



UNISCAPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

5 July 2021 - 16.00 - 18.30 CET

Università IUAV Venezia

Ex Cotonificio di Santa Marta - Venice | Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

1.1 Welcome

Tessa Matteini, Director of UNISCAPE, gives welcome to the participants and wants to thank the IUAV University of Venice for hosting the meeting, and in particular Margherita Vanore (representative for IUAV) and Juan Manuel Palerm for the connection. Juan Manuel Palerm thanks Prof. Alberto Ferlenga, Rector of IUAV, for the opportunity to co-organise with UNISCAPE the workshops WAVE 2021 edition dedicated to “Islands and the Landscape of Water” . He informs the Assembly that in October a second meeting will be held in Florence, in the occasion of the 2021 UNISCAPE Conference “Cultivating Continuity of the European Landscape - one year later”, for the election of the new Executive Board composition and Director.

1.2 Approval minutes GA 2020 meeting

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held online on Zoom on 27 June 2020 are approved without remarks.

1.3 Adoption of the agenda

The Assembly adopts members the agenda as proposed.

2. Network organs and composition

2.1 Network composition overview

The Office Manager shows the list of the members of UNISCAPE. The Network is composed by 41 members, with new entry in the last year of TU Delft (The Netherlands), represented by Laura Cipriani, which is welcomed by the General Assembly.

2.3 Elections of UNISCAPE organs: President and vice-Presidents

The GA is called to elect the new President and two vice-presidents of UNISCAPE for the next 4 years term (2021-2024). The persons who previously sent their letter of candidature are:

- Juan Manuel Palerm Salazar, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain) for the role of President
- Catherine Szanto, ENSA Paris La Villette (France) for the role of vice- president
- Conor Newman, NUI Galway (Ireland) for the role of vice- president

JM Palerm take the floor and presenting his candidature he makes reference to the words that orientate his work, such as continuity, resilience, re-invention and resistance. He affirms that Landscape has the possibility to better understand the relationship between people and territories. He thinks time has come to address the European Institutions and proposes to involve more people in the network. He says thanks you to people involved in UNISCAPE for the work done so far. Szanto thanks for the trust in her possible future role. The letter of candidature of Newman is then showed.

The participants votes anonymously using zoom. As result, the three candidates are then elected by the General Assembly:

- Juan Manuel Palerm: President of UNISCAPE
- Catherine Szanto: vice-President of UNISCAPE
- Conor Newman: vice-President of UNISCAPE

Bas Pedroli congratulates the new elected people and expresses the hope of having more candidates for the next elections.

3. UNISCAPE position papers and publications

3.1 Presentation of the White paper

Bas Pedroli takes the floor presenting the procedure of drafting of the White Paper, an initiative that started in occasion of the 2020 Conference dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the ELC. Education and Research are the main topics, aiming at supporting the national governments, when many circumstances in the world have changed. It's important to address and build a dialogue with the policy and decision makers, the politics. Because Landscape is not a problem, but a solution, this is the message. The aim is to present the White Paper in occasion of the 2021 Conference in Florence and having high level the policy makers and politics as first target group. The White Paper wants to be user friendly and attractive. The group of people working on it will ask other organisations to support the paper and send their remarks and comments. He then Illustrate the priority areas (ref.doc.)

Tessa Matteini invites the GA to contribute to this process, an important step for the Network.

3.2 Presentation of the EU Green Strategy

Ernesto Marcheggiani, responsible for the initiative, explains the strategy to represent the UNISCAPE network before the EU institutions. The aim is to debate about landscape issues with the European Commission. He explains that a "UNISCAPE Green Group" is composed by 5 universities and that some first positive contacts have been done so far, in particular with the Green Group in EU Parliament. UNISCAPE could be recognized as one the few organisation able to support the policy action on Landscape an its implementation. The first efforts of the Green Team will be dedicated to making UNISCAPE more visible in two key platforms: the new European Bauhaus and the Conference on the Future of the Union.

Cassatella rise the problem if it is correct to get linked to a particular political group. Marcheggiani says that it is not a political operation, but a lobbying action toward the EU Parliament.

MsVula Tsetsi, Secretary General, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, is invited to take the floor. Her reflection is on how to promote the ELC but also the work of UNISCAPE at EU Level in order to promote the concept of Landscape. She considers the ELC a basis for further work, that will not be easy, because of the lack of certain EU competences, but comes at the right moment, because of the Green Deal and sustainability issues. Critical points are the laws to mitigate climate change, common agricultural policies, that are creating a lot of question marks. She explains what the EU commission is doing about biodiversity and Landscape, not only on the rural areas. She affirms the need of ambitious legislation in the direction of the Green Deal. She finally asks UNISCAPE to address some points on this as she has questions connected to the environment to present to the ministry of environment in EU. Palerm thanks her and recognizes the importance of being in contact for the first time with EU institution, difficult so far. Tsetsi reaffirms the importance of Landscape in our European society creating the dimension of a breathing space necessary to create sustainability, and that UNISCAPE as a network is taking the right path, she is ready to help.

3.3 Springer Nature Publication 20th ELC

Matteini informs that the work on the publication on the 20th anniversary of the ELC with Springer is in progress, with some key note contributions missing which is making it longer. Sasa Dobricic announces that the famous photographer Sebastiano Salgado granted the use of his two photos for publication. The book will possibly be previewed at the October Conference.

