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MESSAGE by the PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am pleased to report to you once again about priorities and ongoing developments of your Society.

1. ENHANCING THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP.

My 2005 statement of Commitment as candidate for the presidency stated as first objective: INCREASE THE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP IN A MAXIMUM OF COUNTRIES BY IDENTIFYING LEADING PLANNING PROFESSIONALS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN EACH TARGET COUNTRY. Advantages of membership include the networking and information opportunities offered by congresses and eligibility for participation in advisory teams and in international projects financed by the European Union in Europe and elsewhere. Awards for excellence constitute an additional form of recognition.

- DALIAN CONGRESS/EXHIBITION (19-23 September); SPONSORED BOTH BY ISOCARP AND THE URBAN PLANNING SOCIETY OF CHINA. The Congress brochure is available in both English and Chinese.

This important Chinese presence should give an extra opportunity to our individual and institutional members for approaching the Chinese market of professional services, in addition to the usual networking and professional information exchange. More than 200 abstracts have come in. General Rapporteur Prof Detlef Kammeier, who got the 2004 award for the best paper, is in charge of organising the selection. The Young Planning Professionals Workshops are handled by VP Zeynep Enlil, while the congress and exhibition organisation is supervised by VP/ Treasurer Manfred Schrenk. Exhibitor packages (3.000 €) are all-inclusive. The tourist appeal of China is not forgotten, as a wider choice than ever of post-congress tours is on offer by the Local organising Committee and by Tongji University.



Dalian Main Square

A specific feature of Dalian is the fact that it was built with Russian and German capital and by German planners and architects.

The main square still testifies this input, as well as its tramways. The Congress venue and hotels are close to this landmark.

- URBAN PLANNING ADVISORY TEAMS (UPATs)

These teams are a service available to public or private institutions wishing to receive a third opinion on a given issue. This may range from the location of an airport extension to plan for pedestrian streets in a town centre. 9 UPATs have taken place until now, under the responsibility of VP Ismael Fernandez, and have been successfully reported to the institution that committed them. The 10th one will take place in a month time in Oregon, USA upon initiative of past Vice President Ric Stephens. UPAT Sitges-IV (the 11th UPAT) is taking place in June 2008. The Sitges UPATs are the subject of a publication to be edited by Paco Pérez Arellano, Bureau Member of the Mexican National Delegation.

The calls for participation in each of the teams are sent to all full members. The selection is made by ISOCARP and the Host Institution on the base of their CV and specific experience in the subject. UPATs have proven a most attractive incentive to membership. Members have been able through this opportunity to gain visibility experience and contacts (examples in ISOCARP NET, Volume 14, Issue 2, Dec 2007; see also page 12 of this NET)

- 2nd ISOCARP AWARDS for EXCELLENCE

My statement of commitment emphasized the need for "BEST PRACTICES LINKING URBAN PLANNING, MOBILITY AND ENVIRONMENT. ISOCARP DOES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME AN OBSERVATORY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, A FORUM ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES AND AN ADVOCATE OF SUSTAINABLE PLANNING" The inaugural 2005 Awards were given to five institutions that best expressed the theme of that year's congress "Making Spaces for the creative Economy". The jury was chaired by former president Javier de Mesones.

The 2nd Awards, under responsibility of Vice President Elias Beriatos, will target best practices from institutions expressing this year's congress theme "Urban Growth without Sprawl, a Way towards Sustainable Urbanization". Like in 2005, no monetary award is involved but this time the representatives of the Award winning institutions, wherever their location, will be given free travel to Dalian and the accommodation during the whole congress as well as the registration fee will be waived. They will be invited to present their scheme/project at the last day of the Congress. Two of the first Awards (Curitiba and Singapore) are shown herewith, for memory. The other ones were Cato



*Curitiba Universidade Livre de Meio Ambiente
The Award for Curitiba reads as follows
"For more than a decade of creative efforts in eco development and sustainability in Curitiba. The recent 'eco-technology' vision to integrate excellence in environmental issues with that of the*

*Singapore JTC Corp., The Award for Singapore One North reads as follows:
"For the development of the One-North initiative, a space for fusion and creativity, from the clarity of vision to the realisation phase. The components of One-North, such as the Biopolis, have the capacity to attract international talent for the development of innovative activities"*



Manor development (Durban), Rià 2000 (Bilbao) and Helsinki's Strategic development policy. I cordially invite you to recommend projects (see page 5)

- DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL PROJECT OFFICES

The Sitges Regional Project Office established by my predecessor Alfonso Vegara, in partnership with the Municipality, has developed to the mutual satisfaction of partners. We have agreed that a further support of the Municipality would be made available, allowing an important additional development of our activities.

