



## Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States

**Minutes** 8 July 2009

### Monitoring Group Meeting in Schleswig 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> May 2009

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Chair Alfredas Jomantas, who thanked Director Claus von Carnap-Bornham of his kind invitation to host the meeting.

#### **2. Cultural heritage management in Schleswig-Holstein**

Director Claus von Carnap-Bornham presented to the State Museum of Art and Cultural History and State Museum of Archaeology that are housed in the Gottorf Palace, the New Gottorf Globe and the Baroque Garden. He introduced their research topics, archives and management of archeological sites as well as the Archäologisches Landesamt Schleswig-Holstein. The participants got acquainted also to the reconstructed Viking houses and jetty in Hedeby as well the Viking museum Hedeby.

#### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as it was presented. In these Minutes, however, the issues 7 and 8 are integrated.

#### 4. Short round table discussion on national reviews

Karin Arvastson told about intentions of restructuring administrative bodies and policies regarding cultural affairs on the state level that were presented in the recently published report (attachment SE *The Committee of Inquiry on Cultural Policy and the Museum Coordinator proposal*). She invited members to the annual autumn meeting of the Swedish National Heritage Board, "Heritage and water", that will take place in Visby, Gotland, 13-14 October 2009 (invitation is sent in June in Swedish that is the conference language).

In Latvia a new Minister of Culture has started, and at the same time the state budget is cut 30 % in all sectors, including culture. This provoked a structural reform of management bodies of culture that is not yet settled.

The cultural heritage management of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern faces heavy personal cuts although there is an urgent need of increased resources. Ewa Pommerencke presented two recent publications, an output of a seminar on tourism and cultural heritage, *Denkmalpflege und tourism*, and *Orangerien und historische Glashäuser in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*. Publications can be ordered from her, the second with 286 pages costs 20 €.

Helena Edgren told about ongoing structural reforms of the National Board of Antiquities that are now under elaboration, including selection of the Director General this year. The person in question will lead the organizational restructuring of the NBA in 2010. Maire Mattinen has added by e-mail that the budget of the NBA is reduced according to the state "Productiveness program" by 12 person / 480 000 €. The costs of a newly established state service center (for administration and secretarial services) are included in the normal operative budget. That all means considerable short-cut of the available resources, although NBA has got some financing to stimulate construction works.

At the Danish Cultural Agency, a new department of physical planning and experience economy started in 2007. This reflects the changes on municipal level with their increased influence on cultural heritage issues and thereby an intensified need to create tools for a dialog between the authority and municipalities. The aim is to enhance the sustainable profiting of cultural heritage as an important quality-adding asset in the daily life of citizens. The work is project orientated, and the main partners are municipalities and stakeholders in tourism in the framework of "Visit Denmark". An interactive website is under process on this theme named "thousand and hundred stories of Denmark" and will be opened summer 2010.

In Estonia the first cut of the state budget is adopted and probably the next round of cuts will come already in autumn. This has impacts on personal, museum activities and administration structures. However, during 2008, 1 M EEK of financial support to Estonian museums was received from European funds. 4000 volunteers participated to care taking of monuments in two different occasions during 2008.

In Norway, this year the Parliament election will take place and the Director for the Directorate for Cultural Heritage will be selected. This may affect even future structural changes. The

cultural heritage sector has received a rescue package of 25 MEURO to cultural heritage sector to distribute for new jobs before Eastern. A publication on the outputs of the EEA and Norway Grants on the preservation of European heritage has been produced. The coffee table book is entitled "Culture and Continuity" and is now being distributed. The book was produced by Riksantikvaren on request from the Foreign Ministry. 2009 is "Year of Cultural Heritage" / Kulturminneår in Norway". State reports on the museum-sector, digitization and library are about to be finalized now.

There are now uncertainties in the financing and structure of the heritage institutions in Iceland since it is not yet clear how the financial crisis will affect these institutions. Neither is the outcome of next year's budget finalized nor is it known when the new bill on the restructuring of the heritage institutions will be put before parliament for approval.

In Lithuania, a new president is elected and this may result reappointing of some ministries. Even restructuring of the Department of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture is under consideration, and decisions are expected to be taken this year.

In Poland, all cultural institutions suffer from cuts of budget from 10-15 % of year budget. In June new there might be further cuts. The Maritime Cultural Center project in Gdansk is not endangered and goes well.

