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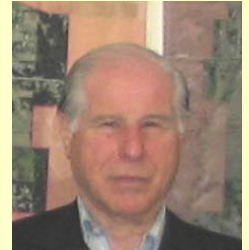
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**Message from the President**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On the eve of the Dalian Congress I am pleased to report to you once again about ongoing developments of your Society. You should all have received the News Flash containing the latest additions to the September Congress programme and the News about the Networking Event hosted by ISOCARP at the November UN-Habitat World Urban Forum, also to be held in China (page 2).



**OREGON, May 2008**

In May this year, our US Member Ric Stephens invited the Executive Committee as well as two additional ISOCARP members (*Robbert Rhemrev* (NED) and *Francesco Martinico* (ITA) for a UPAT and several Expert meetings to Oregon (USA). These meetings have been of a high professional quality and we are much grateful to Ric having made this possible. A full report on pages 6-8.

*Portland, APA Chapter members  
ISOCARP EXCO  
Oregon, USA*

**2nd ISOCARP AWARDS for EXCELLENCE**

On page 3 a report on the outcome of these ISOCARP Awards. The six Award Winners will all present their project within the Dalian Congress Programme and have their winning Project be exhibited in a special AWARD booth.

**DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL PROJECT OFFICES**

The Sitges Regional Project Office established by my predecessor Alfonso Vegara, in partnership with the Municipality of Sitges, has developed to the mutual satisfaction of partners. The UPAT Sitges-IV will be held beginning November with a Ceremony on World Town Planning Day (November 8) hosted by the Sitges Municipality in honour of the ISOCARP Award winners.

I am equally happy that in Spring 2009, at the initiative of our Vice President Manfred Schrenk, the 2009 Annual CORP Conference - in close cooperation with ISOCARP - will for the first time take place in Sitges instead of in Vienna.

The Brussels Regional Project Office, which is hosted by ECTP (see previous issue), is aiming at gathering information and at developing activities in relation with European institutions, in planning related fields. Initiating and implementing partnership projects co-financed by the European Union presents a new opportunity for members, both from Europe and elsewhere, as partnerships are in no way to limited the countries of Europe. A large cooperative project in the frame of URBACT is now going on (Report in next issue).

**NEW MEMBERS and MEMBERS SERVICES**

At the upcoming General Assembly in Dalian, new members will be endorsed (see [page 3]). A special mention of two large new Institutional Members can be found on page 4. New member services are being prepared in order to integrate the members even more in ISOCARP opportunities by developing special partnerships and by having one day experts workshops open to members.

**NETWORKING WITH OTHER PLANNING ORGANISATIONS**

To this effect several Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with organisations pursuing related objectives, such as IFLA and ICOMOS and with several publishers. Special collaboration is taking place with ECTP. Collaboration is also developing with AESOP and IFHP (I was the concluding speaker of the IFHP Liverpool Conference about Urban Regeneration (page 5). With each of these Organisations a MOU was signed. Collaboration is also devel-

oping with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Europe (on defining energy saving neighbourhoods), Greenpower Conferences, the Society of Human Ecology (SHE) and with APA, the American Planning Association, as a follow-up of the invitation made to its CEO to attend the Antwerp Congress and GA.

Its International Planning Liaison Committee, will serve as an interface between its International Division and international planning organizations such as ISOCARP, for the purpose of information-sharing and potential joint activities/programs (see on page 8 the Editorial by Ms Beth Offenbacher, Chair APA Division)

#### **ELECTIONS (voting deadline: 10 September 2008)**

I was happy to see that six members put their candidacy for the post of Vice President. In alphabetical order, the following candidates stand in position: *Jim Colman* (AUS) *Dirk Engelke* (DEU), *Zeynep Enlil* (TUR), *Chris Gossop* (GBR), *Paolo La Greca* (ITA) and *Paco Pérez Arellano* (MEX). For the post of New President, *Ismael Fernandez Meija* (MEX) stands in position. In the first week of July, we sent out numbered ballot forms to all Council members (max.5 per country) whose votes represent the members' voice. Consequently, I hope for a good response. The set time frame-

work is 10 July – 10 September. The completed ballot forms should arrive at the secretariat in a closed envelope marked ELECTIONS or by e-mail. Members may call their National Delegation and still have some influence on the Vice Presidents' choices. The VP winning candidates will start their function immediately. The new President will serve as President-elect until the end of my term in 2009 Congress (Porto), according to the Statutes, in order to ensure the continuity in the Society's presidency.

