

Minutes of the General Assembly of the International Panorama Council



LAYERS OF HISTORY: PANORAMAS FROM CLASSICAL TO DIGITAL AGE

Friday 11 September 2015

14h00-15h00 at the University of Namur, Faculté de philosophie et lettres, Rue de Bruxelles, 61, Namur, Belgium.

Attendance list

Blagovesta Momchedjikova, NYC USA; Patrick Deicher, Luzern Switzerland; Guy Thewes Luxembourg; Damian Widmer, Luzern Switzerland; Mady Storm de Grave, the Netherlands; Jolanda Storm-Mulder, the Netherlands; Ernst Storm, the Netherlands; Paul Storm, the Netherlands; Thiago Leitão, Rio de Janeiro Brazil; Molly Briggs, Champaign Illinois USA; Suzanne Wray, NYC USA; Sue Truman, Seattle USA; Ruby Carlson, Los Angeles USA; Anthony Lowe, Altenburg Germany; James Martin Charlton, London UK; Alexey Druzhinin, Moscow Russia; Ji Yunhui, Shenyang China; Ma Kefeng, Shenyang China; Wenbiao Mao, London UK; Gordon Jones, Atlanta USA; Seth Thompson, USA/UAE; Gabriele Koller, Bonn Germany; Katarzyna Górecka, Warsaw Poland; Dominique Hanson, Wavre Belgium; Magnus Moar, London UK; Sara Velas, Los Angeles USA; Sylvia Alting van Geusau, Amsterdam The Netherlands.

Guests: Antoine Fontaine, Paris France; Katarzyna Gorecka, Warsaw Poland; Grzegorz Osowicki, Torun Poland

Minutes made by: General Secretary Sylvia Alting van Geusau, Amsterdam The Netherlands.

1. Opening of the Assembly, possible announcement of additional Agenda items

President Sara Velas welcomes the members and guest to the General Assembly and opens the meeting at 14:05h.

Before the agenda will be approved, Sara Velas wants to have a few minutes of remembrance of two of our precious members whom passed away in 2015; Ottò Trogmayer from the Ópusztaszer Heritage Park, Hungary and Ralph Hyde from London United Kingdom.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A new Agenda point will be added to the Agenda after point 13.

14. Members update; will be a new addition to the General Assembly in which members can inform the General Assembly about their panorama related news: Gabriele Koller, Wenbiao Mao, Sara Velas and Sue Truman.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2014 in Altötting, Germany [1]

There are no further questions or remarks concerning the Minutes of the General Assembly of 2014. The General Assembly approves the minutes by saying 'Ay'.

4. Executive Board/ President's Report [2]

Sara Velas explicates the President's Report that was send to all members in advance.

- Our lost friends Ottó Trogmayer and Ralph Hyde
- IPC brochure

With the strong support of members Blagovesta Momchedjikova and Ruby Carlson, a new brochure has been created to share the activities & history of the IPC and also solicit for new members. Copies of this will be available at the conference table for distribution, please take some home to share with colleagues, to gain more worldwide knowledge of the IPC!

If you wish to have the digital file of the brochure please visit the restricted membership area on the website or send an email to the Secretariat.

The brochure has been created in a way that it can be used for a few years. Current changes in membership fees and announcements for future conferences will be provided as an inlay for this brochure.

- Few Institutional members and financial worry

The initiative to gain more institutional members was not successful in 2014. Though attempts were made, due to many institutions' lack of funding we still were unable to attract a larger number of new institutional members. Sara Velas asks the present IPC members to spread out the word and gain more members for IPC. Only than the IPC can keep its secretariat.

- Current members

Members: 67 individual members, 6 student members and 7 institutional members.

In 2015 we welcomed 27 new members, but unfortunately lost 9.

