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## MINUTES of UNISCAPE's 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Wednesday 1 May 2013, 2 pm – 7 pm

AMP (le laboratoire Architecture, Milieu & Paysage) at 118 avenue Jean-Jaurès

### Participants:

1. President, **Carlo Magnani**, IUAV, Italy
2. Honorary Vice-President, **Annalisa Calcagno Maniglio**, University of Genova, Italy
3. Vice-President **Saša Dobričić**, University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia)
4. Vice-President **Veerle Van Eetvelde**, University of Ghent, Belgium
5. Vice- President **Juan Manuel Palerm**, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
6. Director, **Bas Pedroli**, Wageningen University, Netherlands
7. **Yann Nussaume**, University of Paris La Villette, France
8. **Thomas Panagopolous**, University of Algarve, Portugal
9. **Rita Occhiuto**, University of Liege
10. **Juan Vicente Caballero**, University of Andalucia on behalf of Florencio Zoido
11. **Andrea Galli**, Polytechnic University of Marche
12. **Conor Newman**, NUI Galway, National University of Ireland (Ireland)
13. **Tana Lascu**, on behalf of **Zeno Bogdanescu**, Rector of UAUIM, "ION MINCU" University of Architecture and Urbanism, Bucharest (Romania)
14. **Elvira Petroncelli**, University Federico II (Italy)
15. **Biancamaria Rizzo**, on behalf of Anna Laura Palazzo (University Roma III)
16. **Maria Concetta Zoppi**, Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy)
17. **Patrizia Tassinari**, Università degli studi di Bologna (Italy)
18. **Daniele Torreggiani** on behalf of Patrizia Tassinari, Università degli studi di Bologna (Italy)
19. **Iannis L. Tsirogiannis**, University of Epirus, (Greece)
20. **Martina Slamová**, Technical University in Zvolen (Slovakia)
21. **Tessa Goodman**, UNISCAPE's office manager
22. **Antoine Libert Amico**, UNISCAPE collaborator

### Observers:

Laurence Ledu-Blayo (University Rennes, France) on behalf of Landscape Research Group

Dr. Eleonora Berti (European Institute of Cultural Routes, Luxemburg)  
Coordinator Council of Europe Cultural Routes Projects

Isabelle Loupa Ramos, CESUR – INSTITUTO SUPERIOR TÉCNICO, Lisbon

## 1. Opening

Carlo MAGNANI opens the meeting making a brief overview of the activities of UNISCAPE carried out in 2012-2013 (see Ref. UNISCAPE DOC. IV. 6GA Activities 2013-2014) which have achieved positive outcomes despite the financial crisis that is involving many Universities.

The interest in UNISCAPE is also confirmed by the many requests by UNISCAPE members that their activities are under the aegis of UNISCAPE.

Carlo MAGNANI highlights that the 2012 balance sheet (see Ref. DOC.I. 6GA-UNISCAPE 2012 Balance- Conference Paris 2-4 May) is in order and doesn't present no passivities but a positive balance, even if UNISCAPE is still missing 16 2012 membership fees and 3 2011 membership fees (see Ref. DOC.II. 6GA-Details balance sheet 2012 and budget 2013).

Bas PEDROLI asks the meeting to approve the agenda ( Ref.: UNISCAPE/6GA.agenda.2013) and the Agenda is adopted unanimously. For 2013 Membership application has been announced by Copenhagen University, and the conference will certainly increase the interest in UNISCAPE. PEDROLI reports that we should promote UNISCAPE and invite for new members: make a note for distribution on the benefits of participating in UNISCAPE.

