CIAV ANNUAL MEETING AND SEMINAR FINNSKOGEN 2010
Once more CIAV members came together in Norway to celebrate the CIAV Annual Meeting and Seminar that took place in Konsvinger, Finnskogen region. The seminar’s theme was: Vernacular Crossing Borders.

The first day we had the opportunity to visit in Konsvinger, the fortress, the traditional houses so well preserved and a special museum of women located in a traditional house, where we were offered a delicious tee.
Visiting traditional neighborhood In Konsvinger

Drinking tea at the museum
CIAV group visit the work of the students who are reconstructing a vernacular farm house
Östmark church 1765

“CIAV VERNADOC 2010” measure-documenting camp organized by Markku Mattila. Measuring and drawing the cross border building tradition of Finnsylvania: the wooden church of Östmark

Visiting and opening the CIAV VERNADOC 2010 exhibition
Juhola, farm with many buildings, house for living c.1750
Two smoke ovens in different smoke cottages in Scandinavia
Skansegarden dinner
Kirstin birthday in Konsvinger
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During the CIAV meeting Marc de Caraffe acknowledged the organizers of the ICOMOS from Norway, Sweden and Finland who made the conference and all of the activities possible. Marc presented his report as CIAV President and mentioned that CIAV membership had continued growing; also he reported about his trip to Korea, and in relation to the catastrophes of Haiti and Chile, he mentioned the Blue Shield Committee and Maria Ines' collaboration in sending information from Chile. Also mentioned was the remarkable work of our colleague Markku Mattila from Finland who is doing a very good job with VERNADOC.

He informed all the members that the Declaration from Rumania 2009 was adopted. We were informed that the ICOMOS General Assembly next year will be held in Paris, and that the CIAV will have its annual conference and meeting there.

Hossam Magdy proposed that the CIAV meeting in March 2012 be held in Abu Dabi.

Olga Sivan, our colleague from Russia, made an invitation to participate in the International Scientific and Practical Conference “Culture of Wood – Wood in Culture” that will be held in Rostov Velikij, Yaroslavl region, on 24-28 September 2010. Marc de Caraffe designated Valeria Prieto as an official representative at this conference.

KONSVINGER DECLARATION ON VERNACULAR CROSSING BORDERS

On behalf of ICOMOS Norway, ICOMOS Sweden and ICOMOS Finland AND OF THE International Vernacular Committee (CIAV), an international scientific committee of ICOMOS, the participants of Vernacular Crossing Borders conference representing experts in heritage and conservation from all over the world, gathered in Konsvinger, Norway, would like to present to the responsible authorities and the inhabitants of Konsvinger the following:

- We want to express our thanks to the authorities of the very kind reception and welcome in the beautiful town of Konsvinger,

- We want to express our sincere admiration for the unique historic character of Obrebyen, a district characterized by its pride of place, its sense of history and harmony in the use of materials, in the scale and shape of buildings and streets, alignments, noting that intrusions are rare and do not affect the overall sense of history of the place,
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- We would like to express our recognition for the efforts undertaken to preserve this historic district,
- We also want to express the necessity to maintain and protect the continuity of the historic development of Konsvinger,
- We urge the responsible authorities to protect the history character of Konsvinger by all possible means in order to ensure that this special place will be preserved for future generations in its authenticity,
- Finally, we would like to offer our professional advise in order to preserve the historic character of Konsvinger.

POST CONFERENCE TOUR

The post conference tour was marvelous organized by our colleague Lena Palmquist from Sweden. I want to
During the excursion we visited many interesting traditional ancient farms of different kinds, and a remark-
able very well preserved historic mining town of Roros, UNESCO World Heritage Site, at the North of Nor-
way.
All this in the frame of a beautiful landscape of woods, mountains and lakes, never ending.
Roros, Norway, mining town, World Heritage Site
On the road we stop at a coffee shop from the fifties where we took lunch.
Farms in Hälsingland with richly decorated porches
Our CIAV group visiting this traditional farm
Farms in Hälsingland with wall paper and wall paintings
Wall paintings in a rural farm
In Hälsingland
Lena and Maria Ines During the visit to Hälsingland farms