- Membership recognition

As the participants of the conference have noticed, this year, engraved Institutional Member plaques have been created and were distributed at the conference. The following Institutional Members have received a plaque: Luxun Academy of Fine Art China, Luxembourg History Museum, Asisi GmbH, Asisi Panometer Pforzheim, Asisi International, Asisi Panorama XXL, Ópusztaszer Heritage Park Hungary. Individual Member certificates have been created and

were also distributed at the conference and send via airmail to the other members. The certificates & plaques will be renewed annually with dues payment.

- Increased communication and social media

Sara Velas asks the participants that are using Facebook and Twitter to add IPC to their network. <http://www.facebook.com/InternationalPanoramaCouncil>) and (<https://twitter.com/PanoramaCouncil>)

- Geneva & Marseille exhibition

In 2014 the IPC generated income by contribute to the Geneva and Marseille Exhibition 'I Love Panoramas'. The IPC made this possible by organizing the images materials and give scientific advice. Treasurer Patrick Deicher was the coordinator from IPC at this project.

- IPC publications available for purchase

A new offer to our members is a reduced wholesale price for orders of the 2010 IPC publication 'The Panorama in the Old World and the New', edited by Gabriele Koller M.A. in cooperation with Dr. Mimi Colligan. IPC Members (and their museums/ panoramas/ universities) may now order wholesale priced at 16 EUR for (plurals of) 2 copies, postage included. A minimum retail selling price of 20 USD/copy or 15 EUR/copy is customary. Order at: <http://panoramacouncil.org/en/shop>.

- Other publications

2009 Conference publication of the Conference in Brussels at the Royal Military Museum has been finished digitally. The Executive Board will try to publish this book as soon as possible.

To offer the previous conference participants and all IPC members and panorama enthusiast more articles from our previous conferences, the Executive Board has decided to publish a combined publication in which a selection will be made of the most interesting papers from the period 2005-2015. Gabriele Koller is asked to make the first selection for this edition and also to be the editor.

- Change in the Executive Board and Secretariat

At Agenda point 7, the changes in the Executive Board will discussed. Concerning the Secretariat's position, the Executive Board has elected Ruby Carlson from Los Angeles USA to succeed Sylvia Alting van Geusau. Ruby Carlson is the Events Manager at the Velaslavasay Panorama and works in promoting, facilitating, and supervising presentations. Ms. Carlson has been an avid participant at the Panorama since 2008, and began a campaign in 2013 for fundraising for the Panorama entitled the "XYZ Club," a series of eight highly-produced yet intimate engagements hosted by revolving artists and scholars. In 2013, Ms. Carlson also spearheaded the campaign to take the Panorama's "Grand Moving Mirror of California" to Germany for a showing at the Kunstsaele Berlin. She is currently undergoing a certification process to practice psychoanalysis at the Psychoanalysis Los Angeles California in Extension (PLACE).

5. Financial report 2014 and audit statement [3/4]

Treasurer Patrick Deicher explains the financial report of 2014.

EXPENSE		2014	Budget
Expenses for Projects and Services	EUR	14.061	13.150
Personnel Expenses	EUR	4.710	4.750
Administrative Expenses	EUR	813	1.025
Advertising for the Association	EUR	0	500
Other expenses of the Association	EUR	35	0
Finance Costs	EUR	488	650
Total EXPENSES	EUR	20.071	19.575

INCOME		2014	Budget
Membership fees	EUR	14.566	12.000
Operating Result	EUR	14.041	12.200
Fundraising Income	EUR	5	0
Other Income	EUR	10	0
Financial Income	EUR	14	5
Total INCOME	EUR	28.636	24.205

The IPC had an unexpected income of €3.000,- due to the cooperation with the Geneva and Marseille 'I love panoramas' exhibition. As IPC doesn't have so many individual members, the amount of the membership income is mostly generated by our institutional members.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULT		2014	Budget
Total Expense	EUR	20.071	19.575
Total Income	EUR	28.636	24.205
Total LOSS / PROFIT	EUR	8.564	4.630

BALANCE SHEET		2014
Current Assets	EUR	11.962
Fixed Assets	EUR	0
Total Assets	EUR	11.962
Short-term liabilities	EUR	0
Association's assets	EUR	3.398
Annual financial result	EUR	8.564
Total Liabilities	EUR	11.962

The auditors of the 2014 report, Gabriele Koller and Blagovesta Momchedjikova, declare to have audited and approved the financial report.

