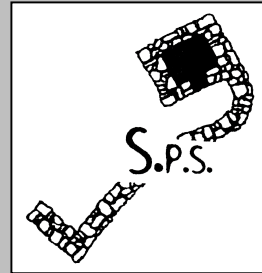


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MINUTES OF THE XIIIth ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
OF SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 2023 IN GOULT, VAUCLUSE, FRANCE

Chairman: Michelangelo DRAGONE, outgoing chairman of the S.P.S.

Number present: 26 including 10 legal entities.

Proxies: 0

Number of voters: 26 for 48 members who have paid their fees for 2021-2023

Observers: 15 (officials from local institutions, individuals and organizations registered at the congress)

The members being consulted, the meeting was deemed to have a quorum.

The General Meeting was declared open at 9.00 a.m.

The Chairman thanked those present and congratulated the conference organizers on the choice of venue, the comprehensive and interesting program and the close collaboration with SPS.

The General Secretary presented the report on the Association's activities, making special mention of the application by five more countries to have the knowledge and skills of the art of dry-stone building included on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list, the publication of the proceedings of the Cavtat Congress (Konavle Croatia) online, and the various collaborations and partnerships with individuals, organizations and institutions.

The Chairman proceeds with the vote.

The moral report was unanimously approved by the members present.

The General Secretary read out the financial report, as the position of Treasurer was still vacant.

The Chairman proceeds with the vote.

The financial report was unanimously approved by the members present.

The Chairman called for a vote on the renewal of the Board. The list of candidates is as follows:

Ada Acovitsióti-Hameau (France), Thierry Bourceau (France), Filip Bubalo (Croatia), Michelangelo Dragone (Italy), Antonia Theodosiou (Cyprus) - outgoing directors, Kostantinos Markakis (Greece) and Amandine Shaus (Belgium), new candidates.

The outgoing directors and the new candidates were all unanimously elected by the voters present.

The composition of the new Board and the distribution of positions are as follows:

Ada Acovitsióti-Hameau (General Secretary), Thierry Bourceau (Treasurer), Filip Bubalo (Joint Secretariat), Michelangelo Dragone (President), Kostantinos Markakis (Joint

Secretariat), Amandine Shaus (Joint Secretariat), Antonia Theodosiou (Vice-President); this distribution was adopted at the Council meeting held immediately after the Assembly.

The President then proceeded to choose the venue for the next congress in autumn 2025. The Austrian National Association of Wall Builders offered to organize the event. Several of its members actively participated in the Goult congress. After discussion on the selection criteria and presentation of the proposal by Rainer Volger, representing the association, Austria's bid was approved. The representatives of Cyprus took up the option for the 2027 congress.

The President asked if there were any other questions or comments. Two issues came to the fore:

- the organization of an official group within the S.P.S. that brings together practitioners and ensures that they are sent to help safeguard sites or build/reconstruct structures that have suffered during disasters, under the name "Muraillers hors Frontières" ("Wallerers out of Frontiers")

- the creation of thematic working groups within the association to strengthen professional and human links and circulate information.

The new Board must take these recommendations on board and implement them.

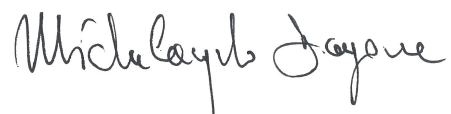
There being no one requesting to speak and no other business to discuss, the XIIIth S.P.S. General Meeting was declared closed at 11.00 a.m.!

Fait à Le Val, le 22 novembre 2023

Ada Acovitsióti-Hameau
Secrétaire de la séance



Michelangelo Dragone
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