

## PROCEEDINGS

**of the IPC General Assembly on 11 September 2012,  
during the 21st International Panorama Conference at the  
Municipality in Pleven, Bulgaria**

**IPC International  
Panorama Council**

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### **1. Opening of the Assembly and Approval of the Agenda**

Ernst Storm called the meeting to order in the main hall of Pleven Municipality at 5:00 pm. and confirms that the invitation was sent prior to the deadline fixed by the statutes.

Present were the Board members Dominique Hanson, Ernst Storm and Damian Widmer, the Secretary-General Patrick Deicher and Sylvia Alting van Geusau, Ventislav Chakov, Salih Dogan, Ralph Hyde, Gabriele Koller, Machiko Kusahara, Thiago Leitao de Souza, Natasja Peeters, Guy Thewes, Sara Velas, Ryszard Wójtowicz, Martin Woolner and Suzanne Wray.

President Ernst Storm stated that no applications for additional business were received.

The participants, who all signed the attendance list, approved the proposed agenda.

### **2. Approval of the Proceedings of the Constituent General Assembly 2011 in Gettysburg PA, USA**

The proposed proceedings were unanimously approved.

### **3. President's Report on the activities of the Executive Board and the Secretariat from September 2011 until August 2012 and discharge for the Executive Board**

Ernst Storm explained, that we were not yet as far as we wanted to be after one year of work. The acquisition of members has not yet started on a broad basis, but we started with huge works in the background we are now ready to start the members acquisition. This will be the main task for the rest of 2012 and for 2013, both for the officers and for the members of IPC. The most time consuming project during the last year was the creation of a new webpage for IPC. In relation with the webpage project, general terms and conditions for IPC have been created. The enrolled members of the association received specific information via two mailings. The general information on panorama-related activities was delivered to about 280 persons and institutions on our mailing list via two eNewsletters.

In cooperation with the Foundation for the Panorama Altoetting/Germany we managed to send 100 copies of the New York City 2004 conference and Altoetting 2003 conference publication to about 100 libraries worldwide. This will demonstrate IPC's qualifications to contribute to the scientific discourse on historic and contemporary art and media forms.

An important step during this year was the self-organisation of the Executive Board. The Executive Board has approved an activity distribution chart that regulates the decision making processes in the association. The diverse locations of the Board members make personal meetings impractical, so the Board corresponds via email.

The Executive Board elected Patrick Deicher from Switzerland to be Secretary-General of the organization. Since Patrick cannot execute all work for IPC in his free time and without payment, IPC has signed a contract with

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Ernst Storm MSc (NL-Rotterdam)  
Dipl. Arch. Damian Widmer (CH-Lucerne)  
Ryszard Wójtowicz (PL-Rogoź)  
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Patrick's company. This allows Patrick to execute a part of the IPC tasks during his work time as a consultant in Public Management and Not-for-Profit Management with BDO Ltd. (Switzerland). More speed in work and decisions will result for IPC.

As every year, the organisation of the International Panorama Conference was one of the most time consuming tasks. Now that IPC has been established as an association in its own rights, we have finally been able to find good solutions for IPC's financial transactions. Two bank accounts have been installed with Swiss Post Finance, one in CHF and one in EUR. Besides this, a PayPal account has been established, which allows Credit Card payments to IPC. We will use this option in the future for conference fee payments, membership fee payments, and our web shop. According to legal regulations, IPC has been registered with the tax office in Luzern / Switzerland. IPC will most probably never pay taxes in Switzerland since we are below the limits of CHF 100.000 of assets and 5.000 profit a year.

The President's Report was unanimously approved.

#### **4. Financial report 2011 and discharge for the Executive Board**

All 2011 operational work was executed without payment. For 2011 no expenses and no income were reported. The total assets of the organisation on 31 December 2011 were EUR 1.355,46. The General Assembly decided to discharge the Executive Board for 2011 and the earlier years, before the formalization of IPC.

#### **5. Elections**

##### **a) Executive Board**

Dr. Gebhard Streicher from Munich/Germany, one of the co-founders of IPC, resigns from the Executive Board. The organisation sends Dr. Streicher extraordinary thanks for all the work he contributed to the panorama community.

New Ordinary (At-large) Members to the Executive Board were proposed as follows:

- Ass. Prof. Martin Woolner, Plymouth/UK (for 3 years -> 2015)
- Ryszard Wójtowicz, Rogoź/Poland (for 3 years -> 2015)

Proposed to act as the new Vice-President was Prof. Sanford Wurmfeld, New York/USA (for 1 year -> 2013)

These nominees were agreed on unanimously.

##### **b) Auditors**

The members Sylvia Alting van Geusau and Sara Velas were proposed auditors. These nominees were agreed on unanimously.

#### **6. Strategic Plan 2012-2013**

The Executive Board described the main projects for the rest of 2012 and for 2013:

- Acquiring members
- 4 Newsletters
- Actualizing Wikipedia article on IPC
- Enlarge the Webpage (other languages?): members' area, contemporary interpretations
- Flyer 'Panoramas of the world'
- 22nd International Panorama Conference
- Finding a solution for how to handle future publications
- Fundraising (especially for publications)

The General Assembly refrained from discussion and agreed to the plan unanimously.

## **7. Budget outlines 2012 and 2013**

The 2012 and 2013 budget which the Executive Board expects to implement was discussed and approved by all present.

Special attention was given and appreciation extended to Treasurer Damian Widmer for his extensive donations to the anticipating IPC 'volunteer-style' (totalling more than EUR 30.000), to President Ernst Storm for his special donation of EUR 1.000 (membership advertisement flyer) and to Secretary-General Patrick Deicher for his special donation of EUR 8.350 (new webpage).

## **8. Membership fees**

The proposed membership fee structure (unchanged from 2011) was unanimously approved.

Individual members        EUR 100

Student members         EUR 50

Institutional members   EUR 1.000

Supporting members     EUR 2.000

## **9. Information on forthcoming conferences**

The President called for candidates to host IPC conferences beyond 2012. Several possibilities will be explored, among which the possibility of a conference in Australia. This aroused enthusiasm of those present.

## **10. Appointing Honorary Members**

The Executive Board did not propose the appointment of an Honorary Member. The President informed the General Assembly on the award of the pin of honour to the following co-founders of IPC:

- Prof. Dr. Ottó Trogmayer, Budapest/Hungary
- Dipl. Arch. Damian M. Widmer, Luzern/Switzerland

In 2009 the pin of honour has already been awarded to Dr. Gebhard Streicher, Munich/Germany and to Herbert Hofauer, Mayor of Altoetting/Germany.

## **11. Any other business and closing of the Assembly**

No other business to attend to, this General Assembly was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Proceedings by,



Patrick Deicher, Secretary-General