Another Regional project office has been opened, in Brussels, aiming at gathering information and 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 limited the countries of Europe (see Report of new Brussels Project Office, page 6)

2. NETWORKING WITH OTHER PLANNING ORGANISATIONS.

The 2005 Statement stressed the PROMOTION OF RELATIONS AND COMMON ACTIVITIES WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND WITH OTHER PLANNING ASSOCIATIONS, DEVELOPING EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ABOUT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

To this effect several Memoranda of Understanding with organisations pursuing related objectives are under construction, such as ICOMOS and AESOP, following the in 2004 signed MOU with IFLA and with several publishers (SCAPE, TOPOS and ROUTLEDGE). Special collaboration is taking place with ECTP (see page 9). Collaboration is also developing with IFHP (I shall be the rapporteur and concluding speaker of their Liverpool Conference about Urban Regeneration (page 11) and the RICS (on defining energy saving neighbourhoods).

3. ELECTIONS.

2008 will be an important election year as the President's and four VP's seats are coming up for election. The Presidential winning candidate will be announced at the Dalian Congress and take office at the end of my term in 2009 (Congress Porto, General Assembly).

Best regards,
Pierre

MESSAGE by Secretary General Pablo Vaggione

Dear colleagues and friends,

*Secretary General's visit
to The Hague Head Quarters*

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to talk to our members for the first time as Secretary General.

Please allow me to begin with words of immense gratitude to every one of you for entrusting me with such important responsibility. I am honored to have received, from many members and National Delegations in the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania, strong encouragement that helped me decide to put my name forward.



Before we jump into the exciting future that lies ahead of us, I would like to look back at my predecessors in admiration. The dedication of Herman Herwig, Dick Slebos, Greta de Ranitz-Vervloet, Charles Delfante, Hein Struben, Peter Jonquière and Milica Bajic has left a blueprint of commitment and professionalism that will constitute both a guiding light and a source of inspiration. I hope my actions are worthy of their legacy and that I can contribute to continue their accomplishments.

It's been a little over 6 months since Antwerp, when I began my term. Since then we have embarked in a number of initiatives with you at the centre of our actions.

First, the Winter EXCO discussed and accepted a new internal structure which will help us to better face opportunities contemporary to the fifth decade in the life of ISOCARP. We are in the process of refining the new structure's components and addressing implications, but I can advance that it aims to make it easier for motivated members to become involved and use the society as a vehicle to develop their initiatives. The new structure, built around specific action programmes, intends to enhance our society's agility.

We have been busy with fueling an "emerging partnership", as they refer to it, with UN-Habitat. In Dalian, a high representative of the organisation will deliver an official statement on behalf of Executive Director Ana Tibajuka. During my last visit to Nairobi, UN-Habitat asked if we would like to contribute with our input in preparing the framework for the upcoming World Urban Forum in Nanjing, specifically on issues of harmony and planning. We have done so through the dedication of Jim Reilly, Peter Robinson, BK Jain, Peter Jonquière, Amer Moustafa, Isabel Viana, Chris Gossop and Ana-Maria Fernandez Maldonado who contributed greatly in preparing ISOCARP's response.

In addition, we have submitted a proposal for hosting a networking event at the World Urban Forum in Nanjing, 3-7 November 2008. We are grateful to Shi Nan and the Urban Planning Society of China, who are our partner organisation in the event. If our proposal were to be accepted, it would be the first time that ISOCARP hosts a networking event in WUF. Competition is fierce, so let's keep our fingers crossed.

We are looking to further expand our relations with multilateral organisations such as the UN-ECE, UNESCO and the Council of Europe. We are establishing with our accredited representatives a systematic approach to elevate our profile. In late April, I will participate in a workshop hosted by the UN in New York representing ISOCARP. We are looking for members with links with the World Bank, the Asia Pacific Development Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. Please let us know if you would like to lead or help in building a relationship with these institutions.

We are taking steps to get closer to our members by increasing the presence of ISOCARP in emerging regions. We are giving full support to consolidate the Asia Pacific chapter, launched by Jim Colman, and the Latin American chapter, which was presented in Antwerp by Teresa

Franchini and Gildo Seisdedos. In Dalian, we are looking forward to announce the launch of the African Chapter thanks to an initiative by the Kenya National Delegation which I am particularly proud of. Special thanks to Mairura Omwenga for his leadership on this.

Chris Gossop has produced a very interesting note on issues of climate change and its implications for planning which can be considered as a solid theme for future events and applied research. He has also proposed options for an ISOCARP carbon offsetting scheme which the EXCO is considering. Chris, many thanks for your commitment.

