

EAHN Business Meeting 2019

Zaragoza, Saturday, 16 February 2019

Time: 14.00-16.30

Venue: Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Aragón (CAOO)

(Casa Palacio de los Torrero)

C/ San Voto, no 7, CP 50003, Zaragoza

Attendees: Mark Crinson (President), Jorge Correia (Vice-President), José Àngel Medina Murua (Treasurer), Cànâ Bilsel (Secretary), Anne Hultzsch (Communications Officer), Jakub Adamski, Sahar Al-Qaisi, Lucia C. Pérez, Denis Bocquet, Samantha Martin-McAuliffe, Hilde Heynen, Ricardo Agarez, Marta Garcia Carbonero, Laura Sanchez Carrasco, Finola O’Kane Crimmins, Giulia Ceriani Sebregondi, Saliha Aslan, Belgin Turan Özkaya, Zeynep Kezer, Pilar Moran Garcia, Mari Lending, Christian Parreno, Inaki Bergera, Pablo Arza, Ana Esteban-Maluenda, Tosten Lange, Kathleen James-Chakraborty, Matteo Burioni, Sabine Frommel, Davide Deriu, Asma Mehan, Richard Williams, Petra Brouwer, Andres Kurg, Laura Martinez de Guereni

Apologies for absence: Anat Falbel, Nancy Stieber, Adrian Forty, Ruth Hanisch, Merlijn Hurx, Marteen Delbeke, Susan Klaiber, Stylianos Giamarelos, Iuliana Elena Gavril, Elisabeth Merrill

Business Meeting Minutes

1. The president Mark Crinson opened the meeting.
2. The minutes of the Business Meeting Tallinn 2018 were approved.
3. Mark Crinson reported the nominations to the EAHN Council. Jakub Adamski, Finola O’Kane Crimmins and Sahar Al-Qaisi were elected as the new councillors.
4. The secretary Cànâ Bilsel reported about the final revisions on the Bylaws. Revisions proposed by the executive committee were approved with minor corrections in article 7.2 about the terms of the journal editor and 8.4 on the definition of the co-publication committee.
5. Mark Crinson reported the proposal from the Society of Architectural Historians (GB) to have a standing session in the EAHN biennial meetings.

Discussion: Attendees expressed their concerns about setting up criteria for the affiliation of other societies, such as the criterion of mutuality, and reminded the meeting of the former initiative to list the organizations with which EAHN would like to have such connections. The meeting agreed to reinforce its relations with SAHGB through accepting the idea of a standing session for the SAHGB in the EAHN biennial conference.

6. Conferences and Business Meetings

Tallinn international conference, 2018: The president Mark Crinson stressed that Tallinn Conference was a great success. The president of the conference, Andres Kurg reported that 28 sessions took place in the biennial conference besides keynote speeches and several side events. He stated that the financial report of the conference is ready and an amount of 19.000 Euros was to be transferred to the EAHN account from Tallinn.

Mark Crinson reminded the meeting that EAHN income depends utterly on conferences. Andres Kurg stated that they kept the fees as low as possible while they benefitted from grants.

Thematic conferences for 2019: (Brussels, SAHANZ, London)

Hilde Heynen reported on the thematic conference “Displacement & Domesticity since 1945: Refugees, Migrants and Expats Making Homes” that was going to be organised on 28-29 March 2019 in Brussels. She explained that 60 presentations were going to be presented in the conference.

Mark Crinson reported on the conference jointly organised with SAHANZ on “Distance Looks Back”, where the final papers were expected by March 2019.

The president also explained that the joint conference organised by EAHN, Design History Society (DHS) and Architecture Space and Society Centre (Birkbeck) on the theme “Building-Object/Design-Architecture: Exploring Interconnections” was going to be held on 6-8 June 2019. The scientific committee of the conference chose 19 papers and 3 keynote speakers.

