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3rd Management Committee Meeting of

COST Action IS0904 - European architecture beyond Europe: Sharing Research and Knowledge on Dissemination Processes, Historical Data and Material Legacy (19th-20th centuries)

Brussels, 30 May 2012

MINUTES

Present Members:

AT Dr Diego Caltana
AUS Dr Andrew Leach
BE Prof Johan Lagae (Vice-Chair)
CH Dr Leila El-Wakil
CH Ms Nadia Radwan
DE Dr Regina Göckede
DE Ms Rachel Lee (substitute member)
DK Prof Jørgen E. Andersen
DZ Ms Assia Samai Bouadjeda
DZ Dr Boussad Aiche Algeria
ES Prof Antonio Bravo Nieto
FR Prof Mercedes Volait (Chair)
FR Ms Claudine Piaton
FR Mr Thierry Lochard
GR Dr Vassilis Colonas
IR Dr Joanne Marie Mancini
IS Mr Tzafirir Fainholtz (substitute member)
IT Prof Ezio Godoli
IT Prof Vilma Fasoli
NL Dr Tom Avermaete
NL Dr Pauline K.M. van Roosmalen
PT Prof Madalena Cunha Matos
UK Dr Alex Bremner
UK Dr Ola Uduku

COST Office:

Dr Andreas Obermaier (present in the morning)

Welcome

The Chair, Prof Mercedes Volait (FR), welcomed the participants to the third Management Committee Meeting of Action IS0904 and introduced the Action's new members, who subsequently each gave a short presentation of their research interests:

Dr Joanne Marie Mancini (IR)
Dr Pauline van Roosmalen (NL)
Dr Boussad Aiche (DZ)
Dr Andrew Leach (AU)
Prof Jørgen E. Andersen (DK)

The new Science Officer ISCH, Dr Andreas Obermaier introduced himself to the group. The Chair clarified the voting procedure.

1. Adoption of the agenda:

The Agenda was agreed.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes from the second Management Committee Meeting held in Turin on 18-19 April 2011 were agreed without changes.

3. Matters arising:

Secretaries for recording the minutes were appointed: Rachel Lee (DE) & Regina Göckede (DE). The following attending observers were approved: Kim de Raedt (BE), as representative of the local organizer of the training school to be held in 2013 (see below); Réza Kettouche (Grant Holder secretary (FR). The MC also approved as invited experts, in connection with specific items to be discussed during the meeting: Anne-Laure Brisac (FR), Antonio Mendes (FR) and Victoire Teisserenc, Policy officer (CNRS).

4. Report from the COST Office:

The Science Officer ISCH reported on the many applications for COST Actions, of which less than 5% are approved. Among the 35 Actions going on each year, about 5 or 6 belong to the ISCH Domain. Dr Obermaier also introduced Horizon 2020, the EC research and innovation framework program that will replace FP7 for 2014-2020, and is currently under discussion at parliamentary level. The Vice-Chair inquired about the focus of Horizon 2020. The Science Officer stated that the COST office is trying to secure the future participation of the COST scheme within the Horizon 2020 framework programme. The Chair stated that a strategy for building on the dynamics of the Action would be developed and presented at the next MC meeting of the Action. To this end a number of members will convene in Brussels early September 2012 with officers of European research grants to discuss possibilities.

Status of Action

Presently there are 14 participating COST-countries (AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GR, IR, IS, IT, NL, PT, UK) and 3 non-COST institutions (University of Mouloud Mammeri, Algeria, represented by Boussad Aiche, University of Ferhat, Algeria, represented by Assia Samai Bouadjeda, and Griffith University, Australia, represented by Andrew Leach).

5. Progress report of working groups:

The coordinators of the 4 Working Groups of the Action presented their respective Year 2 activities (July 2011-June 2012).