As this newsletter is going to press, we are putting together a proposal for a research project with WHO, led by Jim Colman and Didier Vancutsem. This is aligned with the objectives of the Technical Assistance programme under the new structure. I encourage you to update your profile so we know about your expertise at all times. This is very helpful for us to quickly react to potential opportunities.

This is an important year for ISOCARP. We are hosting a congress in Dalian, at a time that most eyes will be on China. The joint plenary sessions with the Urban Planning Society of China and breakout workshops will bring interesting exchange opportunities for all of us. Sprawl is an exciting and timely theme for both developed and developing world, which ensures lively discussions and transferable experiences. The congress team led by Detlef Kammeier has worked hard in preparing the congress' content framework and is now busy reading abstracts. Hats off to Detlef, the congress team, and to all of you who have submitted work.

This brings me to the 2008 election which calls for a new President and four VPs. In this newsletter you can find practical information regarding the election's schedule, and nomination and voting rights. Pierre and I invite all of you to have a say in the future of ISOCARP by actively participating with your nominations and votes.

I've run out of space. Dear friends, together we can contribute to the best possible future for our society and our profession. For this, your participation and impulse are vital. I encourage you to come forward with your ideas and projects. This is your society and we are here to make the most out of it.

Best regards,
Pablo

MESSAGE by Vice President/Treasurer Manfred Schrenk

*VP/Treasurer's visit to The
Hague Head Quarters*

Dear Friends,
Dear Colleagues,

It's an exciting challenge to be treasurer of an international professional society, and it's even more exhilarating in a time when the world, cities and regions, our profession and our society are undergoing fundamental changes. Let me thank you very much for your trust in my abilities to cope with this task! Pablo already mentioned that EXCO is working on a new internal structure that encourages members initiatives, and I see it as my job to fully support this approach and to ensure the financial stability of all our activities.

Beside the tasks of the treasurer I have taken over the responsibility to contribute to our Events Programme: let me take the opportunity to ask you on your ideas for additional ISOCARP-events (or improvements of the existing ones) - I will be happy to discuss your ideas with you!

Pablo has mentioned many regions where ISOCARP is expanding its activities - last but not least I see it as a personal challenge to improve the visibility also in Central and Eastern Europe.



ISOCARP BUSINESS

ELECTIONS 2008 - INVITATION for Nominations

President Pierre Laconte and Secretary General
Pablo Vaggione herewith officially invite all members to nominate candidates for:

A New President and FOUR Vice Presidents

Nomination Rights, Eligibility and Voting Rights *according to the ISOCARP Statutes:*

Nomination Rights: all members can nominate. Eligibility: individual* full members of ISOCARP, only.

Voting Rights: ISOCARP Council Members

*includes the officially accredited representatives of ISOCARP Institutional Members as well as Joint Institutional Members

Open Posts in the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO)

A New President

In September 2009 (General Assembly), President Pierre Laconte will end his term and stays in the EXCO, for another year, as immediate past President; a President serves one term of 3 years. The Elected New President will join the Executive Committee as President Elect on 23 September 2008.

Four Vice Presidents

Vice Presidents are elected for one term, but can be re-elected one time.

On 23 September 2008, the following Vice Presidents will end their term:

2nd and last term: Elias Beriatos, Greece.

1st term: Paolo La Greca, Italy; Jim Colman, Australia; Zeynep Enlil, Turkey.

Elected Vice Presidents' inauguration at the General Assembly on 23 September 2008.

They immediately take office, term: Sept 2008 – Sept 2011.

Candidates' nominations should include:

(A) A letter of intent of the candidate confirming acceptance of the Nomination and indicating the willingness to stand in position for Executive Committee elections. (B) A CV of the candidate. (C.1) New President: A statement by the candidate committing him/herself to the Society and a View on the Future of ISOCARP. (C.2) Vice Presidents: A statement by the candidates explaining their contribution to the Society. Vice Presidents' contributions should aim at the improvement – in all aspects – to the benefit of the international status of ISOCARP and contribute to the economic sustainability of the Society.

Candidates willing to stand in position need to be aware of the following:

- Each EXCO member commits him/herself to be responsible for one of the Jobs described and may express a preference for one of them. All VP positions require a considerable amount of time and personal input, without honorarium.
- The EXCO meets at least 3 times a year: Winter, Spring and Autumn EXCO meetings: 1x either at Head Quarters in The Hague, NL or at the ISOCARP Project Office in Sitges, ES; 1x in May/June (Seminar or Expert Meeting); 1x at the Venue of the annual Congress.
- EXCO members should at least attend 2 of those meetings.

