eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on
4.30 pm, 14 September 2012

Czech Technical University in Prague
Czech Republic

MINUTES

Present:

Council Members: Jose Duarte (president), Johan Verbeke (vice-president), Wolfgang Dokonal (vice-president), Bob Martens, Henri Achten, Vassilis Bourdakis, Joachim Kieferle, Marc Muylle, Birgul Colakoglu, Tadeja Zupancic, ...

Members: approximately 80 eCAADe members attended.

1. Welcome and Statement by the President
JD welcomed the membership to the eCAADe 2012 Annual General Meeting being held at Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic. JD presented an overview of important issues for eCAADe as an organization:
- the association’s website;
- the excellent yearly conference, this year held for the 30th time;
- the success of the IJAC Journal (based at University of Liverpool and supported by eCAADe);
- the CUMINCAD database (Cumulative index of CAD-papers);
- growing eCAADe community on LinkedIn;
- the benefit of eCAADe membership and the possibility of institutional membership for libraries (in collaboration with ACADIA, CAADRIA and SIGRADI) including one year full institutional access to the CUMINCAD database and one year eCAADe membership for one faculty member receiving a hard copy of the last conference proceedings for a 200,00 € subscription fee. The membership was asked to promote this more in the institutions.

2. Matters arising
There were no matters arising not already in the agenda for this meeting.

3. The council
JD presented the council members: Henri Achten (fp, eCAADe 2012), Alexander Asanowicz (eCAADe 2002), Andy Brown (website, IJAC), Vassilis Bourdakis (eCAADe 2006), Birgul Colakoglu (eCAADe 2009), Wolfgang Dokonal (fp, vice-president emeritus), Jose Duarte (president), Joachim Kieferle (eCAADe 2007), Antje Kuntze (eCAADe 2010, auditor), Johan Verbeke (vice-president elect, treasurer), Bob Martens (fp, liaison), Tom Maver (fp, research), Marc Muylle (eCAADe 2008), Tadeja Zupancic (eCAADe 2011) and Rudi Stouffs (eCAADe 2013).

The council is supported by the eCAADe secretariat.
Silke Konsorski-Lang is stepping back as council member and the new ETH representative in the council will be Antje Kunze.
Honorary membership is granted to Tom Maver.

Financial auditors, approved by the AGM, for the association are: Scott Chase and Antje Kunze (absent during this conference) and Gilles Halin (requested by the council).
4. Membership
JD appointed the benefits of eCAADe membership: full access to CUMinCAD, eCAADe listserver, reduced subscription to IJAC, reduction on backorder of digital eCAADe proceedings, CAAD futures proceedings, paper eCAADe proceedings...

The association launches the possibility of eCAADe student membership: students of 35 years old or less pay a 25€ fee. Together with the membership form, students have to send a valid student ID card and national ID card or passport to the secretariat. Student members also get full access to CUMinCAD.

5. Report from the secretariat
19 libraries have registered for institutional membership till now. This shows that eCAADe is an expanding organization.
JD also presented a summary of the accounting:
There was an income in 2011 of 9.111,47 € (2010: 11.811,00 €) and an expenditure of 10.270,98 € (for 2010: 5.696,48 €). The profit per December 2011 was -1.159,51 € (2010: 6.114,52 €). The bank balance at date of the AGM meeting was 50.065,24 €

6. Future conferences for eCAADe
2015 Vienna, Austria
Expressions of interest for 2016 and beyond:
- Nancy, France
- Porto, Portugal
- Oulu, Finland
Other proposals from the membership are also warmly welcomed.

7. New activities
- eCAADe poster competition - To make eCAADe more visible at universities.
- eCAADe grant - A grant for young researchers studying in Europe to attend a pre-conference PHD-workshop where they present their work and discuss with colleagues. 5 students can get a grant of 500 €. Students should have an approved PHD in its initial state. The initiative was organized for the second time this year. The membership is invited to promote it in the universities.
- Streaming and archiving sessions in CUMINCAD
- eCAADe mid year regional workshop to be held in Porto. Goals for this new initiative: take eCAADe to new regional areas, promote CAD research and education locally, search for new places to host eCAADe conferences. The call for the following year sent after the council’s midyear meeting in March. The decision is made in the council’s annual meeting in September. There is a grant of 2.500 €.

8. Relationships with other organisations
- ACADIA (October 18-21, 2012, San Francisco, CA, USA)
- SIGRADI (November 14-16, 2012, Fortaleza, Brazil)
- ASCAAD: no information available
- CAADRIA (May 15-18, 2013, Singapore)
- CAADFUTURES (July 1-5 2013, Shanghai, China).
- Robotic fabrication in architecture - http://www.robarch2012.org/

10. Prizes
Presentation Prizes Ceremony
Ivan Petrovic Prize - Best young Presenter: Bruno Araújo, Combining Virtual Environments and Direct Manipulation for Architectural Modeling, TU Lisbon, Portugal
Bentley sponsored Best Presentation Award - Sergio Araya, Living Architecture: Micro Performances of Bio Fabrication, Universidad Adolfo Ibanez, Chile

11. Closing
- Messages and announcements from the membership.
- The eCAADe 2012 conference organizers were warmly thanked for a splendid conference!
- The after conference party was announced and everyone was invited.
- The AGM meeting and conference were closed.