

Eleventh **docomomo** Council Meeting. August 26, 2010, Mexico City, Mexico

By Ivan Blasi, Secretary General, **docomomo** International

ANA Tostões, Chair of **docomomo** International, welcomed all representatives and auditors to the 11th **docomomo** International Council Meeting. She asked Hubert-Jan Henket, honorary president, to say some words in remembrance of Dennis Sharp. Next to an image of the “architect, scholar, critic, writer, teacher, bookseller, cook and walking encyclopedia” dancing in the tango competition at the 4th International **docomomo** conference in Sliac, Slovakia, he finished his tribute with Dennis’ words: “While I breathe, I hope.”

After a one minute silence in remembrance of Dennis Sharp (UK) and Eliana Cárdenas (Cuba), Ana Tostões invited Maristella Casciato, former Chair of **docomomo** International, to say some words. She thanked the assistance of Émilie d’Orgeix and Anne-Laure Guillet during her chairmanship and summarized the two main issues that **docomomo** International in Paris had dealt with between 2008 and 2010; on the one hand the organization of the 11th Conference in Mexico, and on the other hand, the relocation of **docomomo** International’s headquarters from Paris to Barcelona, including the on-line vote to choose Ana Tostões as Chair and Ivan Blasi as Secretary General of **docomomo** International. The corresponding reports and budgets had been presented to **docomomo** members on July 2010.

The representatives of the Chapters that assisted to the Council Meeting were welcomed by Ana Tostões: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada-Quebec, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iberia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, Panama, Poland, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey and United States. Peru and Ecuador, provisional chapters after the 10th Council Meeting that took place in Rotterdam in 2008, together with Serbia, South Africa and Venezuela which presented their candidacies during the meeting, were also welcomed.

The chapters with voting rights, according to the **docomomo** Constitution were: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Greece, Iberia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Netherlands,

United Kingdom and United States. Serbia, South Africa and Venezuela were also given voting rights, recognizing their new Chapter status.

Four new Chapters had sent their complete candidacy to **docomomo** International in 2010: Egypt, Serbia, South Africa and Venezuela. Egypt was not able to assist to the meeting so it was considered a provisional chapter until the formal candidacy presentation which will take place in the next Council Meeting. The new candidacies were presented by Tanja Conley regarding Serbia, Laura Robinson in relation to South Africa and Hannia Gómez presenting Venezuela. The three chapters were unanimously accepted and welcomed. Ecuador and Peru were also accepted as chapters with full rights and it was agreed that Uruguay would continue being a provisional chapter until its attendance to the next Council Meeting.

Institutional, Individual and Student membership fees were not changed although they will be revised in the next Council Meeting. Institutional sustaining membership fees were increased and a new membership called Corporate was agreed. Reductions, both for new chapters and existing ones, were not changed but they will be discussed in the next Council Meeting.

Regarding **docomomo** International memberships, the Advisory Board decided at its meeting in Mexico that, those people interested in becoming **docomomo** members who live in countries or regions where a **docomomo** Chapter does not exist, may be accepted as **docomomo** International members. Those members interested in becoming **docomomo** members who live in countries or regions where a **docomomo** Chapter already exists will be directed towards the existing Chapter. **docomomo** International in Barcelona will contact the Chapter and if it does not receive an answer in 3 months, it may accept the applicant as an International member. This point was introduced into the Council Meeting Agenda and it was accepted. The fees regarding Corporate, Institutional Sustaining and Institutional memberships can be consulted by the Chapters.

The 2008–2009 **docomomo** International in

Paris Report was approved as well as the **docomomo** International in Barcelona January–July Report of Activities, read by Ivan Blasi. Ana Tostões presented the **docomomo** International in Barcelona Plan of Action 2010, which was voted unanimously. Horacio Torrent and Silvia Ficher, guest editors of **docomomo** Journal 42 and 43 respectively, were thanked by the Chair.

The new Executive Committee for the next two years was also unanimously voted for: Ana Tostões, Chair; Ivan Blasi, Secretary General; Panayotis Tournikiotis, representing the International Specialist Committees; and Timo Tuomi, as representative of the next **docomomo** Conference. Ola Wedeburn and Louise Noelle’s close, strong and important collaboration with the Executive Committee in the last years was also appreciated by Ana Tostões.

During the Conference in Mexico, the Finnish Chapter presented its proposal to hold the next Conference in Espoo, Finland, in August 2012 under the title The survival of Modern. From coffee cup to plan. The proposal was voted positively with acclaim by the Chapters with voting rights at the Council Meeting.

No proposal to hold the Conference in 2014 was received at the Council Meeting and we would like to take the opportunity in this summary to invite Chapters to present their proposals.

The Advisory Board members in the next years will be Wessel de Jonge (The Netherlands), Theodore Prudon (US), Scott Robertson (Australia), Hiroyuki Suzuki (Japan), France Vanlaethem (Canada-Quebec) and Louise Noelle (Mexico).

The International Specialist Committees also had the opportunity to present their reports and plans of action during the Conference in Mexico. The new members which were chosen in each committee were all also accepted after the corresponding vote.

Voting Rights were also discussed. It was agreed that in the next Council Meeting changes regarding the homework could be introduced for those Chapters that organize an international major event or produce a major effort such as publications or international conferences.

Finally an amendment was introduced to the Constitution. Point 2.3 of the appendix will now say “The membership fees are administered by the Associació **docomomo** Internacional Barcelona” and point 4.1.2 will say “The **docomomo** International Association is a legally established Association in Barcelona, Spain, in accordance with Spanish and Catalan law.”

Ana Tostões concluded the meeting at 11:00pm on August 26, 2010, at Hotel Diplomático, Mexico City.