Additional to these meetings, it is a condition sine qua non that EXCO members attend all ISOCARP events to give them visibility to our members. The President and the Vice Presidents receive an allowance of Euro 1,000 maximum - from congress to congress – supporting in the financial means that are required to perform the EXCO task (a.o. travel/hotel costs, participation fees to ISOCARP events etc.)

Together with this Newsletter ISOCARP MEMBERS receive the following:

- 1) A form, called CANDIDATES'S NOMINATIONS; kindly complete and send, fax or scan and e-mail to the Secretariat.
- 2) All EXCO Job Descriptions.

Election Schedule 2008:

01-03-08: Launch Call for Candidates' Nominations

15-06-08: Deadline Submission Candidates' Nominations

01-07-08: Mailing ballot forms to ISOCARP Council Members

10-07 to 10-09 2008: official elections

10-09-08: Deadline voting

Between 11-09 and 16-09 (at the latest): Opening Ballots by the Scrutinisers' Committee.



2nd ISOCARP AWARDS for EXCELLENCE

INTRODUCTION

In 2005, to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the Society, the ISOCARP Awards for Excellence were created as the highest honour that ISOCARP can award to a city or an institution. The Awards for Excellence are conferred in recognition of exceptionally innovative urban and regional initiatives that best express the theme of the ISOCARP Congress that year.

The inaugural ISOCARP Awards for Excellence were awarded at the 2005 Congress of Bilbao, at a special ceremony celebrating "Four Decades of knowledge creation and sharing" held in the atrium of the Guggenheim Museum. The inaugural Awards were given to five institutions that best expressed the Congress theme 'making spaces for the Creative economy'

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The International Society of City and Regional Planners has the pleasure to invite all eligible applicants to submit entries for the 2008 ISOCARP Awards for Excellence .

Aims

By launching this competition ISOCARP aims at :

- Stimulating/Promoting innovative spatial projects (urban and/or regional), successfully elaborated and/or implemented by local, regional, national authorities or other institutions and thus improving natural and built environment, quality of life and cultural development in line with the congress theme.
- Recognising the importance and significance of spatial and environmental planning -in the era of climate change and globalisation- and the participatory planning processes.
- Promoting the planning activity around the world.

Eligibility and content

The competition is open to legal entities of various types, from both public and private sectors, such as: local and regional authorities, national, transnational and international institutions, universities, research centres, planning agencies, NGOs, private companies etc from all five Continents.

Individuals could be eligible candidates in cooperation with/or through the above legal entities.

The themes/topics of submitted projects/plans/schemes could refer to any thematic field or general topic of city and regional planning in the framework of sustainable spatial development strategy.

Entry requirements

- Each entry should be written in English, French, German or Spanish. If French, German or Spanish is used a summary in English is needed.
- Each entry should be in electronic format (DOC -Microsoft Word Document) and hard copy. Letters : Arial 14pt type for headings and titles and Arial 12pt type for the rest of the text is recommended. All margins around should be 3.0 cm.
- A general description (explanatory report) of the entry is needed, illustrated by sketches, photos and schemes, of no longer than five (5) pages A4. In this report will be included contact names from the responsible entity/authority, the planners involved and other useful contacts.
- Exhibition format : two rigid panels A1 showing the location of the project in large scale, illustrated by photos, schemes or designs of the necessary aspects of it. In the same panel will be marked the names of the responsible/financing entity/authority and involved planners.

Jury and Evaluation Criteria

The International Society of City and Regional Planners – ISOCARP will deliver Awards for Excellence to the winners . These certificates given to the winners (responsible entities/bodies) will also mention the urban and regional planners involved in the submitted entries. The projects awarded will be those which are considered of outstanding importance by an independent jury composed by qualified planners (practitioners and academics). This jury will be appointed by the Executive Committee of ISOCARP in due course.

The projects must take the following criteria into consideration: quality of diagnosis (good description of existing situation and issues), internal consistency and coherence of the project, originality and innovative character, the possibility of using the project as best practice in other cases, the quality of presentation.

The 2008 ISOCARP Award for Excellence Ceremony

The Award ceremony will take place during the 44th annual planning ISOCARP Congress in China – City of Dalian.

Use of the competition results; benefits/obligations of the applicants

- All entries (awarded projects or not) will be exhibited in the exhibition accompanying the ISOCARP Congress in China- Dalian, September 2008.
- The awarded entries/projects will be published in a special edition / album and will have a wide range of publicity and dissemination, besides being on the website.
- The winners' representative will be reimbursed for his/her travel and accommodation expenses during ISOCARP's congress 2008 and also will be dispensed from paying his/her congress fees.
- ISOCARP has the copyright for the publication of the results of the competition (awards/winners/participants) as well as the ownership of all entries after the competition.

