

EAHN Special Business Meeting - Guimarães, Portugal, 17 June 2010
School of Architecture at the University of Minho

Attendees

Adrian Forty (AF)
Mari Hvattum (MH)
Hilde Heynen (HH)
Tom Avermaete (TA)
Maarten Delbeke (MD)
Elvan Altan Ergut (EAE)
Andrew Ballantyne (AB)
Maristella Casciato (MC)
Jorge Correia (JC)
Davide Deriu (DD)
Rob Dettingmeijer (RD)
Susan Klaiber (SK)
Javier Martinez (JM)
Christine Mengin (CM)
Daniel Millette (DM)
Ivan Nevzgodin (IN)
Alona Nitzan-Shiftan (ANS)
Carmen Popescu (CP)
Karin Theunissen (KT)
Belgin Turan Özkaya (BTO)
Caroline Gautier (minutes)

1. Opening and introduction of the new EAHN officers

CM feels privileged to open the meeting, which is her last session as president of the EAHN. She thanks JC for having us in Guimarães.

She presents AF, the new president, and thanks the research committee for the good work of finding new officers.

AF is honoured to be elected, and hopes to be able to serve EAHN well.

MH is delighted and honoured to have been elected vice-president.

TA has already been involved in discussions about the secretariat in Delft, and thanks the committee for electing him as treasurer.

MD also thanks the committee for having been elected as secretary.

The general challenge of the new officers will be to answer expectations, but also to strengthen the basis of the organisation.

IN and KT are thanked for the negotiation at the TU Delft, ensuring the secretariat to continue with a new office manager, Caroline Gautier.

2. Discussion proposed Règlement Intérieur

The proposed Règlement Intérieur could be adopted in this meeting, or in London in February 2011. CM states that the different functions need to be identified, and the different responsibilities clearly defined. The RI is an important tool for that.

Follows a discussion about the moment of adoption of the document, which is anonymously concluded by adopting it as a provisional document now, and making it official in London. This allows more time to study and reflect on the proposal, also by the new officers.

3. Location and date of the 2011 Annual Business Meeting

ANS encourages the idea of having the 2011 Business Meeting in Israel and Palestine, as crossing boundaries is what the EAHN is about. This would also enable EAHN to create a platform in Israel.

The question is fairly new to AF and raises the spectre of a political subject. EAHN is not a political organisation. Having a Business Meeting in Israel would be a statement, and AF is not sure if the EAHN would want to do that.

Follows a discussion about the desirability of having a Business Meeting in Israel. Some members are totally in favour, other have questions concerning practical terms and costs. Also mentioned is the fact that Israel is not the centre of gravitation for the EAHN, being it a European organisation, although the crossing of borders is considered important and the EAHN should not escape the discussion about conflict areas. Israel could also be the location of another type of meeting or tour by the EAHN.

Finally is concluded that the 2011 Business Meeting will be in London, and that the proposal for a 2012 Business Meeting in Israel should be than worked out.

4. Old and new business

4a. Funding

The funding committee has met in Delft in April, to discuss the fundraising, a very fundamental question. TA reports that the committee has decided to introduce two kinds of participating memberships: institutional and personal, being 250,- and 25,- euros, with a free membership as alternative option. In the forthcoming weeks a dossier with a personal letter by AF will be sent out to institutions pointed out by the committee. The technical questions concerning the payment of personal membership have to be worked out.

The Guimarães conference is a good occasion to collect personal memberships, so it's decided to announce this in the plenary session in the afternoon.

4b. Plenary session Conference

JC presents the agenda for the plenary session, and who's doing what is discussed.

4c. Programme tour Scotland

CP presents the latest news on the Scotland tour, which has been postponed to June or September 2011. The local organisation proposes to have a conference as well, in cooperation with EAHN and DOCOMOMO. The meeting agrees this preferably should be organised by the local organisation, while the EAHN provides an international connection.

4d. Second international conference Brussels 2012

HH explains the state of things for the Second international EAHN conference in Brussels 2012. The session proposals will come in for 19 December, and the scientific committee has to be composed to consider these.

Scientific committee which is proposed: Hilde Heynen, Krista de Jonge, Maarten Delbeke, Tom Avermaete, Mari Hvattum, Adrian Forty, David Vanderburgh, Jorge Correia, Belgin Turan Özkaya.

Arises the question if this committee is not too 'national', but finally the meeting agrees that a committee should be first of all relevant, representing all fields, and that this goes beyond nationality.

4e. Absence Nancy Stieber

All committee members are devastated by the news of illness of Nancy Stieber and her absence in this meeting. CM proposes to give her an old print of Guimarães, accompanied by a letter signed by every one.