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EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURE BEYOND EUROPE



## 5th 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)**

**Trieste, Monday 9 December 2013**

### **AttendingMembers:**

AT Diego Caltana (member)  
BE AdhamFahmy (member)  
DE Ms Rachel Lee (substitute member)  
DE EdouardKogel (substitute member)  
DK Prof Jørgen E. Andersen (member)  
DZ Ms AssiaSamaiBouadjeda(member)  
DZ Dr Boussad Aiche (member)  
FR Prof Mercedes Volait (Chair)  
FR Ms Claudine Piaton(member)  
FR Ms Caroline Herbelin (substitute member)  
GR Dr VassilisColonas(member)  
IR Prof Kathleen James-Chakraborty (member)  
IT Prof EzioGodoli(member)  
IT Prof Vilma Fasoli(member)  
NL Dr Pauline K.M. van Roosmalen(member)  
PT Prof Madalena Cunha Matos (member)  
UK Dr Robert Home (substitute member)

Johan Lagae (BE), vice-chair of the Action, attended part of the meeting via Skype.

### **Welcome**

The Chair, Prof Mercedes Volait (FR), welcomes the participants to the fifth Management Committee Meeting of Action IS0904 and introduced a new MC substitute member that joined since last meeting:

Adham FAHMY (BE)

The Chair reminds of the voting procedure for decisions made by the MC.

### **1. Adoption of the agenda:**

The agenda is adopted.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the 4th MC meeting are approved with a slight change. In item 8, the last paragraph starting with "A selection of 6 to 8 essays, agenda-setting, on topics tackled by the Action" is to be deleted since no table of content for a final publication was ready to be submitted by October 2013. Consequently, the final publication to be funded by the COST office was deleted from the work plan in the 1<sup>st</sup> reallocation approved by the MC through e-voting on 31 October, 2013.

## 3. Report from the Grant Holder:

News from the Grant Holder regarding the Action's management:

MC members are reminded to send their claims for this meeting by December 15, 2013 as the latest to get reimbursement without delay. Claims received after that date will not be reimbursed before mid-February 2014.

Status of Action, including participating countries :

Unchanged since last MC meeting.

Budget status, budget planning and allocation process :

A 1<sup>st</sup> budget reallocation was e-voted after the first two meetings of GP4. The date of approval by the MC was 31 October, 2013. A second budget reallocation will be presented to the approval of MC members after the MC meeting.

## 4. Progress report of working groups:

WG1 report (presented by Johan Lagae and Madalena Cunha Matos):

12 members attended the WG meeting on 4-5th of November 2013 in Ghent, on the topic "Global experts off the radar". Themes discussed included "On Biographical Agency in the Transnational History of Architecture and Urban Planning", " Writing (on) the history of an «architecture de l'action»"; "Mondialization of modernism", "Architectural expertise and transnational networks"; Modernism in Africa and China. A theme-issue for the electronic journal *ABE*, based on the papers discussed is underway ("Off the radar. Global experts 1950s-1970s", ed. by Johan Lagae & Kim De Raedt, 4 | 2013). A STSM proposal, for an ESR from Berlin to Ghent, was submitted. Publications by members of the group include papers in *Planning Perspectives*, *Journal of Architecture, Environment & Space*, in the edited volume *Harbin to Hanoi: The Colonial Built Environment in Asia, 1840 to 1940*. Johan Lagae & Bernard Toulhier's *Architectural guide for Kinshasa*, edited by CIVA (Centre International pour la Ville et l'Architecture, Brussels) has been shortlisted for the Book Award 2013 of the Deutsches Architektur Museum. Spin-offs from the WG include an application for a Marie Curie Fellowship (that was unsuccessful); a Fulbright application is pending assessment. Papers presented at the Action's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Workshop in Lisbon (feb. 2013) are being published as an *ABE* theme-issue entitled "Colonial today", 3|2013.

WG2 report (Tom Avermaete and Ezio Godoli)

The group is preparing a proposal for a theme-issue of the *ABE* Journal on periodicals and publications. Presentations of new theme-issues for the journal are due on March, 15, 2014. They will be posted online with call for papers.

WG3 report (Claudine Piaton and Ralph Bodenstein)

The group is engaged in an experiment of data sharing through the platform Halimede. A theme-issue on industrial architecture for the *ABE* journal is being prepared. Several members of the WG3 have accepted papers in the DEUXIEME CONGRES FRANCOPHONE D'HISTOIRE DE LA CONSTRUCTION, 29-31 January 2014 in Lyons.

