

# eCAADe Administrative Council Meeting

Meeting held on  
16 September 2008

Artesis, Antwerpen

## MINUTES

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

Invited: Alacam Aslan, Gulen Cagdas (GC), Birgul Colakuglu (BC), Silke Lang (SL).

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

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### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting: mid year meeting at the Hogeschool voor Wetenschap & Kunst, Department of Architecture in Brussels (28-29 March 2008)

(i) The Minutes of the mid year Council meeting, already circulated, were agreed and checked for action points. HA confirmed to send a confirmation letter to Zurich.

(ii) Matters arising not already in the Agenda for this meeting:

- Ivan Petrovic arrangements: see below.
- Web list of CAD-members: see below.
- Full paper submission or not: JD asked for a decision on this matter, which was already discussed during the mid year meeting. It was agreed not to introduce two tracks and to opt for an extended paper of 1500 words. It was said that reviewing all full papers would cause too much work load for the reviewers but that people who require review of their full paper could ask for it.
- Elections for presidency: see below.

(iii) The minutes of the AGM in Frankfurt, already circulated, were agreed without comments.

### 2. eCAADe Conference 2008: Antwerpen

- (i) Overview of arrangements: Marc Muylle welcomed the eCAADe Council at Artesis and gave an overview of the arrangements. Around 135 registered for the conference. The organizer had to plan three parallel sessions but due to several cancellations in the previous days a re-scheduling might be necessary. MM shortly presented the schedule and introduced the keynote speakers (Glanville and Poulissen & Verbeeck) and the appointments for the cocktail, the dinner and the cultural tours.
- (ii) MM changed the program for Friday afternoon by finishing more early than usual. The IP winner announcements are foreseen at 15h30, the closing ceremony at 15h45 and the AGM at 16h30. It was agreed to switch the planning of the AGM and the closing ceremony. HA asked to foresee a moment for the president at the opening.

- (iii) Concerning the Ivan Petrovic Prize arrangements, the conference organizer introduced an online voting system ([www.ecaade08.be/IPPrize](http://www.ecaade08.be/IPPrize)), programmed in PHP (by MM). It was asked whether it is a good thing to base the result on the average number of people attending. It was said it is a positive step that the system was changed to a more open one and that after this first step an evaluation could be organized during the next Council Meeting. It was agreed that WD would provide the certificates for the winners. It was asked what happened with the organization of an additional prize as was suggested during the mid year meeting. The idea will be continued, probably in Istanbul, but firstly the peer-jurying of this year will be evaluated. It was asked to look out for other means of sponsorship to finance this prize.
- (iv) MM introduced new items at the conference: lockers and a blog where comments and impressions can be written down ([www.ecaade08.blogspot.com](http://www.ecaade08.blogspot.com)).
- (v) MM was warmly thanked for the organization.

### 3. Secretariat of eCAADe

- (i) It was agreed that NDM would be taking Minutes of the meeting.
- (ii) NDM presented the Statement of Accounts and Profit and Loss 2008 until this date. The accounts show a healthy balance. Silke Lang and Gilles Halin were asked earlier to audit the accounts for 2007; both agreed.
- (iii) Institutional membership: An overview of the institutional members was presented. It was said that BM and NDM will have to make arrangements concerning the expiry date for these members. JK informed the future conference organizers that they have to take into account the orders for hard copy proceedings that will be forwarded by the eCAADe secretariat in the year following their conference. It might be expected that this number will grow.
- (iv) The membership data analysis was discussed. It was decided that for this year the membership data would be asked for by email and that the questionnaire was not to be organized.

### 4. Composition and Roles of the Administrative Council

- (i) Composition: The council thanked VB formally for accepting Council membership and proposed that JK would join the council too, as two members recently resigned (i.e. Jelena Petric and Jonas af Klercker). JK accepted this.
- (ii) The roles for the council were confirmed as follows: Vice Presidents (WD and JD); Treasurer (JV); Research (TM); Liaison (BM); Communications (AB and Martin Winchester); Eastern Regional Representative (AA), Secretariat (NDM).
- (iii) Presidential election: During the AGM it will be announced that elections will be organized for a new president and the procedure will be outlined. After the Mid Year meeting of March 2009 a more concrete proposal will be sent out by email.

### 5. 2009/2010/2011 Conferences

- i. The Web review system Openconf was discussed. AB reported that it is now also used for IJAC. It proved to be a stable solution and all CAD-associations use it. It was said that it might have a cost in the future because of the popularity.
- ii. Istanbul 2009: BC gave the council a state of affairs on the preparations. The team continues to work on the arrangements. The appointment of the key note speakers was discussed. It was said that it would be a good idea to involve a Turkish architect as keynote speaker. The flyer was sent out to the sister organizations CAADRIA and SIGRADI. The team is working on arrangements for touristic matters and contacted the sponsors (Autodesk, Bentley and Turkish sponsors..). The reviewers will be invited. The website for announcement is already active and will be updated by the

end of October. The conference will be announced at the AGM. JK confirmed that is a good thing that templates are handed over between conference organizers.

