

eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on
4.15 pm, 17 September 2010

ETH Zurich
Switzerland

MINUTES

Present:

Council Members: Henri Achten, Birgul Colakoglu, Wolfgang Dokonal, Jose Duarte, Bob Martens, Johan Verbeke, Tadeja Zupancic

Financial Auditor: Dana Matejovska

Members: Approximately 80 eCAADe members attended.

Apologies: Marc Muylle, Michael Knight (working on the online voting system)

1. Welcome and Statement by the President

WD welcomed the membership to the eCAADe 2010 Annual General Meeting being held at ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

WD presented an overview of the eCAADe's activities:

- the website that has been updated and will be updated and transformed with more dynamic content;
- growing eCAADe community on LinkedIn with many non eCAADe members;
- the benefit of eCAADe membership;
- the success of the IJAC Journal and how to submit papers;
- 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 200,00 € subscription fee. The membership was asked to promote this more in the institutions.

2. The council

- WD presented the council members (Henri Achten, Aleksander Asanowicz, Vassilis Bourdakis, Andre Brown, Birgul Colakoglu, Nele De Meyere, Wolfgang Dokonal, Jose Duarte, Joachim Kieferle, Tom Kvan, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Marc Muylle, Johan Verbeke, Tadeja Zupancic, Silke Konsorski-Lang) and the roles fixed for the council members. It was said that future and former conference organizers are invited to the council meetings before and after the conference. After that the council can propose them to become regular council members.
- WD mentioned that at the moment there are only four female council members out of 16 which makes it a percentage of 25%. This percentage is better than in many other associations but still should be raised.
- It was announced that the eCAADe statues need some changes. The council is working on the proposed changes and will inform the members before the next AGM in Ljubljana. The proposed changes will then have to be decided at the AGM.
- WD announced that his two years term as president will end in Ljubljana in 2011. He informed the members that the council had decided to propose to hand over the presidency for the next two years to JD at the AGM in Ljubljana. WD informed the

members about the procedure to name additional candidates and invited them to read the details on the eCAADe website. Nominations supported by two members of good standing outside of the nominees institute have to be sent in not less than 6 months before the next AGM. A reminder will be sent out to the membership. WD explained that in the past years the council had decided to have the vice-presidents to take over the presidency. This guarantees a stable leadership of the association and allows longer term planning.

3. Report from the secretariat

WD reported on the membership of the eCAADe association (around 140 Istanbul participants, around 176 Zurich participants) and gave an overview of the Profit and Loss and Statement of Accounts for 2009 with an income of 10622,48 euro and an expenditure of 3245,60 euro during 2009, resulting in a profit of 7376,88 euro. Added with the transfer from 2008 of 41278,95 euro, this results in a healthy balance of 48655.83 euro. WD summarized the benefits of joining eCAADe (access to CUMINCAD, eCAADe Listserv 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 has to be noted that more and more people stay member even when they do not attend the yearly conference.

DM and MK were auditors of the financial figures of 2009. There were no remarks. DM and MK were thanked for auditing the 2009 accounts.

4. Relationships with other organisations

WD announced the new mutual agreement with ASCAAD. The eCAADe council had made the decision to invite ASCAAD into the agreement as a sister organization because ASCAAD managed to become more and more stable and organized a successive series of conferences. eCAADe and ASCAAD will exchange representatives at their conferences and will not charge conference fees for that. WD welcomed ASCAADs vice president Amar Bennadji and invited him to introduce the eCAADe members

WD invited the presenters of the sister organizations to present their oncoming conferences

ACADIA (New York, 21-24 October 2010 and Calgary, Canada in 2011) - Presented by Branco Kolarevic

ASCAAD (Fes, Morocco, 19-21 October 2010) - Presented by Amar Bennadji

CAADRIA (Newcastle, Australia, 27-29 April 2011) - Presented by Tomohira Fukuda

SIGRADIA (Bogotá, Colombia 17-19 November 2010) - Presented by Gabriela Celani

Also the upcoming CAADFutures conference was mentioned (Liege - 4-8 July 2011)

5. Future conferences for eCAADe

WD gave an overview of the upcoming conferences. eCAADe aims to plan two conferences ahead. Statements of interest for future organization have been raised by Aalborg, Trieste, Madrid, Rome, Nancy and London. There is an open bidding procedure based on conference guidelines. The guidelines are revised at the moment. Members interested to host future conferences can contact BM and are advised to send in proposals.

The next three forthcoming conferences are already set as:

2011: Ljubljana, Slovenia, hosted by Tadeja Zupancic. Tadeja Zupancic presented the conference.

2012: Prague, Czech Republic, hosted by Henri Achten and Dana Matejovska. Henri Achten presented the conference.

2013: Delft, The Netherlands, hosted by Bige Tuncer. Bige Tuncer presented the conference.

6. Activities in the regions

The membership was invited to give messages and announcements. There were no additional reports from the members.

7. Any other business

- WD announced:
 - i. The eCAADe grant for young researchers. The grant is intended for young researchers studying in Europe to attend a pre-conference PHD workshop where they can present their work and discuss with colleagues. It is intended to give the grant to 6 students / each 500 €. They must have an approved PhD in its initial state and apply with a description of their PhD and a motivation statement. The details of this initiative will get an announced on the eCAADe website shortly and emailed to the members.
 - ii. The eCAADe poster competition: each representative of eCAADe will host a poster competition for students during the summer. The idea is to make eCAADe more visible at universities. It will be organized in a similar way as the IJAC-cover competition. The details of this initiative will also be circulated through website and listserver.

8. Prizes

- WD announced a short break of the AGM to make it possible for the council to get the results from the online voting system for the best presentation prizes.

The online voting system has been organized by Martin Winchester and Marc Mylle with the help of Michael Knight. It was used for both presentation prizes (eCAADe best presentation prize sponsored by Bentley systems and the Ivan Petrovic Award which is for a best presentation of a young researcher under 35).

The voting gave a draw for the Ivan Petrovic Award so the council decided to award the prize twice to:

Pia Fricker from ETH Zuerich
and
Katarina Novakova from Prague University.

The Ivan Petrovic Award consist of a certificate, one year subscription to IJAC, free registration for one future eCAADe conference and editorial help to publish the presented paper in IJAC. JD gave the price - only Katarina Novakova was present.

The eCAADe best presentation prize (sponsored by Bentley) was awarded to:

Benjamin Dillenburger from ETH Zuerich

The prize consists of a certificate and 500€ prize money. The winner was not present. WD explained that this year the prize was sponsored by Bentley systems to commemorate their 10th year of eCAADe sponsorship. The council decided to give the runner up in the best presentation price voting an additional prize consisting of a certificate and one year free subscription to IJAC. The runner up was Volker Koch from Karlsruhe (he was also not present).

After the price ceremony held by JD and WD the main conference organizers - Prof. Gerhard Schmitt, Frederic Bosche, Jan Halatsch and Antje Kuntze were warmly thanked for a wonderful 2010 conference at ETH and were presented with styrian nuclear oil and chocolates from Brussels!

Professor Gerhard Schmitt invited his organizing committee on the stage and thanked them for their work and support for the eCAADe conference.

The AGM was closed at app. 18:30.