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MINUTES OF the third meeting of UNISCAPE's General Assembly

16 October 2010, University of Turin

Chairman: Bas Pedroli, Director of UNISCAPE

Participants:

Carlo MAGNANI, President of UNISCAPE and IUAV University of Venice

Annalisa CALCAGNO MANIGLIO, Vice-President of UNISCAPE and University of Genova

Florencio ZOIDO, Vice-President of UNISCAPE and Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria

Roberto GAMBINO (Politecnico of Turin)

Marco DEVECCHI (University of Turin)

Claudia CASSATELLA (Politecnico of Turin)

Federica LARCHER (University of Turin)

Elvira PETRONCELLI (University Federico II of Naples)

Rita BIASI (University Tuscia of Viterbo)

Arnauld LAFFAGE (University La Villette – Paris)

Francesco MARANGON (University of Udine)

Andrea GALLI (University of Ancona)

Almo FARINA (University of Urbino)

Giorgio CONTI (University Ca' Foscari of Venice)

Marcella APRILE (University of Palermo)

Juan Manuel PALERM (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)

Melania BUGIANI (Politecnico di Milano)

Maurizio VOGLIAZZO (Politecnico di Milano)

Patrizia TASSINARI (University of Bologna)

Daniele TORREGGIANI (University of Bologna)

Alfonso SANCHEZ LUNA (University Miguel Hernandez)

Veerle VAN EETVELDE (University of Ghent)

Emilio PADOA SCHIOPPA (University Milano Bicocca)

Giuseppina PUGLIANO (University Parthenope of Naples)

Ana TROUT (University of Andalucia)

Giuseppe SARLETI (Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria)

Francesca BAGLIANI (University of Turin)
Klara JANCUROVA (Technical University of Praga)
Enrico ERCOLE (University Piemonte Orientale)
Tessa GOODMAN (UNISCAPE)
Eva LORENZONI (UNISCAPE)

Observers:

Dirk GOTZMAN (CIVILSCAPE)
Gerard ERMISHER (CIVILSCAPE)
Oriol PORCEL (RECEP-ENELC)
Osvaldo FERRERO (Regione Piemonte)

At 2,30 pm welcome addresses by:

- Salvatore COLUCCIA (Vice-Rector University of Turin)
- Roberto GAMBINO (UNISCAPE's representative for Politecnico of Turin)
- Marco DEVECCHI (UNISCAPE's representative for University of Turin)
- CAVALLERO (Regione Piemonte)

At 3,30 pm Director Bas Pedroli welcomes the participants and starts the meeting.

The General Assembly approves:

1. The Agenda (UNISCAPE/3GA/DOC.1.2010);
2. The Minutes of the Executive Board, La Rabida, May 2010;
3. The draft brief summary of the Second Meeting of UNISCAPE's General Assembly, Malmö (Sweden), 7 October 2009 and Director Pedroli informs the Assembly that recorded DVDs of the aforesaid meeting are available upon request.

With reference to doc. UNISCAPE/3GA/DOC.2.2010 Director Bas Pedroli reports to the General Assembly the Annual Programme of Activities 2010 with particular reference to the:

1. International Conference “LIVING LANDSCAPE, The European Landscape Convention in research perspective” 18-19 October 2010, Florence (for details see doc. UNISCAPE/3GA/DOC.2.2010) and informs the Assembly that:

- the Organising Committee (Msc. Tessa Goodman, Dr. Eva Lorenzoni, Dr. Andrea Tramontana) took care of all aspects regarding the Conference;
- 185 participant had registered by Thursday 14 October paying a 100-200 euro fee;
- on the 18th of October the launching of the ESF/Cost Science-Policy Briefing would take place in the last session of the conference.

2. International Photo Contest “Peoples's Landscapes” (for details see doc. UNISCAPE/3GA/DOC.2.2010) and informs the Assembly that:

- more than 150 students from 8 European countries have participated to the contest;
- all the materials (nearly 450 photos) were evaluated by a Jury of Experts, composed by Annalisa Calcagno Maniglio (University of Genova), Dobricic (University of Nova Gorica), Daniele Torreggiani (University of Bologna) and Yann Nussaume (University of Paris La Villette. President of this Jury was the landscape photographer William Guerrieri (in charge of the project *Linea di Confine*, <http://www.lineadiconfine.org/>);
- The winner of the contest is Enrico Lombardo (a student of the Polytechnic of Turin) and will be awarded with a 1000 euro prize during the award ceremony at the end of the meeting in the Valentino Castle, Headquarters of the School of Architecture of the Politecnico di Torino (Viale Mattioli, 39 - Turin).

3. Master Class in Landscape Research, 21-23 October 2010, European University Institute (Fiesole, Florence) and the Assembly takes note that:

- the Faculty was formed by: Bas Pedroli, Mauro Agnoletti (Scientific coordinator designated by UNISCAPE), Oliver Rackham, Marc Antrop, Maggie Roe, Davide Fanfani.
- Dr. Andrea Tramontana took care of all the organising aspects.

