CIF WORKSHOP for the Guidelines Working Group / ATELIER DE TRAVAIL DU CIF pour le Groupe de travail des Directives

“Guidelines for Education and Training in the Conservation of Cultural Heritage”

26-27 November 2012, Rome

Minutes

Present:
Lyse Blanchet, CIF Vice President, Canada
Carlo Cesàri, CIF President, Italia
Jukka Jokilehto, CIF Honorary President, Finland
Joe King, ICCROM and CIF member USA
Dorian Crone, CIF member UK
Caspar Laffree, CIF member Netherlands
Teresa Patricio, CIF member Belgium
Mehr Azar Soheil, A/Secretary General & Executive Assistant

Present via Webex:
Navin Piplani, CIF member India
Ola Wettenberg (partially) CIF member Sweden

Observer:
Shawn Kholucy, ICOMOS UK

Regrets:
Jurate Markevičiūnė, CIF member Lithuania
Lazar Shumanov, CIF member Macedonia
Jan Anderson, CIF member USA
Jaroslav Kilian, CIF Vice President Slovakia
Gustavo Araos, CIF member USA & President of ICOMOS
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No Response:
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SPECIAL REMARKS

Carlo Cesàri referred to the cancellation of the recent election of the CIF Bureau by ICOMOS Executive Committee that was announced at the ADCOMSC meeting in Beijing in October 2012. This decision was due to the unresolved situation related to undelivered mailing addresses of CIF Members 31/114 and of CIF voting members 12/31. Carlo noted that there has been over the years a general lack of feedback from the members, and a total lack of feedback from the National Committees that were asked at two specific since 2008 to confirm their voting members. The Bureau will address this issue and has decided to go ahead with the Rome Meetings in November 2012 and the Florence International Working Conference and CIF Annual Meeting in the spring of 2013 in order to guarantee the activities of CIF until the election of the new Bureau.

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks
3. ICCROM Perspective on the Guidance Document
4. Sub-Documents to the Capacity Building Document “Umbrella Document”
5. UK Draft Education and Training Guidance for Professionals and Craftspeople
6. 1993 Colombo Guidelines
7. Establishing the Working Groups

Opening Remarks

Carlo Cesàri referred to the cancellation of the recent election of the CIF Bureau by ICOMOS Executive in Beijing. This was due to the problem of the incomplete mailing list of CIF voting members. Carlo noted that there was a general lack of feedback from the members. The Bureau however had decided to go ahead with the Rome Meeting in November 2012 and the Florence Annual Meeting in 2013 in order to guarantee the activities of CIF until the election of the new Bureau. Carlo Cesàri pointed out that the active participants in CIF meetings in the Quebec, Dublin and Paris Meetings had been invited to take part in the Rome Workshop.

Joe King welcomed the participants on behalf of Stefano De Caro Director General of ICCROM, mentioning that ICCROM had been involved with CIF from the beginning. In the future, the new Bureau of CIF should decide on collaboration with ICCROM and consequently contact the DG. He emphasized the importance of communication with members, and regretted the lack of feedback. Joe mentioned the agreement to have the CIF archive and documentation centre at ICCROM. He thanked Azar on ICCROM’s behalf appreciating the voluntary assistance that she has been giving to CIF. He noted that ICCROM was pleased with the direction that the draft Capacity Building document is heading, expanding the vision and targeting wider audience. The idea of ‘Umbrella’ or framework document is good. It should
cover the needs at the different levels. The definition of heritage keeps changing and CIF should not be limited by the WH definition.

The Umbrella Document

Lyse Blanchet noted that the proposed draft revision of the 1993 Guidelines had been sent for review to National and International Committees for a first time in 2010. 33 reviewers from 22 National Committees provided comments for improvement. However, even if CIF approved the revised document at their workshop prior to the ADCOM Meeting, the document was rejected by the ADCOM meeting in Dublin in 2010. The following version presented to the EXCOM in March 2011 had also been rejected.

The need for the Umbrella Document emerged from the CIF Rome Meeting in 2011, when it was realized that ICCROM and the World Heritage Committee had already adopted a strategy on Capacity Building, and that an MOU between ICCROM and ICOMOS had been signed to implement that strategy. Therefore CIF also decided to broaden the notion of education and training to be seen in the context of more general capacity building in the field of heritage conservation. The first draft of relevant issues was discussed at the Paris CIF Meeting in 2011 and it was agreed to continue working on it. Subsequently it was redrafted by a CIF working group in a more concise form. It was discussed in an informal post-conference meeting at York in July 2012, which offered some useful comments. It was further proposed that the Umbrella Document could be complemented by more detailed documents (possibly annexed) for the education and training of different target groups, such as the UK draft Document. The Umbrella Document shall identify the potential target groups, the items and levels of knowledge and the required resources to achieve the capacity building.

It was noted that education and training should be integrated in the Umbrella Document, as well as issues such as monitoring and verification of the competencies. The Umbrella Document should not go too much in detail and should be given an appropriate title, such as: Guidelines for Capacity building through education and training for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage.

The Annexed Documents (Sub-Documents)

It was considered important to identify a template for the more detailed documents (Sub-documents) to be annexed to the Umbrella Document. The UK Document Draft Guidelines for Education and Training in the Conservation of Monuments, Ensembles and Sites can be considered the first Sub-Document to be annexed to the Umbrella document. The present draft UK Document has resulted from four years work involving workshops with professionals and craftspeople. The UK final decision has been to draft two documents: one for professional, craftspeople and educationalists, and another one for laypeople.

