eCAADe Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on
4.00 pm, 18 September 2015

TU Wien
Department of Architecture and Built Environment
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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 2015 Annual General Meeting being held at TU Wien, Department of Architecture and Built Environment, in Austria.

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

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

3. Approval of the AGM 2014 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), Wolfgang Dokonal, Andy Brown, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Aleskander Asanowicz, Vassilis Bourdakis, Birgul Colakuglu, Tadeja Zupancic, Henri Achten, Rudi Stouffs, Emine Thompson and Aulikki Herneoja.

It was said that Marc Muylle resigned from the council. He was warmly thanked for his efforts.

Antonio Fioravanti becomes temporary member, as 2016 conference organizer.

The council is supported by the eCAADe secretariat, i.e. Nele De Meyere.

It was announced that there was no proposal from the membership for a new eCAADe president candidate. So the candidate proposed by the council, Joachim Kieferle, is confirmed. JK will take the role of president. JD will step down as vice-president emeritus and JV will take over. TZ will take the role as vice-president elect.

Financial auditors, approved by the AGM, for the association are: Mike Knight, Dana Matejovska and Giles Halin.
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 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: Vienna: ± 200 registrations, Newcastle 2014: ± 160 registrations, Delft 2013: ± 230 registrations, Prague 2012: ± 200 registrations. Beside that there were serval 11 library subscriptions. This shows that eCAADe is a healthy organization.

JV also presented a summary of the accounting: There was an income in 2014 of 11337,26 € (2013: 4381,79 €) and an expenditure of 14313,41 € (for 2013: 11761,08 €). The loss per December 2014 was 2976,15 (loss in 2013: 7379,29 €).

7. Presidential meetings in Vienna
JV announced that eCAADe again had a meeting with the sister organisations to exchange experiences. The state of affairs on the opening of the CUMINCAD database was discussed. The meeting was attended by ACADIA, ASCAAD, CAADRIAA, eCAADe and SiGraDi. The membership will be kept updated about the situation.

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 unanimous 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
2016 - Oulu, Finland
2017 - Rome, Italy
2018 - Lodz, Poland
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 3rd eCAADe Regional International Workshop 2015 was organized by Michela Rossi, School of Design, Politecnico di Milano, Italy from 14-15 May 2015. Topic will be: ‘Computational Morphologies’.
The 2016 call was sent out during the conference. Proposals are due for 31 October 2015. Organizers can apply for a 2500 euro grant for support in organization.

13. Messages from the other associations

The colleagues from the partner institutions presented their next conferences:
- **ACADIA** - October 22-24, 2015, Cinncinati, USA,
- **SIGRADI** - November 23-27, 2015, Florianópolis, Brazil
- **CAADRIA** - March 30 till April 2, 2016, Melbourne, Australia.

14. Awards Presentation Prizes Ceremony
- Ivan Petrovic best young presenter award: Constantinos Miltiadis

15. Closing of AGM and conference
- Messages and announcements from the membership.
- The eCAADe 2015 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.