

EAHN 4th Annual Business Meeting
METU Ankara, 13-15 February 2009

Attendees:

Jorge Correia (JC)
Christine Mengin (CM)
Ivan Nevzgodin (IN)
Susan Klaiber (SK)
Maristella Casciato (MC)
Andrew Ballantyne (AB)
Rob Dettingmeijer (RD)
Carmen Popescu (CP)
Nancy Stieber (NS)
Isabel vd Zande (IZ)
Hilde Heynen (HH)
Alona Nitzan Shiftan (ANS)
Karin Theunissen (KT)
Marc Visser (MV)
Belgin Turan Ozkaya (BTO)
Elvan Altan Ergut (EAE)
Cana Bilsel (CB)
Ilknur Kolay (IK)
Zeynep Kezer (ZK)

Friday February 13

2010 Advisory Committee Meeting (METU FA Small Meeting Room).

Lunch hosted by METU Rectorate (METU "Sosyal Bina").

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Presentations at METU FA:

Welcome (METU FA "Kubbealti")
Ahmet Acar, President, METU125

Haluk Pamir, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, METU
Güven A. Sargin, Chair, Department of Architecture, METU
Belgin Turan Ozkaya, Director, Graduate Program in Architectural History, METU
Christine Mengin, President, EAHN
Presentation of EAHN - Nancy Stieber
Forum on "Architectural History in Turkey" Chair: İlhan Tekeli

Graduate Education:

Middle East Technical University - Suna Güven
Istanbul Technical University - İlknur Kolay

Documentation and Research:

TAÇDAM (METU Centre of Research and Assessment of Historical Environment) - Numan Tuna
MATPUM (METU FA Research Center) - Ali Uzay Peker
VEKAM (Vehbi Koc and Ankara Research Center) - Zeynep Oñen
Docomomo_Tr (Documentation and Conservation of Modern Movement) - Elvan Altan Ergut
Arkiv (Arkitera Architecture Center Archive) – Pinar Seyrek
Chamber of Architects, Ankara Branch – Yesim Uysal
History Foundation – İlhan Tekeli
International Collaborations - Dana Arnold

Reception hosted by METU FA Alumni Association (METU FA)

Saturday February 14

Faculty of Architecture Grand Meeting Room

CM opens the meeting at 8.40 am. She welcomes new members and colleagues and all attending committee members.

Agenda:

09:00-12:00 **Annual EAHN Business Meeting** (METU FA Grand Meeting Room)

Annual Report 2008 – Christine Mengin
Financial Report 2008 - Carmen Popescu
Mailing List - Isabel van der Zande
Membership - Isabel van der Zande
Tours - Carmen Popescu
Communications - Nancy Stieber
Relationships with Other Institutions
Thematic Groups - Christine Mengin, Carmen Popescu

12:00-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-16:30 **Annual EAHN Business Meeting** (METU FA Grand Meeting Room)

Guimarães Conference - Jorge Correia
Bibliography Project
Ranked Periodicals Project - Hilde Heynen
Funding/Delft Office/Long-Range Planning
Annual Election of Officers and Committee Members

16:30-18:30 **Sub-Committee Meetings** (METU FA Grand & Small Meeting Rooms)

Publications Committee
Ranked Periodicals Project Committee

Annual report 2008 (CM):

A lot has happened since February 2008. Since the Leuven Meeting 4 new issues of the EAHN Newsletter have been published, for which the EAHN is very grateful to SK, chief editor of the Newsletter. The correspondents network has grown to 42 people from 28 different countries. The EAHN Tour to Bucharest and Bucovina was a success, thanks to CP. Just before the Business Meeting in Ankara, the new EAHN website was launched, due to the terrific work of NS. And during this weekend the first meeting of the Guimarães Scientific Committee has taken place. JC is thanked for his work on the Guimarães Conference 2010.

Financial report 2008 (CP)

2008 was a rich year, even if we are not richer. A lot has happened. CP has recently established a PayPal account for the EAHN (with help from IZ and NS). On January 20, 2009 a message of CM to all members was sent out with a request for donations. In two weeks, 8 people donated a total amount of € 237,-. CP has transferred 230,- to the EAHN bank account. Thanks to generous donations of especially SK, the EAHN has been able to pay website programmer Urukai for the construction of the new website.