6. Discharge for the Executive Board

The General Assembly agrees to the financial report 2014 and audit statement. The Executive Board has been discharged for the financial year 2014.

7. Elections: Elections of Vice-President, Members and of two Auditors.

Now leaving the Board in September 2015

Ryszard Wójtowicz, Poland (his term ends 2015)

End of term 2015

Vice-President Guy Thewes, Luxembourg

Member Matias Thiel, Germany

Staying on the Board

Member Dr. Mimi Colligan, Australia (her term ends 2016)

Member Dominique Hanson, Belgium (his term ends 2016)

Treasurer Patrick Deicher, Switzerland (his term ends 2017)

President Sara Velas, USA (her term ends 2017)

Three Executive Board members of the International Panorama Council have fulfilled their three year term. Matias Thiel and Guy Thewes decided to prolong their Executive Board membership with another three years. Ryszard Wójtowicz will end his three year term. Sara Velas thanks him for his excellent input for IPC and praises him as a person with a lot of knowledge on heritage.

Nominees for the Executive Board

Guy Thewes (Vice-President, until 2018)

Matias Thiel (member, until 2018)

Blagovesta Momchedjikova (member, until 2018)

Thiago Leitão (member, until 2018)

By prolonging the term of Guy Thewes, the position of vice-president will stay unchanged.

Instead of welcoming one new member to the Executive Board, the Executive Board has chosen to invite two. Dr. Blagovesta Momchedjikova from NYC, USA and prof. Thiago Leitão from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil are elected for the Executive Board and will serve the Board for the coming three years.

New: Advisory Board

The Executive Board decided to add an Advisory Board to the International Panorama Council. In this way the IPC creates a group of panorama specialists that can advise on questions within

heritage, research, communication etc. The first Advisory Board members are dr. Seth Thompson from the University of Sharjah, Mr. Yunhui Ji from the Luxun Academy of Fine Arts and Sylvia Alting van Geusau when she finishes her work as General Secretary of the IPC. The statutes don't have to be adopted for the Advisory Board, because in the statutes this falls under a working group.

Auditor's position

As Blagovesta Momchedjikova is nominated to the Executive Board she can't be the auditor anymore. Gabriele Koller has indicated that she wishes to finish her job as auditor.

For two years Gabriele Koller was so kind to fulfill the job as auditor. We thank both of them for their work.

Nominees for the Auditor's position

The Executive Board has nominated dr. Gordon Jones from the USA and dr. Natasja Peeters from Belgium to become the auditors for the year 2015.

The General Assembly accepts these changes and wishes the new Executive Board members and Auditor's luck with their new positions.

8. Information on forthcoming conferences

IPC is pleased to announce the location of the 25th IPC conference in 2016 will be held in the National Heritage Park of Ópusztaszer Hungary.

Sara Velas asks the IPC members to think of possible location for the following conferences from 2017.

9. Publication of this 24th Conference

The 2015 proceedings of the conference will be published on the website of the panoramacouncil.org. The speakers were informed about this wish and they were invited to fill in a form in order to give permission to publish their materials on the website.

There were different ways in which they could participate:

1. Audiorecordings on the IPC public page or restricted members page
2. Powerpoint presentation on the members restricted page only
3. Presentationtext on the IPC public page or restricted members page

The deadline for the contributions is 1 November 2015. IPC will make sure this will be published on the website as soon as possible. All our members will get informed via email.

10. Website IPC

Treasure Patrick Deicher has coordinated the work on the website in the last year.

The database of existing panoramas, dioramas, moving panoramas and related art forms has been enlarged a lot and received a new access structure.

Next to this there is also a special member section which the members can access via http://panoramacouncil.org/en/membership/already_a_member/. Members have registered their personal password at their registration. If you wish to know your access code please send an email to secretary@panoramacouncil.org. On this area the members are offered documents and additional information. The section includes governance documents, resources and more. IPC also asks members to share their articles and other documents to upload in this section.

