

eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on
4.00 pm, 18 September 2009

Artesis, Antwerp
Belgium

MINUTES

Present

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

Financial Auditor: Silke Lang (SL), Gilles Halin (GH).

Members: Approximately 60 eCAADe members attended.

Apologies: Thomas Kvan (TK), Tom Maver (TM) and Johan Verbeke (JV).

1. Welcome and Statement by the President

HA welcomed the membership to the eCAADe 2008 Annual General Meeting being held at Artesis, Belgium.

HA and AB presented an overview of the council's activities:

- the website that has been updated;
- the IJAC-cover competition for students from the eCAADe region;
- the possibility of institutional membership for libraries (in collaboration with ACADIA, CAADRIA and SIGRADI) including 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's conference proceedings for a 200 € subscription fee.

2. The council

HA presented the council members (Henri Achten, Aleksander Asanowicz, Vassilis Bourdakis, Andre Brown, Gulen Cagdas, Birgul Colakoglu, Nele De Meyere, Wolfgang Dokonal, Jose Duarte, Joachim Kieferle, Tom Kvan, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Marc Muylle, Johan Verbeke and Tadeja Zupancic Strojjan) and the roles fixed for the council members.

It was announced that in 2009 president elections will be organized and the official protocol for that was presented.

3. Report from the secretariat

HA reported on the membership of the eCAADe association (around 160 Frankfurt participants, around 135 Antwerp participants) and gave an overview of the Profit and Loss and Statement of Accounts for 2007 with an income of 10256,39 euro and an expenditure of 2683,92 euro during 2007, closing the year with a healthy balance of 34569,68 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. Silke Lang and Gilles Halin were thanked for auditing the 2007 accounts.

4. Relationships with other organisations

- ACADIA 2008: 'Silicon + Skin - Biological Processes and Computation' from 16-19 October 2008, Minnesota, USA (<http://www.acadia.org/acadia2008/>).

- CAADRIA 2009: 'Between Man and Machine: Integration - Intuition - Intelligence' from 22-25 April 2009, Yunlin, Taiwan (www.caadria2009.org).
- SIGRADI 2008: 'Digital Graphics and Applied Computer Science: Cooperation, Integration and Development' from 1-5 December, La Habana, Cuba (www.sigradi.org).
- ASCAAD 2009: 'Digitizing Architecture: Formalization & Content' from 11-12 May 2009, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

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 since a substantial time. BM underlined the fact that there is an open bidding procedure based on conference guidelines. Members interested to host future conferences can contact BM.

The forthcoming conferences are set as:

2009: Istanbul, Turkey, hosted by Birgul Colakoglu and Gulen Cagdas (www.ecaade09.itu.edu.tr).

2010: Zurich, Switzerland, hosted by Silke Konsorksi-Lang and Jan Halatsch.

For 2011, a sound proposal was received from University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (T. Zupancic).

Birgul Colakoglu presented the 27th eCAADe conference, being held in Istanbul, Turkey, 17-20/09/2009: theme (Computation: the new realm of architectural design), conference organization team, important dates, conference website and tourist and travel information.

Jan Halatsch presented the 28th eCAADe conference, to be held in Zurich.

6. Activities in the regions

The membership was invited to give messages and announcements.

Two events were announced:

- Conference on 'Communicating by Design' organized by Sint-Lucas School of Architecture, Brussels from 15-17 April 2009, (<http://conf.bydesigning.info/conf/>)
- Ideas Competition 'Building for Bouwkunde': On 13 May 2008, the Faculty of Architecture of the Technical University of Delft was reduced to ashes. The Dutch architectural community was in a shock. Nevertheless, this community soon joined forces to set to work again. After all, the loss of the faculty building also offers new opportunities. That is why the Faculty decided to organize an international open ideas competition. (<http://www.buildingforbouwkunde.nl>).

AB, editor in chief of IJAC (International Journal of Architectural Computation), explained that the submission system for papers has changed. The system for submission can be checked via: www.architecturalcomputing.org. It was also mentioned that eCAADe members have right to a reduced subscription fee for the journal.

7. Ivan Petrovic Award

HA explained that winning the Ivan Petrovic Award for the best presentation of a young researcher (< 35 years) includes as prize a certificate, free entrance to future eCAADe conference and assistance in IJAC submission. For the first a time an online voting-system was used and this resulted in the appointing of

- Onur Gun, Martin Tamke, Jan Halatsch and Gideon Aschwanden as runners-up;
- Louisa Dalla Vecchia as winner.

8. Any other business

No other matters were upraised and the meeting was closed at 5.00 pm.