Participation fees

Each candidate must accompany their entry (project dossier) by evidence of payment of the participation fees which are as follows (according to the applicant's category).

- Authorities (local-regional), public institutions, agencies, private companies: 1,000 Euro.
 - NGOs - Non profit associations, corporations etc.: 500 Euro.
- Payments must be done until 1st June 2008 (expiring date of submissions).

Timetable

- The deadline for submissions is 1st June 2008
- The evaluation of entries will be done from 1st June to 15th July 2008 and applicants will immediately be informed on a confidential base.
- The announcement of results and winners will take place during the 44th annual planning ISOCARP Congress in China– City of Dalian on 23 September 2008.

More Information

Way of Payment and Application/Entry Form:

Kindly Contact: isocarp@isocarp.org

Bilbao 2005,
1st ISOCARP
Awards for Excellence Ceremony



ISOCARP BRUSSELS PROJECT OFFICE (BPO)

By Didier Vancutsem, BPO Director

During the last months, the BPO, representing ISOCARP Members, has participated in several project initiatives on EU-Level. Hereafter are presented some of the urban planning projects, which could start in a near future. ISOCARP Members interested in participating, please contact Didier Vancutsem at info@vancutsem.de

Project URBACT II "LAND USE MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE EUROPEAN CITIES"

The URBACT Project, co-introduced by the University of Karlsruhe, the cities of Kavala (GR), Bytom (PL), the Agglomeration of St Etienne (FR) and the B P O, has as theme "Land Use Management for Sustainable European Cities". The project will focus on Strategic Land Use Management, as it is one of the most important topics for competitiveness, attractiveness and sustainability of European City regions. Today, a definition of strategies of land use implementation is limited, and therefore recycling process of urban brownfields is not efficient. Strategic planning is mostly not able to manage land use. The project will deal with the strategic level (strategic planning methods, process of cooperation between public and private bodies, fiscal measures and observation tools) and the operational level action plans related to case studies) of land use management; furthermore the project will elaborate strategies, methods, tools and practical recommendations.

The first call for Proposals for the creation of the URBACT II Thematic Networks and Working Groups was closed on February 15th 2008. Eligibility check is being carried out by the URBACT Secretariat and will be followed by the assessment of the eligible proposals by an External Assessment Panel led by Mrs. H. Helander. The next URBACT Monitoring Committee (April 18th 2008) will approve the Thematic Networks and Working Groups that will enter in their development phase (6 months).

Project Grundtvig II – "LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME FOR PLANNERS"

The European Commission has integrated its various educational and training initiatives under a single umbrella, the Lifelong Learning Programme. With a significant budget of nearly EUR 7 billion for 2007 to 2013, the new programme replaces the existing education, vocational training and e-Learning programmes, which ended in 2006. The new Lifelong Learning Programme enables individuals at all stages of their lives to pursue stimulating learning opportunities across Europe. It consists of four sub-programmes: Comenius (for

schools), Erasmus (for higher education), Leonardo da Vinci (for vocational education and training) and Grundtvig (for adult education). The B P O is participating in a Call for „Lifelong Learning Programme – Grundtvig (Adult education)“, together with European Universities and Organisations, which will start in 2009: the project, with the topic of Climate Change related to Urban Planning, will develop a platform for the exchange of knowledge on a high level of education.

INTERREG IVC Proposal - European Urban LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP - Development of a sustainable network of European cities, universities, government organisations and NGOs.

The B P O is involved in a consortium of different actors submitting an Interreg IVC Proposal. Objective of the proposed project is to develop a practical platform for organising European co-operation for the promotion of landscape protection, management and planning in urban and peri-urban areas through which to pursue the aims of the European Landscape Convention and to support the Thematic Strategy for the Urban Environment. The intention is to transfer established experience of European cooperation from the university sector to other stakeholders with interests in the urban landscape, in particular municipal authorities. Important synergy effects are to be expected from closer cooperation and sharing of information in this important field, between teaching, research, practice and policy making. Motivation for this proposal is the belief that the urban landscape in future must be seen as a key strategic resource in the development of Europe's towns and cities, which are already home to some three quarters of the 800 million Europeans who live in the member states of the Council of Europe.

The 2nd Call for proposals of INTERREG IVC will be launched in June 2008, the proposal of this 3-years project will be introduced in October 2008.