## 2. Administration

Tessa GOODMAN provides details regarding the balance sheet (Ref. DOC.I. 6GA-UNISCAPE 2012 Balance- Conference Paris 2-4 May) and stresses how the - € 597,41 is the Net Income relative to 1/1/2012-31/12/2012 and that the final availability on UNISCAPE's bank account MPS n. 11369.20 at the 31/12/2011 was + € 7.274,84. GOODMAN also explains that the fees for the Conference Landscape and Imagination, Paris 2-4 May have a separate balance sheet at the end of the above mentioned document because a specific bank account was opened for this activity (MPS 2809 11853 CC) in order to manage transparently the fees without making a profit. GOODMAN informs all UNISCAPE members that in exchange of her work for the organisation of the conference all UNISCAPE representatives have a free registration to the conference which includes the lunches, the conference dinner and the publication. GOODMAN also presents to the meeting the report of the financial controller (see Ref. DOC III. 6GAUNISCAPE financial controller report on 2012 balance sheet) which is required by the Italian law, therefore it is in Italian language. Tessa Goodman highlights the missing payments (Ref. DOC.II. 6GA-Details balance sheet 2012 and budget 2013) and informs the meeting that the donation by the Fondazione Florens received at the beginning of 2012 was vital for the association.

The meeting approves the 2012 balance sheet (Ref. DOC.I. 6GA-UNISCAPE 2012 Balance-Conference Paris 2-4 May).

Juan Manuel PALERM specifies that this balance sheet does not reflect all the payments and expenses that UNISCAPE members undertake, for example the travelling costs to come to UNISCAPE's meetings. He proposes to make a structured balance sheet in which there are different chapters for the donations, the general expenses etc. Bas PEDROLI replies that for the Italian law UNISCAPE needs to have this kind of balance sheet which reflects the financial situation and financial fluxes of the association. Of course this does not mean that a more structured balance sheet could be implemented but it would be ideal to not increase the bureaucracy.

Regarding the limited funds Veerle VAN EETVELDE points out that the conference

Landscape and Imagination could prove being an important occasion for new memberships and therefore allow UNISCAPE to rely on more funds.

### 3. Current activities

The budget for 2013-2014 relies on the capacity of UNISCAPE members of paying the membership fees, therefore it is important that all UNISCAPE members pay their fee regularly.

On the occasion of the Careggi Seminars the PhD AND RESEARCHERS LANDSCAPE WORKING GROUP was established in order to develop joint projects and initiatives on new methodologies and perspectives for landscape protection, management and planning. The working group met at the end of the first two seminars, and is open to new participants. UNISCAPE developed their proposal to have space on ATLAS.eu. The aim of joining ATLAS to the working group is to have quality information regarding landscape courses inserted in ATLAS, in change the working group increases its visibility.

The working group should meet in occasion of the next Careggi seminar and have a day dedicated to its development.

Daniele TORREGGIANI suggests that an “ex alumni” section could be realized in the website, to host contributions where graduates tell their experiences in the various curricula (moderated contents), thus bringing a more direct and fresh presentation of the degree programmes offered by UNISCAPE member universities.

UNISCAPE and Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Architecture de Paris-La Villette organised the international conference "Landscape and Imagination. Towards a new baseline for education in a changing world" which will be held in Paris 2-4 May 2013. The aim of this conference is to discuss the contribution that education and training in landscape science can make to governance of a world in transition for more info see UNISCAPE's website.

UNISCAPE has provided organisational and scientific support to the conference's organisation.

The 141 papers selected by the Scientific Committee have been published in:

C. Newman, Y. Nussaume & B. Pedrolì (Eds) 2013: Landscape & Imagination: towards a new baseline for education in a changing world. Conference, Paris 2-4 May 2013. UNISCAPE, Florence / Bandecchi & Vivaldi, Pontedera. 720 pp. ISBN: 978-88-8341-548-7

The publication will be distributed the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May in Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Architecture de Paris-La Villette ENSAPLV.

GOODMAN has collected all the registration fees and took care of the financial and organisational aspects, in change of her work all UNISCAPE representatives can register for free to the conference.

Many UNISCAPE representatives are active members of the Scientific Committee and provided precious support to the review process and to the conference's scientific programme.