#### **2009 ISOCARP CONGRESS, Porto – Portugal Dates 18-22 October, 'Low Carbon Cities'**

Last, but not least, I wish to mention that we have come to an agreement with FEUP (Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto) who will host 2009 Congress. 2009 will be a memorable year because we will be celebrating our 45th Anniversary. Chris Gossop has been appointed General Rapporteur. The First Announcement will be distributed at our congress in Dalian and be mailed to all members right after Dalian. More news in the next NET.

With best personal wishes  
**PIERRE LACONTE** ([www.ffue.org](http://www.ffue.org))

#### **Message from the Secretary General**



Dear colleagues,

It is a great satisfaction to share with you that our proposal to host a Networking Event at the World Urban Forum has been accepted.



The World Urban Forum is a biennial gathering organised by UN-HABITAT that is attended by a wide range of partners, from non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, urban professionals, academics, to governments, local authorities and national and international associations of local governments. It gives all these actors a common platform to discuss urban issues in formal and informal ways and come up with action-oriented proposals to create sustainable cities. The first WUF took place in Nairobi 2002, followed by Barcelona and Vancouver. This year's WUF will take place in Nanjing, China, 3-6 November.

The acceptance of our proposal is very important moment for us. It will be the first time that ISOCARP hosts a networking event in the World Urban Forum since it was established in 2002.

I am especially proud of our selection since the number of approved events this year is extraordinarily reduced. Amongst the 42 organisations that have been selected there are multilaterals, governments and donors, but apart from the Commonwealth Association of Planners, we are the only planners' association whose proposal was accepted. A special word of gratitude goes to the Urban Planning Society of China,

our partner organisation who will be present at the event through its Secretary General and will contribute to promote attendance across its wide member base.

The theme of this year's WUF is "Harmonious Urbanization: The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development". Our session, Urban Growth and Sprawl, will build on the theme of the Dalian Congress. Sprawl can be considered on the antipodes of a balanced territorial model. Its inefficiency is seen in the unused pockets of derelict land, the wasteful conversion of agricultural soil, the clogged-up roads and the expensive but under-used utility lines. However, sprawl continues to be a dominant form of city growth.

The following questions will be at the centre of the discussion: Do we have the right kind of strategic concepts and policy instruments for delivering cities without sprawl? Can we retrofit sprawling cities to compactness? Who are the agents of sprawl, and how could they benefit from the compact city?

Our sessions' objectives are (1) Promoting connected thinking on growth and sprawl between urban policy makers, academics and practitioners; (2) Facilitating a better understanding of the implications of sprawl and the initiatives that a number of cities have taken, successfully or not, to deal with it; (3) Creating a thematic network to promote multidisciplinary city to city exchange in urban policy to address sprawl.

In addition to gaining visibility with key actors in our field, our participation in WUF will contribute to further strengthen linkages with UN-HABITAT and provide the opportunity to explore synergies with other organisations committed to sustainable urbanisation.

I invite all of you attending WUF in Nanjing to join us on Wednesday 4 November in the afternoon. With your ideas and enthusiasm we can make ISOCARP's presence felt at WUF.