- iii. Zurich 2010: SL presented the theme, team, venue and preliminary arrangements for the 2010 conference. The organization is moving on schedule. The next step is the production of the flyer for which a student competition will be organized. The flyer will be presented during the Mid year meeting of March 2009. The conference website will be launched via: [www.ecaade2010.ethz.cz](http://www.ecaade2010.ethz.cz). SL was asked to present the conference in short at the AGM. The council expressed her confidence in the organization.
- iv. Future proposals (2011 and onward): It was said that Delft University of Technology has withdrawn its proposal because of the destruction on their faculty building. Interest was expressed by France (Gilles Halin), Prague (Henri Achten and Dana Matejovska), Rome (Antonio Fioravanti and Gianfranco Carrara), Glasgow (Scott Chase),... A sound proposal for 2011 was received from Ljubljana (Tadeja Zupancic). It was said that the council supports this proposal and that other candidates will informally be asked for their standing by BM and HA.

## 6. Parallel Organization Conferences: reports, links, planning for representation

1. ACADIA (Minneapolis, USA, 16-19 October 2008): BM will attend.
2. SIGRADI (Havana, Cuba, 1-5 December 2008): WD will attend.
3. ASCAAD (Manama, Bahrain, 1-2 March 2009): The original date was changed into 11-12 May 2009.
4. CAADRIA (Yunlin, Taiwan, 22-24 April 2009): representation will be determined after papers are accepted.
5. CAAD Futures (Montreal, Canada, 17-19 June 2009): representation will be determined after papers are accepted.

## 7. Publications

- (i) Website: AB told that eCAADe-website, now hosted by the University of Liverpool, has to be moved an external site as the university does not allow PHP because of hacking risk. It was confirmed that the site would still be maintained by AB and Martin Winchester and it was agreed that AB will send out a proposal for the costing and the provider they think it should move to.

AB also reported on the updates. The past conference sites are now available, there is a link to the institutional membership offer, the Council of Simpsons was added and the last year's IP-winners photographs were added.

- (ii) International Journal of Architectural Computing - IJAC
  - General matters: The IJAC cover competition was successfully organized and it was noticed that one of the winners (Philippe Marin) is present at the Antwerp conference. SIGRADI was asked to organize it this year but until now they did not react.
  - Openconf: The use of Openconf for IJAC resulted in a back-up of papers for publication which is a good thing. It was remarked that the eCAADe issues are sometimes rather similar to the papers submitted to the eCAADe conference. ACADIA on the other hand offers substantially new material.
  - Thomson Citation Index: AB confirmed that IJAC should produce four issues in time and of good quality to get indexed.
  - Subscription: It was said that Multiscience considers the number of subscriptions as sufficient for the moment. Digital subscription is only possible for SIGRADI-members and libraries who subscribe to journals in group.

- (ii) CUMINCAD
  1. General matters: The goal is to keep the digital library as actual as possible with minimum efforts. BM confirmed that the maintenance is going well and that eCAADe, like ACADIA, records conference papers of the annual conference as soon as are sent out for printing. Also the IJAC-papers are made available now.
  2. Institutional membership: The institutional membership is growing but not as much as in USA. Until now institutional membership is only offered by eCAADe and ACADIA. CAADRIA will offer it from now on. SIGRADI does not yet offer the possibility. It was said that there is a proposal to make an agreement with sibling associations about the issue of "out of region" membership of libraries. At some point, since only eCAADe and ACADIA had institutional membership, eCAADe was taking libraries as member also from the other regions (for example Sydney is an eCAADe institutional member). There is now however, no more reason for a library from the CAADRIA region to be an eCAADe/ACADIA institutional member, because they properly should be a CAADRIA member. It was therefore proposed to the other associations that the "within region" fee is set for institutional membership to a reasonable amount for that region, but that for libraries applying "outside region" should pay a substantially higher fee. This is the 300 euro proposal that circulated last time (proposed by Marc Aurel). In this case two things are achieved: no shopping for the lowest registration fee and having the libraries associate with the association of their region.
- (iii) Web-list of CAD-members: The goal is to develop a coverage of all people active in the field in an effortless as possible way. The initiative has the support from the other associations.

## 8. Any other Business

- (i) eCAADe poster: WD proposed to produce a poster with information on what eCAADe does and to disseminate it among schools. The goal is to reach (young) people who are not connected to the association. It was agreed that WD would prepare a proposal.
- (ii) eCAADe sponsorship: WD proposed to launch a competition with call for essays, directed towards people who in daily life are involved with architecture and computers. The winner could be offered attendance the eCAADe conference. Target would again be to reach people that are not connected to the association. The idea was welcomed by the council and it will be investigated how this can be developed. It was said that it should also be checked how this can be linked to external sponsorship.
- (iii) AMIT (Architecture and Modern Information Technologies): AA shortly presented the state of affairs of this Russian Journal, issued by the Moscow Architectural Institute. M. Matalasov, editor in chief, asked AA to explore cooperation possibilities with eCAADe. The Council questioned the impact of the journal at this moment and considers the situation at the moment rather ad hoc. Nevertheless, the Council expressed the will to continue some kind of support, however not in an official way.

## 9. Next Council Meeting

- (i) Arrangements for the mid year meeting in Brussels - The following dates were set: 27 and 28 March 2009.
- (ii) Items for the meeting are invited (to HA).
- (iii) The Meeting was closed and MM was thanked for hosting the meeting.