



DEMHI ST General Assembly 2008

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, 6.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.

Hacienda El Cedro Cultural Centre, Bogotá, Colombia

Minutes

Present:

Daniela Ball, Chair

Peter Keller, Secretary Treasurer

Hetty Berens

Maria Lourdes Monges Santos

Conny Bogaard

Rosanna Pavoni

Julius Bryant

Beatriz Quevedo

Cecilia Fernandez de Pallini

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomes the Voting Members at the General Assembly.

2. Minutes 2007

The minutes of the General Assembly in Vienna 2007 had already been sent out by e-mail. The Assembly approves them. They are attached to these minutes.

3. Report of the Chair 2007-2008

The Report of the Chair had already been sent out by e-mail. The Assembly approves it. It is attached to these minutes.

4.1. Report of the Secretary Treasurer 2007-2008

The Report of the Secretary Treasurer had already been sent out by mail. The Assembly approves it. It is attached to these minutes.

5. Projects

5.1. DEMHIST Strategic Plan

DEMHIST shall phrase a strategy according to ICOM's Strategic Plan 2008-2010, and publish this strategy on the website. A draft will be sent out and discussed after the meeting. It is attached to these minutes.

5.2 Historic House Museums Categorization Project

Hetty Berens, Julius Bryant and Rosanna Pavoni had presented the Categorization Project in their respective lectures. Colombian colleagues have offered to form a working group to continue the Categorization Project in their country. Cecilia Fernandez de Pallini will support them.

P. Keller will publish on the website the list of the museums which participated in the first phase of the project. Rosanna Pavoni will send an e-mail to all these participants to thank them. The Board thanks Rosanna Pavoni for accomplishing the first phase of the project.

5.3. ICOM Studies Series DEMHIST Issue

As ICOM only wants to publish Studies Series issues of at least two committees and ICDAD doesn't find a scientific editor, DEMHIST will ask ICFA and suggest the topic "Collections in their Contexts". J. Bryant will contact Stephen Lloyd, Chair of ICFA. P. Keller will contact Klaus Weschenfelder, organiser of the 2006 conference. L. Young will continue to be the scientific editor on behalf of DEMHIST. The General Assembly approves this approach and thanks Linda for her commitment.

5.4. Grants for DEMHIST Meetings

DEMHIST will apply for a grant of € 3.000,- for the conference in Stavanger 2009. Although this may not be fair in consideration of former and forthcoming venues, the General Assembly recognises that ICOM offers these grants only since 2008 and approves of the application.

To encourage students of Historic House Museum Studies to participate in the DEMHIST meetings, the General Assembly approves scholarships or extra fees for them.

On the other hand, the grants that should help members to participate in DEMHIST conferences, showed no positive results. These applicants will be referred to the ICOM Financial Support for Young Members. Peter Keller will place a reference on the DEMHIST website.

5.5. Training for House Museum Curators

DEM HIST will develop a project in 2011 to train curators of Historic House Museums, under the title "Tools for Teachers. Resources for University Courses in Historic House Museum Studies".

The committee doesn't have the means to edit a manual for Historic House Museum curators, but it will map the courses and institutions offering trainings. Conny Bogaard will identify the American, R. Pavoni the Italian offers. Peter Keller will ask Linda Young for the Australian, Daniela Ball will ask Donald Wetherell for the Canadian offers. The second step will be to ask the teachers for reading lists, the third to identify the gaps in the formation. These gaps could be topics of DEM HIST conferences in the future. The project leader and task will be decided on at the board meeting in Stavanger in 2009.

5.6. National DEM HIST Working Groups

DEM HIST had been asked for national working groups of Historic House Museums. AS they already exist in Brazil and in Flanders, M. Monge will ask the Brazilian, P. Keller the Flemish colleagues for their experiences.

Mexico will hold a national conference in September 2008, a Middle American or a Latin American conference could follow.

5.7. DEM HIST Website

The redesign of the DEM HIST website had been postponed in 2007. As ICOM won't realize a content management system (CMS) for all committees, DEM HIST will reconsider the redesign. P. Keller will develop a concept for the website and contact the Swiss web designer who had made an offer in 2007. The costs will be € 1.500,00.

6. Annual Meetings 2009-2011

6.1. Stavanger/Norway 2009

Grete Holmboe and Roy Hoybo could not come to Bogotá for reasons of health. They have sent an impressive preliminary program. The conference will mean a collaboration of DEM HIST with ICOM-CC.

