

7th UNISCAPE General Assembly, 29 May 2015, Lednice

List of Participants

REPRESENTATIVES

- Juan Manuel Palerm, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, Vice-President
- Bas Pedroli, Wageningen University, Netherlands, Director (Chair of Meeting)
- Enrico Falqui, DIDA University of Florence, Italy
- Daniele Torreggiani, Università degli studi di Bologna, Italy
- Thomas Panagopolous, University of Algarve, Portugal
- Maunu Häyrynen, University of Turku, Finland
- Alena Salašová, Mendel University in Brno, Czech republic
- Claudia Cassatella, Polytechnic University of Torino, Italy
- Yann Nussaume, University of Paris La Villette, France
- Marco Devecchi, University of Torino, Italy
- Shelley Egoz, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, NMBU, Norway
- Andrea Galli, Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy
- Conor Newman, NUI Galway, National University of Ireland
- Tana Lascu, ION MINCU University of Architecture and Urbanism, Bucharest, Romania
- Rita Occhiuto, University of Liège, Belgium
- Anna Laura Palazzo, University of Roma 3, Italy
- Ioannis L. Tsirogiannis, Technological Educational Institute of Epirus, Greece
- Martina Slamová, Technical University in Zvolen, Slovakia

OBSERVERS

- Klara Salzman, West Bohemia University Pilsen, Czech Republic
- Maria Kozová, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia
- Mauro Agnoletti, University of Florence, Italy
- Ludovica Marinaro, DIDA University of Florence, Italy
- Pavlina Mišíková, Ministry of Environment, Slovakia
- Pere Sala, Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, Spain
- Pascual Riesco Chueca, University of Sevilla, Spain

STAFF

- Tommaso Zanaica, UNISCAPE (Minutes)
- *apologised: Tessa Goodman (Office Manager)*

Draft MINUTES

1. Introduction

Ref.: UNISCAPE/7GA/DOCS

- 1.a Approval minutes 6th General Assembly meeting, Paris, 1th of May 2013
- 1.b Adoption of the agenda
- 1.c New members
- 1.d Elections and or confirmation Executive Board / Director

1.

Bas PEDROLI opens the meeting reading a letter from Carlo Magnani of 22nd May in which he resigns as President of UNISCAPE, remaining member of the Executive Board. On behalf of the Executive Board Bas Pedrolì proposes that Vice-President Juan Manuel PALERM will take the role of Acting President of UNISCAPE until the end of the actual mandate (2016) and chairs the meeting. The General Assembly approves this proposal.

Juan Manuel PALERM takes the floor in the role of Acting President. Concerning the current situation of UNISCAPE, he acknowledges the good work that has been done but points out that there is much more to do. He would need more time to accomplish his duties of President, so he considers the first 2 years as a period to well understand what to do and would like to have an option to be confirmed as President for the next 4 years mandate.

He stresses that 4 main points should become UNISCAPE's main focus for the upcoming period:

- 1- Landscape as a project: including ethics and aesthetics, understanding the cultural dimension of landscape;
- 2- Education: following the experience of Landscape and Imagination Conference in Paris 2013;
- 3- Geography of the research: mapping research activities of the different universities and strengthening interdisciplinary and collaboration among universities.
- 4- Landscape Observatories, developing the work started during the 5th Careggi Seminar.

Yann NUSSAUME suggests that a period of two years is short to be able to fully develop the role of President, and proposes to consider nomination for a normal 4 years' term. Bas PEDROLI indicates that he understands this position but he stresses that, although it is clearly the intention to prolong the presidency after 2 years, it is important to keep flexibility in this period of transition, where President, Director and Office Manager are changing. After discussion, the Assembly votes by hand for 2 years' or 4 years' term.

Voting results: 4 years: 5 votes; 2 years: 10 votes (decision: 2 years approved)

Conor NEWMAN expresses the opinion of the entire General Assembly in acknowledging Carlo Magnani's crucial work in the pioneering phase of UNISCAPE.

Bas PEDROLI announces that Tessa Goodman has had to decide for a more stable and fixed job in Australia, and will not be available as our Office Manager as from September 2014. The General Assembly sincerely regrets this, and expresses its immense gratitude for the excellent work that she has done for UNISCAPE in the past years.

1.a

The minutes of the 6th General Assembly meeting, (Paris, 1th of May 2013) are approved by the Assembly without any remarks.

1.b

The Agenda of the meeting is adopted without any remarks.

1.c

Bas PEDROLI welcomes two new members of UNISCAPE and asks them to introduce themselves:

Shelley EGOZ, representing the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, presents the department of Landscape Architecture, and in particular the Centre for Landscape Democracy (ClAD) which is hosted as an international centre for the creation and dissemination of scientific knowledge under an umbrella theme of Landscape Democracy. On this theme, she proposes to hold a Conference in 2015 with the support of UNISCAPE. She also offers to host the 2015 GA.

Maunu HÄYRYNEN, representing the University of Turku in Finland, presents his University in which he chairs the department of Landscape Studies.

