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Foreword

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I am pleased to present this third issue of ISOCARP REVIEW, a yearly publication that explores specific aspects of the annual ISOCARP Congress theme.

This thematic publication is the result of an initiative taken by my predecessor Alfonso Vegara. It proved from the outset a remarkable way of distributing to Congress participants a quality publication devoted to congress highlights, without them having to wait for the eventual general proceedings. The positive international reactions to ISOCARP REVIEW 01 and 02 helped us to find a sponsor for a translation of this issue in French: our member Certu (Centre d'Etudes sur les réseaux, les transports, l'urbanisme et les constuctions publiques). We are grateful to Certu for its generous support.

REVIEW 03 contains a selection of case studies related to this year's congress theme. The theme "Urban Trialogues" focuses on strategic projects that do not only need to be planned but also to be implemented in agreement between a diversity of actors and stakeholders. This theme is particularly challenging to planners worldwide. Cases range from Asia, South America and Canada to Europe. France's Bordeaux urban renaissance is shown to result from a successful inclusion of all stakeholders in reshaping the waterfront in favour of public transport.

Preparing this publication has taken an inordinate amount of time and effort. On behalf of our Society I wish to warmly congratulate and thank the Co-chair of the Local Organising Committee Jef Van den Broeck and his Congress team, as well as the Vice-President for publications Paolo la Greca, Louis Albrechts as a member of the scientific committee and the General Rapporteur Fernanda Magalhaes, while not forgetting the individual contributors of the specific chapters.

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