BPO NETWORKING

During the last months, the BPO has intensified its contacts with ECTP, European Council of Town Planners, and with the ACE-CEA European Council of Architects in view of developing EU-Projects and to find EU-Funding for Research Projects on Urban Planning. Regarding the spreading of Information on Urban Planning, ISOCARP represented by its BPO has been asked by the Higher Institute of Town Planning (ISURU), Brussels, to develop a Database on Urban Planning Institutes worldwide. This database should also be a tool for the real time updating of the ISOCARP Secretariat's Database of members. Contacts e.g. with AESOP and other partners will be developed in the next weeks.

ISOCARP MEMBERS

New Members Welcome

Institutional Members: Bureau II BVBA, Roeselare, *Belgium*, represented by Mr Hendrik Vermoortel; CFDU - Conseil Français des Urbanistes, *France*, represented by Mr Francis Cuillier; Matexi Group, *Belgium*, represented by Ms Veronique Lambrechts; *Under provision of membership fee payment:* Association Tunisienne des Urbanistes (ATU), *Tunisia*, represented by Morched Chabbi. **Joint Members:** Gaetan Hannecart (Matexi Group), *Belgium*. **Individual Members:** *Austria:* Stephanie Rüsck, Gregor Wiltschko; *Belgium:* Denis Belvaux; *France:* Janine Marin, Shandra Miller (CAN); *Canada:* Susan Reimerl; *India:* Sumeet Agarwal, Arndt Husar; *Ireland:* Kenneth John Spelman; *Italy:* Luigi Cipolla, Pietro Elisei; *Kosovo:* Masayuki Yokota (JAP); *Lithuania:* Dalia Bardauskiene; *Mexico:* Raul Abelar; *Serbia:* Marija Maksin-Micic; *Seychelles:* Zoran Vuksanovic; *India:* Sumeet Agarwal; *United Arab Emirates:* Amer Moustafa; *United Kingdom:* James Jenkison (NWZ), Abdelkhalek Ibrahim (EGY); *United States:* Lorraine Gonzales.

The formal approval of new individual members takes place at the meeting of the General Assembly once a year, during our annual congress.

† Nico Roorda van Eysinga, Netherlands; When Nico Roorda van Eysinga suddenly died at the age of 86 on 29th January this year, ISOCARP lost one of its most loyal members, who has not only contributed to our Society over many years as an active participant in Congresses and other meetings but also as Treasurer of the Exco from 1986 to 1989. Nico "the gardener", as his daughters typified him in the death announcement, was trained as a landscape architect and was a member of ISOCARP since its foundation in 1965'. He was a partner in the ISOCARP Founder Sam van Embden's office, where he worked from 1949 onwards and he was involved in many projects in the Netherlands, advising municipalities and governmental agencies, as well as abroad, a.o. in Africa, Kuwait, Indonesia and Singapore. His pragmatic but always wise contributions to our Society will be sadly missed and remembered by many of us.

Nouveaux Membres et Activités Francophones

CFDU, Conseil Français des Urbanistes Nouveau Membre Institutionnelle AIU/ISOCARP



Le Conseil Français des Urbanistes (CFDU), présidé par Francis Cuiller, Directeur de l'Agence d'urbanisme de Bordeaux, est une confédération d'associations qui représente, depuis onze ans, la quasi totalité des professionnels de l'urbanisme. Cette confédération a été créée par le mouvement « Profession

Urbaniste » après le constat d'un manque de lisibilité et d'audience d'une profession trop fragmentée. Le CFDU rassemble des personnes morales, à savoir des associations nationales et régionales d'urbanistes, lesquelles gardent une grande latitude dans leur organisation. Les associations nationales d'urbanistes, fondatrices du CFDU en 1996, représentent le plus souvent, hormis la SFU, un mode particulier d'exercice: dans les collectivités territoriales, les services de l'État, les agences d'urbanisme, les CAUE, les PACT-ARIM et chez les géomètres experts urbanistes. Elles suivent avec attention les conditions d'exercice professionnel, aux niveaux national ou européen. Les associations régionales d'urbanistes ont pour objectif essentiel d'organiser les débats sur les enjeux et pratiques de l'urbanisme au niveau local et, si besoin, de les répercuter au niveau national. Elles permettent surtout l'échange des connaissances et des pratiques entre différents modes d'exercice.

Les objectifs du CFDU sont la promotion de l'urbanisme, la mise en réseau des urbanistes et la représentation de la profession auprès de tous les acteurs concernés, aux niveaux national et européen. Le CFDU vise à organiser et communiquer les positions des professionnels de l'urbanisme sur les enjeux spatiaux des activités humaines en France et en Europe.

