: anticipate different entry fees for members and non-members
- Develop a programme of EAAE "Executive" Education short courses. The EAAE could begin to offer 1-5 day on:
  - aspects of teaching in architecture schools (i.e. designing curriculum, supervising research, architecture research methods etc) in partnership with its member schools.
  - training useful to architects - i.e. 'design research for architects in practice' or 'writing for trade journals'. We have a great relationship with ACE. It seems sensible to advance it.

Oya Atalay is in dialogue with Velux about forms of future cooperation. An initial step could be a partial sponsoring of the Velux for the Annual Conference 2018 in Porto FAUP. The main goal should be, however, to establish to a long-term relationship between EAAE and Velux.

## **4. EAAE Collaborations**

### 4.1. Collaborative Projects (ongoing)

#### *ERASMUS+ Wicked Problems*

Budget and state of publication will be discussed in the next council meeting.

#### *ERASMUS+ Efiade*

Nur Caglar gives a status report of the project (see attachment). The EAAE homepage should also show this project.

#### *European Medals*

The contract for the merger of EAAE European Medals' Award and Mies van der Rohe Foundation Young Talent Architecture Award has been finalized and will be forwardet to the EAAE president for signature.

#### *EAAE-ARCC 2018 Conference, Philadelphia*

Total number of submissions: 232; admitted: 150 papers. The EAAE keynote speaker has yet to be determined and invited. The budget for this is EUR 3000. A list of possible scholars is being assembled.

#### *EAAE-ARCC 2020 Conference*

The conference will be hosted by UPV Valencia. The title and topic of the conference are to be discussed by the Council at the next meeting. Ilaria Valente and Manuel Couceiro are contact persons for Ivan Cabrera, dean of UPV. They will write a basic guideline which sums up the most important steps to consider in the preparation, execution and wrap-up of the conference.



*EAAE-ACE workgroup*

Activities to be reported at the next council meeting.

*EAAE Annual Conference 2019, Zagreb*

The Council meets with a delegation from Zagreb for initial talks regarding the format and finances of the 2019 Conference.

#### 4.2. Future Collaborative Projects

*EAAE-ACSA*

Strengthening the relations: OAF has taken part in the 2017 administrators' meeting of ACSA.

The next meeting point is ACSA's Madrid Conference from 13 to 15 June 2018, where simultaneously a EAAE Council Meeting will be held.

A number of other topics of common interest, for future collaboration:

- Internationalization
- The future of the profession and the resulting educational challenges
- Publication and dissemination of architectural knowledge in the digital age
- Doctoral programmes/degrees - comparability, professional impact of doctorates and employability of doctoral graduates
- Design research (at the core of architectural research) - Its role and presence in academia and professional practice

*EAAE-ELIA:*

Oya Atalay has met with Thomas Meier, President of ELIA, on 20 November 2017 in Zurich.

Possibilities to collaborate/common interests are:

- Higher Education advocacy
- ELIA Working Group on Artistic Research, EAAE Research Academy
- Question of PHD
- Reciprocity principle
- Conferences

Maria Hansen, general secretary of ELIA, will contact Oya Atalay Franck.

*EAAE-UNESCO:*

Must be checked by the Conservation Network; findings to be presented and discussed at one of the next Council meetings.

*EAAE-UIA:*

Ilaria Valente will discuss the history of collaboration with Adalberto Del Bo, former vice president of UIA; findings also to be presented and discussed at one of the next Council meetings.

*EAAE-RIBA:*

This will be a subject of discussion in London, where a meeting between RIBA and the EAAE Council will take place.

*EAAE-CUMULUS:*

Sally Steward suggests that EAAE takes contact with CUMULUS.

#### **5. VARIA:**

**JOHAN VERBEKE Conference**

The event is planned for 20-22 April 2018 in Brussels/Ghent. Host will be KU Leuven. ELIA, ARENA and EAAE will contribute in the preparations and be involved actively in the event.

Inquiries from Member Schools:



- UHasselt's request for a letter of support for the Erasmus+ KA2 CP JOINT project is granted by the Council.
- The research network RAMAU is organizing a conference in Liege. Johan de Walsche is the contact person on behalf of EAAE.
- Région Architecture asked EAAE to join in an Erasmus partnership. The request unfortunately came at too short moment's notice. The Council cannot decide on the information provided; the request has to be declined.
- 2019 ArchED Forum V Conference in Izmir: The organizers asked EAAE to be actively involved. Nur Caglar is appointed as EAAE contact person.

## **6. Website and communication**

The webpage has improved considerably but is still a work in progress. There are at least two main „construction sites“: The further development of its structure, and the addition/updating of content. As mentioned above, resources are limited to handle these tasks.

## **7. Next meetings**

The next council meeting will be hosted by RCA/London, Harriet Harriss, on 9 February 2018. The invitation will follow immediately. The academies will not be reporting at this meeting. The focus of the discussions will be on:

- Finances and acquisition of further members
- Communication and website
- New Erasmus+ projects
- State of affairs regarding the 2018 Annual Conference and General Assembly in Porto
- ACE workgroup; Young Talent Award; EAAE-PhD Award
- RIBA-EAAE meeting

Dates of the next Council meeting:

- **Fr, 9. February 2018, London**
- **Fr, 15. June 2018, Madrid**

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