Balance Feb 13, 2008				€ 1142,-
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	Fees committee members Leuven	€ 312,-		
	Donation STAG Leuven	€ 162,-		
	Benefits Romania Tour	€ 650,-		
	Donations for website	€ 1350,-		
	Payment website 1 (5520 SF)		€ 1500,-	
	Payment website 2		€ 2025,-	
	Payments CoCo € 480,- by NS)		€ 0,-	
	Payment website provider (110,- by RMIT)		€ 0,-	
	Donations via Paypal	€ 230,-		
Balance Feb 11, 2009				€ 321,-
	Fees committee members Ankara	€ 368,-		
	Partially payback loan SK		€ 368,-	

The EAHN has to find a way to do more fundraising to pay back the loans some committee members have given. This is very essential.

Payments can be made by Paypal, which is much more easy for CP to manage. IZ will figure out how to put the Paypal Donation button on the website.

CP is wondering if the fees for the 2010 Conference will include donations for the EAHN. Is it possible to set up different kinds of memberships, like participating members, mailing list members, student members, underprivileged members (according to the EU list)?

CM questions if the EAHN is mature enough to ask for membership fees. NS suggests a very low fee, for instance 10-15 Euros a year. MC wonders if people will pay, with an amount that low, people will not take the effort. She suggests an amount of approximately 60,- Euros a year. SK wants to continue distributing the downloadable Newsletter for free and let the EAHN network grow because of it. RD suggests to connect the Newsletter to Universities and let institutions become a supporting subscriber. CM proposes to set up a subcommittee about possibilities for (different levels of) membership. MC, RD and KT will start up the subcommittee. CM thanks CP for all her work on the EAHN finances. CP brings to the table that she would like to pass on the treasurer vacancy, after the Guimarães Conference.

Mailing list report (IZ)

Since September 2008 the mailing list is managed through the online marketing program Constant Contact (CoCo). Announcements sent to the EAHN office are selected and disseminated by IZ. An average of 3 messages is distributed every week. An average of 30% of the members opens the message, and 10% of them clicks through the message. This means with for instance 600 members, 200 people open the message, and 20 people look into the message and click on links.

Especially the messages about CFP or conferences are appreciated by the members. Other messages, for example the messages in Italian or German language about lectures in the next few days are a little less appreciated, sometimes people unsubscribe from the mailing list because of them. IZ suggests to set up a protocol about what messages are distributed via the mailing list, and what messages are only put into the listings on the website. The non-English announcements about local and small events are better for the website. In this way the mailing list will only send out interesting messages for a large group of members. NS will set up such a protocol.

Membership report (IZ)

During the Leuven meeting the EAHN had about 250 members. During the year the number of members has grown to 670. All members are accounted for in the CoCo system. Also the launch in mid-February of the new website and the 'join the EAHN' button on it, has increased the growth even more. CM suggests creating a little EAHN poster A3 or A4, downloadable from the website for printing, to put on doors and message boards in our institutions. Then all members and committee members can make more publicity for the EAHN. IZ will set up something together with Reto Geiser.

Tours report (CP)

In 2008 the Romania tour was organised. Ten people joined the tour of 5 days to Bucharest and Bucovina. Also committee members CM, NS, RD and CP (tour leader) were among the people from the USA, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, UK, etc.

We need at least 10 people to start organising a tour. The responses were problematic in 2007 and 2008. Some tours had to be cancelled because of little response. CP asks how we can stimulate interest for the tours. In the Newsletter a report on the Romania tour was published. The financial benefits are welcome.

Ideas for upcoming tours should include discovering new geographical locations, exploring new sites, developing a historiographic approach, broadening the horizon of the EAHN members, low prices, high networking (members, local organisations)

CP had asked friends and colleagues in Poland, Finland, Scotland and Serbia for information about an EAHN tour in their country. She was disappointed with the responses she got. Finland can only help by finding a Travel Agency (too expensive), Serbia is not ready for a tour in terms of security. They suggest perhaps 2011 or 2012. Scotland has sent in a proposal but asked to postpone the tour to 2010 for more time to prepare. Poland is very willing to organise a tour in 2009.

After the responses CP sent out a Call for Proposals via the mailing list. CP thinks that people don't know the vision of the EAHN on tours and the voluntary level. She got only two proposals. One was from Portugal, where the EAHN will be in 2010 for the conference. The other proposal was from Michael Barker a specialist (commercial) tour leader. But because the EAHN would like to contact and get to know the local scholars, and also because we already know a lot of people in Europe, we will not accept his proposal. He suggested places like Ankara and Rotterdam where we already have ample local contacts.

CP wonders how we can attract more people to propose tours on a voluntary bases. She suggests paying for the person's accommodation during the tour.

