

eCAADe Administrative Council Meeting

Mid Year meeting of 23 - 24 March, 2018

Held at

Stuttgart Supercomputing Center, Nobelstrasse 19, 70569 Stuttgart, Germany

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Attendance: Henri Achten, Alexander Asanowicz, Birgul Colakoglu, Wolfgang Dokonal, Joachim Kieferle, Bob Martens, Tom Maver, Tadeja Zupancic

Guests: Antonio Fioravanti, Anetta Kępczyńska-Walczak, Jose Pedro Sousa

Secretariat: Nele De Meyere

Apologies for absence: Andre Brown, Jose Duarte, Aulikki Herneoja, Rudi Stouffs

Apologies for absence guests:

Have not confirmed:

2. Secretariat of eCAADe

- (i) It was noted that Nele De Meyere will be taking Minutes of the meeting.

3. Agenda

- (i) There were no matters arising that were not in the Agenda for this meeting, except the composition of the council.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings: Rome, September 2017

- (i) The Minutes of the council meeting in Rome were already sent out and now agreed upon.
- (ii) The Minutes of the AGM in Rome were already sent out and now agreed upon.

5. Composition of the council

- (i) The composition of the council is in principle only changed during the AGM. Because of the very sad loss of JV and the resigning of ET, there is no need to decrease the number of members. The tradition to work with couples (president and vice-president, task leader and his backup) is ideal but BM again raised that the council should be regarded as a whole, not as an executive commission. It was also confirmed that inviting conference organizers as guest before and after the conference is a very good and necessary practice. The decision whether a former council organizer will be invited as a full council member should be taken during midyear meeting and on basis of his/her proposal for a role within the association.

6. Financial Situation

- (i) Current status of eCAADe finances (NDM, HA) - NDM gave an overview of the expenditure and income in 2017. On 31/12/2017 there was a loss of 528,78 euro and a bank balance of 43088,74. The costs are mainly fixed costs. The invoicing for maintaining CUMINCAD should be followed up.
- (ii) Possible investments/strategy - HA shared two files: one sums up the expenses of eCAADe association over the years 2013-2017, based on the financial statements of eCAADe and the second extrapolates future expenses of eCAADe over two 5-year periods, 2018-2022 and 2023-2027. HA said that we seriously need to consider changing the strategy because income is going down. It was said that how this should be done, is a question that should be left open for now but that general ideas could already be shared. HA and BM will gather the proposals for the next meeting, and this on level of organizer and eCAADe. New ideas for project developments arise (COST actions, for instance).

7. eCAADe Conference 2018 Lodz

(i) Overview of arrangements

AK presented an overview of the arrangements:

- Submission and acceptance - there was a very high number submissions (340). AK asked whether acceptance should be organized proportionally (issue for Saturday meeting - abstract acceptance overview).
- Pre-conference activities - workshops: it was confirmed that the workshops should be self-organizing. The conference host should not provide catering etc.
- The schedule was checked in detail and improvements were formulated.
- AK checked on several issues (PhD grant payment and payment of the student fee, hard copies and CD's to be provided, ISBN, free participants, recording (of keynotes), representatives from the sister organizations, voting, % of early registrations, deadlines, participants in post-conference tours ...).
- OpenConf: AK was facing many problems with the system. On basis of this there is an agreement to turn to the professional version despite the extra cost.
- Video recording: the overall council decision is to continue with the keynotes in any case, and potentially other main events (round tables, for instance), the rest is left to the organizers.
- How can we grasp the wholeness of eCAADe and have a better overview?

8. eCAADe Conference 2019 Porto

(i) The 2019 eCAADe conference organiser received a proposal for a co-organized conference with SIGRADi in Porto 2019:

'On the last SIGraDi Committee meeting, we voted for a possible model for the conference (between a merged conference or a parallel conference) keeping the identity of both organizations. The unanimous preference was a joint event. Our Committee believes that it would be interesting to allow presentations in our three languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese) with direct translation services. Obviously, this is an open issue, and we can talk about the different options. We also believe that a competitive price would encourage the Latin-American community to present their work at the conference with the European eCAADe fellows.'

JS thinks that despite all the challenges, this represents a unique and promising opportunity for both organizations and presented an overview of ideas on the challenges, logistics, registration, review + proceedings, presentations...

