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Historic Towns & Regions

**Bureau Meeting - 13th July 2004
Council of Europe, Paris**

Report of Meeting

Present:

**Louis Roppe – President
Per Haken Slotte –Vice President
Richard Hartley –Council of Europe
Brian Smith – Secretary General**

Apologies

Mateja Hafner Dolenc, Slovenia, Ian Pool, England

1. The Secretary General reported that the meeting overlapped with a visit by the English Historic Towns Forum to Slovenia which meant that both Mateja Hafner Dolenc and Ian Poole were unable to attend the Bureau.
2. Two Bureau members had stood down as Presidents of their respective associations –Mr Bilenser from Turkey and Mr Magdelijns from the Netherlands and therefore also would not be attending. The new President of the Turkish Association of Historic Towns is Mr Mehmet Ozhaseki but he has not yet responded to an invitation to attend the Bureau. The Dutch Association has not yet appointed a new president. No further apologies had been received.
3. The Secretary General advised that the main purpose of the meeting was to consider what recommendations to present to the General Assembly on constitutional changes and that the meeting although not 'quorate' would not need to make decisions as such.

Report of Previous Meeting.

4. Report of Bureau and General Assembly 29th August 2003 was considered to be a correct record.

Norwich Symposium

5. The Secretary General and Richard Hartley reported on the arrangements for the Norwich Symposium. Several points of detail were discussed and the programme reviewed.

INHERIT Project

6. The Secretary General updated the meeting on progress with developing the INHERIT project. This would be submitted to the EU on 8th October

Review of Constitution

7. The meeting considered the paper submitted by the Secretary General relating to changes to the constitution associated with enabling individual cities to join EAHTR as full members and agreed that its recommendations should be put to the General Assembly in September in Norwich.

Membership Update

8. The Meeting noted that the Heritage Towns of Ireland had joined EAHTR. This Association includes 21 Irish historic towns. The Secretary General also reported that the Turkish town of Elmali, Antalya had also joined.

Financial Report

9. The Secretary General presented a financial update for 2004. He outlined the particular constraints experienced in 2004 partly as a result of late payment or non payment of subscriptions by members. There was currently over €24,000 outstanding and this combined with a staff vacancy for 6 months in the secretariat had inevitably curtailed the work of the Association.
10. He indicated that the report would form the basis of the financial section of the Annual report and that audited accounts would also be available for Directors to review and agree at the next meeting in Norwich.

General Assembly

11. The meeting noted the arrangements for the General Assembly as part of the Norwich Symposium. It was agreed that the formal aspects of the meeting would be kept to a minimum and the opportunity taken to encourage cities to join EAHTR.