UNISCAPE is pleased to inform all members that the three editions of People's Landscapes have provided a vast archive of photos available to all members.

The Fourth edition will be launched in occasion of the Careggi Seminar on Landscape Observatories and it will be organised in three sectors.

The Jury of this edition needs is Rita OCCHIUTO, Tana LASCU, Daniele TORREGGIANI and Tessa GOODMAN.

### 3.1. Future for Careggi Seminars and Quaderni di Careggi

Regarding the Careggi Seminars (Ref. DOC.IV.6GA Activities 2013-2014):

- The Second Careggi Seminar already took place on the 16th of April 2012, on the theme: "Rural landscapes. Towards a better integration of rural development policies, urban and landscape planning". It was coordinated by Mauro Agnoletti, Patrizia Tassinari and Andrea Galli.
- The Third Seminar took place on the 14th of June 2012 on the theme: "The role of the soundscapes in a biocultural perspective". It was coordinated by Prof Almo Farina. During the Seminar the third Careggi Declaration on Soundscapes was drafted.
- The Fourth Seminar took place the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. The Scientific coordinators were Annalisa Calcagno Maniglio (University of Genova) and Anna Laura Palazzo (University of Rome Tre).

Regarding the online publication I Quaderni di Careggi <http://www.uniscape.eu/careggi.php?lang=en>. The ISSN code is ISSN 2281-3195. The Scientific Editor is Dr. Amy Strecker, the person in charge of the graphic layout is Fabrizio Bagatti and the person in charge of the organisation is Tessa Goodman.

Currently UNISCAPE published:

- the first Quaderno on "Participation in Landscape Planning" Issue I - April 2012 / Numero I - Aprile 2012 (the translations need to be checked and the layout fixed);
- the second Quaderno on Rural Landscapes: Towards a Better Integration of Rural Development Policies, Urban and Landscape Planning" Issue II- July 2012, Scientific Coordinators: Mauro Agnoletti, University of Florence - Patrizia Tassinari, University of Bologna - Andrea Galli, Polytechnic University of Marche;
- The third Quaderno on "The role of soundscapes in a biocultural perspective" Issue III- April 2013, Scientific coordinator Almo Farina, University of Urbino;
- The fourth Quaderno on "Renewable Energy and Landscape" Issue IV- June 2013, Scientific coordinators Annalisa Calcagno Maniglio, University of Genova and Anna Laura Palazzo, University Roma 3 will be published in June 2013 because the scientific Editor Amy Strecker was involved in editing the publication of the Landscape and Imagination conference and there is a delay in editing the papers that have been collected.

Daniele TORREGGIANI informs the meeting that a special issue related to the second Careggi Seminar will be published soon in European Planning Studies: ISSN 0965-4313 (Print), 1469-5944 (Online).

There are still two more Careggi seminars with the topic established in June 2011.

Bas PEDROLI invites participants to express their interest.

No one of the present participants expresses interest in coordinating these two seminar, therefore Participants are invited to think of some new topics.

Saša DOBRICIC proposes the topic of Landscape as a common good and reports the interest that she is receiving after the conference "Common Goods: out of property, which rights for users?" 23-24 October 2012, University of Nova Gorica, Venice.

GOODMAN proposes that in occasion of the seminar an Executive Board meeting should be organised.

### 3.2 New proposals

Juan Manuel PALERM highlights how important it is to structure together two points:

- 1) Landscape as a project practise and professions;
- 2) In Accademia give direction to concepts focussing on education

Juan Manuel PALERM stresses that it is important that next year there is a follow up on this because a conceptual strategy is needed.

Yann NUSSAUME informs the meeting that ENSAPVL is interested in De pollution.  
Saša DOBRICIC says that there should be an event in which UNISCAPE exposes itself.