WG1: Actors and networks of expertise

Johan Lagae (BE) reported that the group had grown to over 20 members and discussed the possibilities of new Argentinean and South African members. Reflecting on the working group meeting in Liverpool (10-11 October 2011), he stated that the group's aims and interests had become more precise and that there were clear overlaps between the members' research interests:

- Post-1945 architecture outside Europe
- Nomadic/global experts emerging in the context of development aid programs in the non-west
- Role of architecture schools as centers of dissemination
- Focus on Africa & India, but the WG1 is also opening up to other areas: Indonesia (research of Pauline van Roosmalen), and potentially Argentina (an interest to join WG1 have been articulated by scholars from Buenos Aires)

On the basis of shared research interests, the members have made 3 proposals for themed *ABE*-journal issues.

At the Liverpool meeting methodologies for mapping and studying networks were further discussed (e.g. prosopography, actor network theory) and potential visualization strategies were introduced. Although the geographical scope of the working group is not global, it is very wide. More details are to be found in the extensive report of the Liverpool meeting that can be consulted on the Action's website.

He underlined the importance of the working group members cooperating and combining academic research through STSMs. As a result of the Annual Workshop in Edinburgh two members of the working group (Kim de Raedt, Rachel Lee) undertook STSMs with other scholars in the Action network (Ola Uduku, Edinburgh University, and Kathleen James-Chakraborty, University College Dublin).

Johan Lagae (BE) informed the members of several conference participations and the efforts undertaken to apply for research funding and grants in which the Action has been used as a leverage.

WG 2: The printed media and the construction of a canon

Tom Avermaete (NL) reported that the group has one new member, Boussad Aiche, making a group of 10. The group aims to create a database of alternative publications and develop a theoretical framework for dealing with printed material. The group identified that these alternative publications functioned as dissemination instruments for the following: professional firms and architects, areas of the construction industry (e.g. concrete companies) and political regimes. In addition the group recognized that alongside prominent protagonists of the global architectural scene, the publications profiled the work of little known or almost forgotten architects practicing locally. An analysis of the printed material on the fringes of the architectural discourse has revealed three different canons: professional, alternative and shadow canon. WG 2 intends to produce articles for themed *ABE*-journal that addresses these canons and particularly focuses on the different alternative canons, together with an anthology of relevant articles from the alternative press studied, introduced by a couple of essays on the relevance of the topic, the journals studied, etc..

WG 3: Documenting transnational architecture

Claudine Piaton (FR) referred to the working group meeting that took place in Berlin on the 17-18 November 2011. 9 group members were present plus Juliette Huber from WG4. The aim of the meeting was to compare research methodologies and data management tools. The participants presented several projects and case studies that employed different data compilation and file sharing techniques. This included the GIS (Geographic Information System) based analysis of the Zokak el-Blat quarter in Beirut, of Heliopolis as well as of Lubumbashi and Arching (Culture 2007-2013 Programme of the European Commission), which was a collaboration of different members of the Action. It was agreed that GIS was not suitable for use within the broad research scope of the group. In the near future members of the WG3 will use STSMs to start case study focused collaborations within the network.

WG4: Conceptualizing an infrastructure for collaborative research

Thierry Lochard (FR) welcomed Pauline van Roosmalen (NL) as a new group member and co-coordinator of the group, and elaborated the need for consistent and efficient tools to guarantee best practices. Due to WG4's main goal of providing suitable tools for the other groups, its members participated in several meetings of the other working groups in order to better understand their requirements. Mendeley was chosen by the group as data sharing tool for bibliographical information and its appropriateness is currently being tested and evaluated by Juliette Huber (FR). In addition the group has prepared guidelines for creating pdfs which have been made available on the website. In the future the website will contain more such information and in the meantime it is constantly being updated.

6. Action Planning:

Annual Progress Conference (APC)

APC 2012 is to be held on 31 May-2 June 2012. The Action will not be represented at APC 2012.

Reporting:

The Chair prepared the Annual monitoring Progress Report on behalf of the MC for 2011-2012, and submitted it to the COST office on 15 April 2012 (to be accessible at http://w3.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=233&action_number=IS0904, when uploaded). This year's highlights include the results of the Annual Workshop held in Edinburgh from 9-11 February 2012, the technical groundwork and infrastructure for the forthcoming online journal *ABE* and the growing professional ties and collaborations within the Action. Mobility within the network's institutions has notably increased. The Chair underlined the very satisfying progress and popularity of the Action's website.

