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Historic Towns & Regions

**Bureau Meeting - 27th September 2006
Fort Revelin
City of Dubrovnik**

Report

Present

Louis Roppe, President, EAHTR
Per Haken Slotte, President, Finnish Association of Historic Towns
Alexander Bartling, Administrator, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
Ian Poole, Chairman, EHTF
Fikret N. Uccan, Senior Advisor to the Turkish Prime Minister
Brian Smith, Secretary General, EAHTR
Laura Enache and Alexandra Baietan, ALZIAR – The Association of Historic and Art Towns and Regions of Romania
Ian Walters, Project Officer, EAHTR

Apologies

Dubravaka Suica, Mayor of Dubrovnik
Matea Haffner Dolenc, Association of Historic Towns of Slovenia

1. Report of Bureau – 19th May 2006

1.1 The Report of Bureau meeting on 19th May was accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Brian Smith reported that ALZIAR is now a full member of EAHTR and he welcomed Laura Enache and Alexandra Baietan to this meeting. It was also reported that the President of the Association, Mircea Hava, wishes to be a Bureau member.

2.2 As regards the Turkish Association, it was reported that Professor Rusen Keles has agreed in principle to host a Bureau meeting and an EAHTR Symposium in 2007/2008, the date and location are yet to be finalised. This Association, which comprises 240 members, is very active and needs to decide on its representative on the Bureau.

2.3 The Netherlands Association has agreed to host a study visit for 40 members of the EHTF in 2007.

- 2.4 As regards the proposed study visit to Finland, Per Haken Slotte reported that there is a new structure for municipalities in Finland, which has delayed arrangements for this visit. Vasa will take the lead in arranging the visit.
- 2.5 it was noted that the City of Innsbruck will host a Symposium on 3 – 5 October 2007 about new architecture and new approaches to public/private partnerships.

3. General Assembly – Agenda

- 3.1 This separate meeting, which is required to comply with the EAHTR's constitution, will deal with the annual report and elections to the Bureau.
- 3.2 The Annual Report covers the period from September 2005 to August 2006. Brian Smith outlined the entire document and its appendices for the benefit of the Bureau members. Once approved, the report will go on the EAHTR website and it will be sent to all members.
- 3.3 As regard the elections to the Bureau, it was noted that 4 current members are up for re-election i.e. Per Haken Slotte, Ian Poole, John Price and Dubravaka Suica. It was noted that Per Haken Slotte will be retiring and that a representative of Vasa will take his place. Ian Poole said that he will become the Vice-Chairman of EHTF in October 2006.

4. The Dubrovnik Symposium

- 4.1 Brian Smith reported that 120 delegates from 20 European countries will be attending the Symposium, whose theme is event is "cultural tourism – economic benefit or loss of identity?"
- 4.2 The Symposium is also an opportunity to find out about EU funded projects such as EPOCH, INHERIT and PICTURE, all of which have relevance to cultural tourism.

5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 Ian Poole reported that the theme of the EHTF Annual Conference on 18 to 20 October is "Development in the historic urban environment" and the conference will be held in Bury St Edmunds.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- 6.1 28 February 2007 in Verona.