1.d

Bas PEDROLI reports that all members of the Executive Board have indicated that they are available for a next term. No new candidatures have been proposed thus far. He invites all participants to eventually propose alternative candidates for the Executive Board (either themselves or any other UNISCAPE member).

Enrico FALQUI announces that Mariella ZOPPI wishes to resign, and wants to delegate him as a member of the EB as a representative of Florence University. Enrico FALQUI offers his availability. It is up to Florence University to nominate its representative.

On behalf of the Executive Board, Bas PEDROLI proposes to move the point of the elections to the end of the meeting.

2. Administration

Ref.: UNISCAPE/7GA/BALANCE SHEET 2013

1. Approval of UNISCAPE's 2013 Balance sheet

Bas PEDROLI presents the balance sheet of UNISCAPE for the year 2013 and opens the discussion regarding this subject.

Connor NEWMAN comments on what UNISCAPE should do with those members that regularly do not pay the annual fee to make them pay and if eventually it would be fair to exclude them from the network.

Bas PEDROLI replies that up to now it has been the duty of the Office Manager to follow up on the payments of the fees because it is in his/her own interest but that he would be happy to find other means. Thus far UNISCAPE has not prepared for formal exclusion, since that would require at least a warning. This will now be formalised in the coming year.

Yann NUSSAUME suggests to send official documents with stamps as request for the payments. If this is necessary, the members are kindly requested to inform the Network Office of this, so the required documents can be sent.

The balance sheet 2013 is approved.

3. Activities

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3.1 Budget 2014

Enrico FALQUI wants to comment the budget strategy of the association, saying that it is impossible to live only with the fees, therefore it is necessary to increase the budget and the research activities. He thinks that UNISCAPE should receive a percentage of the budget of the events it supports. He also proposes to get funds from private investors that want to use UNISCAPE's logo as a brand for their commercial activities.

Juan Manuel PALERM agrees that UNISCAPE should increase the income and specifies that the expenses that the representatives of the members undertake to participate at the meetings should be included in the balance sheet. He also proposes to constitute a small Finance committee to manage this specific aspect within the GA of UNISCAPE.

Mauro AGNOLETTI highlights that it should be a task for each member to find the right funding opportunities, as was the case with the activities UNISCAPE was engaged in with the Foundation Florens in 2012.

In conclusion, the agreed budget strategy for the next period should take into account: the need to stimulate the payment of the fees; the need to search for other solutions for sustaining the financial stability of the Network.

3.2 Sixth Careggi Seminar on Common Goods (draft Quaderno)

The preview of the Quaderno of the 6th Careggi Seminar is displayed and gets large approval. No further remarks are made, so that the Quaderno can be finished.

3.3 UNISCAPE En Route (calendar seminars and COST- Action preparation)

The calendar of the UNISCAPE En Route seminars is illustrated.

Regarding the seminar on Injured Landscapes, which will be organised by the University of Liège (5-8 October 2014), Rita OCCHIUTO explains the draft programme of the event and highlights the importance of the role of the university in being a link between stakeholders and institutions. She admits the difficulty in finding external support to improve the contents of the seminar and asks for the scientific contribution of all the members of UNISCAPE.

Bas PEDROLI explains the general conditions for every En Route Seminar and informs the assembly that a contribution of 1,000 Euros is being considered by UNISCAPE to support the hosting institution, which will include travel and participation costs for UNISCAPE's Office Manager.

Marco DE VECCHI provides information about the experience of local landscape observatories in Piedmont Region that will be reported in the next seminar on Landscape Observatories (18-19 September 2014) and proposes the participation of UNISCAPE in the 2016 IFLA Congress, which will be held in Turin.

Tana LASCU informs that the title of the proposed En Route Seminar that will be organised by the Ion Mincu University of Architecture in Bucharest (July 2015) will be "Architectural Heritage and Green Infrastructures".

3.4 People's Landscapes International Photo Contest

Concerning the next edition of People's Landscapes International Photo Contest, Thomas Panagopolous, Tana Lascu, Ioannis L. Tsirogiannis and Tommaso Zanaica will compose the jury.

- Election of UNISCAPE's Executive Board

Finally, the composition of the EB for the next term is confirmed by unanimity:

Juan Manuel PALERM, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain: Acting President

Annalisa CALCAGNO MANIGLIO, University of Genova, Italy: Extraordinary Vice-president

Florencio ZOIDO, Universidad Internacional de Andalucia, Spain: Extraordinary Vice-president

Franco ZAGARI, University of Reggio Calabria, Italy: Extraordinary Executive Board member

Roberto GAMBINO, Politecnico di Torino, Italy: Extraordinary Executive Board member

Saša DOBRIČIĆ, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia: Vice President

Veerle VAN EETVELDE, University of Ghent, Belgium: Vice President

Bas PEDROLI, University of Wageningen, Netherlands, Director

Carlo MAGNANI, IUAV (Venice), Italy

Yann NUSSAUME, University of Paris La Villette, France

Thomas PANAGOPOULOS, University of Algarve, Portugal

Maria Concetta ZOPPI, University of Florence, Italy

Elvira PETRONCELLI, University Federico II, Italy

Almo FARINA, University of Urbino, Italy