Action Budget Planning

The Chair reported that the budget of year 3 has been increased to €102,000. This increase will enable the funding of the training school in spring 2013. It was agreed that the STSM budget would remain €10,000.

Action Planning (including MC meeting) for year 3 (July 2012 – June 2013)

The 3rd Annual Workshop will be held in Lisbon from 18–20 February 2013. The theme of the workshop will be "Dissonant architectural heritage in the postcolonial age". The expected number of participants is 25. It was agreed that 4 different thematic sessions will take place. One of the sessions will address the protection of Tel Aviv's architectural heritage and the following suggestions for the remaining 3 sessions were made: modern Portuguese architecture abroad, UNESCO world heritage site Island of Mozambique, reuse or upgrading of colonial architecture today in Algeria, Morocco, etc. Names suggested for keynote speakers included the filmmaker Caterina Borelli, the professor for city and regional planning at Berkeley, Ananya Roy, the professor for geography at University of Geneva, Jean-Francois Staszak, the theorist and architect Jorge Otero-Pailos from *Future Anterior* and the director of the Architekturzentrum Vienna, Dieter Steiner.

The 3rd MC Meeting will be held in Geneva on Friday, 24th May 2013. Around 25 participants are expected.

Editorial meetings to prepare the themed issues of the *ABE*-journal will generally replace the upcoming meetings of the Working Groups. The following meetings are planned:

- "Applied Arts", 2 days in Geneva at the end of October 2013,
- "Contractors and Agencies", 2 days with 8-10 participants in Thessaloniki at the end of January 2013,
- "Tropical/Imperial Architecture", 1 day with 6 participants in Edinburgh,
- "Politics of Periodicals", 2 days in Paris with 7 participants on 19-20 October 2012.

Because of the size and interest range of WG1 the Vice-Chair proposed a 2-day conventional working group meeting of 12 people followed by a further 2 days of editorial work for 6 people in Dublin in November.

Training School

Kim de Raedt (BE) presented the proposed location for a training school in Ghent which will take place from the 2nd till the 7th of April 2013. The proposed location is the Hotel Monasterium PootAckere, an old monastery in the centre of the city with conference facilities and catering. The expected costs for 25 participants (5 Trainers/20 Trainees) for 5 days are €20,995 without transportation.

The Chair introduced the main themes of the training school, tentatively entitled *Architectural history research in the digital era*, and which will address issues of copyright, data sharing, intellectual properties, digital tools, data visualization and technical infrastructure. A tentative programme and a list of suggested speakers were presented by Antonio Mendes da Silva (FR) and Pauline van Rosmalen (NL). The 5 sessions forecasted are:

1. Digital humanities : challenges and strategies
2. Data sharing and storage: standards, formats, tools
3. Intellectual property, images copyright, fair use, open access
4. Data visualization and modelling, mapping transnational circulations, visual history
5. New infrastructure initiatives

The Vice-Chair proposed an additional speaker, the visual anthropologist and historian Elizabeth Edwards (UK), who works on the relationship between photography, anthropology and history, especially in the Pacific, on cross-cultural visual histories, on photographs as material culture and the history of collecting and institutional practices. MC members were required to suggest further possible trainers.

It is proposed that WG4 produces a handbook containing the results of the training school in order to give

endurance to the initiative. The training school may be open for students and may be broadcasted via podcast. The WG4 will circulate a preliminary programme requesting confirmation of attendance and inviting comments.

7. STSM Status and Applications

Tom Avermaete (NL) gave an overview of development of the STSM programme in the second year of the Action. Between July 2011 and the end of May 2012, 11 STSM applications had been received, of which 7 were granted the requested funding. As funds are still available and because the annual budget should be fully utilised, Tom Avermaete explained the conditions and possibilities of the STSMs to the MC and requested that the members use them to enable research trips within the network. He reiterated that the STSM grants can only be used for short stays in COST-member states or in the countries of non-COST-institutions having joined the Action (i.e. Algeria).