The Polish-Norwegian project on fighting heritage crime ("Legal and illicit trade with cultural heritage. Research and education platform of experience exchange in the field of prevention from crime against cultural heritage") has been recommended for financing in frames of the Cultural Exchange Fund (EEA). The project is the second on the list waiting for the Minister to sign it (it got 32 points out of 34 possible), and the only one in the area of heritage. The realisation will start in the end of 2009, and it will end in the end of 2011, including 3 workshops and a big conference, a website and report publication. Polish Maritime Museum is one of the project partners and they will organise the workshop on archaeology and underwater heritage.

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It was decided to make a structured inquiry that describes the impacts of economical crises on cultural heritage management. A formula was created and distributed in the meeting. A sum up that does not yet include Iceland, Poland and Schleswig-Holstein, is included. We will come back to this issue in the next MG-meeting and the now collected material will be sent in a separate e-mail.

#### **5. IV Forum September 2010 in Riga**

The work plan, draft program and topical budget were distributed before the meeting and attached also in the draft Minutes. Short online information exists at the address <http://www.mantojums.lv??cat=781>.

The Forum will take place 8-11 September 2010 in Riga, the main venue Riga Congress centre. The Forum Task Force shall elaborate the content and regional approach of the event. Iver Schonhowd and Harald Ibenholt, Norway, Christian Runeby, Sweden, Maire Mattinen, Finland, Michael Lauenborg, Denmark and Coordinator Marianne Lehtimäki, MG-Presidency were re-appointed as the members of the Forum Task Force in addition to the Latvian ones. The first Task Force meeting will take place 10-11 September 2009 in Riga. Additional 1-2 Task Force meetings will take place in 2010.

There is a need of plenum keynote speakers and more speakers to the four workshops. Financing for 2 keynote speakers and 2 per workshop was applied from the NCM Mobility program. – The decision taken only in July was negative. –

At the opening plenum, keynote speakers should give a regional, maybe even provocative introduction to the Forum overall theme and to the four workshop themes. One of the keynote speakers could be outside of cultural heritage sector, the other inside, placing though cultural heritage in the societal perspective as an everyday asset. Karsten Larsen, Director of the Danish Parliament, was proposed as such. Michael Lauenborg has contacted him and he is interested in to take part.

It was agreed that the members will send their proposals for keynote and additional workshop speakers with contact information to Coordinator by 18 June, who will forward the list to Latvia. The address list for invitations from respective countries should be send by the end of August to Coordinator.

Working group underwater heritage will discuss their contribution to the forum by a pre-forum seminar and a short introduction at the final plenum. Coastal heritage Working Group's poster exhibition on Historic Ships Preservation should be ready for next Forum in Latvia 2010. Sustainable historic towns and maintenance Working Groups is willing to be integrated into the elaboration of the main theme or workshops' elaboration. Cultural heritage education Working Group and eventually some other, like heritage crime network, could also contribute by a pre forum seminar or-and by a short presentation.

## **6. Updating working plan for 2009 and 2010**

It was agreed that we need one more MG-meeting this year to discuss the Forum, project and SOM-meeting proceedings. The meeting will be held in the Polish Maritime Museum in Gdansk, October 25-27.

Regarding year 2010, it was agreed to have a MG-meeting in April 25 and closing 26<sup>th</sup> with an excursion to Gotland on 27<sup>th</sup> in Visby. Then MG will meet in connection with the Forum in September 8-11 in Riga.

Children and heritage education-project proposal for the Mobility Program was discussed and agreed ([attachment Project prosal \\_children\\_and\\_CH\\_education MR](#)). All comments, improvements and registration as a partner to the project should be sent to Coordinator during June, who assists Marju Reismaa at the Estonian Ministry of Culture to finalise the project proposal. The final draft will be sent for comments to the MG-members before submitting it by 8 of August. Lena Johansson from the Swedish National Heritage Board and Pia Hollvig from Schleswig-Holstein were appointed as members. Iceland and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern consider appointment.

Digitization seminar – according to the project proposal, is planned to take place in Oslo in 9-10 November 2009. – The positive decision of financing was taken in June. –

#### Working groups:

Underwater Working Group will decide their plans concerning the forum preparations in their meeting Klaipeda, and inform us after that. The Chair, Ralf Bleile, reported of the WG's last meeting in Gdansk. The Chair participated in March on behalf of the MG and as the observant of the CBSS the first meeting of the state parties that have signed the UNESCO underwater convention. He presented there the WG activities, specially the Code of good practice concerning underwater heritage (COPUCH). A delegate from Netherland proposed him a joint research project with the Working Group focusing on wood-consuming organism like *Teredo Navalis*.