The Poland Proposal: Tour leader is Rafal Oheduco. The programme will consist of 4 days. Day 1: Cracow castle and Cathedral, Baroque period, visit to city centre. Day 2: 19th century Cracow. Day 3: after 1915, White Cracow, Post modern monasteries 1980s . Novahuta social housing district. Day 4: visit to town. Proposed date: June.

CM asks if there are meetings in faculties with local scholars and students? The tour has to start with a conference about urban history by local organizations and scholars.

SK: we have too few members from Poland, so it would be good to built a network there.

CP: At least one member of committee has to join the tour and perhaps a dry run in advance to check the scholarly quality? MC suggests contacting Barbara with this proposal and ask her judgement on the quality.

When shall we put the deadline for subscription, what about fear of too few subscribers and we would have to cancel the tour?

JC suggests asking for money in advance as commitment. At least 100,- Euros for a serious commitment.

It is decided to go with the Poland Proposal. All committee members are asked for people we know about the program. MC knows people and will inform.

CM: who wants to go from the committee as represent ? CP will try to go. CM will try to go, RD will try to go. SK: we have to announce this tour very soon, in next Newsletter if possible (deadline 1 March).

RD: we have to pick a date soon, so people can change their agenda.

In addition to the 2010 conference tours the EAHN could also organise a 3-4 day tour. With local connection to school of architecture. Also we have the proposal from Scotland, so we could do two tours a year, as was suggested once for the EAHN tours.

Scotland proposal: Miles Glendining will be tour leader on modern architecture and mass housing. Based in Edinburgh, the tour will go to MoMo architecture in Glasgow etc. Lectures organised in the evening in Edinburgh. Docomomo Scotland and internal volunteers will participate. Suggested date: mid-September 2010. In August 2010 is the Docomomo Mexico Conference. ANT: Perhaps tours can be combined with the EAHN annual business meeting? But CM says that meeting in January is the best, but because tours are not so good in that season, we cannot combine them.

Communication report (NS)

The EAHN has published 5 Newsletters, the 6th is in preparation. We have a recruitment issue: we need more people to help with the Newsletter. SK suggested that the editor will switch after 3 years. Now 1,5 year has passed and she would like to introduce an assistant editor, who will become chief editor. In this way the person will become familiar with the system and will help SK.

We need:

English language editors

copy editor

exhibition review editor

Listings editor for website listings

Web links editor (NS has someone in sight)

We should alert larger numbers of institutions to contribute to the EAHN. A list of architectural schools is put together, based on the UIA list, but we need more email addresses. HH says that Leen van Duin is putting together an EAAE guide of schools, perhaps we could use that also. The list of INHA contents Museums and art history organisations. But the list was too big, 6000 items. SK reduced it and it is being developed. We need a list of 500-1000 most important organizations, which is being prepared by Stewart Abbott.

SK mentions that the work of the correspondents is often difficult, only 50% of them work well. The correspondents editor will help the correspondents online with the listings.

Journal: The work on the journal is delayed because of the work on creating the new website, which was the main goal last year.

ANS and CP have set up a draft mission statement, the publications subcommittee will look at it.

The development of the Journal will be the next priority. What kind of model for the Journal will be used (published or digital, for personal printing)

Zeynep suggests that the EAHN should perhaps think about digital journal? First thought was to have digital website and Newsletter and printed journal. E-journals do not yet receive as much prestige as print journals, though this is changing. RD proposes print on demand. NS says to first create content, then think about the appearance. SK mentions that print is taken more seriously, and quality of images and copyright issues are easier to manage.

E-journals today are indexed by Google Scholar and found in online databases such as JSTOR. But, access to those databases need subscription or payment etc. Members will always have access to the Journal. How is the access to the journal in those databases for non EAHN members?

CM asks for printed newsletters to give to hosts as a present, we could combine a couple to an annual volume. Also to be able to give them after the event a Newsletter with a description of the hosted event (AB).

MC: Docomomo gives arm bracelets USB stick with name and on it all PDFs of the organization. Costs are 12 Euros a piece for 4 Gb. MC will give IZ the information about production.

Relation to other institutions:

NS says the EAHN has contact with CAA, SAH, Docomomo, SAH GB, etc.

The EAHN is a candidate for becoming a CAA affiliated society: we have the possibilities to have business meetings, session proposals, news messages, etc.

We should have more than only a link on our/their website, we should participate in projects or sessions. Share objectives etc, and be obliged to invite representatives of other institutes. Other institutions that are mentioned by committee members are: EIPHS (Ivan), EAUH European Association of Urban History, ICAM (museums), AHRA Architectural Humanities Research Association.