Veerle VAN EETVELDE adds that a follow up on education is needed with reference to: the European Union, the institutions, professional experts

Carlo MAGNANI introduces the idea of slow mobility in which people rediscover rivers, pilgrimage paths and traces of ancient routes. This is fundamental in order to offer the idea of Europe as a slow landscape continent. Regarding the map of research MAGNANI suggests to make one focussed on the third level.

Bas PEDROLI starts making a scheme on the blackboard (see figure 1) which expresses the brainstorming activity that took place.

All participants agreed that the seminar on Common goods will be the last Careggi Seminar. The experience of the Careggi Seminars will be shifted to a more mobile typology of seminar that will take place in UNISCAPE's members universities and in specific areas that deserve attention.

Rita OCCHIUTO, University of Liège (organization ULG) proposes a cycle of seminars called "Landscape in situ" concerning meeting/conferences linked with the specific topic of the seminars and organised in the region. In Liège the first proposal is a seminar on: "Offended Landscapes: reuse and recycle".

Veerle VAN EETVELDE proposes that field excursions are organised.

Juan Manuel Palerm stresses how important it is to have a strategy , therefore a follow up on education is necessary and also an opening to all landscape experts is important.

Laurence LEDU-BLAYO says that it is important to share tools using a bottom-up strategy and reports on her experience of a platform at a regional level.

Daniele TORREGIANI suggests to map the existing bilateral agreements concerning education and research among Uniscape member universities and relevant incoming/outgoing student flows, to look for possible strategies to intensify exchanges, also in view of the approaching launch of the new Erasmus for all Framework.