L'ambition du CFDU est ainsi de:

- Contribuer à une organisation réfléchie et responsable des territoires, dans le respect de l'intérêt général et la recherche des équilibres sociaux, économiques et environnementaux, soit la recherche d'un développement durable.
- Contribuer à la qualité de la ville et de son environnement, au développement durable, à la réduction de l'exclusion, en œuvrant aux différents stades des projets, tant du côté des maîtres d'ouvrage que des prestataires de services.
- Organiser, développer la présence active des urbanistes dans le débat sur la ville et l'aménagement des territoires, dans le contexte renouvelé par les lois récentes (SRU, LOADT, intercommunalité, risques technologiques, décentralisation, LOLF, énergie, simplification de l'ADS, nouveaux contrats, droit au logement opposable, futur « grenelle du développement durable »...)
- Préciser et faire préciser par les pouvoirs publics les responsabilités des urbanistes, les règles de déontologie collective et d'éthique personnelle qui les inspirent, pour promouvoir un urbanisme plus cohérent, au service de l'homme et de la planète.
- Développer la profession selon différents modes d'exercice complémentaires et la positionner sur les marchés internationaux. Prendre en compte les dynamiques professionnelles et associatives, pour les faire se rencontrer et se renforcer mutuellement.
- Susciter les complémentarités et les coopérations nécessaires entre secteurs publics, associatifs et privés. Soutenir la mobilité entre les secteurs.
- Conforter les capacités d'action et d'innovation du secteur associatif. Veiller à l'équilibre économique du secteur privé.
- Favoriser les synergies sur les marchés extérieurs afin de renforcer la présence des urbanistes français (sans exclure bien entendu les partenariats avec des structures étrangères) en associant les expériences et les compétences des uns et des autres, notamment dans l'élaboration de projets et l'assistance aux maîtres d'ouvrage.
- Travailler avec les urbanistes européens, notamment avec le Conseil Européen des Urbanistes (CEU) dans le cadre d'une

convention avec la SFU, sur des sujets communs, notamment sur la libre circulation des compétences.

- Améliorer les formations initiales et continues, leur adéquation aux problématiques contemporaines et au développement de la mobilité entre les différents modes d'exercice de la profession.
- Contribuer aux côtés de l'Office professionnel de qualification des urbanistes (OPQU) au développement de la qualification dans le milieu professionnel et auprès des donneurs d'ordre.

CFDU Université d'été: le 26, 27 et 29 août 2008. Thème: "Espaces Métropolitains: territoires d'innovation, lieux d'exclusion".

ATU, Association Tunisienne des Urbanistes Message par Morched Chabbi Membre de Bureau AIU/ISOCARP Tunisie



Je suis heureux de vous annoncer l'adhésion de l'Association tunisienne des urbanistes (ATU) comme membre institutionnel au sein de l'AIU/ISOCARP. Cette adhésion n'est pas le fait du hasard car les urbanistes tunisiens ont individuellement adhéré à l'AIU/ISOCARP dès 1978.

Les rapports excellents établis au sein de l'AIU/ISOCARP ont permis d'organiser le 16ème congrès à Tunis autour du thème "Urbanisme et formation". C'était la 1ère fois que l'AIU/ISOCARP organisait un congrès mondial dans un pays du sud. C'est d'ailleurs à la suite de cette manifestation que l'ATU a été créée en 1980. Aujourd'hui de plus en plus d'associations d'urbanisme sont créées en Afrique et au mois d'avril une réunion groupant une quinzaine d'associations d'urbanisme, se tiendra à Cap Town pour la création d'une Union Africaine des Urbanistes. Cette évolution des urbanistes africains est également perceptible au sein de l'AIU/ISOCARP.

En effet en 1985 l'AIU/ISOCARP comptait 331 membres issus de 46 pays parmi lesquels les adhérents des pays du sud représentaient 13,4%. En 2005 sur les 499 membres de l'AIU/ISOCARP les adhérents des pays du sud représentent 31,7% soit plus du double des adhérents de 1985. Cette évolution est appelée à s'amplifier et c'est ce qui explique que les urbanistes d'Afrique aient décidé de s'organiser. L'ATU en devenant membre institutionnel de l'AIU/ISOCARP a pris en compte ces nouvelles données et souhaite contribuer au renforcement des capacités des urbanistes africains. A cet égard, des problèmes comme celui de la formation et de la création d'instituts d'urbanisme doivent être résolus afin d'assurer le développement de la profession d'urbaniste pour traiter les problèmes urbains auxquels sont confrontées les villes africaines.

