



Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States

31 October 2011

Monitoring Group Meeting on Bornholm, Denmark

Thursday 6th - Friday 7th October 2011

A participant list is placed at the end of this document

MINUTES

- 1. MG-Chair opened the MG meeting on Bornholm and Morten Stenak welcomed participants on behalf of the Danish National Cultural Heritage Agency.**

Dr Stenak replaced Michael Lauenborg who was to stay on-the-spot due to negotiations on restructuring the Agency.

- 2. National reviews are enclosed as attachment 1 and 1B (Arts Council Norway).**

As an example of problematic processes with illegal treasure hunting networks, a web site www.Kircholm.pl was referred. Necessity of extra caution, when dealing with such actors, was stressed, and negotiation of procedure to prevent crime together with respective authorities even cross border was recommended.

- 3. The working groups` chairs overviews are enclosed as attachments 2 and 2B.**

Att. 2A includes a pdf of the power point presentation by underwater WG chair Ralf Bleile held at IKUWA 4 Conference “Managing the underwater cultural heritage”, 29.9.-2.10.2011, Zadar, Croatia.

Karin Arvastson proposed to consider if working groups` methods could be regenerated by having interaction with academic research projects that heritage institutions order, e.g. by common seminars or site workshops. Swedish National Heritage Board, for example, is annually involved with over 30 different research projects.

4. Nomination of a MG Chair 2012-2014 failed since no candidates reported to duty.

The MG meeting decided that each member institution shall contact respective Ministers /Ministries of Culture for replying how to solve MG Chairing and Desk duties during 2012, when more permanent arrangements would be investigated.

The MG Desk checks the situation of national responses on 15th November, on 1st December, or latest by 15th December, and when a clear majority of responses is received, a skype-meeting regarding MG management of year 2012 will be arranged.

National Heritage Board of Sweden, Landesamt für Denkmalpflege Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, National Board of Antiquities, Finland and now Department of Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture, Lithuania have chaired and ensured the MG Desk:

- 1999-2003, Chair Christine von Arbin, Coordinator Birgitta Hoberg;
- 2003-05 Chair Friedrich Lüth;
- 2006-08, Chair Helena Edgren, consulting Coordinator Marianne Lehtimäki;
- 2009-11, Chair Alfredas Jomantas, consulting Coordinator Ms Lehtimäki.

The MG members were asked at the MG meeting March 2011 to announce of their interest of taking over duties of MG chairing and Desk from on January 2012. National Heritage Board of Poland, Paulina Florjanowicz, informed in June that their current situation does not enable them to take over chairmanship at the moment. Even Anton Pärn started budget negotiations for both MG chair and desk commitments at the Estonian Ministry of Culture. By June, progress was achieved to be confirmed in September. The MG meeting was now, however, informed that Estonia cannot take over MG chairmanship concerning year 2012 at least. This Ministerial decision was made in Estonia only on 3rd October due to new additional tasks for Anton Pärn, not because of financial reasons.

As this decision was made public at the MG meeting, optional solutions for MG activities 2012 were discussed *ad hoc*:

a) One of the institutions announces its capacity of taking over Chairmanship 2012 ensuring both chairing and MG desk commitments.

b) The hosts carry out respective MG meetings;

The hosts of the planned meetings 2012 shall prepare meeting agenda as well as write requested invitations and meeting minutes (Polish Maritime Museum in March and Lithuanian Dep. of Heritage Protection in September). Additional tasks on voluntary bases. CBSS Secretariat would be asked to host MG archive.

c) The hosts carry out respective MG meetings, a MG desk is ensured by a MG membership fee;

Host of respective MG meeting will command MG chair's duties together with a MG Desk. **MG Desk duties would be covered by a membership fee for 2012 of 4 000 €/year/state** for work performance of MG Desk including salary and all travel costs; preparations of substantial issues of MG meetings, carrying out practical arrangements together with a hosting institution, secretarial and information functions (such as overall management of homepage), CBSS and SOGC cooperation and reporting as well as streamlining, promoting and presenting MG and WG activities for other stakeholders in the region and internationally. An additional MG vice-chair for 2012 could be nominated.