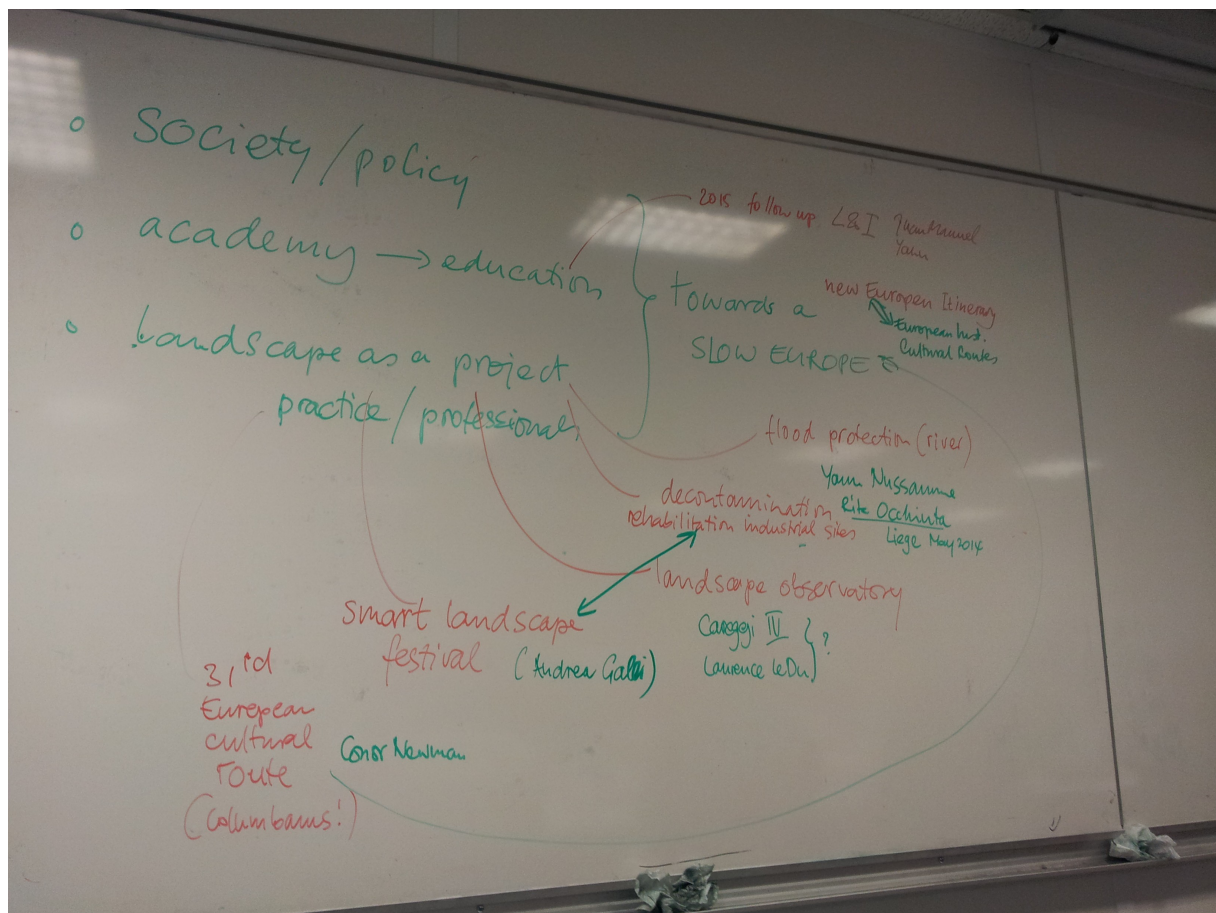


Figure 1 (Bas Pedroli).

### 3.3 Seminar on Landscape Observatories

GOODMAN informs the meeting that the coordinators of the seminar from Torino Roberto Gambino, Claudia Cassatella and Marco Devecchi send their apologies but were not able to come, therefore Mariella ZOPPI, part of the Scientific Committee provides information regarding the seminar.

The Fifth Seminar will take place the 27-28 th of June in Villa Ruspoli, Florence with the cooperation of Tuscany Region, CIST (CIST Centro Interuniversitario di Scienze del Territorio / Inter-university Center of Territorial Sciences), CIVILSCAPE and RECEP-ENELC.

The Scientific Committee is composed by:

Roberto Gambino (Politecnico di Torino and UNISCAPE Executive Board Representative),

Claudia Cassatella (Politecnico di Torino),

Marco Devecchi (Università di Torino, UNISCAPE Representative),

Federica Larcher (Università di Torino)

Massimo Morisi ( Authority in charge of communication for the landscape plan of the Tuscany Region)

Mariella Zoppi (Università di Firenze, UNISCAPE Executive Board Representative)

Daniela Poli (CIST Centro Interuniversitario di Scienze del Territorio / Inter-university Center of Territorial Sciences)

The seminar will be structured in 5 sessions:

I Session - Awareness, education and participation

II Session - Documentation, assessment and monitoring

III Session - Relationships with landscape and spatial policies, planning, and design

IV Session - Research in progress

V Session - Problems and actions to be taken: a “Landscape Observatories Agenda”

The Seminar includes a workshop on the Italian case (Italian Regional Landscape Observatories Workshop, in Italian language); due to the fact that, in this Country, Landscape Observatories are established in each region and at the national level by law.

Moreover, the Landscape Observatories Networks Meeting will deal with the arising experience of networks of local observatories.

UNISCAPE received 25 abstracts after the call launched in February 2013 and they have been selected by the scientific committee for the publication in the Fifth Quaderno of Careggi and for oral presentations in the session.

### **3.4 Next General Assembly meeting**

Rita OCCHIUTO proposes that the next General assembly will take place in University of Liège (organization ULG) in occasion of the seminar "Offended Landscapes: reuse and recycle" part of the seminars “Landscape in situ” concerning meeting/conferences linked with the specific topic of the seminars and organised in the region.

Conor NEWMAN expresses interest in this seminar.

## **4. Relations with Council of Europe and with the European Union**

Annalisa CALCAGNO MANIGLIO expresses her concern that UNISCAPE is not represented enough in the Council of Europe, therefore Bas PEDROLI informs her that he will work on it and in case he can't go there he will ask her support.

Regarding the European Union Saša DOBRICIC reports that a representative of the European Parliament expressed interest towards her event on common goods and will keep contact with him.

