eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on
6.30 pm, 07 September 2006

University of Thessaly, Volos
Department of Planning
Greece

MINUTES

Present

Administrative Council: Henri Achten (HA) (President and Chair), Andre Brown (AB), Vassilis Bourdakis (VB), Nele De Meyere (Secretariat) (NDM), Wolfgang Dokonal (WD), Joachim Kieferle (JBK), José Duarte (JD), Bob Martens (BM), Marc Muylle (MM), Johan Verbeke (JV) and Tadeja Zupancic Strojan (TZ).

Financial Auditor: Silke Lang (SL), Michael Mullins (MM).

Members: Approximately 25 eCAADe members attended.

Apologies: Jonas af Klercker (JaK), Alexander Asanowicz (AA), Thomas Kvan (TK), Tom Maver (TM) and Jelena Petric (JP).
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1. Welcome and Statement by the President

HA welcomed the membership to the eCAADe 2006 Annual General Meeting being held at the University of Thessaly, Department of Planning, Volos, Greece.
HA and AB presented an overview of the council's past and future activities. AB reported on the reconfiguration of the eCAADe website, having separate divisions for students and researchers from now and invited the membership to send good examples of student work and any other recommendations on the eCAADe website to Martin Winchester or himself.
It was said that eCAADe members join the Listserver automatically and get a reduced fee for subscription to IJAC. It was underlined that submissions for the journal may be sent at any time. AB invited the membership to recommend the journal in the Thomson Scientific Index.
HA thanked Wassim Jabi for the assistance in installing the institutional membership opportunity for libraries and informed the membership that this membership includes one year full institutional access to the CUMINCAD database and one year eCAADe membership for one faculty member receiving a hard copy of the last conference proceedings for a 200 € subscription fee.
Finally it was mentioned that there is now an entry about eCAADe in WIKIPEDIA.

2. The council

HA presented the council (Henri Achten, Jonas af Klercker, Aleksander Asanowicz, Vassilis Bourdakis, Andre Brown, Nele De Meyere, Wolfgang Dokonal, Jose Duarte, Joachim Kieferle, Tom Kvan, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Marc Muylle, Jelena Petric and Tadeja Zupancic Strojan) and the roles fixed for the council members and gave an overview of what eCAADe does: conference site organization, web review systems, IJAC, CUMINCAD, digitisation of paper (CAADFutures) and financial support for young researchers. HA thanked Silke Lang and Michael Mullings for being auditors.

3. Report from the secretariat

HA reported on the membership of the eCAADe association (169 Lisbon participants, around 150 Volos participants and 33 individual subscriptions during 2005) and gave an overview of the Profit and Loss and Statement of Accounts for 2005 with an income of 13316,76 euro and an expenditure of 5358,24 euro during 2005, closing the year with a healthy balance of 22534,14 euro. HA summarized the benefits of joining eCAADe (access to CUMINCAD, eCAADe Listserver and reduced subscription to IJAC) underlining the fact that the association continuously tries to develop activities of benefit to the membership and advantageous for the CAD-community.

4. Relationships with other organisations

- CAADRIA (presented by Marc Schnabel) - "Digitization and Globalization" – 19-22 April 2007 in Nanjing, China hosted by Southeast University, Nanjing University (www.caadria2007.org)
- CAADFutures (presented by Marc Schnabel) – "Integrating Technologies for Computer-Aided Design" – 11-13 July 2007 in Sydney, Australia hosted by the University of Sydney (http://2007.caadfutures.org)
- ACADIA (presented by Wassim Jabi) – "Synthetic Landscapes" - 12-15 October 2006 in Louisvillle, Kentucky hosted by University of Kentucky –(www.acadia2006.org)
- SIGRADI (presented by Eduardo Nardelli) – "Post Digital" – 21-23 November 2006 in Santiago, Chile, hosted by Universidad de Chile (www.uchilefau.cl/sigradi2006/)

5. Future conferences for eCAADe

BM gave an overview of the upcoming conferences and explained that eCAADe has two important criteria for accepting conference proposals. At first eCAADe wants to move around the regions in Europe, the host should thus have an attractive, reachable and cultural place to offer. Secondly the team making the proposal should have been visible within the association for a substantial time. BM underlined the fact that there is an open bidding procedure based on conference guidelines. Currently BM received proposals from Delft, Istanbul and Zurich. Members interested to host future conferences can contact BM.

The forthcoming conferences are set as:
2007: Wiesbaden, Germany, hosted by Joachim Kieferle
2008: Antwerp, Belgium, hosted by Marc Muylle

Joachim Kieferle presented the 25th eCAADe conference, being held in Frankfurt, Germany, 26-29/09/2007 September 2005: theme, conference organization team, important dates, conference website and tourist and travel information.

6. Activities in the regions

7. Ivan Petrovic Award

HA explained that the best presentation of a young researcher (< 35 years) will be awarded the Ivan Petrovic Award including a certificate, free entrance to future eCAADe conference and assistance in IJAC submission.

8. Any other business

HA said that the eCAADe council decided to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution of TM and JaK to the association and told the membership that they were appointed honorary members.

No other matters were upraised and the meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.