Sincerely yours,  
**Pablo Vaggione**



#### **Urban Planning Advisory Team, August 28-30, Guadalajara 2008-Mexico**

Guadalajara will be hosting the Panamerican Games in 2011. In order to take advantage of the event in favor of the city, the Government of the State of Jalisco and the local Municipality are promoting a set of projects and actions of major urban renewal to revitalize the city and to draw a strong impulse towards its future development. They want "Games for the City and not a City for the Games". In order to achieve this, the office in charge of the coordination wanted to make an exercise to assess if the projects and actions selected up to now are those that fit better the city's vision of future and the current governmental objectives. The idea is to ensure a coherent and comprehensive programme for the process. The objective of this UPAT was to perform an analysis and assessment of the on-going process and the set of projects and actions programmed up to now, and to draw recommendations and proposals that would help the regional and local governments to attain their objectives of metropolitan renewal in the best possible way.

Guadalajara is the city of the most representative Mexican traditions, such as tequila, Mariachis and Charros; capital of Jalisco and central municipality of the second largest metropolitan agglomeration in Mexico, with 4 million inhabitants. This ISOCARP UPAT successfully finalised last week. Full report in Dalian and in the next NET.



## 2nd ISOCARP AWARDS for EXCELLENCE (2008) RESULTS

The 2008 Awards were given to six institutions that expressed this year's Congress emphasis on sustainable urban development: 'Urban Growth Without Sprawl'. The choice was the result of a unanimous decision by ISOCARP Jury: *Alfonso Vegara*, Past President, *Pierre Laconte*, President, *Elias Beriatos*, Vice President responsible for Awards, *Ismael Fernandez*, Vice President responsible for UPATs and in charge of the Sitges Regional Project Office and *Jaime Lerner* who accepted to act as external adviser.

The organisation and logistics were kindly taken by the Fundacion-Metropoli, Madrid, who also hosted the Jury meeting.

The Award Ceremony will take place on 8 November on the occasion of the World Town Planning Day (Sitges, Spain) and will be organised by the Sitges Regional Project Office and hosted by the Sitges City Council.

### RECIPIENTS of the ISOCARP Awards for Excellence 2008

The jury, after having examined carefully all entries submitted, decided to grant the Award of Excellence to the following institutions *(in alphabetical order)*.

#### Amsterdam Metropolitan Area

##### AMSTERDAM, Netherlands

Municipality of Amsterdam, Physical Planning Department  
*on behalf of* The Amsterdam Metropolitan Area

##### "An image for development of the region for 2040"

*For the very long term vision (which is important and indispensable in order to achieve sustainability), the great internal coherence and consistency of the project, the right scale of thinking as well as the wide spread consultation of stake holders and the public at large.*



##### ANTWERP, Belgium

Municipality of Antwerp- Gewoon Gemeentebedrijf Planningscel

##### "Antwerp, site of the century (structure plan)"

*For the respect of the water element, the neighborhood dimension, the greening of the city at the level of each quarter, the creation of new parks in brownfield sites and the quality of the strategic spatial development plan which was designed by Bernado Secci and Paola Viganò, containing concrete projects for crucial areas in the city.*



##### CANCUN, Mexico

IMPLAN- Instituto de Planeacion de Desarrollo Urbano  
Municipio de Benito Juarez

##### "Strategic Plan Cancun 2030"

*For the capacity of IMPLAN- a recently established independent planning institute- to work in a complex environment in order to find new mechanisms to make more consistent a very rapidly growing urbanized area, For leading the transformation from an exclusive tourist destination to a proper urban centre, and for improving the accessibility in the urban tissue by structuring the flows of people and goods by creating a sustainable access systems.*



##### DELHI, India

Delhi Development Authority  
"Master Plan for Delhi 2021"

*For the capacity to articulate a holistic planning at one of the most complex metropolitan areas of the world and facing key changes that are in common in many other megalopolises of the planet: from shelter to trade and commerce, from industry to environment, from conservation of built heritage to urban design and from development code to plan monitoring.*