4. UNISCAPE's 2010 publication, the Assembly takes note that:

- the Final title is: “*Landscape as a project. A survey of views amongst UNISCAPE members. Reaction to a position paper by Franco Zagari*” edited by Bas Pedroli and Tessa Goodman;
- 32 professors of UNISCAPE’s members were involved;
- this experience could prove being the number 0 of a collection of UNISCAPE publications with an interdisciplinary approach.

With reference to UNISCAPE/3GA/DOC.2.2010 the General Assembly approves that:

- UNISCAPE’s staff takes over the management of the ATLAS website due to logistical reasons;
- a new webmaster for both UNISCAPE and ATLAS websites needs to be found.

With regard to the creation of a European Landscape Masters Course (see II Meeting of Directors Landscape Master Courses Outcome Document and Minutes of the meeting)the Assembly takes note of:

- the contents of the power point presentation by Prof ZOIDO and Ana TROUT;
- their proposal for a meeting of the working group established in La Rabida for the 24 November 2010 in Seville.

Further to a brief discussion regarding the title of the master, Prof GAMBINO stresses the importance of its interdisciplinary character.

Patrizia TASSINARI underlines the importance of defining the specific target and goals of the master, not only in terms of teaching subjects, but also of learning objectives, that is to say of defining if the master mainly aims to train an expert in policy making, in the education field, a designer.

Oriol PORCEL, Director of RECEP-ENELC informs the Assembly that RECEP-ENELC supports this initiative and expresses interest in offering training to public authorities.

Gerhard ERMISCHER Secretary General of CIVILSCAPE reminds the Assembly about the need to also involve the civil society in a participatory process.

Tessa GOODMAN, Office Manager of UNISCAPE stresses the importance of establishing cooperation between university programs and professional training by exchanging experience and methodologies but always keeping in mind and distinguishing their different purposes, levels and kinds of education.

Prof ZOIDO therefore addresses the Assembly in order to gain support for the above-mentioned initiative.

President MAGNANI reminds all members to concentrate on one initiative at time, therefore such master must be considered as one of the many initiatives of this kind supported by UNISCAPE.

Patrizia TASSINARI, on behalf of the working group of the University of Bologna, welcomes the European master course initiative, whose goals no doubt prove very interesting and challenging. However, given the short time deadlines of the process and the administrative constraints, in particular as regards double and joint degree titles, we are not able at the moment to take active part in the initiative group, that is to say to activate a master programme within the Erasmus call in the short term. Nevertheless we would be glad to contribute to the definition of the teaching programme of the master, in case a critical review or specific in depth evaluations are welcomed by the initiative group. Moreover, if this is of the initiative group's and Uniscape members' interest, we will be glad to contact our colleagues of the Uniscape working group at the University of Bologna, experts in the fields of architecture, agriculture, geography, law, ecology, cultural heritage, and sociology, to ask for their availability to integrate the Uniscape master faculty.

Taking into account all these considerations the Assembly approves the creation of the aforesaid Master course.

With regard to the proposal of making a map of all the different kinds of landscape research projects in UNISCAPE's Universities (an idea presented by President MAGNANI in occasion of the Executive Board of La Rabida, 20 May 2010), President MAGNANI underlines:

- that the map should be implemented in UNISCAPE's website in order to provide information to all the scientific community;
- The research necessary for making the map offers members the opportunity to better know each other and to develop joint research programs;
- Prof PALERM, who during the Executive Board in La Rabida offered to develop this activity, reports his first steps and proposes to present the aforesaid map in occasion of UNISCAPE's next General Assembly.

Director PEDROLI thanks Prof PALERM for his efforts and encourages him to develop this map in cooperation with UNISCAPE staff that already has contacts and information available.

Prof GAMBINO informs the Assembly about the project regarding the creation of RECEP-ENELC's Scientific Committee.

With regard to UNISCAPE's 2011 programme of activities the Assembly takes note of the proposals included in the Agenda (UNISCAPE/3GA/DOC.1.2010) and in particular approves:

- that all UNISCAPE members should individuate together a common theme for the new UNISCAPE publication 2011;
- that the second edition of the International Photo Contest People's Landscapes should be launched;
- the proposal of Prof PALERM's to organise the final exhibition in occasion of the Biennale of the

Canaries in November 2011;

- the proposal to create an address book to make specialised knowledge accessible to everyone.

Further to these proposals, director PEDROLI asks all Members if they are interested in new activities and projects to develop:

- Prof PALERM proposes a future collaboration between UNISCAPE and the Biennale of the Canaries (November 2011) in order to organise an international Seminar on Landscape as a Project in the Canary Islands March 2011;
- Prof CALCAGNO MANIGLIO proposes to organise an International Workshops on Landscape, activating sponsors in order to grant scholarships;
- Prof ZAGARI proposes to create a UNISCAPE review. Director PEDROLI proposes to create an online version, Prof CONTI agrees, prof ZAGARI prefers to have also a printed review.
- Director PEDROLI reports Prof AGNOLETTI's proposal to involve American Universities in Florence in a small project of research for investigating American students' perception of landscape in Florence and surroundings
- Prof. TASSINARI presents the forthcoming new edition of a first level Master at the Faculty of agriculture of the University of Bologna. This edition will focus on sustainability in the design of green areas, based on a faculty of professors in the fields of agriculture, forestry, architecture, economics and engineering, whose definition is still in progress. As soon as a first draft of this master will be available we will send it to the Uniscape Director, for evaluation by the Uniscape members, since we would greatly appreciate if this master could be held under the auspices of Uniscape.