There is a new section on the website with a list of all our members. The list shows all members divided by categories (institutional, individual, honorary etc.).

http://panoramacouncil.org/membership/our_members/institutional_members/

11. Strategic plan 2015-16

The topics with the highest priority are the Cultural routes, members, quarterly newsletters and fundraising.

12. Budget outlines 2015-2016 (information only)

The 2016 expenses are rather high because of the publication of the 2005-2015 conference publication.

The 2015 (adopted) and 2016 budget which the Executive Board expects to implement was discussed and approved by all present.

EXPENSE		2016	2015
Expenses for Projects and Services	EUR	39.100	13.600
Personnel Expenses	EUR	9.500	9.500
Administrative Expenses	EUR	700	700
Advertising for the Association	EUR	500	1.500
Other expenses of the Association	EUR	1.500	0
Finance Costs	EUR	650	650
Total EXPENSES	EUR	52.200	26.200

INCOME		2016	2015
Membership fees	EUR	10.000	12.500
Operating Result	EUR	10.200	9.200
Fundraising Income	EUR	26.000	0
Other Income	EUR	0	0
Financial Income	EUR	5	5
Total INCOME	EUR	46.205	21.705

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULT		2016	2015
Total Expense	EUR	52.200	26.200
Total Income	EUR	46.205	21.705
Total LOSS / PROFIT	EUR	-5.995	-4.495

13. Approval of membership fees for 2016

The proposed membership fee structure (unchanged from 2015) was unanimously approved.

Individual member: 50 euro

Student member: 25 euro

Institutional member: 1000 euro

Supporting member: 2000 euro

14. Members Update

Gabriele Koller has two topics that she wants to address concerning Ralph Hyde. The first is the publication of Ralph Hyde on the Paper peepshows of the Jacqueline and Jonathan Collection. She gives the tip that buying the book via Amazon is cheaper than at the publisher. Her second topic is the legacy of Ralph Hyde. After the Sehnsucht exhibition both Ralph Hyde and Stephan Oetterman decided to make a dictionary of panoramist, where Ralph would take care of the English speaking world and Stephan Oetterman would take care of the German speaking world. Ralph worked further on the English part and received contributions of Thiago Leitão, Suzanne Wray and Gabriele Koller. Unfortunately he had not finished this large project. The material of this research however is given to the Bill Douglas cinema Museum of the University of Exeter. The project will be accessible and continued by students of this university.

Wenbiao Mao informs the attendees that the restoration of the Marco Polo Bridge panorama in China has been finished last month. Wenbiao Mao delivers the best wishes from Mr. Xia Shushen (author of the book China panorama landscape painting with a half) who was not able to attend the conference. On the 7th of July 2015 the panorama had to be finished. But there were several works to be done. The team had to face several difficulties like airpolution and the canvas' static electricity. The original painters were asked to redo the painting and make a stronger contrast. Two months after the opening in July already a half million people have visited the panorama.

Sara Velas tells about her visit to China in February where she met the Luxun Academy of Fine Arts. Together with other IPC member Molly Briggs she visited St. Louis to see the Ramey Eliot panorama. More information about these visit can be found in Newsletter 34 from April 2015. Sara Velas also informs about the Polar Filmclub that was present at The Velaslavasay Panorama and did a few filmscreenings.

Sue Truman used a cranky to present her news. In St. Louis Missouri there wil be a Georama on show from 20 January – 7 Februari 2016. This Georama is inspired on the georamas John

Banvard created which were three mile long scrolled paintings that showed the Mississippi.
<http://www.repstil.org/season/show/georama/>

The Powerpoint presentations of Wenbiao Mao and Sara Velas will be available at the restricted membership page of our website.

~~14.~~ 15. Any Other Business

No any other Business occur.

~~15.~~ 16. Closing of the Assembly

President Sara Velas closes the General Assembly meeting at 15:17h.