##### MASTER PLAN FOR A WARSAW EXTENSION, Poland

IN- VI Investment Environment

##### "Miasteczko Wilanow Master Plan – Warsaw - Poland"

*For elaborating a coherent master plan of Warsaw notwithstanding the difficult situation in east European countries and in particular a) for combining the work of private investors with public objectives for the benefit of the whole city b) for promoting a master planned community totally integrated in the city and c) for the implementation of the principle of mixed uses/ activities, the scale of urban fabric and the structural connection with the surrounding cities.*



##### YANGZHOU, China

Ruan Yisan Heritage Foundation  
Great Canal Conservation and Study

*For making an extremely good survey along the Grand Canal, an area considered as the back bone of the urban development of China during 14 centuries, in an effort to promote alternative tourism in all surrounding cities, to invigorate farming activities, to develop quality housing and to use this area like a large heritage system (cultural route) as well as an educational tool and a communication platform for residents, officials scholars and practitioners.*

A special publication will be devoted to the six winning projects. These actions are aimed at giving a maximum visibility to the Award winning institutions and encourage future candidacies.

All Laureates exhibit their projects at our Congress in Dalian



## ISOCARP Members

**Reminder:** All National Delegations received the complete files of applicant members. A complete file is: CV and paid 2008 membership dues. Without further news from the respective National Delegations, all these new members will be officially endorsed at the General Assembly in Dalian (23 Sept 2008). A list of all applicant members of Oct. 07-Oct-08 - completed/no completed files - is available for download from the members' area.

† *Marc Jacobs* (1965 - 2008). Last week, Marc suddenly died at the age of 43 years. ISOCARP is in shock. His input in ISOCARP, also being the Bureau Member of the Dutch National Delegation, was refreshing and most valuable. Our sympathy goes to his wife Jacqueline and his son Alexander. The Executive Committee will hold a ceremony in Dalian. An extended obituary will be published in the next NET.

## ISOCARP INTERNATIONAL MANUAL OF PLANNING PRACTICE Launch of the New Edition

The Editors are pleased to announce that the new edition of the International Manual of Planning Practice will be launched in Sitges, Spain, on the 8th November 2008, World Planning Day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the authors for their contributions to enable us to produce a compendium with one hundred entries from five continents which reflects the complexity of the planning systems and practice worldwide. We would also like to thank our generous sponsors and our planning colleagues from the UK, Spain and South Africa who have assisted us financially and in kind to make this edition possible.

ISOCARP took an early initiative in 1992 to illustrate these processes in its International Manual of Planning Practice updated in 1995, 1998 and 2001. We would acknowledge the great effort of the previous editors, Adriana Dal Cin (†) and Derek Lyddon on whose work we have based the new, expanded edition of IMPP to give a fresh insight into administrative structures, planning systems and physical development processes of cities and regions in the 21st century.

The innovative aspect of this unique source of information with worldwide scope is to emphasise the relationship between the planning system and its application in practice.

### Format and content

A concise synthesis of planning systems of 100 countries from five continents and an essay on current trends of planning and future outlook are presented in book form. The accompanying CD contains the full papers with illustrations produced by practising planners, as well as relevant information from previous editions and a compendium of key website addresses of administrations, planning associations and university departments of planning for further reading.

*The articles are structured into three parts:*

I. The Planning framework describes administrative structure, and competence for planning, planning legislation and instruments of implementation.

II. The Planning process deals with plan making, development control, participation and appeal.

III: An Evaluation provides critical comments on the planning system in practice, focusing on the gap between planning legislation and physical development.

Based on the country contributions the Editors' essay discusses planning processes at the dawn of the 21 century highlighting similarities, differences and best practices against the background of the spatial development of cities, regions and nation states.

Editors *Judith Ryser* (United Kingdom) and *Teresa Franchini* (Spain)

## NEW INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS



**The MATEXI Group** is a privately held group of companies active in:

1. Land & Residential development (Matexi n.v.) 2. Founded to order single family house building (Entro n.v., Sibomat n.v., Tradiplan n.v., and Renoplan n.v.), and 3. Urban regeneration projects (Wilma Project Development n.v.).