The Assembly approves all the aforesaid proposals. UNISCAPE staff will take care of developing these projects in coordination with the UNISCAPE representatives and Professors involved.

Director PEDROLI encourages all Member to propose new ideas and/or projects to the staff at any time.

With reference to UNISCAPE's 2009 financial year the Assembly approves:

- UNISCAPE's 2009 Balance sheet as at 31/12/2009 (see UNISCAPE/3GA/Doc-Adm.1.2010) and takes note of the report by Mr. Alessio Millarelli, UNISCAPE's financial controller (see Relazione del Revisore dei Conti esercente attività di controllo contabile sul Bilancio Consuntivo 2009).
- UNISCAPE's budget items for 2010 (see UNISCAPE/3GA/Doc-Adm.2.2010)

With regard to UNISCAPE's budget items for 2011 Director PEDROLI informs the Assembly that doc

UNISCAPE/3GA/Doc-Adm.3.2010 was not drafted yet because the budget can be decided only further to the approval of the 2011 activities and with reference to UNISCAPE's final balance at the end of year 2010. Therefore the document with UNISCAPE's budget items for 2011 will be drafted at the end of year 2010 and it will be sent to all members in order to be approved by the Executive Board in accordance with art. 8.6 of UNISCAPE's Statute.

The Assembly with regard to the follow-up on the payment of the fees (see UNISCAPE/3GA/Doc-Adm.4.2010) invites all insolvent Members to pay their fees as soon as possible, since the deadline for the payment has already expired (30 June 2010).

With regard to the aforesaid document the Assembly approves the expulsion of insolvent members from 1st January 2011 in accordance with art. 2.5 of UNISCAPE's Statute.

The Assembly also takes note of the task sheets of UNISCAPE's staff.

The Assembly officially declares that UNISCAPE's members since 2009 are:

- Università Politecnica delle Marche (Italy);
- Universidade do Algarve (Portugal);
- University of Ghent (Belgium);
- Université de Paris 1 Sorbonne Pantheon (France);
- Université de Paris 3 Sorbonne Nouvelle (France);
- Università di Trento (Italy);

and takes note that:

- Univerzita Komenského Bratislava (Slovakia) has been declared Member in 2010;

Therefore taking into account these communication UNISCAPE counts up to now 50 members.

With regard to membership requests the Assembly is informed that:

- University Miguel Hernandez of Altea (Spain) has expressed interest in becoming UNISCAPE's member since year 2010,
 - for year 2011 UNISCAPE has received interested from the following Universities:
- The Birmingham Institute of Art and Design Birmingham, UK;
- Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic;
- University "Babes-Bolyai" of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Environmental Science, Romania;
- Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa, Italy;

- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden;
- University of Gothenburg, Department of Conservation, Sweden;
- Department of Ecology, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain;
- Dipartimento Uomo e Territorio, University of Perugia, Italy;
- University of the Basque Country (already signed the membership agreement), Spain;
- University Fernando Pessoa of Porto, Portugal;
- Technical University Zvolen, Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Slovakia;
- Slovenská poľnohospodárska univerzita, Slovenia.

Director PEDROLI reports that UNISCAPE has also invited the Technical University of Lisboa and University of Sassari to become members.

The Assembly takes note of the request to become Observers by:

Università di Napoli Parthenope and University of Piemonte Orientale. With reference to the admission of Observers (see art. 2 of UNISCAPE's statute) the Assembly declares that universities can remain observers only for one year.

The Assembly is informed that:

- On April 2010 Jose Manuel Pagés Madrigal communicated to UNISCAPE that the Modern University of Lisboa doesn't exist since the 3rd October 2008.

Director PEDROLI informs the Assembly that UNISCAPE's staff will develop an information campaign in order to involve new members throughout Europe interested in interdisciplinary landscape research and asks all UNISCAPE members to offer information and suggestions.

In conclusion the Assembly approves:

- the proposal of University of Las Palmas to host the next General Assembly in the Canary Islands in March 2011;
- Prof PALERM's proposal to host in the Canary Islands in March 2011 a joint Assembly of UNISCAPE, CIVILSCAPE and RECEP- ENELC.

At 6,30 pm director PEDROLI ends the Third meeting of the General Assembly and thanks the University of Turin and the Politecnico of Turin for their hospitality.

Further to meeting in the Sala delle Colonne in the Valentino Castle:

- the Politecnico of Turin hosted the award ceremony of UNISCAPE's International Photo Contest contest *People's Landscapes* introduced by Prof CALCAGNO MANIGLIO on behalf of the Jury.
- UNISCAPE's representatives for the Politecnico di Torino, Prof GAMBINO, and the University of Turin, Prof DEVECCHI, presented the exhibition “Landscape education and research in Piedmont”.