

UNISCAPE 10th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 29 June 2016

11.30 - 13.45 WET

Centre for Landscape Studies

National University of Ireland, Galway

AGENDA

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- 1.1 Approval minutes 9th Extraordinary General Assembly meeting, (Naples 27.09.2015)
- 1.2 Adoption of the agenda
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- 2.1 Election of the Presidents and vice-Presidents
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- Proposal for internal regulation on Legal Headquarters, Management Committee Of The Executive Board, Functions Of The President

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- 5.4 Action Plan 2017-2018: Higher Education, Landscape Observatories, Centre of Studies, European Project (manifesto)
- 5.3 Contests and competitions
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6. Next General Assembly meeting

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PARTICIPANTS

Members:

- Tim COLLINS – National University of Ireland Galway
- Connor NEWMAN - National University of Ireland Galway
- Juan Manuel PALERM – University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria – *President*
- Elvira PETRONCELLI, University of Naples Federico II
- Marco DEVECCHI – University of Turin
- Bas PEDROLI – University of Wageningen – *Director*
- Mauro AGNOLETTI – University of Florence
- Veerle VAN EETVELDE – University of Ghent - *Vice-President*
- Shelley EGOZ – Norwegian University of Life and Science
- Renato BOCCHI - IUAV Venezia
- Maunu HYRYNEN, University of Turku
- Anne TIETJEN - University of Copenhagen
- Alessandro TOCCOLINI - University of Milano
- Cristobal CRESPO - University of A Coruna
- Emilio RODRIGUEZ BLANCO, University of A Coruna

Apologized and proxies:

- Andrea GALLI, Marche Politechnic University - to Palerm
- Carlo MAGNANI - IUAV Venezia - to Palerm
- Rita OCCHIUTO - University of Liège - to Palerm
- Anna Laura PALAZZO - University of Roma 3 - to Palerm
- Sasa DOBRICIC - University of Nova Gorica - to Pedrolì
- Annalisa CALCAGNO MANIGLIO - to Devecchi
- Claudia CASSATELLA - to Devecchi

Staff:

- Tommaso ZANAICA, *Office Manager*
- Laura STANGANINI, University of Florence

Observers:

- Akiko YOSHIMURA, Chiba Institute of Technology
- Yoshinori LIDA , CTI Engineering Co.
- Emel BAYLAN, Yuzuncu Yil University

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

The President Juan Manuel Palerm welcomes the audience and thanks Tim Collins and Connor Newman, representing the NUI Galway, for their organization.

The Director Bas Pedroli thanks the audience and the external observers from Japan and Turkey, whose participation is welcomed as sign of transparency.

Concerning the adoption of the minutes of the 9th Extraordinary General Assembly meeting, held in Naples (Italy, 27th September.2015) the document is approved without any remarks, and next of the agenda of the meeting is adopted.

An overview on members situation is given by the President Juan Manuel PALERM. He reports that at the moment three universities, Rijeka (Croatia), Aalto (Finland) and a previous member, La Sapienza, Rome (Italy), have expressed their will to join the Network. Furthermore there are other 6-7 universities willing to participate, which is a positive sign of a growing trend.

Connor Newman (NUI Galway, Ireland) asks information on how the new member campaign is driven. J. M. Palerm explains that three new presentation documents have been prepared and they are available for those who need them.

As there are some loyal members in financial difficulties, Shelley Egoz (Norwegian University of Life Science UMB) proposes a honor membership if they are really active and want to continue their commitment. Bas Pedroli explains that some forms of tolerance in payment have been introduced yet in order to support them.

2. Network Organs and positions

Concerning the acknowledgments for outgoing Board Members, Bas Pedroli reports that a letter for those who has helped the Network for so many years (Annalisa Calcagno Maniglio, Florencio Zoido, Franco Zagari, Roberto Gambino) has been prepared.