Matexi Group employs close to 300 highly qualified employees and workers. Working from 11 locations throughout Belgium and Luxembourg as well as from one Head office. In 2005, the organisation delivered 5, 621 plots of land, 783 housing units, and 6000 m2 of retail and office space for a total sales of 165 mio €.



**The FUNDACION MOVILIDAD** is a private foundation, strongly linked with the Madrid Municipality, aimed at achieving integrated mobility and land-use.

Its 2nd International Congress on "Citizens and Mobility Management" (29-30 September 2008) will cover among others: property aspects linked to transport investments, the use of information technology to increase attractiveness of public transport, car sharing, promotion of bicycle and pedestrian spaces, reduction of traffic and parking spaces, telecommuting and accessibility to the city's functions.

It will be devoted to find intelligent solutions to mobility and land-use problems, based on international best practices.

## COOPERATION with IFHP and OTHER ORGANISATIONS

In a follow up to the initiative by Past President Alfonso Vegara who signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects), ISOCARP President Pierre Laconte recently signed two new MOU's

### International Federation of Housing and Planning, IFHP

On 3 June 2008, during the IFHP annual Conference in Liverpool, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IFHP and ISOCARP. The ceremony took place at a lunch arranged by John Zetter, a member of both organisations and Past Vice President of ISOCARP. The signing is a significant event taking into consideration the background of both societies.



### Joint history

In 1913 at the initiative of Ebenezer Howard, distinguished for his advocacy of Garden Cities, the IFHP was founded. It was ahead of its time in linking together housing and planning and appealing to a broadly-based membership interested in the two topics, rather than having any particular professional affiliation. Towards the year 1965, a group of professional planners with a clear focus on practising planners started a Standing Committee within IFHP itself. In 1965, this group separated from IFHP and the founding of ISOCARP was a fact. Its first President was Prof. Sam van Embden.

The ISOCARP-IFHP signing was hosted by the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA), the first NGO established in the planning field. Founded in the United Kingdom in 1898, also by Ebenezer Howard, the TCPA aims to embrace and promote his garden city legacy in terms of promoting sustainable housing provided through an effective, democratic planning system.

To this end, the Chief Executive of the TCPA attended the lunch, together with the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute, the UK representative body for town planners, with over 20,000 members.



### Collaboration

The Memorandum enforces the further collaboration by opening the communication between IFHP and ISOCARP and informing each other of the events and activities. When appropriate the counterpart organisation will be officially present at the main events of the organisation.

In fact this type of cooperation had already begun in the preceding days, when Pierre Laconte, the ISOCARP President, acted as Rapporteur at the IFHP Conference. Signing the Memorandum on behalf of ISOCARP: [left] *Pierre Laconte* (Belgium) and on behalf of IFHP its President, [right] *Francesc Ventura* (Spain)



### Association of European Schools of Planning

ISOCARP and AESOP have been in a long time relation. Joint seminars have been held in the previous years (Monte Vèrta, Visby and Genua). A logic next step was to intensify the relation.

Both Presidents - *Peter Ache* (AESOP) and *Pierre Laconte* (ISOCARP) signed recently the Memorandum of Understanding. With Zeynep Enlil on board of the ISOCARP Executive Committee, who is at the same time a Council Member of AESOP, future joint activities are under construction.

### SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES – GENEVA 31 October and 1 November 2008

The "Sustainable Cities and Communities conference" is jointly organised by the WWF and Green Power Conferences. The Conference will focus on the practical challenges and opportunities cities and communities will face in order to tackle rising greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and congestion.