Urgent homework is to clarify if institutions are able / willing to pay this fee and, in case of yes, how this could be organized in practice. It was decided that acting chairman (Lithuania) will inform about and discuss of this situation and options with the CBSS Secretariat and CSO.

5. A draft of a report of chairmanship 2009-2011 was introduced by the MG Desk.
Comments to the sent draft (date 3.10.2011) are to be sent **LATEST 31st October.**
An address for an electronic photo archive will be informed asap.

A web version will be finalized this year. 2012 a paper version will be printed (around 500 copies to be shared with member institutions).

6. The case of the Champagne Schoone letter was concluded.

The MG meeting agreed that main MG working tools for regional impacts are encouragement, recommendations and promotion of good practices. The Code of Good Practice for the underwater heritage in the Baltic Sea region (COPUCH) that denies selling of underwater heritage objects is here of highest importance.

The first draft of the Champagne Schoone letter was elaborated at the May meeting of the working group on underwater heritage, expressing concern dealing with the intention of the government of the Åland autonomous province to sell champagne bottles from a wreck in an international auction in June. The letter was addressed to the Ms Viveka Löndahl (also a WG-member) at the Museum office in Ålands autonomous province. The letter referred to COPUCH that is elaborated and signed by the Chairs of MG and the underwater working group.

The MG involvement in such a statement in an urgent situation was dealt on-line by exchanging electronic mail messages. All MG institutions agreed the professional content of the letter, but no consensus of opinion for signing it on behalf of the MG was achieved. The Norwegian member institutions expressed that the MG should consider carefully the role of MG as it acts on behalf of respective governments based on the mandate given by the Ministers of Culture. Addressing individual nations can have unwished consequences for the MG, and in addition the letter puts the representative from Åland in a difficult position.

At the same time, the Swedish Maritime Museum decided to abandon their involvement on working group level to this letter. Thus, the sent letter was signed by the Chair of the underwater working group only, and it disclosed the Swedish Maritime Museum. – These auctions for selling bottles will continue yearly. –

7. **Cold war-project** will be introduced at the next MG-meeting. http://coldwarsites.net/wp-content/files_mf/cold_war.pdf.

8. **The MG homepage mg.kpd.lt will continue to exist and the WG Chairs are invited to update them.** In case, the MG Desk will prepare a “final” stage of MG web site.

9. **A state report of the IV BSR Cultural Heritage Forum publication was disseminated and is enclosed as attachment 3A and 3B.**

The Latvian State Inspection of Protection of Monuments asks for assistance for collecting photos. Please, upload photos to a link: http://photo.znet.lv/admin/bildes/upload_file/add/
User name: guest / Password: heritage. **The deadline for photos is 21 November 2011.**

Publication will be app. 50 pages, free of charge, but cost for delivery is to be paid by the respective institution. MG meeting agreed to order 50 copies /country (Iceland tbc), 60 copies for Norway. There will be also a pdf version.

10. Current state of the V Forum 2013 in Estonia, introduced by Anton Pärn and Kalev Uustalu, attachment 4.

Working groups are invited to contact Mr Pärn with their proposals and plans regarding the Forum; themes, speakers, additional events etc. Estonian arrangers will check major events on September 2013 that might affect to dates of Forum – if you have some, please, inform arrangers (anton.parn@kul.ee).

Ideas on behalf of the coastal working group are included to a WG review, attachment 2.

