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## UNISCAPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

Wednesday 06 June | 9.30 - 12.30  
Bologna, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte  
University of Bologna

### AGENDA

1. Opening
  - 1.1 Welcome
  - 1.2 Approval minutes 2017 General Assembly meeting (Copenhagen, 18.06.2017)
  - 1.3 Adoption of the agenda
  
2. Network organs and regulation
  - 2.1. Overview on network composition
  - 2.2. Adaptation of the Statute
  
3. Administration and financial situation
  - 3.1. Balance Sheet approval / Budget 2017
  - 3.2. New VAT Regime and financial perspectives / Preliminary draft budget 2018
  - 3.3. Network Office and staff
  
4. Network Action Plan 2018-2020
  - 4.1 Goals and activities and events. Reports Executive Board working groups
    - a. Higher Education
    - b. Research and teaching Atlas
    - c. Landscape Observatories
    - d. Publications
    - e. 2020 Events
  - 4.2. "Beyond the ELC" Strategies : challenges, actors and tools
  - 4.3. Action Plan 2020
  - 4.4 Research Projects (AELCLIC, RETOS, PRIN Past in use....)
  
5. Network communication and dissemination
  - 5.1. Publications
  - 5.2. Web and communication
  
6. Next meeting of the General Assembly (A Coruña, Spain, June 2019)
  
7. Any other issues

to follow:

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY** - Approval of the Statute

## DRAFT MINUTES

### 1. Opening

The President Juan Manuel Palerm welcomes the audience and thanks Patrizia Tassinari and Daniele Torreggiani, representing the University of Bologna, for hosting the meeting. The Director Tessa Matteini thanks the audience and proposes to do a tour of presentations of the attendants.

Concerning the adoption of the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting, held in Copenhagen (Denmark, 18 June 2017), the Director ask the assembly whether there is any remark; then the document is approved without anyone.

Regarding the adoption of the agenda, Shelley Egoz notices that the proposal for organising the 2019 General Assembly and annual conference (point 6) comes from A Coruña - Spain, with a conference theme on education in landscape. She reminds that in the previous meeting of the GA (see minutes) she informed about an important event of celebration of the 100 years of the establishment of the first Landscape Architecture programme in Europe, with a conference to be held in Oslo in September 2019 titled 'A century of Landscape Architecture Education in Europe', for which she invited UNISCAPE to collaborate. Concerning a possible overlapping of events and themes, the President proposes to keep the organisation of the General Assembly in A Coruña in June 2019 and asks its representative (Cristòbal Crespo) to make a new proposal for the associated conference. The proposal made by Shelley Egoz is therefore confirmed and accepted.

### 2. Network organs and regulation

Concerning the network composition, two recently new members are presented: the University of Brescia - DITACAM Department - Italy, represented in the assembly by Prof. Massimiliano Botti, on behalf of Prof. Barbara Angi, which briefly presents the lines of work of the Group of Architecture dealing with landscape issues; and the University of La Laguna - Spain which has sent a request of adhesion that is shown to the assembly.

The President gives information about other possibles adhesions that are currently in discussion, with the University of Lubjiana - Slovenia - and the University of Sheffield - UK.

The draft for an updated version of the Statute of UNISCAPE is presented by the President and open to discussion for approval. He underlines that the aim is to include in the new Statute the regulations adopted over the years by the GA. Besides of minor aspects, the discussion mainly focuses on art.5 point 3 proposal (see draft Statute GA2018) on the use of different languages inside UNISCAPE activities. Bas Pedroli and Anne Tietjen affirm that the working language should be only English and that the Statute should not include the sentence. Juan Manuel Palerm defends the idea of preserving the richness of the cultural diversity expressed by the different languages and the possibility to understand each other

correctly, also if UNISCAPE working language is English. Different modifications of the sentence are proposed by the Assembly (by Occhiuto, Vanore, Castiglioni) but finally it is agreed to not include this point. Other suggestions of minor modifications of the Statute are proposed and noted in a new version that should be approved during the extraordinary meeting of the GA, following the rules of the current Statute.

### 3. Administration and financial situation

The Director presents the Balance sheet 2017 accompanied by the report of the Financial Controller and the provisional budget 2018 for approval. She explains that the negative balance resulted is due mainly because of the payments of outstanding taxes and the refund of travel expenses of the Director in the previous years. The Office Manager also explains that during the last year a smaller number of membership fees has been received compared to the previous year. Concerning the overall budget, the President underlines the importance of including all expenses related to UNISCAPE activities carried out by the universities, besides the annual fees. He proposes that all members should fill the form sent in advance (see “extra-budget”) in order to understand the real capacity of this association to engage money and funds; this could be useful in order to apply for extra financial support for some specific activities and projects. The financial documents are then approved without any further remarks.