This two day high profile conference will bring together key players involved in planning, developing and managing new and existing urban infrastructure. Experts will convene to debate how municipal authorities and urban planners can reduce the environmental footprint of their cities, adapt and cut down their exposure to climate change and the associated threats. They include:

James P Leape, Director General, WWF International Prof. Peter Droege, Senior Advisor, Urban Climate Change Research Network Stefan Behling, Senior Partner, Foster & Partners Peter Head, Director of Planning and Integrated Urbanism, Arup Stefan Behnisch, Architect, Behnisch Architekten Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary General, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability Dr. Jonathan Woetzel, Director – Shanghai, McKinsey & Co. Dr. Paul Toyne, Head of Sustainability, Bovis Lend Lease UK Pierre Laconte, President, International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)

Booking takes place online by following this link: <http://greenpower.msgfocus.com/c/11n9npz5q1EceKk>, Call Simon Neill on +44 207 099 0600 or email [Simon.neill@greenpowerconferences.com](mailto:Simon.neill@greenpowerconferences.com)



**ISOCARP URBAN ADVISORY TEAM  
EXPERT TEAM SESSIONS  
OREGON, USA 2008**

**The Oregon Urbanisation Spectrum**

Report excerpts from:  
*Ismael Fernandez, Pablo Vaggione, Jim Colman and Ric Stephens*

On the initiative of US ISOCARP Member Ric Stephens, ISOCARP was invited by the Urban Land Institute Oregon/SW Washington District and numerous supporting organisations. The ISOCARP Executive Committee (EXCO) was invited to visit several cities throughout Oregon for a combined Spring meeting and a UPAT.

This was the first U.S. ISOCARP EXCO visit, and the tour encompassed the spectrum of Pacific Northwest U.S. planning issues.

**Program**

The Team was composed of nine EXCO members and two additional UPAT members from ten countries. Prior to their visit, the host cities and organizations emailed background information on the issues to be studied. When the UPAT arrived, they were given a briefing by agency officials, then taken on a tour of the project area. Afterwards the teams broke into smaller groups to work with local representatives in a workshop or charrette. The collective information was presented to the local government at a public meeting. A written report will be prepared to summarize the UPAT findings and recommendations.



**A Great Place to Try Something New: Lincoln City**

[www.historiccutler.org](http://www.historiccutler.org)  
**Coastal Community Revitalisation**

The UPAT participated in the Lincoln City Cutler charrette which included professionals from the west coast.

The charrette produced a series of illustrations, documents, video and posters outlining innovative approaches to revitalizing this coastal community. The design team recommendations included a wide variety of strategies including:

- . converting neighbourhood streets into public spaces (such as the Dutch 'woonerfs')
- . integrating local artists and artisans in creating an entry statement for the community and providing public art in open spaces
- . consideration of a parallel road or loop from the highway to redirect/deemphasize traffic



**Farming Heartland:  
Junction City**

[www.ci.junction-city.or.us](http://www.ci.junction-city.or.us)  
**Rural Community Revitalization**

Junction City is currently considering a "couplet" design to split the main thoroughfare. It is suggested that with careful design, the couplet can be made to serve both drivers and pedestrians, with positive spin-offs for both. Design could be based on the following principles, the aim being to signal to all drivers that the minute they enter the couplet they are 'guests' of Junction City who must recognize that while in town, pedestrians and cyclists have priority. Design principles might include:

- . roundabouts at both ends of the couplet (entry/exit points)
- . mandated and policed speed limit in the downtown blocks between roundabouts of 10-15 mph
- . sidewalk widening; variations in pavement materials, colours, textures
- . change of pavement material to encourage slower vehicle movement – why not cobblestones ?
- . distinctive lighting and street furniture
- . generously sized dedicated and well marked crossings for pedestrians and disabled
- . conveniently located cycle lanes and parking
- . curb side parking lane.

Such a system could bring fewer accidents, less noise, less pollution, and greater pride in the downtown as a place for meeting, shopping, strolling. This result will in due course enhance the attractiveness of the town centre as a good place to invest and do business.







## 21st Century Comprehensive Planning: Damascus City

[www.ci.damascus.or.us](http://www.ci.damascus.or.us)

### New Community Planning

Local participants mentioned that population increase could range from 16,000 to 70,000 in less than ten years. The economic base that would support this growth was not particularly clear, other than the influence of Portland's growth on housing demands.