Thematic groups:

Courthouse group: CM is asked by European Court of Justice to organise a seminar. They have asked all courts of 27 countries to send in material of the buildings of the supreme courts. An exhibition will be launched on March 30 in Luxembourg, it will be accompanied by a catalogue with an article by CM signed as the EAHN president. In addition they would like more research on courthouses. Perhaps we could contact the TU Delft. But first we have to set up a research proposal.

AB: He knows of a list of priorities of EU grants, we have to take a look at the topics which correspond with our projects.

In connection with the new European Court by Dominique Perrault a symposium will be organised about architecture and justice.

Eastern European and Balkan group: CP: In 2006 there was a meeting in Bucharest about issues of historiography concerning the architecture of the former Communist Bloc. In 2007 it was about historiography of Eastern Europe art and architectural history, held at the INHA, in Paris.

In 2008 a conference on Building Modernity in the Balkans, at the New Europe College –Institute for advanced Study (Bucharest, Romania) – which represented the foundation moment of Balkans group. The clash between historians and architectural historians revealed a certain difficulty to work between the disciplines on the basis of methodological differences. However, the collaboration will be continued, trying to get the best out of it. A collaboration is envisioned with the Central European University in Budapest, for preparing a common project on the development of urban space in central Europe and in the Balkans, in connection with the circulation of Western European models: a manner of remapping the European space. A workshop will soon be organized on this topic, to see how the project could be developed.

Other direction: CP and Breda Mihelic though to organize an itinerant seminar in several universities, concerning architectural history in the Balkans as related to the Western European narrative. The Greek colleagues offered to host such a seminar next fall.

Breda Mihelic: could ensure the connection with the network of Art Nouveau in Europe.

Balkan group: CP: In 2006 there was a meeting in Bucharest about issues of historiography. In 2007 it was about historiography concerning Eastern Europe. In 2008 a conference was held on the Balkans, foundation moment of Balkans group. Trans disciplinary: clash between historians and architectural historians. Collaboration with ...

Workshop on central Eur arch vs balkan hist sponsored by ...in bucharest.

Other direction: idea of Breda to organise seminar. One aspect is development of balkan city. Collegas in greece host this seminar.

Breda ihelic: Eur art nouveau ass.

Lunch Break at the METU Campus

Guimarães Conference (JC)

The CFS resulted in 70 proposals for sessions (and roundtables) from 23 countries from Europe. Also proposals from the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Brazil. JC would like to thank to all participating committee members for their work. The scientific committee decided for more sessions in total: first idea was 20 sessions, now the idea is to have 20 sessions and 5 roundtables.

JC mentions the registration fee issue: Sponsors are the Municipality of Guimarães with a 50% discount of the venue, and some other sponsors. But the biggest part has to come from the registration fees. (JC: numbers?)

We will at least expect 150 people (chairs, speakers etc.)

Fee for the other visitors will include dinners, proceedings and for example USB bracelets.

Lunches will not be included, because of the simultaneous tours during the lunch breaks.

JC: Proposal 150,- normal fee, 100,- for PhD's and 50,- for students.

The CfS required registering as a member to the EAHN, but that membership is currently still free.

How to ask for EAHN membership fee now included in the Conference Fee?

We can ask more then it will cost, so that the EAHN can get money for the organising services. But it will NOT be for membership to the EAHN. For example 200,- so that 50,- will be for the EAHN. The issue of underprivileged countries and fees has to be discussed.

RD: He suggests not to combine the EAHN fees with the conference, ask for fees starting after the conference (July-Sept 2010).

200,- could be the normal fee and people from underprivileged countries can apply for extra funds at the organising committee. Perhaps we could ask representatives of the European Union in Portugal for help about this issue.

End of early bird registration will be the end of April 2010, more than a month before the conference. Total budget is 40.000,-. 20.000,- is paid by the University and sponsors. Fees for conference will be paid to the university. EAHN will have to set up a contract with the university to get the benefits. The CFP will be launched in April 2009 during the SAH meeting and will be published in the June 2009 (2/09) Newsletter.

Bibliography project (CM)

On this topic there is not that much to say at this moment. The new website keeps track of books that have been reviewed by the EAHN. We have to take a look at the index of the Getty. A research team (lab of INHA, Mercedes Vollaït) is investigating this subject. Also publishers could give us information on new books. We have to talk to the person of SAH who makes the booklists. Their resource is the Getty institute. Wim de Wit is the contact person.

