Thoughts on Writing a Protocol

“The word is usually associated with the term “convention” or the objective act of documenting (…) at the same time documenting implies perceiving, questioning, reading – particularly when the subject at hand is connected to inventive and intellectual pursuits. (…)

Protocol is a loosely ordered compendium of ideas (…) a catalogue or record of significant occurrences.” Bettina Kraus, excerpt of Protocol Nr. 01

“The name of the magazine can be considered two ways. A protocol can either serve as a record of what happened in the past – as well as serve as premise for what will happen in the future, as is the case with diplomacy and informatics. (…) Understood in this way, Protocol aims to achieve two different things: to outline the activities of a year or semester, as well as furthermore create a common platform on which the different activities are put into dialoque.” Protocol Nr. 3 High-rise

Definitions, Etymology

Google dictionary

pro·to·col; noun (verbatim or restricted to essentials) written account of consultation, examination or session. “to gather / draft / permit / read aloud a protocol”; minutes reflecting on the process of a scientific experiment. “to draw up a protocol reflecting on a chemical / physical experiment”; defined code of behaviour for official occasions. “ to abide a protocol”

Duden

Medieval Latin *protocollum* Medieval Greek *prōtókollon*, rather =( official papyrus scrolls) sheet of paper affixed on top of the papyrus scroll; greek *prṓtos* (proto- Proto-)= the first and *kṓlla*=glue

Wikipedia

Late Latin: the first sheet of a volume on which contents and errata were written; Late Middle French: *protocolle*, *protocole* (“document, record”)

**Protocol in the sense of a fixation**

Trace, codify, adhere, adhere briefly said, adhere the past – recollection? To unveil the constellation in which we move, in which things emerge.

Constellation: To look around, considering the overall situation we are in that evolves from the encounter of certain circumstances.  
To document a certain moment in time, to document attempts / experiments / discussions with experts within a highly-scientific, fastidious context; not result-open; non-judgemental, (barren?) detached adherence

**In between**

To actively perceive, thoughtful / precise observe and to conceive an opinion / a position / a perspective = to correlate;

to elicit a diversification of references by means of careful observation; Mnemosyne (goddess of memory, responsible for procreation of Muses – creativity); Concerning a contemporary condition

**Protocol in the sense of an agreement, basis**

Protocols per se serving as instruction manuals for the future; e.g.: Aristide Antonas’ Urban Protocols: extensive analysis serves as basis and instruction for the future; communication protocols describe an agreement within informatics and telecommunications, after which data transfers proceed between two or more parties.

In its easiest definition a protocol is a policy that define syntax, semantics and synchronization of communication. Protocols can be implemented by hardware, software, as well as be a combination of both. A Protocol also defines the behaviour of interconnecting hardware. A network protocol is a synonym for a communication protocol, regarding substitute of data between computers or processes that are connected within one computer network (distributed system). The agreement consists of a set of rules and formats (syntax) that define the communication behaviour of the communicating parties within the computers (semantics). The exchange of data often requires an interaction of different protocols that undertake different tasks (e.g.: internet protocol family). In order to control the associated complexity, protocols are organized in layers. Within such architecture each protocol belongs to a certain layer and is responsible for managing certain tasks.

Basis for communication (movie night, excursion); expansion of frame of reference; expansion of framework; diversification of knowledge; serving as instrument to comprehension of simultaneous situations; attempt to document the mutual, expanded frame of reference (without unifying it), in order to provide a platform for discourse.

Confrontation with “specialists” and the possibility to ask allegedly “silly questions”; Publishing (as a way of adherence) therefore is closely linked to writing a protocol (serving as another way of adherence of states)?!