There was an extensive discussion with pros and cons and in the end the idea of two parallel conferences with shared keynotes and a joint (Friday) session/workshop was unanimously supported by voting. In any case the dates for the eCAADe conference are maintained. JS will prepare a clear overview of all technicalities (registration, budget, reviewing scheduling, flyer...). In the case the Annual Conference would end up with a financial loss, there won't exist an opportunity for the local organizers to (re-) negotiate on the delivery of the collected financial means regarding the eCAADe membership (which is part of the registration fee).

9. Future Conferences

- (i) 2020 - Berlin - BM confirmed that the preparations are running well. LW will be invited to join the council meeting in Lodz.
- (ii) 2021 - Proposals were received from Brussels (Burak Pak) and Cardiff (Benjamin Spaeth) - proposals will be handled as a pack like Porto and Berlin.

10. eCAADe Regional International Symposium

- (i) After voting it was decided to proceed with Cyprus in 2018 and Aalborg in 2019.
- (ii) The Nicosia RIS will be held from May 24-25, 2018. JK will be the eCAADe representative.
- (iii) The Aalborg team will be confirmed that they are the next in line. JK will do this.

11. eCAADe Vision

- (i) JK said that he still has to finalize this. Clear tasks for council members have to be formulated.
- (ii) Linked to our financial prognosis, the idea was proposed to check possibilities for a COST-application (HA, TZ, BC, AK).

- (iii) Council composition: the council unanimously accepted the proposal to involve AF as a council member. AF will be involved in the organization of the PhD-workshop and in the vision development (links to politicians).
- (iv) Henri intends to join ARENA, and aims to start actions for inclusion of the research field of "architecture" into the list of OECD Frascati Manual and in the EU research programmes. eCAADe can be involved in this as well. TZ notes that in Belgium interdisciplinary research fields have been established: transportation, nano-technology, and architecture.

12. Parallel Organization Conferences

- (i) Reports from the conference representatives
ACADIA - HA and BM attended
ASCAAD - unfortunately not held
SIGRADI - JK attended
- (ii) 2018 conferences
ACADIA - will be held at Universidad Iberoamericana, Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Civil Engineering - October 18 - 20, 2018 - BC (tbc), JK as backup
ASCAAD - BM (if it is held)
CAADRIA - will be held at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China - May 17-19, 2018 - JD
SIGRADI - will be held at Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil - November 7-9, 2018 - WD.

13. eCAADe links to other Organisations

- (i) Links to EAAE, ARENA, ELIA, ARCC, ACE: TZ said that during the ENABLE conference in Brussels, several organizations where JV was active in, will come together. Everyone is invited to work on linking up with other organizations. Proposals are very welcome.

14. CUMINCAD Digital Library

- (i) Status of Cumincad - BM confirmed that all is running well. The meta data from all conference are included.
- (ii) How do we reach out to the large number of submitters of non-accepted abstracts? The idea is to continue with short presentations of posters in the proceedings (Rome experience).

15. Presentation prices

- (i) Online voting system for presentation prices (How did it perform/Backup?) – we need pictures and programme adaptation: no presentation sessions on Friday afternoon.

16. Publications, Networks and contacts

- (i) Website - update info on council members is needed.
- (ii) International Journal of Architectural Computing (TZ)
- Status of the reviewing system: AB asked the council to update the list of the Editorial Board members by the end of January 2018. The council supported the following: Bob, Aulikki, Birgul, Joachim, Wolfgang, Tadeja, Henri and Jose are IJAC Editorial Board Members 2018-2022. The continued membership will be confirmed annually, after the review of activity.
Aleksander, Antonio and Anetta are IJAC Nominated Reviewers for 2018. The feedback report by Andy is planned for December 2018.
- Special issues: Martin Tamke is preparing the eCAADe issue this time.
- (iii) Social Media: Facebook/LinkedIn: status (HA)
- (iv) Other:
- eCAADe conference proceedings to the Thompson and Reuters listing (HA): last October HA submitted the eCAADe proceedings 2017, Rome for evaluation.

17. Next Council Meeting

- (i) Arrangements for the meeting in Lodz – The next eCAADe meeting will be held on Tuesday 18/09/2018 at 16.30.
- (ii) Meeting close – TZ thanked JK for organizing the meeting and the members for attending.