Ranked Periodicals Project (HH)

HH: A list is made in Flanders. List consists of journals for the complete field of architecture. HH selected the journals in the field of architectural history. ESF is making a humanities ranked list. HH needs more people to work with her on this list. RD and MC want to volunteer. ZK will place a request in the SAHGB newsletter.

We need journals which are ranked A-B-C by ESF (European Science Foundation) and are internationally important, not only locally known.

CM can contact a person who has connection with EU Bibliomatic lists.

Funding (KT)

KT and RD are working on funding, by asking organizations for advice, also about European Union Funds. KT suggests the EAHN can start by asking architectural institutes to participate as institutional member. We can invite the organizations on the general list with all institutes and also specific institutions which we are connected to, we could ask them personally.

NS: The institutional lists (schools and museums) can help, but we have to think carefully about how we introduce ourselves to the lists. This is a delicate question.

Delft office (MV).

MV describes the current situation at the TU Delft. In September 2007 the faculty adopted the EAHN secretariat and agreed to sponsor its costs for two years, until September 2009.

The former Dean of the faculty (Wytze Patijn) has given his approval to accommodate the secretariat at the department RMIT. Difficult financial forecasts at the TU Delft, at the faculty in general and especially at the department RMIT, leads to reconsideration of many things, among them the possibilities to continue sponsoring the EAHN secretariat. RMIT would very much like to continue delivering the service, but it can certainly no longer be a free service. The estimated amount for an office manager for one day a week at RMIT is about 12.000 - 15.000,- Euros a year.

JC: First of all the EAHN has to thank the Faculty of Architecture and especially RMIT for their help over the last two years. The President will write a letter to the new Dean in Delft to express EAHN's gratitude for the service and evaluate the cooperation between the faculty and the EAHN. The conclusion is that EAHN has to find funding either in Delft or from somewhere else to keep the secretariat running in Delft, after September 2009. For EAHN this is important, regarding for example the fact that RMIT – TU Delft is a key-partner in the organization of the Guimarães conference in 2010.

KT suggests to first speak with people inside the faculty, both at the department of RMIT and at the department of Architecture, to discuss how to evaluate and find solutions for continuation of the secretariat. A technical advisory group will be set up to develop a strategy how to approach this issue.

Long range planning:

NS: After the launch of the website it's now time for other future activities and plans. When will we become a permanent association? (now the EAHN is a temporarily association under the French law). What kind of permanent organization does the EAHN wants to be?

A lot of things are happening and the EAHN is growing. We should look more into a professionalization of the organization. In the long range we need an executive director who is mandated to make decisions without the EAHN committee.

AN: Also a role of the EAHN should be to teach European students the ways of the American convention on how to apply to conferences, writing abstracts etc.

Next business meeting will be held in January 2010. ANS offered to host the meeting in Haifa. But to go to Haifa for only 2 days is too much for most people of the committee. Also with the 5 day conference in Guimarães that same year. Perhaps the Haifa possibility can be postponed to 2011. MC offers to have the meeting in Bologna in 2010. We need at least the Ankara schedule with a full day for business meeting, so a meeting of 2,5 days is minimal. Preferred date is the end of January (22-24 or 29-31).

Annual election of Officers and Committee members (CM)

CM proposes to elect JC, chair of the Guimarães Conference, as second Vice President of the EAHN. The EAHN members that joined the Annual Business meeting in Ankara are invited to join the EAHN Committee.

Elvan Altan Ergut (METU Ankara),
Cana Bilsel (METU Ankara),
Ilknur Kolay (Istanbul Technical University) and
Zeynep Kezer (SAHGB)

accept the invitation, Marc Visser (RMIT) has considered the invitation, but thinks it is strategically not wise to accept. Committee members who haven't shown up for the annual business meeting for a couple of years will be asked in what way they would like to participate in the future. If they don't respond to our request, they will be removed from the EAHN committee.

Calendar 2009:

CAA meeting (end of February)

SAH conference Pasadena (April).

IZ prepares USB bracelets with PDFs of the Newsletters for the 27 board members and sends them to someone who will go to the conference (ZK, CP, AB). She also will create together with Reto Geiser a poster on A4/letter format to print out and print extra brochures.

SAHGB-EAHN symposium, London (16 May)

AB: For the SAHGB conference a joint CFP was sent out on behalf of SAHGB and EAHN. 70 abstracts were send in of which 12 are selected.

Brutalism is the topic most talked about. The committee has selected against that to have a broader approach. The conference is 16th May in London. The fee is 45,- pounds for participants. Speakers are amongst others M. Christine Boyer and Stefan Muthesius.

Closing (CM)

CM closes the 2009 Ankara meeting