WG4 report (Pauline Van Roosmalen and Thierry Lochard)

A follow-up of the Training school on data spatialization and visualization is being organized for 27-28 January, 2014 in Paris. A handbook on Digital methods and challenges to be published via OpenEdition is under preparation. A meeting on data linking is due to take place in Delft in February, 2014.

## 6. Action planning:

### Annual Progress Conference

The Annual Progress Conference of COST Actions Chair took place on 3-4 June, 2013 in Tallinn (Estonia); Mercedes Volait presented a report on the Action's rationale, preliminary findings and highlights. The next APC will take place in June 2014.

### Reporting:

*Highlights and perspectives to be outlined in next monitoring report (to be submitted in April 2014)*

The two main achievements of the Action during its last year will be the Final conference in April 2014 and the collection of papers, reviews and essays published in the multilingual peer-reviewed journal *ABE*.

### Action Budget Planning:

The budget allocated for Grant Period 4 is 120,000 €; it covers expenses from August 2013 to 9 May 2014.

*Adjustments to approved budget for year 4 and to dates of meetings*

The 1<sup>st</sup> reallocation was approved on 31 October, 2013. It is decided at the MC meeting to increase the budget of STSMs to foster mobility within the network.

### Action Planning (including meetings):

*Program of Final Conference:*

The main event of the Action's last year will be the 4-day final conference in Palermo (13-17 April 2014).

A call for papers was published in a number of listserves for 6 sessions: "Methods and methodologies: Writing the histories of European imperial/colonial architecture"; "Architectures of exile: Visions and re-Visions of the global modern in the age of the refugee"; "Looking eastward, building identities: The architecture of European diplomacy beyond the Mediterranean in the age of Empire"; "Transnational studies and cultural transfers"; "Architecture as development aid. Actors, networks and mechanisms in the design of institutional buildings in the postcolonial global South"; "Tropical architecture". The deadline to propose a paper was 1 December 2013.

101 proposals were received, ranging from 5 to 30 per session. It is decided to take up to 6 papers per session.

*Selection of the sessions' papers and deadlines*

Sessions' chairs attending the MC meeting present their proposed selection of papers, taking into account that only 4 external experts will be eligible for reimbursement.

Speakers commit by 15 January 2014 that they will participate and confirm title, affiliation and abstract. The Conference program will be released afterwards for dissemination. Full papers are due by 15 March 2014 in order to circulate them among the conference's

participants. It is decided that speakers unable to respect the deadline will not be able to claim reimbursement of their expenses.

#### *General session*

The first day of the conference will include the presentation of collaborative work achieved during the Action:

- *Researching 19th c. Algiers on site and in archives (several STSMs used to that end)*
- *Building digital platforms (French and Dutch initiatives)*
- *ABE journal (official launch of the journal) : presentation of structure and content; presentation of an exhibition review,*
- *Action's website: statistics and archiving*
- *Training school publication, final publication(s)*
- *Other spin-offs.*

WGs' coordinators, co-coordinators and members involved in specific collaborative initiatives, will be invited to present results and achievements.

#### *Keynote speakers*

Prof. Sibel Zandi-Sayek (William and Mary college, USA), is invited to deliver the keynote speech on the opening of the conference, based on the proposal she submitted for the conference (on Ottoman Izmir and British firms). Lukasz Stanek (UK) will give an invited lecture (on Architecture and Mondialization).

#### *Local organizing: conference venue(s), visits, film screening*

The conference venue is *Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri* in Palermo. Rachel Lee and Iain Jackson propose to organize a film screening at the venue, with films related to the topic of the conference. Ezio Godolico confirms feasibility of the initiative, provided that details can be worked out with the Local Organizer, Prof. Ettore Sessa.

#### *Reimbursements*

In order to enlarge participation in the conference, besides the speakers in the sessions, MC members agree by unanimous vote to set a daily flat rate of 100 € for accommodation and limit reimbursements to 5 meals per person, plus travel up to 300 €. Out of equity, only one speaker of co-authored papers will be funded. The figures may be adjusted, within COST maximums, according to attendance, as a number of invited participants in the end may be unable to attend. If applicable, the adjustment will be submitted to the MC for approval.