Edinburgh international conference, 2020: Richard Williams, the president of the conference, reported that the EAHN 2020 Biennial Conference will take place on 10-13 June 2020 at the University of Edinburgh. There will also be exhibition on architecture by contemporary artists, and an international book festival at the same period in Edinburgh. Among numerous session proposals, the scientific committee selected 25 sessions representing a broad geography and different historical periods. The call for papers will be announced around April-May and the deadline will be September 2019.

The communication officer, Anne Hultsch reminded that the registration to the conference should be effectuated via the EAHN website.

Mark Crinson stated that the executive committee was looking for somewhere to host the next business meeting in 2020.

Jorge Correia reported about proposals for new thematic conferences. He stated that there was a proposal from Polis University in Tirana, and that Carmen Popescu had a proposal with the theme “Transgression”. Sahar Al-Qaisi suggested that they are willing to organize a thematic conference on the “Cultural Heritage in danger” in Koya University, located near Erbil in Kurdistan of Iraq.

7. Proposals for 2022 international conference:

Since among the two teams who submitted their proposals for the Biennial Conference of 2022, only the team from Madrid University was present in the business meeting, the president Mark Crinson kindly asked them to withdraw. The vice-president Jorge Correia presented the proposal by the University of Madrid. And the president Mark Crinson presented the proposal by the Swiss team; ETH and the University of Bern

Discussion: Councillors expressed their concerns about the difficulties of moving back and forth between two cities in the second proposal, and stated that already an EAHN meeting was held in Zurich. Other members stressed their appreciation about the detailed proposal of Madrid. Although the effort put in by the Swiss team was highly appreciated, the councillors voted for

the proposal of Madrid University. Members advised the executive committee to invite the Swiss team for a new proposal for the next biennial conference. The Madrid team was re-invited to the meeting hall after the meeting's decision had been reached, and details about the possible dates of the 2022 conference (around late May – early June) and questions about the registration fees were discussed.

8. Membership, website and office: The communications officer, Anne Hultzsch explained that there were 1,600 members and around 100 members continued to pay fees, 1045 members were subscribed to the newsletter (around 1,000 among them being actual members.) She stated that Giorgio Ponzio has been responsible for the newsletter and listings, and Miranda Critchley from the membership. She also reported that the website has been working well. Candaş Bilsel, the secretary reported about the office, which has been held by METU in Ankara since June 2018, and Saliha Aslan has been responsible from the e-mails. Anne Hultzsch reminded that EAHN had three e-mail addresses: news@eahn.org, office@eahn.org, and web-editor@eahn.org which function in coordination.

Concerning the Interest Groups, Anne Hultzsch pointed out that while some interest groups have been very active, some others have not had a moderator. Members were encouraged to revive these groups or propose new groups.

9. Financial Report: The treasurer José Médina Murua reported on the financial balance in the year 2018 and the forecast for the year 2019; he concluded that the new financial system after the transition to free membership works so far. The treasurer explained in detail the fraud transfer toward a Swiss bank account that was committed via false e-mails. He also stated that a law case was opened against the bank which effectuated the transfer.

10. The Journal: Petra Brouwer, the editor of *Architectural Histories* reported on the activities of the journal. She stated that 45,000 people from different countries visited the website of the journal. She explained that between the submission and acceptance of a paper there is an average of 228 days and 176 days for the rejection. For the year 2019, the editor presented their plan to publish a special collection every year.

She stressed that the policy of the journal has been to establish a stronger connection with the EAHN. Therefore, a position paper on each theme conference is published. She also stressed their attention to indexing the journal and stated that *Architectural Histories* has been already indexed by several indexes and is doing fine as a young journal. The president, Mark Crinson thanked Petra Brouwer.

Attachments to the agenda:

1. Minutes of the Tallinn business meeting
2. Revised Bylaws
3. Proposal from SAHGB
4. Brussels Thematic Conference 2019: “Displacement and Domesticity”
5. DHS-EAHN Joint Conference 2019: “Building-Object/Design-Architecture: Exploring Interconnections”
6. Proposals for 2022 international conference
7. Financial reports

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