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MINUTES - CIF WORKSHOP HELD DECEMBER 2nd 2011 IN PARIS

Present were:

Carlo Cesàri, President
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Regrets:

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Venue: La Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris, Maison de l'Allemagne
(Heinrich-Heine)

Opening:

Carlo Cesàri, President and Lyse Blanchet, V-P of CIF chaired the meeting. Carlo thanked the participants for being at the workshop.

The workshop had the character of an information session with discussions around the rationale for adopting the new framework for the CIF Guidelines based on the concept of capacity building in conservation of cultural heritage; followed by a general debate of the issues on the basis of which will be decided what will be the focus of CIF activities for the next three years.

The meeting started by presenting an outline of documents and publications regarding training and education as well as various other past CIF activities. Furthermore the background information on the evolution and the work carried out in the preparation of the new Training Guidelines were presented. This included the discussion on the draft presented in Dublin, and the new document structure for capacity building.

Presentation by Carlo Cesàri – Looking back on the past twenty years, and a look forward based on the new concept of “Capacity Building”

- The Presentation has yielded a lot of information and knowledge concerning the history of the document and of CIF.

It was observed that the concept of heritage and consequently also conservation needs have been subject to important developments since 1993, when the present Training Guidelines were adopted. The issues include for example concepts such as Cultural Landscape, Historic Urban Landscape (HUL), introduced in the World Heritage context as well as taken note by ICOMOS itself.

- Introduction to the Document “Strategies for Capacity Building in Conservation of Cultural Heritage” that was adopted in June 2011 by the World Heritage Committee; and of the new WH Convention on Cultural Landscapes.

Recently, UNESCO, ICOMOS and ICCROM have been working on a capacity building strategy for World Heritage purposes. This is now becoming the broader framework also for ICCROM’s training programmes; and as well as for ICOMOS since the newly related signed MOU between ICCROM and ICOMOS. It is therefore important that ICOMOS CIF be able to follow these trends and clarify what is intended with Capacity Building, its general definition and more specifically how education and training should be integrated into this more general context.

In the World Heritage context, attention is particularly given to target groups such as politicians, decision makers and the general public. CIF should reflect how such target groups should be approached in the education/training guidelines. Considering that including all in one document would probably not be easy, it could be necessary to prepare a series of documents, all referred to a general introductory guideline. Thus, it will be possible to go into more detail for each target audiences, and take into account the different levels and forms of education and training (e.g. university level, mid-career, directors, etc). These documents need not to be long.

Presentation by Lyse Blanchet – Reaction of the Advisory Committee (ADCOM) and Scientific Council (SC) during their meetings in Paris:

- Points covered:

- Clarification made at the beginning: The documents presented to the SC and ADCOM were not for adoption, but were discussion drafts. They were developed by a small group of CIF members in the last few months, and were distributed to the CIF members for comments
- The rationale behind the restructuring of the Guidelines around the concept of capacity building: World Heritage Committee document on strategies for capacity building adopted in June 2011
- The changes to the Dublin version: more target groups and disciplines, different levels of education, wider range of resources, and new strategies for capacity building
- The next steps: Consult with the CIF in Paris; revise the document accordingly; send to CI and ADCOM for comments; develop a schedule and work program
- Background information:
 - Guidelines were presented to the ADCOM in Dublin, September 2010: CIF proposal was rejected
 - Guidelines were presented to the EXCOM in Paris, March 2011: CIF proposal was rejected
 - CIF bureau met in Rome in August 2011 to revise and finalize the Document
 - CIF has been introduced to the new document adopted by the World Heritage Committee on strategies for capacity building adopted in June 2011.

Presentation by Jukka Jokilhto – Capacity Building Concept

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Conclusion:

The present discussion draft of the Guidelines was discussed and the following was concluded:

It is considered that all the work that CIF has been doing so far is relevant in view of the preparation of the new guidance for education and training within the capacity building context. This could also include a further revision of the document already presented at the Dublin meeting. Additional documents could be prepared in order to meet the broadened concepts and needs. The draft document should then be well defused and get as many comments as possible from the different target groups and regions.

CIF needs to work closely not only with other ICOMOS ISC's but also with ICCROM, considering that a Memorandum of Understanding has just been signed in Paris between ICOMOS and ICCROM. CIF should take all the time necessary to consider the complexity of the issues that would serve the different users and target groups. The target groups should be broadened, identifying diversity of heritage and

groups involved. Heritage protection now should also take into account both tangible and intangible heritage.

- It was agreed to put the two PPP and the minutes on the website of CIF
- It was agreed that the 1993 Guidelines, just as the Venice Charter, should be retained as a basic reference guideline. And that the COTAC Guidelines could be considered a framework for different disciplines to develop their respective guidelines. These individual toolkit would be considered an appendix, as well as the Glossary of relevant terms used in the guidelines (document that was requested in Dublin meeting). Looking at the evolution of cultural heritage at ICOMOS and World Heritage, there are a number of definitions that CIF should reflect upon including what heritage is today, as it was done for the 1993 Guidelines.
- It was decided that the Guidelines will be reviewed by the participants, and that a working group will be created to develop the schedule and work program; Those present in this meeting could be taken as forming the working group.

CIF is moving towards a series of documents on training. The circulated texts can be taken as part of the process to clarify ideas, and need to be properly structured and verified forming a general framework and more detailed guidelines. These guidelines would be addressing all the different types of conservationists, not only conservation professionals, but also others, such as firemen, technicians, electricians. Target groups are directly related to the types of heritage. CIF will create working groups that will represent each target groups and will also work with other ISCs.

It is proposed that by the end of January suggestions by the participants be circulated in view of an eventual meeting to be organized later in the spring 2012.

- Participants will forward their comments and recommendations, by end of January 2012, with regards to:
 - the Guidelines – the main document;
 - the “toolkit” documents for each target group;
 - the creation of working groups;
 - the complementary document “Reflections”;
 - the Appendices;
- It was decided that:
 - the discussion shall continue and that the new concept of capacity building through training and education was an important base for the Guidelines create a working group to undertake the development of the Guidelines;
Those present in this meeting could be taken as forming the working group.
The minutes will be sent to see how other members could be involved.
 - a CIF meeting with the working group to review the comments be organized;

- a CIF meeting and workshop in early spring 2012; and that one part of the day will be reserved for administrative matters (bureau membership, website, election, work program) and the other part will be used to the Guidelines, in preparation to the next ADCOM in the Spring 2012.
- The process of preparation is even more important. Transparency and communication will be important in the process of preparation. CIF's role would be ongoing workshops on different subjects.
- Knowing that ICOMOS recently signed a MOU with ICCROM to develop capacity building for world heritage sites, it is important to contribute to this project as the ICOMOS international committee for training. ICOMOS should define the task of CIF, going back to the Training Committee task.

Azi Mehr-Soheil and Lyse Blanchet, Canada, December 14th 2011