eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on
4.00 pm, 12 September 2014

Northumbria University
Department of Architecture and Built Environment
Newcastle, UK

MINUTES

Present: The eCAADe council and approximately 80 eCAADe members attended the meeting

1. Welcome and Statement by the President

JV welcomed the membership to the eCAADe 2014 Annual General Meeting being held at Northumbria University, Department of Architecture and Built Environment, in Newcastle, UK.
JV presented an overview of important issues for eCAADe as an organization:

- the association's website;
- the yearly conference;
- 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. It was said that a debate was started on the possibility of open access for CUMINCAD.

2. Matters arising not already in the agenda

It was said that the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Proceedings are indexed in Thomson Reuters Index of Conferences (web of Science). There were no other matters arising not already in the agenda for this meeting.

3. Approval of the AGM 2013 minutes

It was said that the minutes of all previous meetings can be checked on the eCAADe website.
There were no comments and the minutes were approved.

4. The administrative council

JV presented the council members: Johan Verbeke (president), Jose Duarte (vice president), Joachim Kieferle (vice-president), Marc Muylle (treasurer), Wolfgang Dokonal, Andy Brown, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Aleskander Asanowicz, Vassilis Bourdakis, Birgul Colakuglu, Tadeja Zupancic, Henri Achten, Rudi Stouffs, Emine Thompson, Aulikki Herneoja.
It was said that Antje Kunze resigned from the council. She was warmly thanked for her efforts.
The council is supported by the eCAADe secretariat, i.e. Nele De Meyere.

Financial auditors, approved by the AGM, for the association are: Scott Chase and Giles Halin, all absent during this conference. They were substituted by Dana Matejovska and Mike Knight.
The council proposed all four of them as a new pool of auditors.

5. Membership
JV 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 pointed to 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 d valid student ID card and national ID card or passport to the secretariat. Student members also get full access to CUMinCAD.

6. Report from the secretariat
JV presented an overview of conference participation and individual membership requests outside of the conference: Newcastle 2014: ± 160 registrations, Delft 2013: ± 230 registrations, Prague 2012: ± 200 registrations, Ljubljana 2011: 148 registrations, Zürich 2010: 178 registrations, Istanbul 2009: 138 registrations. Beside that there were 39 registrations outside the conference of which 11 library subscriptions.
This shows that eCAADe is an expanding organization.
JV also presented a summary of the accounting:
There was an income in 2013 of 4381,79 € (2012: 9715,71 €) and an expenditure of 11761,08 € (for 2012: 8165,93 €). The loss per December 2013 was 7379,29 € (2012: 1549,78 €). The bank balance at date of the AGM meeting was 50078,04 €.

7. Presidential meetings in Newcastle
JV announced that eCAADe is in debate with the sister organisations about opening the CUMINCAD database for the purpose of scientific sharing. For that reason and also to share experiences, a meeting between the presidents or their representatives was organized during the Newcastle conference. The meeting was attended by ACADIA (David Gerber), ASCAAD (Neveen Hamza), CAADRIA (Teng-Wen Chang), eCAADe (Johan Verbeke and Joachim Kieferle) and SIGraDi (Gabi Celani). Announcements about developments will be made at the next meeting.

8. CUMINCAD
Membership to the Cumulative Index of CAD papers is currently possible:
-        as individual member: 50 €/year (standard) or 25 €/year (students)
-     as institutional membership: 200 €/year
But there now an unanymous decision on way forward to create a new platform with open access. Transition is foreseen in 2015/2016. The agreement would be set for 10 years.

9. IJAC
The International Journal of Architectural Computing (www.architecturalcomputing.org) is a collaboration between all the international CAAD organizations. There is a reduced subscription fee for eCAADe members.

10. Future conferences for eCAADe
2015 - Vienna, Austria 'Real Time. Extending the Reach of Computation', from 16/09/2014 till 18/09/2014. Conference team are: Bob Martens, Thomas Grasl, Wolfgang Lorenz and Gabriel Wurzer.
2016 - Oulu, Finland
2017 – Rome, Italy
Expressions of interest for beyond: proposals from the membership are also warmly welcomed.

11. eCAADe grant
The eCAADe grant is a grant for young researchers studying in Europe to attend a pre-conference PhD-workshop where they present their work and discuss with colleagues. 4 students can get a grant of 500 €. Beside that two local students are involved. Students should

have an approved PhD in its initial state. The initiative was organized for the third time this year. The membership is invited to promote it in the universities.

12. Future regional international workshop
The first eCAADe mid year regional workshop was held in Porto in April 2013 and was a success. 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. There is a grant of 2500 €.

In 2014, Bialystok University of Technology organized an again successful workshop. There were 40 participants. The initiative created new opportunities in the region.

The 3rd eCAADe Regional International Workshop 2015 will be organized by Michela Rossi, School of Design, Politecnico di Milano, Italy from 14-15 May 2015. Topic will be: 'Computational Morphologies'.

The call for the following year will be sent after the council's mid year meeting in March. The decision is made in the council's annual meeting in September.

13. Messages from the other associations
CAADRIA in May 20-23, 2015, Daegu, Republic of Korea, organized by Teng-Wen Chang;
ACADIA in October 22-25, 2014, Los Angeles, CA, USA, organized David Berger;
SIGRADI - November 12-14, 2014, Montevideo, Uruguay, organised by Gabriela Celani;

ASCAAD 2014 will be the 9th International Conference, hosted in Jordan, Jeddah on Digital Crafting;
CAAD Futures from 6-10 July, Sao Paulo, Brazil, organised by Gabriela Celani;
EAAE from 23-26 September 2015, at Lodz University of Technology, Poland, organized by Anetta Kepczynska-Walczak;
SimAUD from April 12-15, 2015, Washington DC, USA, organised by Shajay Bhooshan;
Design Modelling Symposium, from 30 September – 2 October 2015, organised by Martin Tamke.

14. Awards Presentation Prizes Ceremony
- Ivan Petrovic Prize: Kostas Grigoriadis
- Bentley sponsored eCAADe Best Presentation Award: Reinhard Koenig

15. Closing of AGM and conference
- Messages and announcements from the membership.
- The eCAADe 2014 conference organizers were warmly thanked for a splendid conference!
- The after conference drink was announced and everyone was invited.
- The AGM meeting and conference were closed.