### 4. Network Action Plan 2018-2020

The President explains the organization in working groups of the Executive Board, decided in its last meeting (Florence, 20 January). He admits that the coordination of these groups will not be easy task, but this could be useful in order to identify and define the main topics for the 2020 events. The floor is then given to the Executive Board members to report on the following working groups:

- *Higher Education*: Elvira Petroncelli wants to underline that the word “Education” would be preferable for this topic. As she is carrying on a project with the University of Naples Federico II with secondary schools, she asks to consider the importance of working with education in landscape starting from the young age. In this respect Cristòbal Crespo, working on this topic within the EB, reports an example of good practice, on the successful experience of the educational project for secondary schools in Galicia Region - Spain - called *Proyecto Tierra*. He also proposes few lines of work to follow: 1. the analysis of the document ECLAS Guidance on Landscape Architecture Education as a reference framework; 2. the status of the adoption of the European Landscape Convention at the different legal and training levels in the EU territories; 3. the state of incorporation of the landscape descriptors in the studies of architecture adapted to the EHEA in Europe. (initiatives to increase it); 4. the map of implementation of landscape studies in the different Universities of the UNISCAPE network; 5. the map of specific degrees in landscape architecture in Europe, 6. the analysis of the different disciplinary approaches to the study of the landscape. The Landscape Project as the main design and management tool.

- *Research and teaching Atlas*: Tessa Matteini refers to the survey that has been sent to the network members in order to start to constitute a database of information on the research and teaching activities within the UNISCAPE network. She invites all attendants to fill the survey (see SURVEY). Claudia Cassatella suggests to give an example on how to fill the survey in order to better understand. Margherita Vanore asks which is the period of time to consider and Matteini replies that the survey should return the current situation within the universities.

- *Landscape Observatories*: Claudia Cassatella informs that there are no recent initiatives ongoing to report on and asks to the assembly whether someone wants to join this working group, which aim is to reach social engagements and sharing knowledge on the topic. Juanjo Galan refers to the AECLIC project in which there is also the involvement of Landscape Observatories, such as the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia. He states that the aim should be the enhancement of the collaboration between universities and LOs. Antonello Alici, of the group of Ancona UNIVPM (the Landscape Research Center-CIRP) informs that with Andrea Galli they recently organised some initiatives dedicated to the inner areas of Marche Region that suffered earthquake last year, such as Summer Schools, debates and research projects aiming to promote Landscape Observatories and raising-awareness on the landscape. They offer their contribution within the Working Groups engaged on those topics. Benedetta Castiglioni wants to underline the necessity for the universities to maintain a discussion with the local authorities and institutions. Dirk Gotzmann of Civilscape invites to make a reflection of what kind of governance LOs should have.

- *Publications*: Rita Occhiuto, as referent for the EB on this topic, notices that a strategy for UNISCAPE publications has to be defined. In order to constitute a recognizable vision on this topic she also remarks that we have to focus which are the expectation from the Network and what kind of contribution the universities can offer. Shelley Egoz suggests that a good starting point could be the creation of a complete list of publications on landscape. Conor Newman agrees saying that every university could facilitate the task by sending their own list. Juan Manuel Palerm then suggests to think about an En-Route Seminar specifically dedicated to landscape publications. As an example of good practice, he quotes the library of *Fondazione Benetton Studi e Ricerche* that, represented in the Assembly by its President Marco Tamaro, offers its availability to collaborate in this purpose.

- *2020 Events*: Bas Pedrolì, as speaking-person for this working group, explains which are the current challenges for UNISCAPE and which roles the network could play facing the future orientations of the ELC and planning new actions. 2020 celebration of the ELC should be the occasion to bring more scientific evidence of the factors that are affecting transformations of the landscape, and on the potential future impact. He also suggests to reconsider the UNISCAPE potential to contribute to the ELC implementation, in order to find out landscape-based solutions for socio-cultural challenges of the 2020s.

In reaction to this, Shelley Egoz stresses on the fact the word Politics is missing in this discourse and should be included. Rita Occhiuto reflects on the capacity of the network to continue to pursue its aims, on which actions could be taken inside the institutions, and how to manage them, because the ELC asks to be “in” the landscape and not only to study it. Gianfranco Cartei underlines that there have been important legal changes in the EU policies in the last 20 years, especially in agricultural policies, with more consideration for the

landscape issues. Therefore the policies on soil consumption have not been successful, but they are also essential and have to be taken into account. Rita Biasi affirms that more scientific support for landscape concept is needed; she suggests to involve different scientific communities, such as the scientific societies for agriculture and forestry, in order to share common challenges. She also refers to the decalogue on forestry policies in Italy that has been drafted by her research group and that she would like to share with the Network. Carla Gonçalves, representing Civilscape, invites the Network to new actions for the implementation of the ELC, stressing on the importance of civil participation on scientific research, with the ideal aim to create an European platform of best practices, for increasing the awareness—raising of civil society.

Margherita Vanore illustrates then the proposal to organize a special edition of IUAV W.A.VE design workshop in 2020 dedicated to “Landscape as a Project”, in collaboration with UNISCAPE. Starting from the experience of Architecture, the W.A.VE 2020 will be the central part of a series of events focused on Landscape as Project, especially oriented on "waters landscapes", referring in particular to those landscapes built by the different waters, lagoons and land reclamation, rivers and fluvial lines.

