



European Forum of Heritage Associations
Forum Européen des Associations pour le Patrimoine
Forum Europeo delle Associazioni per i Beni Culturali

PRESIDENCY - VIA FRANCESCO GUARDI 24 BIS - 35134 PADOVA (ITALY)
president@heritageforum.org - www.heritageforum.org

24th GENERAL ASSEMBLY of 2014
Padova (Italy), November 28 and 30, 2014
Minutes of the General Assembly

The 24th General Assembly of the European Forum of Heritage Associations was held from 28th to 30th November 2014 in Padova (Veneto Region, Italy), hosted by the Forum Member Gruppi Archeologici del Veneto together with the Forum General Secretariat.

Saturday November 29th – 9.30 – Opening session of the Forum General Assembly

Quorum evaluation

- Belgium:
 - o Archeolo-J: presence of the delegate Timothée Gebka;
- Bulgaria
 - o Bulgaria Association for National Heritage: Maya Vaptsarova delegated Adriana Martini;
 - o Municipality of Smolyan: Eftima Petkova delegated Adriana Martini;
 - o Municipal Tourism Enterprise: Radost Ivanova delegated Adriana Martini;
- Croatia:
 - o William Klinger delegated Adriana Martini;
- Finland:
 - o Maja Seppinen delegated Adriana Martini;
- France:
 - o ENSEMBLE: Magali Boureux was present at the Assembly;
- Germany:
 - o Arbeitskreis Denkmalpflege e. V.: Bert Ludwig delegated Adriana Martini;
- Italy:
 - o Gruppi Archeologici d'Italia: Ilario di Nardo delegated Flavio Enei,
 - o CPSSAE: Adriana Martini was present at the Assembly,
 - o Gruppi Archeologici del Veneto: Adriana Martini was present at the Assembly,
 - o CeSMAP: Adriana Martini was present at the Assembly,
 - o AURELIA: Stefania Paternò was present at the Assembly,
 - o C.I.R.A. Centro Studi Ludovico Magrini: Antonio Stievano was present at the Assembly,
 - o Gruppo Archeologico del Medio Adriatico: Lino Tucci delegated Alessandro Zanon,
 - o Gruppo Archeologico del territorio Cerite: Flavio Enei was present at the Assembly
 - o ISSEP: Giusi Gradoli delegated Adriana Martini;
- Portugal:
 - o Arqueojovem: Conceição Catroga delegated Adriana Martini,
 - o Museu de Arte Pré-histórica de Mação: Sara Cura delegated Adriana Martini,
 - o Camara Municipal de Loures: Joaquim Jorge delegated Adriana Martini;

- Slovenia:
 - o Bohiu Tourism: the delegate Klemen Langus was not present, nor delegated any participant;
- Greece:
 - o European Regional Framework for Co-operation: Nikolas Petropoulos delegated Adriana Martini.

With 21 among present delegated and delegations, the Assembly is officially valid.

Members update

There are no new members, nor there were specific news coming from old members that were cancelled in the previous assemblies.

Minutes of 2013 Assembly

The minutes of 2013 Assembly were read and some amendments were requested, due to the fact that participants information were not mentioned correctly.

In particular: Archeolo-J was not absent, but there was a specific delegation sent to Giorgio Mastella, who then took part to the meeting on behalf of Archolo-J as well.

Forum Board

William Klinger informed through Adriana Martini that he had the intention of resigning from the Board due to other professional commitments. Magali Boureux was asked to enter the Forum Board: she accepted the position and the Assembly approved the new composition of the Board.

Saturday November 29th – 15.00 – Second session of the Forum General Assembly

The role of Forum Network in the era of Social Networks

Antonio Stievano presented the latest achievements of the Forum Facebook page, which has become a community of hundreds of members who are all involved in cultural heritage. Members are both single people or associations, schools, museums and other institution not linked to a single person.

Forum page, through the constant efforts of Antonio who is acting as administrator, is continuously growing and is presenting more times a week news, novelties and curiosities from the Heritage world.

The whole Assembly thanked Antonio for his efforts and acknowledged the importance for Forum to be represented in the Social Network.

It is true that sometimes there is lack of reaction from the other members, and the greatest part of the activity lies on the shoulders of Antonio. On the other hand that Forum has become in the last years a network of contacts that becomes active mainly “on call”, when one of the members contacts other members of the network for a specific purpose in the framework of a particular initiative: this attitude does not match exactly with the status of “active” members of a social network page. Nevertheless, the importance of Forum Facebook page lies on the image that Forum is building and on the important impact that a constantly updated forum page represents towards potential new members of the network. Forum needs its Facebook page because it is a sign of vitality.

Social Networks are having a different impact on Forum, compared to the impact that Internet had on Forum. When Internet exploded at the end of the 90’s, Forum had to re-invent its role and faced a serious debate on its existence. The renewed Forum that emerged from that debate, which is a network of selected active contacts in the framework of common projects, is not touched too much by the presence of Social Networks, even if it has to be present on it.

Forum Summer Camps and other initiatives.

Delegates illustrated the main achievements of their Summer activities.

Then, some specific communications concerned:

- Forum member Municipality of Smolyan, Bulgaria, was awarded an European Town-twinning project that will take place during 2015; this achievement was reached also through the support of Forum Secretariat;
- Forum Member ISSEP, after the positive previous experiences, is determined to continue with the Summer School of pre-history;
- due to a modification of the City Council which resulted in lack of political support, the Gruppo Archeologico del Medio Adriatico found itself in the impossibility of performing the scheduled excavation campaign which was promoted through Forum: the whole Assembly hoped that in the next future the conditions will allow the initiative to take place;
- Forum Member Arbeitskreis Denkmalpflege e. V., also member of the Open Houses Network, proudly announced that the Association is coordinating the European part of the Unesco Initiative World Heritage Volunteers.

Next General Assembly

The participants approved the proposal to maintain the seat of Padova as the location for the forthcoming General Assemblies, until new common projects allow all Forum members to gather in a different location in the framework of a common initiative.

The XXIV General Assembly was officially closed at 19.00 p.m.