Peter Keller will ask Grete Holmboe and Roy Hoybo to schedule the Categorization Project and, as possible, an overview of Historic House Museums in Norway.

6.2. Shanghai/China 2010

As there are only few Historic House Museums in the Shanghai region and Chinese colleagues are extremely difficult to get in contact with, DEMHIST will hold a common working conference besides its general assembly with the international committees ICDAD, ICFA and GLASS. The Board suggests the topic "The Eastern Perception of the West, the Western Perception of the East".

6.2. Brno/Czech Republic 2010

As the conference in Shanghai will attract only few European members, DEMHIST will hold a scientific meeting in 2010 in Brno with ICDAD. It will deal with three local historic houses, Villa Tugendhat and Villa Djurkovic in Brno and Josef Hoffmann House in Brtnice. DEMHIST suggests as title "Modernist Architecture in Mitteleuropa". The concept from Brno and the answer of ICDAD are still pending.

6.3. Antwerp/Belgium 2011

The working group of Historic House Museums in Flanders has offered to hold the conference 2011 in Antwerp and suggested the title "Catching the Spirit. Theatrical Assets of Historic House Museums". The General Assembly approves of the place as well as the topic.

6.4. Georgetown/USA 2012

James Bert offers to hold the conference 2012 at the Hotel de Paris in Georgetown. The General Assembly approves the offer.

7. Budget Sept. 1st, 2008 - May 31st, 2009

The Secretary Treasurer presents the budget. Provided that ICOM will allocate the grants to the same amount as in 2008, the income will be € 7.513,50. € 3.750,- have been promised for the Categorization Project, 400,- of which have already been paid to R. Pavoni in 2008. The rest of 3.350,- will be spent in 2009. H. Berens is asked to write a report including specifications on the expenses by 20th December 2008.

The redesign of the website will cost € 1.500,-. The Chair suggests to concede 500,- to the Secretary for a student to support him. The result of 2008-2009 will be an increase of the assets of DEMHIST to € 18.834,24.

Assets	31.08.	17.257,45
Expenses		
Website Fee		-43,11
Web Administration		-540,00
Secretary Support		-500,00
Categorization Project		-3.350,00
Website Redesign		-1.500,00
Taxes		-3,60
Expenses Sum		-5.936,71
Income		
ICOM Subvention 2009		2.550,00
ICOM Performance subvention		1.200,00
ICOM Project Subvention		3.750,00
Interests		13,50
Income Sum		7.513,50
Total		18.834,24

The budget is approved by the General Assembly.

8. Elections

The Chair thanked the Board Members quitting the service for their work and commitment during their time in office.

One proxy had been assigned to the Chair, two to the Secretary. Eleven ballots had been sent by mail or given personally to the Secretary. Nine voting members were present, one of them renounced the right to vote. So, all in all, 22 ballots were presented. The votes were counted by Julius Bryant.

All ballots were valid. All candidates were elected. The results are:

- Daniela Ball, Chair 20 votes

- Maria de Jesus Monge, Vice Chair 21 votes
- Jeanne Watson, Vice Chair 14 votes
- Peter Keller, Secretary Treasurer 17 votes
- Hetty Berens, Member 19 votes
- Hartmut Dorgerloh, Member 17 votes
- Cecilia Fernandez de Pallini, Member 18 votes
- Beatriz Quevedo, Member 18 votes
- Luc Vanackere, Member 19 votes

8. Miscellaneous

DEM HIST has been asked to help the Indigenous Museum in Mitú/Colombia. The committee is willing to help. It can offer expertise in the range of Historic House Museums but not in the field of Ethnology. DEM HIST doesn't have the means to develop a concept, and it isn't in funds to give a sufficient grant or subvention. As the director of the Indigenous Museum, Miguel Arcángel Cruz, only speaks Spanish, if there is no Spanish translation. Beatriz Quevedo is asked to contact him.

The Ivane Machabeli House in South Ossetia has been damaged during the armed conflict in this area, but not destroyed as stated earlier on. The Machabeli family and the Georgian authorities plan to transfer the collection from South Ossetia to Tbilisi. DEM HIST could arrange contacts to help them, but the local community should be asked for its opinion, too.

The Chair announces a conference on artists' houses in Museo Vela, Ticino, Oct. 9-10, 2009.

Dr. Peter Keller

October 23rd, 2008