The MC agreed that in the future the STSMs should continue to be used to enable exchange within the network and enhance in particular collaborative research/writing among/by members. Only if it becomes foreseeable that the resources will not be exhausted by the network should the STSMs be advertised to researchers external to the Action through a forum such as H-Net. The chair mentions that such an opening of STSMs to other parties has proven beneficial in the past, as it has already gained us some extra members over time.

Andrew Leach pointed out that the €2,500 cap on individual STSMs meant that they could not be used for funding research trips to Australia, as airfares are extremely high.

8. Publications, Dissemination and Outreach Activities

The Vice-Chair presented the updated flyer, which was prepared for the COST Action ISO904 presentation at the European Architectural History Network (EAHN) conference on 1 June 2012.

As there are still circa €2,000 left over in the budget for dissemination purposes, the MC agreed to use the remaining funds to produce an English-language 24-page brochure that will be used to present the Action at international and national conferences. An edition of 500 colour brochures will be produced by the end of June 2012. The Vice-Chair presented several dummies (templates) designed by his students from which the MC-Members chose two possible designs. The brochures will contain the following information: the mission statement, a visualisation of the members and participating member states and institutions, a description of the research goals of each of the 4 working groups in 2–4 pages, a description of future activities and STSMs, as well as an introduction to the ABE-journal. The Vice-Chair is responsible for the concept and the production of the brochure.

The Vice-Chair also discussed presenting the Action at the conference of the International Union of Architects (UIA) in Durban in 2014.

Other joint outreach activities of the Action were the direct outcome of the ARCHING European project in which several MC members were involved. Headed by Claudine Piaton (FR), the project ended on May 2012, and produced a book in French and English versions on the Archives of European firms active in the Mediterranean from 1860-1970, a virtual exhibition (http://www.archmuseum.org/Gallery/building-beyond-the-mediterranean_41.html) and a 20-panel exhibition that was launched in Florence (IT) on 10 May 2012. The exhibition is expected to tour Italian towns (Naples, Milan, Turin) during summer 2012 and may be presented in Paris at the Ecole d'architecture of Paris-Belleville in the fall of 2012.

At the initiative of Tom Avermaete, a slot has been granted by the organizers of the 2nd EAHN-conference in Brussels on Friday June 1st (14:30 – 15:30). During the slot, some members of the Action will present the general goal and the work conducted in the various Working Group to the international audience of architectural historians attending the conference. New versions of the flyer will also be distributed at this event.

ABE Journal

Anne-Laure Brisac, from InVisu (FR), brought the MC up to date on the developments of the ABE-Journal. As the journal was not accepted by revues.org for lack of sufficient content, the initial issues will be connected to the existing COST Action ISO940 website (www.architecturebeyond.eu) using software and templates provided by revues.org. Once the journal has been successfully established a second application will be made to revues.org. Anne-Laure Brisac then presented the structure and contents of the forthcoming

journal. Submitted articles and papers will be organised around the planned themed issues and will be assessed through a double blind peer review process that will take between 6 and 8 weeks to complete. To guarantee the peer character of the reviewing process, the list of referees will not be accessible online. Due to technical difficulties, large numbers of images related to the articles cannot be stored in the format of revues.org, yet there are solutions available (as putting them on flickr and linking them to the article). Over the next weeks and months several editorial groups will work on the themed issues and publication of the first issue of the *ABE*-Journal is scheduled for early 2013. As there still is some budget left for Year 2, the vice chair proposes to organize an editorial meeting in Ghent on the theme issues, topics of which were already developed in the aftermath of the Liverpool meeting. The chair will ask permission for organizing this event to the officer of our Action.

In the future, articles will be submitted via <http://manuscripts.revues.org/index.php/abe/index>; the published articles will get permanent URLs and will be made available for download as pdfs. The possibility of publishing existing book chapters and papers in the journal was also discussed.