The President takes the floor to explain the meaning of the “Beyond the ELC Strategies”: he refers to some key topics/challenges toward the future implementation of the ELC, to be taken into account, such as 1. deterritorialization and migration, 2. legal conflicts, 3. environmental aspects and climate change; 4. landscape as a project.

He suggests to reflect about the actual meaning of Landscape Project, wondering which could be the contribution of UNISCAPE. He asks the Executive Board to start working after the GA meeting in order to make proposals and define the main lines of work. Then the Director asks the audience if there are other aspect to consider.

Dirk Gotzmann makes an open invitation in order to participate in the discussion on which are the topic to deal with landscape: soil consumption, agriculture, ... He also reminds that this is the European Year of Heritage and that landscape is not mentioned: it would be important to join forces to define a common position in order to influence the EU Commission policies. The President agrees with this proposal and invites the EB to work with Civilscape on this aspect.

Lionella Scazzosi refers to the relationship and possible partnership with ICOMOS, inviting to think about the meaning of landscape project in the management and participation of the stakeholders and populations. Gianfranco Cartei makes notice on the strong influence of tourism effects in the use and management of landscape, as a subject to be taken into consideration. Alessandro Toccolini wants to specify the correct meaning of “territory” in the concept of landscape.

Concerning the network Action Plan, the next UNISCAPE events are presented for 2018/2019:

Scheduled events	Timing
<i>En Route</i> Seminar “Living in Terraced Landscapes” Las Palmas, Canary Islands First meeting of the Rectors UNISCAPE	21-23 November 2018
<i>Seminar</i> shared with Fondazione Benetton Studi e Ricerche, to present the output of the Grant Scholarships about the updated scenery of landscape architecture education in Europe developed with the support of UNISCAPE	Fall 2018-Spring 2019
<i>En Route</i> Seminar “No migration, no landscape” ‘on the move’, University Nova Gorica ( see attached file )	Spring 2019
General Assembly in A Coruña, España ( see attached file )	June 2019
Conference in Oslo, Norway, Norwegian University of Life Sciences with IFLA, ECLAS ‘A century of Landscape Architecture Education in Europe’	September 2019

Concerning EU founded Projects, Juanjo Galan explains the aims of the AECLIC Project - Adaptation of European Landscapes to Climate Change - in which UNISCAPE is involved as a partner.

Antonello Alici talks about “RETOS” Red de Entidades para el Desarrollo Territorial a través de Observatorios Sostenibles, an Erasmus+ Programme, inserted in Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, with communities and populations.

Concerning the publications, the Director gives information about the first contact had with Lorenzo De Medici Press, a publisher based in Florence that sent a proposal for collaboration for the future initiatives of the network. She moreover affirms the importance to have a designed publisher to give coherence and consistency to the future publication strategy of UNISCAPE.

Before the closure of the meeting, Fabio di Carlo wants to inform the assembly of a recently founded association called IASLA - Italian Academic Society of Landscape Architecture - he participate in and that could establish a partnership with UNISCAPE.

The meeting is then closed, the President and the Director thank all participants.

## List of participants

- Benedetta Castiglioni - University of Padova
- Bas Pedroli - University of Wageningen
- Anne Tietjen - University of Copenhagen
- Shelley Egoz - Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- Massimiliano Botti - University of Brescia on behalf of Prof. Barbara Angi
- Claudia Cassatella - Polytechnic of Torino
- Viola Corbari - Fondazione Benetton
- Marco Tamaro - Fondazione Benetton
- Rita Occhiuto - Faculté Architecture Université Liège
- Conor Newman - NUI Galway
- Lionella Scazzosi - Politecnico di Milano
- Patrizia Tassinari - University of Bologna
- Daniele Torreggiani - University of Bologna
- Francisco Galiana - Universitat Politècnica de Valencia
- Fulvio Adobiati - University of Bergamo
- Fabio di Carlo - University Roma La Sapienza
- Margherita Vanore - Università IUAV di Venezia
- Rita Biasi - Tuscia University, Viterbo
- Gian Franco Cartei - Università di Firenze
- Juanjo Galan - University of Aalto
- Andrea Galli - Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona
- Antonello Alici - Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona
- Philippe Zourgane - ENSA Paris La Villette
- Elvira Petroncelli - Università di Napoli Federico II
- Cristòbal Crespo - ETS Arquitectura Universidad de A Coruna
- Juan Manuel Palerm - Univerdidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria - UNISCAPE President
- Tessa Matteini - Università di Firenze - UNISCAPE Director

## Proxies:

- Anna Laura Palazzo - Università Roma 3 (Petroncelli)
- Alfredo Luaces Farina – Caja Canarias (Palerm)
- Sasa Dobricic - University of Nova Gorica (Matteini)
- Tana Lascu - Ion Mincu University Bucarest (Pedroli)
- Brino Zanon - University of Trento (Palerm)
- Marco Devecchi - University of Torino (Cassatella)

## Observers:

- Dirk Gotzmann - Civilscape
- Carla Gonçalves - Civilscape / University of Porto