The question was raised whether professionals and craftspeople can be considered as one target groups and put in the same document. But this is an open document and can be built upon.
Navin Piplani pointed out that there is huge gap between conservation teaching at York and practice in India. The meaning of ‘training’ may be clear to people, but the meaning of ‘education’ and ‘Capacity Building’ is not. In fact, Capacity Building broadens the vision and includes both education and training, which can be considered as tools for Capacity building. Indeed, Capacity Building has been accepted in various fields, but in heritage field it is considered something new.

The UK draft Document was considered useful and can stand alone, but it might not be relevant in cases for other Countries. It is also necessary to consider those members of the general public who can have an impact on heritage but may not have had any training. This is a common case in Africa where people and community have direct impact on heritage. UK has its own reality, so many aspects at all levels should be considered.

The other sub-documents need to be discussed.

It was recalled that in the ICOMOS GA in Paris there was much emphasis on the importance of education and training. In Beijing the National Committees were interested in having a toolkit for training. Greece, ICORP and European Committee, for example, gave priority to training and CIF was mentioned many times in the panel discussions. There were also requests for training made to CIF by Ola Wettenberg (Sweden). ISCARSAH also expressed their intention to draft Guidelines for Engineering Education and Training.

It was noted that ICOMOS has prepared a document indicating the procedure for the development/revision and adoption of ICOMOS Doctrinal texts, which will be taken as a reference for the CIF work.

1993 Colombo Education and Training Guidelines

There was discussion about the relevance of the 1993 Training Guidelines, and it was considered that this document is not obsolete in what it discusses, but it does not cover many new issues, which have emerged since its adoption. Therefore, the 1993 Training Guidelines were proposed to be kept as an historic document. The UK Training Committee supported the idea of an Umbrella Document and the proposal to keep the 1993 Colombo Guidelines as it is.

Future Steps

1. The working group for the Umbrella Document consisting of Carlo, Jukka, Jurate, Lyse, Navin and Teresa will produce a new draft by Christmas 2012. Jukka promised to work on the draft, including identification of the possible target groups. CIF received formal positive responses to become members of the Guidelines Working Group from Teresa, Jurate, Navin, Carlo, Lyse, Jukka; confirmation of the members of the Guidelines WG will be announced shortly.

2. It was decided to establish the working groups for drafting the Sub-Documents for the target groups, and the ways of contacting the membership. This work will be carried out by email
3. UK working group was asked to develop a Master format (template) document with a proposed new title in order to differentiate from the 1993 Colombo Guidelines for the drafting of the Sub-Documents by Christmas 2012.

4. The UK draft Sub-Document for Professionals and Practitioners will be revised by the UK working group, noting that the document is not only for the World Heritage but more general.

5. Navin suggested verifying, for example, whether the UK Document is applicable in India.

6. The revised draft of the Umbrella document would be first delivered for comments to CIF members in early 2013, then a revised version would be prepared and distributed to the National and International Committees for comments in preparation to the Florence CIF Conference in the Spring 2013, and would then be presented at the next ADCOM meeting in the Fall 2013. If approved, the document would be presented to the EXCOM for their adoption in the spring 2014 to support the ratification by the 18th General Assembly in Florence.

7. The CIF International Conference and Annual Meeting will take place in Florence in the spring 2013, hosted by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation. This collaboration, which is based on an agreement between Carlo and Paolo del Bianco the president of the Foundation, will then be continued by the new Bureau.
CIF Bureau Meeting
27 November 2012, Rome

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Regrets:
- Jaroslav Kilián, CIF Vice President Slovakia

Agenda
1. Outcomes of the ADCOMSC Meeting at the ADCOM 2012 in Beijing and Possible Response
2. Updating of the Voting and Non-Voting Members of the Committee
3. Continuity Towards the New Bureau
4. Future Meetings of CIF and Development of a New Work Plan
5. Collaboration with the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation
6. Closing of the Meeting

Items of Discussion and Decisions
1. Due to problems of communication, lack of feedback from the CIF members, and incomplete membership list, it was decided to ask the Meeting Participants to help in updating the missing information on voting and non-voting members.
2. It was decided that those members who have been inactive or present to more than 3 consecutive CIF meetings (see also CIF Statutes) be put in a separate list (Inactive CIF Members List). They would be reactivated when they present a request for it.

3. It was proposed to find out if National Committees have any national training committees, due to the importance of this issue: A Letter will be prepared to the attention of the National Committees to confirm their respective CIF Voting members, CIF members and if the National Committee has a national training committee, and their coordinates.

4. It seems that the European Committee is highly interested in developing a new training program. Teresa will find out about the European Committee initiatives.

5. Joe mentioned that ICCROM has a training database and a Classified section on its website, which CIF can have links on them: that link will be posted on the CIF Website.

6. It was decided that Carlo will draft a letter to ICOMOS mentioning the situation to clear his position with respect to the procedure of the last CIF Bureau elections.

7. It was decided that the Bureau would send a letter to ICOMOS asking them to have their request from the CIF Bureau in written form. This should not be the minutes of the ADCOMSC meeting, but an official letter of the EXCOM: that letter should explain what information they are asking for, why they reacted in such a way regarding the elections (did not first ask clarification from CIF Bureau) and how and from where they got their information. CIF needs to know the cause of such reaction. If within a month there is no reply, CIF should resend the letter and then send the documentation regarding the activities as a courtesy; and will wait for the reply. CIF will then reply to that letter. Meanwhile will collect all facts and documents regarding the elections and the sequences of the actions, with an accompanying letter from Carlo. There will be an EXCOM meeting in Paris in the first week of March 2013 so the facts in writing should be sent prior to this date.

8. The minutes of this CIF Rome Meeting should be circulated to CIF members.

9. ICOMOS ADCOMSC and Secretariat should be informed about what is done.

Closing of the Meeting
The meeting was closed with thanking words from Carlo, Joe and Navin among others.

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