Bas PEDROLI invites all representatives to work on this aspect.

## **5. Tour d’Horizon of UNISCAPE members’ activities**

Saša DOBRICIC, University of Novi Gorici (Slovenia) makes a follow up on conference “Common Goods: out of property, which rights for users?” 23-24 October 2012, University of Nova Gorica, Venice.

Elvira PETRONCELLI, University Federico II (Italy) makes follow up on International Colloquium “Joining Literature and Science into landscape”, University Federico II, Naples, 24-25 June 2013.

Andrea GALLI reports on SMART LANDSCAPES FESTIVAL “History on its way: discover the heritage of the Roman road VIA FLAMINIA” The Centro Studi Vitruviani (Fano, Marche, Italia) and e CIRP-UNIVPM (Ancona, Marche, Italy) endorse the creation of the international festival dedicated to the historical Roman consular road “Via Flaminia”- middle/end of spring 2015.

UNISCAPE IS INVITED, BY THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THIS EVENT,

TO TAKE IN ACCOUNT THE PLACE WHERE IT WILL BE UNROLLED (ANCONA-FANO, ITALY) AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE TO HOLDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNISCAPE IN 2015.

Bas PEDROLI reports on: Changing European Landscapes: Landscape ecology, local to global Manchester 9-12 September 2013, IALE 2013 European Congress. UNISCAPE Symposium.

Tana LASCU reports on a summer school "Uniqueness and globality in Landscape of Hateg County Dinosaurian's Geopark " - Identifying the architectural heritage for the enhancing of the sustainable tourism within the settlements situated in the geoparc - 17-24 July and 8-15 September, in Berthelot, Hateg County.

Conor NEWMAN explains work on the cultural route of Saint Columbanus, which is being presented as the 31<sup>st</sup> European Cultural Route (which runs from Ireland to Italy) in collaboration with the organisation "Green Butterflies".

Daniele TORREGGIANI informs the Assembly that a Lifelong education programme has been launched by the University of Bologna under the aegis of Uniscape, focusing on the design of green areas through the integration of environmental psychology, landscape architecture and agricultural sciences, and based on a learning by doing approach carried out by means of interdisciplinary design laboratories. The course will be held in June and July 2013, and is open to architects, engineers, agronomists, and environmental scientists. Collaboration proposals for the follow up of this initiative are more than welcome.

Iannis L.TSIROGIANNIS informs the meeting that "TEIEP is leader partner of the ETCP GREECE-ITALY 2007-2013 project IRMA (Efficient Irrigation Management Tools for Agricultural Cultivations and Urban Landscapes) which started in April 2013. In the framework of the project 2 open conferences (one in Patras/Greece and one in Bari/Italy) will be organized during the period end 2014 – middle 2015. In the conferences, a special section regarding effects of irrigation in landscape will be included. In this framework we ask for cooperation with UNISCAPE for the organization of the conferences. Also we would like to inform you that in the framework of the new Erasmus program we would like to participate in a consortium which will organize a master program regarding Mediterranean urban green spaces management."

Bas PEDROLI mentions upcoming summer school on Land-use Management, June 11 to 18 (for more info: [www.volanteproject.eu](http://www.volanteproject.eu)).

## **6. Any other business**

Dr. Eleonora Berti (European Institute of Cultural Routes, Luxemburg) Coordinator Council of Europe Cultural Routes Projects expresses her interest in all the activities proposed and stresses the importance of the relation between cultural routes and landscape.

She also invites UNISCAPE to participate at the First Meeting - Roseau Universités Itinéraires Culturels - Cultural Routes Universities Network Luxembourg, which will take place at the European Institute of Cultural Routes in Luxemburg the 23rd and 24th of May 2013. European Institute of Cultural Routes is currently working with UNITWIN, which is the UNESCO's "University Twinning and Networking Programme", and would like to invite UNISCAPE to participate.