In view of this, the preparation of a strategic plan that would contemplate how to create and sustain a distinctive brand for Damascus was proposed. This plan would benefit from scenario planning, depicting pros and cons of possible population futures and its implication on the economic base, the environment, infrastructure, land use, urban services and civic amenities, and the overall character of Damascus. Key questions that this exercise should address include: What is the best future for Damascus in 2017? What is the right amount of people for it? What is the economic base that supports that figure?



This framework should not mean that development must be avoided. What it would bring is a roadmap of conservation for development, intending to preserve without "freezing" opportunities for sustainable growth.

The community in Damascus is facing the rare opportunity to plan a city from scratch in the 21st century. In its origin, the city of Damascus was named after a "new beginning", portraying the spirit of the pioneer. But what does the spirit of the pioneer mean in our century? It transcended in the charrette that building on strengths and capitalizing on this spirit is a distinctive element in the city's development strategy.







**The New Look: Metro**  
www.oregonmetro.gov  
**Metropolitan Community Planning**

The UPAT was asked to focus their discussion on Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding. The following notes are from the initial Metro meeting:

- Singapore is cited as a model for directing growth through investments in Public Transportation infrastructure.
- Coordination of infrastructure services, especially for maintenance, is a key to successful service provision. Vienna has consolidated service provision but not maintenance.
- Coordination to put infrastructure in place is a good goal, but it is problematic when services are provided by a variety of entities and funds are available at different times.
- Privatization of infrastructure is not always successful – examples of failure when basic services such as roads or railways are privatized but do not bring in expected revenues (Australia freeways, UK/France Chunnel, Brit Rail).
- There are some good models of public/private partnerships in France and England for public planning and control of infrastructure, with a competitive concession for operations and maintenance. France has increased the efficiencies of its concessions so that the profit margin is low. In Japan, high-speed rail provides service of a similar distance from New York to Philadelphia in half the time, for half the cost, due to public-private partnerships and development concessions for Japanese rail operator. In London, the congestion charge is also a winner for British Telecom who collects Short Message Service (SMS) fees when the charge is paid over a mobile phone.
- Madrid is home to many of the largest construction companies and the Urban Management Forum (Chaired by Pablo Vaggione) brings them together to increase support for infrastructure provision and leveraging private sector investment. This gives the construction companies the opportunity to see the benefits of diversifying to meet new infrastructure needs (i.e. new telecommunications equipment)
- Greece uses a formula for paying for infrastructure in new urban areas of 1/3 paid by local residents, 1/3 by providers, and 1/3 by the state.
- Opportunities to change behaviors by reducing or minimizing peak use of a variety of services. Singapore is so carefully metered that there is no rush hour congestion due to such high tolls on the roads at that time. Variable pricing can work for energy and water as well.
- Coordination can save money, increase efficiencies for example running fiber cables through sewer lines.

These excerpts are from the Metro meetings and a comprehensive UPAT report currently in draft.

*Ric Stephens*, US ISOCARP Member  
UPAT Coordinator



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*The amazing neverending beautiful landscape of Oregon*

**Editorial of Me Beth Offenbacher Chair  
APA International Division 2008-2010**

Dear fellow International Division Members:

Like you, I frequently am asked, "How does international planning differ from other kinds of planning?" My answer is that while it's similar, of course it's very different. It's different precisely because it calls upon us to reconsider our conceptions of what community is—and what it means—without the limitations of geography. It is this point exactly that distinguishes the International Division from others within the APA family.

Moreover, in the interdependent 21st century global community we live in, we can scarcely afford not to identify and model best practices that are successfully addressing complex issues such as global warming, affordable housing and food system planning, among many others. The benefits to these best practices can accrue both locally and globally. In short, we provide a unique lens to the practice of planning, and by doing so can positively enhance the quality of communities around the world. This drive and commitment to creating quality communities in all places serves as the core emphasis of the knowledge-focused, skill building programs and services that the International Division provides.