



European Network of Quarry Landscapes

Summary of the conclusions of the first meeting held in Teruel on 30/31 October, 2014

Establish the European Quarry Landscapes Network. With the letters of adhesion the network consists of 14 members, experts and institutions, to which we hope to add colleagues from Norway, Italy, Ireland and Spain who have asked to be included.

European Quarry Landscapes publication. One of the principal actions will be to publish the papers from the first meeting, which James Douet will start to prepare early next year. Guidelines for the papers are attached; the deadline for receiving the texts is the end of **February, 2015**. Other relevant texts might also be published, for instance, David Gwyn has suggested including a description of the course which he runs on documenting historic quarries.

Quarry conservation legislation. The question of the best form of legislation for quarries emerged during the discussions. Some countries anticipate the continued extraction of stone for repair and conservation of historic buildings, while in others it is not possible. The representative of the IGME (Spanish geological and mining institute) argued for the concept of *reversible protection* to allow, if necessary, original stone material for the rehabilitation of historic buildings to be removed, respecting historical exposures and other information. To further this discussion, it has been proposed that members summarise the legal situation governing historic quarries in their countries with a view to collecting the most beneficial practice and making recommendations at a European level.

Second meeting of the Network. It is obviously important to have a second meeting in view, and the conditional offer by Enrique Álvarez Areces of the Instituto Geológico y Minero de España (IGME) was well received. The Institute has written to confirm its willingness to hold a meeting, depending on approval by its governing body.

The TICCIH report to ICOMOS. The report has now been widely distributed and different contributions received by its author who will revise and circulate a final version early in 2015. Examples of historic quarries are still sought from Asia and South America.

The Declaration of Teruel. This document, with a slight change suggested by José Bravo, was signed by the delegates and the Mayor of Teruel as a statement of our common interests.

James Douet

Barcelona, November 2014

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