## **7. STSM status, applications:**

12 applications were received, 6 have been granted so far. Submissions keep on coming.

1 RTSM has been granted to Lucia Juarez to Argentina in spring 2014.

## **8. Publications, dissemination and outreach activities:**

### *ABE (Architecture beyond Europe), a multilingual and peer-reviewed electronic journal*

Significant progress has been made on the development of *ABE*. The boards have been composed. The editorial board (Alex Bremner, Caroline Herbelin, Juliette Hueber, Johan Lagae, Rachel Lee, and Mercedes Volait) proposes the themes of the journal, contacts authors, approves the proposed contributions and appoints the referees (4 years' term of office). The international advisory board (Mark Crinson, Burcu Dogramaci, Kathleen James-Chakraborty, Eduard Koegel, Lukasz Stanek), advises the editorial board on editorial strategy and policy, validates the theme of future issues and

suggests topics for consideration (4 years' term of office). It will be meeting in Trieste on 11 December 2013.

The journal is currently online (<http://dev.abejournal.eu/index.php?id=240>) through a provisional system: an instance of the Lodel software installed on the INHA's server. The application to be distributed through revues.org (OpenEdition platform, <http://www.openedition.org/?lang=fr>) will be submitted on December 20, 2013, once 3 issues are online and a substantial argument has been elaborated. An electronic journal needs a permanent address or DOI (Digital Object Identifier) to apply for an ISSN. Hopefully, the official launch of the journal will take place in Palermo, on 13 April 2014.

The issues released and in preparation are:

Issue 1 | 2012 *Varia* (online)

Issue 2 | 2012 *Corporate patronage*, guest-edited by Alex Bremner and Diego Caltana (online)

Issue 3 | 2013 *Colonial today*, guest-edited by Johan Lagae (forthcoming)

Issue 4 | 2013 *Off the radar*, guest-edited by Johan Lagae and Kim de Raedt (in preparation)

Issue 5 | 2014 *Industrial architecture*, guest-edited by Claudine Piaton and Ralph Bodenstein (in preparation)

Issue 6 | 2014 *Travelling tiles*, guest-edited by Leila El-Wakil

Members are invited to propose theme-issues.

*Final publication(s):*

Caroline Herbelin (FR) and Johan Lagae (BE) have been working at a special issue to be submitted to the *Cahiers de la Recherche architecturale et urbaine*, and will report on progress as soon as a coherent table of contents is set.

A number of academic publishers (Cambridge scholars, Bloomsbury, Leuven University Press) have contacted members of the Action after the release of the Call for papers for the Final conference expressing interest in publishing its outcome. *World History Connected*, the free online journal published by the University of Illinois Press (whose next issue is by coincidence, devoted to Architecture in World History) has also expressed interest in welcoming submissions of individual or groups of papers on the conference's subject for possible publication. It is proposed to consider Ashgate or Minnesota University Press in priority however, because of the good reputation of their peer-reviewing process.

The Final conference convenors, Johan Lagae (BE) and Mercedes Volait (FR), will assess the possibility of publication after the conference. The common format for edited volumes is of 12 essays/120,000 words max, meaning that not all papers or all sessions can be included. Some papers/sessions may feed future *ABE* theme-issues. Kathleen James-Chakraborty (IR) proposes to assist with the drafting of the 5-page proposal to be submitted to possible publishers.

*Outreach activities:*

2 panels linked to the themes of the Action will take place at EAHN 2014 and EAUH 2014. Kathleen James-Chakraborty (IR) draws attention on the fact that EAHN 2016 will be held in Dublin, the call will be issued in September 2014; it will be an appropriate venue to showcase the achievements of the Action.

## 9. Request for new members:

The second Portuguese MC member resigned in October 2013 due to lack of availability for research.

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

The Action fully commits to respect gender, country and ESR balance in the composition of all its activities. Some ESR are chairing sessions at the final conference

#### **11. Non-COST country participations:**

Unchanged.

#### **12. Web news:**

The Action maintains a continuous management of the website launched in July 2010, with an area restricted to members. The website receives an average of 1700 unique visits monthly.

The issue of archiving the content of the website is under consideration.

#### **13. AOB – Any Other Business:**

None.

#### **14. Closing**

The MC meeting is closed at 5:30 pm.