The Working Group on coastal culture and maritime heritage met at Lofoten, Norway, 21-24 April 2009. The poster exhibition on Historic Ships' Preservation was approved by the Nordic Culture Found and the WG got grant 12 000 €. List 100 important historic ships around Baltic Sea-Criteria were approved during last meeting. Now proposals from each country are gathered. Information about the Coastal WG activities is sent to Rome for a conference connected to European Maritime Day, 20 of May 2009. During the conference a workshop on maritime cultural heritage protection was organized where information on WG-activities was delivered. The next meeting of the WG will take place September 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden.

The Working Group on maintenance etc. met in Rörös, 6th of May 2009, hosted by the Directorate for Cultural Heritage, and participants from Estonia, Lithuania, Iceland, Sweden and Finland. The WG has also appointed members from Latvia and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The WG has had a passive period due to re-organisations of several national institutions. Now the WG has active contact persons in almost every BSS country. Since half of the Group is new, the meeting discussed new and old ideas for their action plan, and this discussion will continue via email. The WG decided to have one meeting per year and one special event every / every other year. Next meeting will take place in Visby, early 2010, and the topic will be databases.

The Maintenance WG decided to re-establish closer connection with the Indoor Climate group / project that had a meeting 7<sup>th</sup> of May in Oslo. The presentations of the meeting can be found online [at the link below: http://www.hgo.se/churches/archive\\_oslo\\_2009.php](http://www.hgo.se/churches/archive_oslo_2009.php) . Preparations for a Forum seminar /specialist /workshop / was decided to make together with the Climate group.

Regarding the Working Group on sustainable historic towns, senior adviser at the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage Dag Arne Reinart was appointed as the Chairperson. He has been leader of the recently concluded Co-Herit Project, the final report online at the web address: [www.riksantikvaren.no/co-herit](http://www.riksantikvaren.no/co-herit). He and Ingunn Bruskeland Amundsen, Head of the Town and settlements unit at the Directorate, will visit the Baltic states in autumn to discuss ideas for a new Sustainable Historic Towns project. The member states shall confirm and reappoint their members to this working group by August to the Coordinator.

## **7. Creating context for our networking, SOM on cultural heritage and CBSS's priorities during the Lithuanian Presidency**

One of the main messages of the Riga Ministerial meeting was that the Monitoring Group (and Ars Baltica) should bring issues for political agenda and decision making – it will create a reason for Ministries to meet the next time. Thus, one of our tasks is to consider those regional issues that would need political support, and further, how to could link our expert level of practices to political level of cultural heritage policies and to wider regional challenges.

A short introduction regarding the political concepts on regional use and operational stakeholders' environment was made by the Coordinator in order to start a joint consideration how to enhance more strategic interaction with political agenda, operational environment and interest groups in the Baltic Sea States (*attachment [Creating a wider context for our networking](#)*). We will continue this discussion in the future meetings.

CBSS-Secretariat has taken an initiative to produce CBSS Fact sheet Cultural Cooperation as a double side A4 brochure, including both the Monitoring Group and ARS BALTICA (*pdf [CBSS\\_Fact sheet Cultural Cooperation attached](#)*). As the background material for the sheet, the CBSS Secretariat has consulted the MG-Presidency and our 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial report. These fact sheets can be ordered from Coordinator, or in case of a bigger amount, directly from the CBSS Secretariat in Stockholm.

The Chair presented the stated priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency of the CBSS that will start 1 July of this year till 30 June 2010. At the 15th Ministerial Session of the CBSS that was held 4.6.2009, Lithuania's Minister of Foreign Affairs Vygaudas Ušackas presented priorities of Lithuania's CBSS Presidency: strengthening interconnection among the countries, to clear the barriers for trade, transport and traveling, and to increase people-to-people contacts. During its Presidency, Lithuania will pay a lot of attention to build innovations networks. Another priority area is ecology. The cross sector cooperation with Kaliningrad and Belarus is also prioritized.

During the 15th Ministerial Session of the CBSS a joint declaration was adopted, where MG is mentioned under heading "Education and Culture". For formulating these sentences, the CBSS Secretariat consulted the MG Presidency that contacted also Underwater WG Chair:

“ **to welcome** the results of the 8<sup>th</sup> *Conference of the CBSS Ministers of Culture* in Riga in October 2008, which stressed the importance of culture also as an economic factor in society, welcomed the principle of mainstreaming culture into all relevant policies and decided to appoint a Senior Officials Group for Culture, due to meet for the first time under the Lithuanian CBSS Presidency in 2009-2010,

- **to welcome** the efforts of the Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage Cooperation to promote user-oriented access to cultural heritage through regional policies and projects that enhance citizen engagement, heritage education, sustainable tourism, integrated cultural heritage management and digitalisation of source materials and dissemination of knowledge,

- **to note** that safeguarding the uniqueness and variety of the underwater heritage of the Baltic Sea is a regional concern,”

The whole Declaration is online at the address <http://www.cbss.org/Summits-and-Council-Ministerials> .

