

MINUTES

**of the IPC General Assembly on 24 November 2014,
during the 22nd International Panorama Conference at the
Continental Park Hotel in Lucerne, Switzerland**

**IPC International
Panorama Council**

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1. Opening of the Assembly and Approval of the Agenda

Ernst Storm welcomes the attendants and called the meeting to order in the conference hall of Hotel Continental Park at 5:45 pm. He confirms that the invitation and meeting documents were sent prior to the deadline fixed by the statutes.

Present are the Board members Mimi Colligan, Dominique Hanson, Ernst Storm, Damian Widmer, and Martin Woolner, the former Secretary-General Patrick Deicher, the new Secretary-General Sylvia Alting van Geusau, and Max Fuchs, Ralph Hyde, Marcel Just, Gabriele Koller, Lukas Piccolin, Hubert Schlederer, Sara Velas, Delia Vermant, Suzanne Wray and others. Present as guests were Blagovesta Momchedjikova and Sue Truman.

President Ernst Storm stated that no applications for additional agenda items were received. He excuses Sandford Wurmfeld of his absence due to a family meeting.

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

2. Approval of the Proceedings of the General Assembly 2012 in Pleven, Bulgaria

The proposed proceedings were unanimously approved.

3. Report by the President on the activities of the Executive Board and the Secretariat from September 2012 until November 2013

The year 2012 -2013 was a year of limited activity and limited growth. Both the President and the Secretary-General have been busy in their private and business life and have therefore not been able to invest all the time needed.

Due to his appointment as head of the BDO Ltd. Switzerland competence centre for NGO's, Patrick Deicher decided to resign from the function of Secretary-General. Ernst Storm thanks him on behalf of the General Assembly for all the good work he has done in the past many years. Recently the quick conference arrangements in Luzern instead of going to Australia were an impressive activity of Patrick. He made us aware of the fact that Switzerland still has many panoramas and dioramas. The General Assembly gives him a standing ovation.

Patrick will surely stay in contact and attend conferences. He is also available to act as a Board member in the future, facilitating Lucerne to be the formal seat of IPC.

The Executive Board has elected on 23 November 2014 Sylvia Alting van Geusau from Amsterdam/Netherlands to act as the new Secretary General of the organisation for a first term of three years.

IPC is not yet as far as we wanted to be after two years of work. We have not taken the steps towards professionalization we wanted to. We need a

IPC Executive Board:

Prof. Yadegar Asisi (GE-Berlin)
Dr. Mimi Colligan (AU-Melbourne)
Patrick Deicher M.A. (CH – Lucerne)
Dominique Hanson (BE-Brussels)
Ernst Storm MSc (NL-Rotterdam)
Ryszard Wójtowicz M.A. (PL-Rogoź)
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far broader approach to attract and engage our members. Since the formalization of our association in 2011 only 56 individuals or institutions have applied for membership:

8 institutional members

4 student members

44 individuals

The President's Report was approved unanimously.

4. Financial report 2012 and discharge for the Executive Board

The fiscal year 2012 ended with total expenses of EURO 21.389 and a total income of EUR 22.406. Therefore a small profit of EURO 657 resulted.

In 2012 most of the money was spent on the new webpage. The auditors of the 2012 report, Sara Velas and Sylvia Alting van Geusau, declare to have audited and approved the financial report.

The present members decided unanimously to discharge the Executive Board for the 2012 period.

5. Elections

a) Executive Board

Damian Widmer has decided to leave the board and his position as treasurer of the IPC a year before the end of his term. Patrick Deicher is available and nominated by the board to take over his position. Also Sandy Wurmfeld has decided to leave the board and his position as vice-president of the IPC. The other board members have decided to nominate Prof. Martin Woolner for this position, although the candidate is not sure that he will be able to fulfil his term. Both Dr. Mimi Colligan and Dominique Hanson are nominated for re-election for another three years term. The board proposes to drop one left position, because the Statutes indicate a maximum of seven board members.

