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AESOP Council of Representatives Meeting, Tirana, 6th May 2011 MINUTES

The Council is eligible to vote according to the Article 20a of the AESOP Charter

General Policy of the Association:

Detailed presentation of the objectives of AESOP policy was postponed till the next CoRep meeting. General policy is to become more visible and more involved in on-going European initiatives.

The state of art concerning AESOP Experts Pool was presented.

CoRep accepted EP Report including procedure of nomination candidates to the EP.

The nomination followed by CV of the candidate including his/her research profile has to be sent to Secretary General. The aim is to get first list of experts accepted on the next CoRep meeting in July 2011 (Perth).

Organisation, External Cooperation, Prizes and Budget:

Secretary's General Report is available in the separate file.

CoRep was asked to accept as new members institutions recommended by ExCo:

- University of Ulster, School of the Built Environment - changes its category from associate to full;

full member:

- Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Departamento de Urbanística y Ordenación del Territorio (DUyOT), Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid (Urban and Regional Planning Department, Engineering School of Architecture, Madrid University of Technology), Madrid, Spain;

associate member:

- EPOKA University, Department of Architecture, Tirana, Albania;
- Catania University, Department of Architecture, Catania, Italy;
- Tartu University, Department of Geography, Tartu, Estonia;
- University of Seville, School of Architecture (ETSA), Seville, Spain;

corresponding member.

- Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, USA;

affiliate member

- ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development GmbH, Dortmund, Germany.

All recommended schools were accepted as AESOP members in the respective categories.

CoRep was informed about outcomes of European Urban Summer School 2010. CoRep was asked to approve recommended by ExCo forthcoming events' hosts: EUSS 2011: Lusofona Univeristy, Lisbon. **CoRep approved the hosts for EUSS 2011.**



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CoRep was informed about forthcoming calls for AESOP events: joint AESOP-ACSP Congress 2013. The decision about Head of Schools meeting in 2013 has been already made – the host will be HafenCity University in Hamburg. The call for Head of Schools meeting in 2015 will be launched in 2013. Call for AESOP Congress 2014 will be launched in the autumn 2011.

CoRep was informed about on-going process of signing memorandum of Understanding with International Federation for Housing and Planning. **CoRep accepted policy of collaboration with other planning organizations across Europe and approved Memorandum of Understanding with IFHP.**

CoRep was informed about preparation to send the official letter to the EC concerning EURAXESS database which lack of discipline of planning. **CoRep approved this plan.**

CoRep was informed about on-going calls for AESOP Prizes. **CoRep allowed ExCo to decide about urgently needed new members of The best Published Paper Committee.**

CoRep was informed about on-going calls for AESOP Officials. The on-going call is for AESOP President 2012-2014 who also will be Vice President 2011-2012 and Senior President 2014-2015. The call closes in June 2011. The new President will be elected by CoRep in July 2011.

CoRep was informed about on-going Thematic Groups activities.

The Project of AESOP European Centre was presented. **CoRep accepted the project and wished to be delivered interim report about progress in implementing it in 2 years time.** Izabela Mironowicz is responsible for the initiative.

CoRep was informed about the works on AESOP 25 Anniversary, which will take place in 2012. CoRep will be informed about more detailed plan of celebration during the next meeting in July 2011. CoRep was asked for help in this respect – ideas, concepts, encouraging members to propose 'anniversary activities'.

Treasurer presented AESOP financial statement for 2010 and AESOP budget 2011. **Both documents were accepted and approved by CoRep.**

Treasurer informed CoRep about pending payments from the members. **CoRep decided to suspend membership of the members with the status 3 and 4** (that failed with the payments for more than 3 years in spite of reminders sent to them). Secretary General in cooperation with Treasurer will send official information about this to the suspended members.

Forthcoming AESOP Events and Publications:

CoRep was briefly informed about World Planning Schools Congress which will take place in Perth, Australia in July 2011. This is an event organized by GPEAN and AESOP will have its important activities there: ExCo meeting, CoRep meeting, General Assembly and meetings of the thematic groups.

Berit Nordahl on behalf of LOC presented the general concept and framework of Head of Schools meeting in 2012. The event will take place in Oslo, the host is Norwegian University of Life Sciences. **The dates (4-5 May 2012) and general framework was accepted.**

Ela Bablik-Sutcliffe on behalf of LOC presented the general concept and framework of 2012 AESOP Annual Congress in Ankara. The event will take place 11-15 July 2012. The Congress webpage will be launched in July 2011 and call for papers will be launched in September 2011. **CoRep accepted proposed dates as well as the fees.**

LOC in Ankara wanted to include in the conference fee the 5% payment dedicated for 'greening'. **CoRep did not accept this payment. CoRep allowed to pay this additional 'greening fee' only voluntary.**

The yearbook will be published in 2012 as a part of 25th Anniversary celebration.

CoRep was informed about the progress in cooperation with disP, where AESOP has its own insert.



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CoRep was informed about activities planned by Young Academics.

New AESOP Charter

The proposal of the New AESOP Charter was presented to CoRep. The main discussed issues were:

- the question of composition of ExCo – should it be big as proposed or relatively small;
- the conditions of the membership – the main problem was if the new rules apply to existing members (there are the members which became full fulfilling different conditions);
- the use of the word of 'universities' as a generic name – there are schools not having 'university' in their name;
- the closing dates for the budget.

There were also couple of technical comments concerning the text.

CoRep felt that deeper insight into the issue is needed. Also CoRep wanted to get more comments from the members. **Therefore the decision about acceptance of the new Charter was postponed till the Head of Schools meeting in May 2012.** Meanwhile CoRep wanted to have online discussion form open to allow everybody to give their say about proposed changes.

Changes in AESOP:

The new AESOP website www.aesop-planning.eu has been officially launched. CoRep will encourage the members to register and use the new tool.

Anna Geppert finished her mandatory period as Secretary General 3 months ahead scheduled time due to the health problems. New Secretary General Izabela Mironowicz started her duty since 6th May 2011. Her mandatory period finishes in July 2015.

CoRep expressed its word of gratitude to prof. Geppert for her hard and efficient work for AESOP.

The President of AESOP summed up the meeting and expressed the word of gratitude to the Council.

Rapporteurs: Kristina L. Nilsson (President), Anna Geppert & Izabela Mironowicz (Secretary General), Wilem Salet (Vice President), Thomas Matta (Treasurer), Giancarlo Cotella (Communication Officer), Antonio Raciti (Young Academic Representative), Beata Banachowicz (TG Officer), Maros Finka (Quality Officer), Andrea Frank (GPEAN Representative), Pantelis Skayannis (Event Officer).

Notes: Katarzyna Piskorek (SG's assistant)