Regarding the election of the Presidents and vice-Presidents, he reports that apart from J. M. Palerm, Veerle Van Eetvelde and Sasa Dobricic no extra candidatures have been received. The two candidates (Dobricic is not present) are invited to leave the room for a free consulting during which it is underlined that for such a network it is crucial to have someone who is ready to travel in Europe and is strongly committed to landscape. Once back, the candidates are invited to explain their program for the future.

J.M. Palerm expresses his intention to get involvement in the European projects, to work on education, to join masters and summer schools.

For Veerle Van Eetvelde education is the core task of Uniscape. She sees Uniscape as an

integration of disciplines therefore a priority is to find new countries and the missing disciplines. Connor Newman comments that, in addition to education, it is not possible to ignore the political aspects, the policy; as a louder voice at the Council of Europe is needed.

The new president Juan Manuel Palerm and vice presidents Veerle Van EetVelde and Sasa Dobricic are elected by acclamation.

As far as the call for Director candidates is concerned, Bas Pedroli believes that the Network needs someone in Florence, the seat of ELC, and therefore opens a discussion on who could take that position. Mauro Agnoletti (University of Florence) believes that it is crucial the relation between the university and regional government, as it is important to create the political conditions. Pedroli underlines that 2020 would be the time to organize in Florence the 20th anniversary of the convention.

Concerning the tasks of the Executive Board, it has been advanced the proposal to organize the executive board with an inner committee, with specific tasks. Following the proposal (see point. B of the annexes) it will be constituted as the Management Committee of the executive Board, consisting of the President, the two vice-Presidents and the Director.

3. Statutes and Internal Regulation

Some changes have been proposed to the statutes relating points A B C (see annexes) and are adopted.

Pedroli explains that in the statute the legal headquarter is in Villa Careggi, Florence. Being the building still in reconstruction, it has been decided to find a new office and it has been asked to introduce in point A that, and from the present moment; the headquarter will be at the University of Florence, which has given its availability.

The next point is that other universities can have representatives. Shelley Egoz asks if this means the need of a physical space. Pedroli answers that it is more a question of having staff and that it would be formalized only by consulting the executive board.

Administration / Financial situation

The documents regarding the financial situation (balance sheet 2016, draft budget 2016) are presented and approved. It has been registered a donation from the Norwegian University. From an overview on UNISCAPE members (inc. foundations) emerges that in the last year 32 out of 50 members have regularly paid. Bas Pedroli comments that more contributions and regular payments would give the possibility to increase the initiatives and organize more activities.

About the Network Office (headquarters, staff), Tommaso Zanaica explains that Villa Careggi has been left and an agreement with the SAGAS Department (University of Florence) is going to be formalized in order to have an office there, in the centre of Florence, in the Landscape Room,

symbolically the ideal place. As far as the secretary work is concerned, from last February the collaboration with Laura Stanganini has started. Margherita Azzari, who is leading the LabGeo (University of Florence), has offered to pay part of her salary. Pedrolini expresses his appreciation and thanks Margherita Azzari for her support and Laura Stanganini for her secretary work.

5. Network Activities and action plan

The following proposals about future activities and actions have been advanced:

- International Symposium on Landscape Observatories in Europa which will take place in the Netherlands in February under the auspices of Uniscape and Civillandscape dealing with landscape and migration (Van Eetvelde)
- IFLA ask for involvement Palerm says that they are cooperating for a plan for education it is important to built a network to propose a common plan on education.
- Marco De Vecchi (University of Turin) a seminar on how to preserve landscape on Unesco area. IALE (landscape ecology) in Gent “from pattern and process”
- Action Plan 2017-2018: Higher Education, Landscape Observatories, Centre of Studies, European Project (manifesto)

6. Next General Assembly meeting

Concerning the next General Assembly, a proposal has come from Anna Tietjen (University of Copenhagen). She suggests that the Dept. Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, which is now working on projects in line with the ELC and Uniscape, could be the right platform for the next meeting focusing on “Imagining Future Landscape and Education”. The period suggested is from the 25th to the 28th of June and the title could be Future Landscape.

7. Any other business

J M Palerm invites to discuss about:

- master proposals,
- projects from Europe 2020.