Three new countries - Belarus, Spain and Romania – were accepted to the CBSS as Observer States. On 1-2 June 2010, the Baltic Sea States Summit and the Baltic Development Forum Summit will be held in Vilnius.

A final draft of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy including an Action Plan is circulating for comments in the ministries of the EU-countries in the BSR. The Strategy appoints as priority areas environmental sustainability and economic development for increasing welfare. The two other “pillars” are accessibility (understood mainly as transportation) and attractiveness as well as increased safety and security. Culture in large is quite marginal. Cultural heritage is mentioned as an attraction in connection with tourism. Though, one of the horizontal actions is to “build regional identity”. 24 flagship projects are included in the Strategy. This list is meant to be open for changes and additions (the Strategy online [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/cooperation/baltic/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/baltic/index_en.htm) ).

Regarding the draft BS Strategy, the meeting prepared a letter and asked the Chairperson to sign it on behalf of the Monitoring Group. In the letter, the Monitoring Group expresses its concern since cultural heritage has been almost totally omitted in the draft and confirms that the network willing to support the process to protect and develop our common cultural heritage. The letter is address to Mrs Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit Territorial Cooperation DG Regional Policy, European Commission, with copies to the appropriate BSS Ministers regarding MG members (the sent letter and the received address will be sent separately).

The Presidency will investigate if it is possible to make an appointment with the EU Commissioner of Culture in order to present him our activities. The Chairperson of the underwater cultural heritage working group could be included.

## **8. Renewed homepage**

The main problem with the present web-pages [www.baltic-heritage.net](http://www.baltic-heritage.net) is, besides the misleading address itself, that it is stiff and static. Thus the Monitoring Group has agreed to renew the pages. The 1st draft of the structure was presented at the meeting, and an elaborated draft is sent for comments in June. The Members and Chairs are asked to inform the Coordinator of interesting web pages as models for exploiting our pages by end of July.

Regarding the structure of the homepage links, the links on the horizontal line; (1) Monitoring Group, 2) Regional Forum-events, 3) Reports and publications, 4) Ministerial Declarations, 5) Contact information will be elaborated and updated by the Presidency. The thematic sections on vertical column; 1) Working Group on underwater heritage, 2) WG on coastal..., 3) WG on maintenance... 4) WG on sustainable historic towns etc should be elaborated and updated by the respective Working Groups, except the pages for other approaches. The Working Groups are invited to draft their proposals how to would like to present their activities.

## **9. Information on topical projects, programs and other approaches**

A project initiative from Sweden, a BSR World Heritage Passport, was presented by Karin Arvastson. The main purpose of the passport is to promote and link the World Heritage Sites in the BSS, and MG was asked to act as a project holder. It was agreed that Karin will inform them of our discussion and ask address this proposal to the appropriate body, the Nordic World Heritage Office in Oslo.

## **10. Any other business**

The invitation to a Landscape Convention meeting in Malmö in autumn has been forwarded to the Members via Coordinator.

The planned conference on wooden heritage in Lithuania is postponed to spring 2010.

Lithuania will arrange a seminar on historical parks and gardens in autumn 2009 with participants from the Southern European countries. The seminar will be a practical approach in the field of restoration and valorization of historic parks. An invitation will be sent to the participants of the previous BSS meeting on theme and to the MG members to be forwarded to experts on the field in their countries.

A network of the Nordic islands will arrange a series of 4 seminars that will discuss the theme how to create a good life by cultural heritage. Michael Lauenborg will send the invitation via Coordinator.

## **11. The meeting was closed at 14.45.**

Vilnius-Helsinki July 7 2009

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## Monitoring Group Meeting in Schleswig, Germany 24.-26.05.2009

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**Sweden:** Karin Arvastson, National Heritage Board.

#### **Chairs of the thematic working groups:**

**Coastal Culture:** Robert Domzal, Polish Maritime Museum;

**Building Preservation & Maintenance in Practice:** Elisa Heikkilä, National Board of Antiquities;

**Underwater Heritage:** Ralf Bleile, Archäologisches Landesmuseum at Schloß Gottorf in Schleswig-Holstein.

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