4. Events

4.1 WAVE 2021 IUAV / UNISCAPE

Margherita Vanore gives an overview on the Workshops WAVE that are running at that moment at IUAV: 24 workshops on 24 islands, making a connection between architecture and landscape of the water. Uniscape did find and selected most of the islands. This edition of WAVE is dedicated to Prof. Enrico Fontanari. The outcomes will be presented in the next UNISCAPE conference. Vanore shows the atlas of islands on the dedicated website.

4.2 Closing Conference “Cultivating the Continuity of European Landscapes” (Florence, October 2021)

Matteini illustrates the programme structure of the 2021 Conference. The main objective is to retrieve the live dimension. It will combine the hybrid mode of participation.

4.3 “Where Disciplines Meet” online Lecture series

Newman describes the programme linking 2020 to 2021 conference. He says there is a good participation, with a wide range of topics and very participated discussions. Aim is to make additional connection and increase the visibility of the network. This initiative can give added value to the members, also for involving students.

4.4 Other events / proposals

Stanganelli illustrates the outcomes of the En-Route Seminar Landscape at Risk on 7-9 June 2021, which main topic was the understanding the effects of the alteration or interruption of the relationship between community and places which leads to creating landscape features in

the first place. The contributions have been published in the SMC Journal.

Pedroli mention the Conference in the Netherlands , with the participation minister of internal affairs.

5. Administration and financial situation

5.1 Balance sheet 2020 approval

The Office Manager illustrates the Balance sheet 2020, which resulted with positive balance of 6626,10 euro. The GA approves the documents without any remarks.

4.2 Draft budget 2021

The Office Manager illustrates the Draft Budget 2021, which main line is the income expected for the work done for WAVE, which increase the budget for the year. No questions are raised by the GA on this respect, the document is then approved.

6. Other issues

The Director wants to acknowledge Elvira Petroncelli for the long contribution within UNISCAPE

7. Next General Assembly meeting – Closing

Appointment is given to the next GA will be held in Florence, on 24 October 2021, for the election of the Executive Board and Director.

The new elected President Juan Manuel Palerm wants to close the meeting wishing good work to the new vice-presidents, inviting everybody to give their contribution in view of October and the involvement of the executive board, making proposal for events in the upcoming years.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS UNISCAPE:

Sasa Dobricic, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia
Margherita Vanore, IUAV University of Venice, Italy
Tana Lascu, Ion Mincu University of Bucarest, Romania
Antonio Longo, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Lionella Scazzosi, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Iva Mrak, University of Rijeka, Croatia
Fabio di Carlo, University of Roma La Sapienza, Italy
Laura Cipriani, TU Delft, The Netherlands
Cristobal Crespo, University of A Coruna, Spain
Fabio Salbitano, University of Florence, Italy
Elvira Petroncelli, University of Naples Federico II
Marialuce Stanganelli, University of Naples Federico II
Marco De Vecchi, University of Torino, Italy
Francisco Galiana, University Polytechnic of Valencia, Spain
Cathrine Szanto, ENSA Paris la Villette, France
Andrea Galli, Polytechnic University of Marche
Antonello Alici,
Ernesto Marcheggiani, Polytechnic University of Marche
Claudia Cassatella, Polytechnic University of Torino,
Patrizia Tassinari, University of Bologna, Italy
Benedetta Castiglioni, University of Padua, Italy
Luigi Latini, Benetton Foundation, Italy
Barbara Angi, University of Brescia, Italy
Piotr Barbarevic, University of Udine, Italy
Rita Occhiuto, University of Liège, Belgium
Emilio Padoa Schioppa, University Milano Bicocca
Bas Pedroli, University of Wageningen, The Netherlands
Rita Biasi,

INVITED

Vula Tsetsi, Secretary General, Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament

UNISCAPE STAFF

Tommaso Zanaica, Office Manager

UNISCAPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

24 October 2021 - 10.00

Florence | Zoom

The president of UNISCAPE Juan Manuel conducts the elections of the new Executive Board. He initially raised the point on the candidacy of Daniele Torreggiani, not being the representatives of the UNIBO but his delegate. The GA accepts his candidature, as it has been done in the previous election.

The candidates that presented candidacy for the Executive Board take floor in a tour de table. They are:

- Daniela Colafranceschi, University of Reggio Calabria, Italy
- Cristobal Crespo, University of A Coruna, Spain
- Sasa Dobricic, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia
- Iva Mrak, University of Rijeka, Croatia
- Rita Occhiuto, University of Liège, Belgium
- Daniele Torreggiani, University of Bologna, Italy
- Barbara Tempels, University of Wageningen (presented by Pedroli)
- Veerle Van Eetvelde, University of Ghent, Belgium
- Margherita Vanore, IUAV University of Venice, Italy

Voting is held online and anonymously. Up to 8 preferences are permitted, which is the number of the members of the EB. There are 9 candidates for 8 places.

Conor Newman announces the results. The new elected members of the EB are:

1. Daniela Colafranceschi, University of Reggio Calabria, Italy
2. Cristobal Crespo, University of A Coruna, Spain
3. Sasa Dobricic, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia
4. Iva Mrak, University of Rijeka, Croatia
5. Rita Occhiuto, University of Liège, Belgium
6. Barbara Tempels, University of Wageningen (presented by Pedroli)
7. Veerle Van Eetvelde, University of Ghent, Belgium
8. Margherita Vanore, IUAV University of Venice, Italy

Palerm affirms that not only the EB is asked to work for UNISCAPE, and congratulates the new elected members of the Board.

The EB will meet after to elected to new Director, Tessa Matteini, University of Florence is appointed.