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| 21 | Friedman | Paris | | pour un urbanisme mobile |
| 22 | Jerry Soltan | Warsawa | 10-9-'60 | some problems concerning architecture introductions VII th international congress of Art Critics 6-13/11/'60 |
| 23 | Peter + Allison Smithson | London | 27-9-'60 | proposed action consequent to discussions at Bagnols the family in either case must accept in its own mind that it stands alone |
| 24 | Polonyi | Budapest | 28-9-'60 | opinion resumée de la rencontre Team X à Bagnols se serait absolument necessaire que les differents directions des experiences soient communiquées mutuellement par une organisation speciale |
| 25 | Victor Bourgeois | Bruxelles | 17-10-'59 | lettre de sympathie avec rencontre Otterlo |
| 26 | Giancarlo De Carlo | Milano | 30-5-'60 | proposals for next meeting after Bagnols is criticizing the sectarian spirit he read in A.D.-report about Otterlo |
| 27 | Coderch | Barcelona | 29-5-'60 | propositions pour prochaine rencontre c'est la position morale de l'architecte devant les problèmes de notre temps qui est pour moi fondamentale. Toute oeuvre ayant une introduction j'ai intérêt à connaître l'architecte et ses raisons |
| 28 | Nations Unies Unesco | Paris New York Rome | | plusieurs des invitations d'assister à des réunions Unesco comme observateurs |
| 29 | Van Eesteren | Amsterdam | 26-9-'59 | about Otterlo pense que B.P.H. est un bon nouveau commencement |
| 30 | Ralph Erskine | Drottningholm | 26-10-'59 | about next meeting wouldnot like to have missed Otterlo |
| 31 | Robert Hoffmann | Graz | 3-8-'60 | organisation next meeting same kind of meeting as Otterlo in 1961, but with limitation of number of participants |

- 32 McKay Sydney about organisation of meetings 24-5-'60 support the rejuvenation of the CIAM-idea in another form
- 33 LehmbrockDüsseldorf organisation 31-5-'60 should like a next meeting like Otterlo was
- 34 LehmbrockDüsseldorf a documentation about change of our towns 7-4-'60
- 35 Viana de Porto Lima next meeting 29-8-'60 like to join meetings like Otterlo
- 36 Magi-stretti Milano next meeting 13-5-'60 likes a next meeting like Otterlo
- 37 Maki Tokio next meeting 14-10-'60 the Otterlo meeting was very fruitful to me
- 38 van der Tervueren Meeran organisation 10-8-'60 personnellement je serais très enthousiaste de pouvoir assister à Otterlo
- 39 Royal Institute of British Architects Mr. Taylor London invitation to join VI-congress U.I.A. 10-'60
- 40 Seklor Vienne Cambridge Harvard University long letter with critical review about Otterlo and its follow-up 7-11-'59 1. do you agree on the need for carrying on the activity of CIAM
2. are you willing to elect a guiding-committee (did send these questions to several colleagues and promised to send the answers to the Post Box)
- 41 Tango Tokio thanks for arrangements for meeting at Otterlo and invites to come to Tokio Design Conference 3-'60
- 42 André Wogenscky Paris réunion à Bagnols sur Cèze 26-7-'60 invitation pour Bagnols trop tard
a mon avis il faut que nos rencontres consistent essentiellement à confronter les idées positives que nous préoccupent chacun
- 43 BlomstedtHelsinki le Carré Bleu
- 44 Antonio Mesa Jaramillo docano de la Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana Medellin Columbia information about architectural education-reform 1-10-'59
- 45 Miquel Algorie bâtir les "espaces libres" ou un problème d'urbanisme en climat méditerranéen 11-'59

46 André Helsinki la rencontre de Bagnols sur 30-9-'60
Schimmer- Côte
ling

la rencontre n'a fait qu'en-
treouvrir une porte sur les
tâches qui nous attendent.
J'estime néanmoins que la
transformations de ces rencon-
tres "ad hoc" en groupe de
travail ou de liaison sur le
plan international est sou-
haitable

Some general remarks:

In May 1961 the publisher of the book about Otterlo 1959 can distribute (free of charge) a copy of it to every participant. Others can buy it in the bookshops, where it will be available at about the same date.

From Mr. Van Saane, the publisher of Forum, I got a letter sent round in December 1960 by Giedion from Doldertal, Zürich. Some unclear understanding about Otterlo could rise from this letter. To avoid this I like to underline the following:

While no one in the meeting at Otterlo came after an evening and night full of discussions to a clear statement about this meeting, I offered to write by myself a basic paper, which was accepted as statement by all participants in open discussions the next day.

Later on, when it was given to the press, there came different opinions about the consequences of this statement.

The Italian colleagues and Tango had to leave a day before, although I had asked them not to leave at a decisive moment about organisation matters.

If Giedion writes in his letter: "...about a statement issued at Otterlo to the press by a minority group of members of Team X...." and if he thinks that the majority thought in Otterlo was otherwise as was written in the statement, I suppose that he is writing about things from which he got wrong information.

Also if Kenzo Tango writes: "....the day after I and many of my friends left the meeting, Team X announced CIAM dissolution" I simple don't know what he means because, in my opinion, CIAM can continue where it likes and Team X never can dissolve CIAM so long as there are members who like to continue.
For that reason such a statement never could be made in Otterlo!!!

I like to state:

Those who left the meeting were those who had no time to stay at Otterlo at the decisive moment for organisation matters and these were the Italian and Japanese colleagues.

No one blames them for it, but please don't report, about the day you could not join us, in a way as quoted by Giedion.

There is only one statement and this has been introduced in open discussions and later on it was sent to all participants.

In this paper the name CIAM has been dropped because in Otterlo, where since a long time, real discussions of all participants were possible about the architecture they introduced, it broke through (what came already to the level in Bridgewater, Hoddesdon, Aix en Provence and Dubrovnik) that the architectural problems of the world around 1920, when the new technics had to be introduced, are quite different from those of the world around 1960, when the moral function of architectural expression has to be introduced.

The aims of 1960 have to be stated and this cannot be covered by the name Modern Architecture. That was the main point in Otterlo and about this was general agreement!

Of course everybody in Otterlo agrees also "...that we need mutual stimulation, help and encouragement..." and I hope that this will be done in all areas where people still simple don't know how architecture can function as a tool for getting familiar with the ever extending universe, but please then firstly we must try to stay in contact about the way in which we have to define our actual problems and let us avoid to waste time about prestige-names.

The name will come from the moment that the around-1960-problems will have been defined.

In Otterlo we made the Post Box to have a mean of communication about the way we have to go for having defined the architectural problems around 1960. Those who have used it you can find in this circulation-letter.

Your Postman Bakoma.

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