11. MG-Desk has been involved with following events during March-September 2011:

- MG contribution based on conclusions of the BSS 3rd Cultural Heritage Forum to regional approaches to cultural tourism:
 - Baltic Nature Tourism Conference 2011 in Riga, Latvia 22-23.March.
 - The 4th Baltic Sea Tourism Forum, Sopot, Poland 17-18.May.
- MG interaction with other regional and international structures:
 - European Heritage Heads Forum, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 25-26.May.
 - Les rencontres de Tallinn, a conference “Baltic Sea region cultural actors: From trans-regional cooperation to European diffusion”, arranged by the Les Rencontres, association of European cities and regions for culture, Tallinn, Estonia, 9- 12.June.
 - “Perspectives, The Baltic Sea History Project”-meeting, Academia Baltica – Akademie im Ostseeraum, Sankelmark, Schleswig-Holstein, 11.-12.September. - An academic contribution for constructing Baltic Sea identity, on project initiative level.
 - Ars Baltica 20 years Forum, Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, 12.-13.September. Cultural launch of the German CBSS Presidency 2011/2012 on 13. September.

Invitations from the Nordic Council of Ministers:

- to contribute to the round table discussion of the 8 NDPC SC meeting 18 October and the Conference Creative Entrepreneurship for the Creative Economy on 19-21 October in Tallinn. www.creativeestonia.eu If MG has some proposal of directions of projects?
- to take part to the 3rd Cultural Forum of the NDPC that concludes the Finnish Presidency of the NCM of Culture in 2011 “*Creating Partnerships within the Northern Dimension*” 24-25 November 2011, Tampere, Finland.

12. MG meetings 2012, 2013:

- **13-14th March at the Polish Maritime Museum in Gdansk**, arrival 12th Monday, departure on 14th evening.
- **September in Klaipeda**, hosted by the Dep. of Heritage Protection, Lithuania.
- **2013 both meetings in Estonia, the later in conjunction with the 5th BSR Cultural Heritage Forum in September.**

13. A summary of the presentation introducing the output of EEA projects in BSS on cultural heritage is enclosed to these Minutes as attachment 5.

October 31, 2011

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Marianne Lehtimäki

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Participants

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Department of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture, Lithuania

Members of the Monitoring Group

Estonia: Mr Anton Pärn, Ministry of Culture,
Mr Kalev Uustalu, National Heritage Board;

Lithuania: Ms Irma Grigaitienė, Ministry of Culture

Norway: Brit Holtebekk, Arts Council Norway
Ms Noëlle Poppe, Directorate for Cultural Heritage

Poland: Ms Paulina Florjanowicz, National Heritage Board of Poland
Mr Jerzy Litwin, Polish Maritime Museum in Gdansk

Sweden: Ms Karin Arvastson, National Heritage Board

Chair of the working group on sustainable historic towns:
Mr Dag Arne Reinart, Directorate for Cultural Heritage

Chair of the working group on underwater heritage:
Mr Ralf Bleile, Archäologisches Landesmuseum at Schloß Gottorf in Schleswig-Holstein

Chair of the working group on building preservation & maintenance in practice:
Ms Elisa Heikkilä, National Board of Antiquities

Absent:

National Board of Antiquities, Finland open since Ms Helena Edgren is out of office until the end of 2011. Final Minutes shall be sent to Ms Tiina Merisalo and Ms Minna Perähuhta;

Archäologisches Landesamt Schleswig-Holstein, Germany: Mr Claus v. Carnap-Bornheim;

National Architectural Heritage Board, Iceland: Mr Nikulas Ulfar Masson;

State Inspection of Protection of Monuments, Latvia: Mr Juris Dambis, Ms Katrine Kukaine, Ms Baiba Murniece;

Dep. of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture, Lithuania: Mr Algimantas Degutis;

Ministry of Culture, the Russian Federation: Ms. Lyubov Burdova;

Kaliningrad region, the Russian Federation: Ms Yana Aksenova, Mr Vladimir Yarosh;

Chair of the working group on coastal culture and maritime heritage: Mr Robert Domzal, Polish Maritime Museum;

Chair of the network on indoor climate in churches: Mr Tor Broström, Department of Building Conservation, Gotland University.