

Report of the Conservation Network

The 2017 General Assembly in Bordeaux was informed that the 6th Workshop of the Network would be held in A Coruna/Santiago de Compostela in September 2017, and would be hosted by CESUGA, University College. The theme of the Workshop was “Conservation/Consumption” and its focus was on a key issue affecting architectural inheritance of cultural and historical value. The Workshop considered the Camino de Santiago or Way of St. James, one of Europe’s oldest and most important pilgrimage routes, which has been inscribed on the World Heritage List and which today finds itself fulfilling more complex functions. The event took place from x-y September and is reported on below.

These Workshops are bi-annual, and provide an opportunity for discussion of conservation issues, architectural pedagogy and research. The time between workshops is devoted both to dialogue with participants as their papers are prepared for publication, and to discussion on future developments. The Network held an intermediate meeting on 8 June 2018 in Genoa, issuing an invitation to all participants in previous workshops. The purpose of the meeting was to review the experience and outcomes of Workshop 6 and to consider proposals for future activities. This intermediate meeting is summarised below under the headings: workshop participation and outcomes, financial balances, and future actions. It was attended by 12 people from 4 countries.

Workshop 6: participation and outcomes

The 2017 Workshop was attended by 43 participants from schools from 7 countries. The attendance was somewhat lower than the previous average, probably on account of the difficulties of the theme and unfamiliarity with the location (Galicia). Most of the attendees could be regarded as regular participants, with the majority representing Italian schools of architecture. The post-event overall assessment was that discussions were lively, intensive and conducted at a high level.

The administration of the Workshop was excellent. The event incorporated site visits as well as the workshop sessions, and included experience of walking a short section of the Camino Francaise.

The *modus operandi* of the Network is that papers are submitted after the event. To date some 28 papers have been received and reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The overall standard of these submissions is regarded as being higher than in previous Workshops. A further tranche of papers is

expected. The current estimation is that in excess of 30 papers will be suitable for publication. It is a fundamental premise of the Network that all accepted papers will be published as a volume of EAAE Transactions online. Publication in book form is also the norm. The options for this Workshop include that of publishing a selection of papers in book form. It is expected that publication will be in early 2019.

Financial balances

The Workshop made a modest profit: total outgoings amounted to 16,386.73 euro while the income generated was 19,410 euro. This left a surplus of 3,023 euro.

With regard to publication, previous experiences indicated a design and printing cost of about 8,000 euro. Proofreading/copy-editing will cost about 3,000 euro in addition. However, the costs of publishing in book form may be lower this time, given the options for publication shown above. In any event, publication will entail additional expenditure.

Future Actions

The immediate actions of the Network include the editing of papers from Workshop 6 and the preparation of material for publication. This task is scheduled for completion in December 2018 or early 2019. In parallel, the publication options will be explored. The Network will seek financial support from EAAE Council towards the costs of publication as had been discussed in Bordeaux in 2017.

The intermediate meeting also considered proposals for the next Workshop. Among the options discussed was a proposal from the Technical University of Prague. This was well received by the meeting and the proposers were asked to prepare a more detailed and costed proposal. If this proposal is successfully developed, Workshop 7 will take place in September/October 2019.

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