

eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on

5.30 pm, 27 September 2007

Fachhochschule Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main
Germany

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), Jose Duarte (JD), Bob Martens (BM), Marc Muylle (MM), Johan Verbeke (JV) and Tadeja Zupancic Strojan (TZ).

Financial Auditor: Silke Lang (SL).

Members: Approximately 35 eCAADe members attended.

Apologies: Alexander Asanowicz (AA), Thomas Kvan (TK) and Tom Maver (TM).

1. Welcome and Statement by the President

HA welcomed the membership to the eCAADe 2007 Annual General Meeting being held at the Fachhochschule Frankfurt, Germany.

HA 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 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, Nele De Meyere, Wolfgang Dokonal, Jose Duarte, Joachim Kieferle, Tom Kvan, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Marc Muylle and Tadeja Zupancic Strojan) and the roles fixed for the council members. In addition to this, the resignation of Jonas af Klercker on his request was announced. Jonas af Klercker was warmly thanked for the work, passion and energy he invested in the association.

As for the presidential elections, AB announced that HA was re-elected unopposed for a second two year-term as eCAADe president.

3. Report from the secretariat

HA reported on the membership of the eCAADe association (around 150 Volos participants, around 155 Frankfurt participants) and gave an overview of the Profit and Loss and Statement of Accounts for 2006 with an income of 10191,53 euro and an expenditure of 5728,46 euro during 2006, closing the year with a healthy balance of 26997,21 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. It was announced that

the association will switch to a pool of auditors for the future: Mike Knight, Silke Lang, Michael Mullins and Andrew Roberts. The present membership agreed in majority to this proposal.

4. Relationships with other organisations

- ACADIA (presented by Nancy Cheng) - 'Expanding bodies' - October 1-7, 2007 in Halifax, hosted by Dalhousie University School of Architecture and NSCAD University (<http://acadia07.architecture.dal.ca/>).
- CAADRIA (presented by Kaga Atsuko) - 'Beyond Computer Aided Design' - April 9-12, 2008 in Chiang Mai, hosted by Chiang Mai University (<http://www.caadria2008.org/>). Kago Atsuko also presented CAADRIA's diverse awards: Young CAADRIA Award, Best Paper Award, Best presentation award and the Tee Sasada Award.
- SIGRADI (presented by Anja Pratschke) - 'Communication in the visual society' - October 23-25, 2007 in Mexico, hosted by La Salle University, Mexican School of Architecture (<http://www.sigradimexico.org/>). The next SIGRADI conferences will take place in Havana, Cuba and Sao Paolo, Brasil.

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:

2008: Antwerp, Belgium, hosted by Marc Muylle

2009: Istanbul, Turkey, hosted by Birgul Colakoglu and Gulen Cagdas.

Marc Muylle presented the 26th eCAADe conference, being held in Antwerp, Belgium, 17-20/09/2008: theme (Architecture 'in computro', conference organization team, important dates, conference website and tourist and travel information.

6. Activities in the regions

Two workshops were announced:

- 'ParaCloud tm for Rhino, a generative parametric design workshop' in Barcelona, 8-9 October 2007,
- 'Shape to fabrication' in London, 25 October 2007.

BM introduced a project of Ann Heylighen, 'MACE': a repository on architecture related projects. For further information people should contact Ann Heylighen.

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 during the closing ceremony of the eCAADe conference.

8. Any other business

No other matters were upraised and the meeting was closed at 6.15 pm.