The General Assembly agrees to all proposed changes in the board and expresses thankfulness to both Damian Widmer and Sandy Wurmfeld for their commitment to the panorama world and their services to IPC.

The composition of the Executive Board after this decision of the General Assembly of IPC is as follows:

President (1 more year -> 2014): Ernst Storm MSc, Rotterdam/The Netherlands

Vice-President (2 more years ->2015): Ass. Prof. Martin Woolner, Plymouth/UK

Treasurer (for 1 year -> 2014) Patrick Deicher, Lucerne/Switzerland

Ordinary (At-large) Members

Prof. Yadegar Asisi, Berlin/Germany (2 more years -> 2015)

Dr. Mimi Colligan, Caulfield East Vic./Australia (for 3 years -> 2016)

Dominique Hanson, Brussels/Belgium (for 3 years -> 2016)

Ryszard Wójtowicz, Rogoź/Poland (2 more years -> 2015)

b) Auditors

The members Sara Velas/USA and Gabriele Koller/Germany were proposed as auditors for the fiscal year 2013. These nominees were agreed on unanimously.

6. Strategic Plan 2013-2014

As the IPC wants to become a more professional institution new ideas are welcome. The board members have promised to write down a few changes they think that there can be made within

two weeks after the conference. They ask the members present on the General Assembly to do the same if they have ideas in order to improve the visibility and feasibility of the IPC.

The Executive Board described the main projects for the rest of 2013 and for 2014:

- Acquiring members
 - Developing the reasons for membership
 - Defining the network, products and services offered to members
 - Preparing member information in different languages (Chinese?)
 - Adding other languages to our website (main pages)
 - Producing a flyer 'Panoramas around the world'
 - Developing a membership campaign
- Setting up committees to expand and activate membership:
 - heritage & research
 - conservation & restoration
 - management & marketing
 - conference publications & Newsletters
 - modern panorama related art & media
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Actualizing Wikipedia and presence in social media
- Enlarging the Webpage: member's area, contemporary interpretations
- Promoting reciprocity Internet connections with other panorama sites
- Establishing contacts with international organizations like ICOM
- Preparing 23rd International Panorama Conference, Altötting, Germany, 2014
- Arranging 2015 (Waterloo, Brussels, Luxembourg) and 2016 conference partners and locations
- Building a case for UNESCO World Heritage (Altötting, The Hague, Waterloo)
- Fundraising (in particular for conference publications and special projects)
- Backing the secretariat and building the IPC archives and knowledge center

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

7. Budget outlines 2013 and 2014

The 2013 and 2014 budget which the Executive Board expects to implement was discussed and approved by all present.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULT		2014	2013
Total Expense	EUR	27'350	22'550
Total Income	EUR	28'205	26'925
Total LOSS / PROFIT	EUR	855	4'375

8. Membership fees 2014

The proposed membership fee structure (unchanged from 2011) was unanimously approved. No changes for 2014, but there will be thought about the institutional membership, because the fee seems to be too high for some panoramic institutions.

Individual members	EUR 100
Student members	EUR 50
Institutional members	EUR 1.000
Supporting members	EUR 2.000

9. Information on forthcoming conferences

The 23rd International Panorama Conference will be held from 10 to 13 September 2014 at Altötting / Germany. The conference program will include visits to the Panoramas Altötting as well as Salzburg and Innsbruck / Austria.

The 2015 conference may be held in Waterloo, Brussels, Luxembourg. Proposals for the years beyond 2016 are most welcome.

10. Appointing Honorary Members

The Executive Board proposes the appointment to honorary membership of the following private co-founders of our organisation:

Dipl. Arch. Damian M. Widmer, Lucerne/Switzerland

Dr. Ottó Trogmayer, Budapest/Hungary

Dr. Gebhard Streicher, Munich/Germany

The proposed appointment of these Honorary Members of IPC was applauded and unanimously approved.

11. Any other business and closing of the Assembly

No other business to attend to, this General Assembly was called to an end at 6:15 pm.

Minutes by,



Sylvia Alting van Geusau

Secretary-General