9. Request for new members:

The MC agreed that Dr Stuart King becomes the second AUS MC member, that Dr Gustavo Lopez becomes ARG MC member and Mareike Martens becomes NL substitute member. The chair also informs the MC members that a request for joining the action has been received from Latin American scholars based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. These scholars have expressed interest in joining WG1. They will be invited to contact their COST representative in order to comply with all administrative rules and hopefully they might join for a following event of the Action.

The Chair stated that there is still a lack of members from Eastern Europe. In respect to the disseminating process of architecture in the Ottoman Empire during the 19th century, she specially encouraged the members of the MC to attract scholars in this field of research. The Vice-chair indicates that some scholars working in the Netherlands might be interesting in this respect. Marijke Martin who is currently teaching at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen has reiterated her interest in joining the Action and might bring in some expertise on Eastern European architecture and urbanism (mostly 20th century), a topic she is currently investigating, as she is residing part time in Prague.

10. Promotion of gender balance and of Early Stage Researchers (ESR):

At present there are 27 male members and 24 female members of the Action, among them 13 ESR and 6 Doctoral candidates. Careful attention has been devoted to a balanced distribution of responsibilities within the Action (financial rapporteurs, coordinators of WGs, etc.). The STSMs are preferably granted to ESRs.

11. Non-COST country participations:

Two non-COST country institutions have joined the Action: Griffith University, Australia represented by Dr Andrew Leach, University of Mouloud Mammeri represented by Dr Boussad Aiche. Their application was approved by the COST Committee of Senior Officials on 24 June 2011. As a member of a country belonging to the Near Neighbour scheme of the EU, Boussad Aiche's expenses will be funded on the Action's budget. Since COST has signed reciprocal agreements with Australia, Andrew Leach's expenses should be funded by the Australian Academy of Science. Andrew Leach pointed out that although many new Australian researchers have joined COST Actions, the budget has not been increased and resources are extremely limited.

12. Web news:

The MC members were very satisfied to learn from Antonio Mendes (FR) that the website (www.architecturebeyond.eu) is becoming increasingly popular in terms of hits and the amount of time spent on it. The statistics show that in the first four months of 2012 alone the website was viewed 84,590 times by a total of 3,011 unique visitors, compared with 6,133 page views and 850 unique visitors during the whole of 2010. There are several ways to find the website and a google search for group members' names results in the Action's website being at the top, or near the top, of the result list.

The password-protected Members' Area contains documents and information that is only available to the Action's members. Should a member have forgotten their password, they can contact Antonio Mendes. As the image gallery still contains very few images, Antonio Mendes asked the group to upload more image

material. The images are presented with copyright information and captions. The minutes and agendas of previous meetings are also available in the Members' Area.

The Vice-Chair inquired if presentations were also available on the website. The Chair replied that they were, but as they were not archived in an intuitive way, they were difficult to find. Currently the presentations are stored under the Agendas menu and it was suggested that the menu title be changed to Agenda + Presentations. The Chair also noted that there were some "back-door" security issues despite the password-protected Members' Area.

13. AOB – Any Other Business:

Réza Kettouche, the current Grant Holder secretary, is leaving InVisu (FR) on 30 June 2012. A new temporary secretary, Chahira Essayed, has been appointed for the period of June to September 2012. The new Grant Holder secretary, as from 1st October 2012, will be Philippe Hyvoz (FR).

The Chair informed the MC about a research project titled "*Architectures Cosmopolites*" (in Egypt) which is a 5-year research track supported by IFAO (FR) (2012-2016).

Members of the Action participating in the project are: Claudine Piaton, Mercedes Volait and Juliette Huber (FR), Ezio Godoli (IT), and Vassilis Colonas (GR).

The Chair also reported on the Arching project and exhibition "Building Beyond the Mediterranean" (http://www.archmuseum.org/Gallery/building-beyond-the-mediterranean_41.html) that was the result of a successful collaboration between group members.

Andrew Leach informed the group about two upcoming architectural history conferences in Australia.

14. Closing

The 3rd MC meeting of Action IS0904 was closed on May 30, 2012 at 5:20 pm.