L'ATU s'est mobilisé depuis quelques années pour inciter les pouvoirs publics en Tunisie à créer un institut d'urbanisme, d'environnement et d'aménagement du territoire. Cette mobilisation s'est traduite par la création d'un master qui permet aujourd'hui d'avoir des diplômés en urbanisme. Il reste toutefois que la création d'un institut est la seule garantie pour que les jeunes urbanistes prennent la relève. Entre-temps l'ATU par les multiples manifestations qu'elle organise (université, séminaire, table ronde etc.) vise à rapprocher le milieu professionnel du milieu universitaire afin que les futurs urbanistes soient en mesure de faire face aux questions importantes du développement urbain.

CERTU, Centre d'Études sur les réseaux, les transports, l'urbanisme et les constructions publiques.

Le centre d'études, présidé par André Rossinot, Maire de Nancy, est chargé de conduire des études dans le domaine des réseaux urbains, des transports, de l'urbanisme et des constructions publiques, pour le compte de l'État ou au bénéfice des collectivités locales, établissements publics ou entreprises chargés de missions de service public ou des professions



en cause. Il contribue, par ses activités de statistiques, d'enquêtes, d'études, d'expertises, d'expérimentation et d'innovation technologique, de production de logiciels, de publication d'ouvrages techniques et méthodologiques, de formation et d'information, au progrès des connaissances et des savoir-faire et à leur diffusion. Il participe également au développement des échanges d'expériences et à la promotion des techniques françaises à l'étranger. Dans son champ d'activités, il contribue à l'élaboration de la normalisation et de la réglementation technique ainsi qu'à la mise en œuvre des autres actions de l'État.

Le Certu compte 170 collaborateurs.

Exemple d'activité:

Mobilités et Transports dans les Pays en Développement.

Comment élaborer des stratégies de mobilité durable dans les villes des pays en développement ? Les villes des pays en développement sont aujourd'hui confrontées à une croissance forte de leur population et des déplacements qui en découlent. Elles peinent à suivre ces évolutions et à mettre en place des politiques durables de déplacements urbains. Face à ces grands enjeux de mobilité, le guide pédagogique « Quelles stratégies de déplacements adopter pour les villes des pays en développement ? » propose, aux techniciens ayant à traiter de ces questions, des pistes de réflexion pour :

- analyser la situation de ces villes en matière de déplacements urbains ;
- appréhender les évolutions à long terme ;
- définir un système de transports durables ;
- mettre en oeuvre la stratégie définie.

La présente note est une synthèse de ce guide, auquel le lecteur pourra se reporter pour plus de précision. Contactez AIU isocarp@isocarp.org pour la synthèse (PDF, 12 pages)

English Executive Summary

Mobility and Transport in Developing Countries

How can sustainable mobility strategies be developed for cities in the developing countries? Cities in developing countries are today facing a huge population growth and the accompanying growth in travel. They are struggling to keep up with these changes and to introduce sustainable urban transport policies. Faced with these major mobility challenges, the training guide "Quelles stratégies de déplacements adopter pour les villes des pays en développement ?" (What transport strategies should be adopted for cities in developing countries?) offers technicians having to deal with these issues some suggested pathways for: analysing the urban transport situation in these cities; predicting long-term changes; defining a sustainable transport system; implementing the strategy defined.

This document is a summary of the guide.

Readers should refer to the guide itself for more detail. Contact ISOCARP for the full summary (PDF, 12 pages) at isocarp@isocarp.org

De l'AIU/ISOCARP au CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE/COUNCIL of EUROPE France; L'HABITAT INSALUBRE - LA PRISE EN COMPTE DE POPULATIONS VULNERABLES - DU LOGEMENT A LA VIE SOCIALE D'UN QUARTIER

Dans le cadre de la participation de la délégation AIU/ISOCARP France au Conseil de l'Europe, ce thème a été introduit par Gérard GUILLAUME délégué ; il intéresse la plupart des pays et conserve un caractère d'urgence : d'où la proposition d'en faire l'objet d'un programme pluriannuel, débouchant sur des interventions concrètes ; cette initiative rentre dans le cadre du « Regroupement Villes ».

Cette réflexion est le fruit de plusieurs mois de travaux pilotés par Gérard GUILLAUME dans le cadre de la délégation AIU/ISOCARP France (2007-2008), mettant en évidence la nécessité de rechercher le maximum de partenaires, en associant plusieurs OINGS. Le fait de dépasser la notion un peu simpliste du « logement insalubre » pour aborder le quartier et sa dimension sociale, est novateur, nécessitant

de nombreuses contributions ; il s'agit d'une expérience validée et soutenue par le Conseil de l'Europe.

Reste aujourd'hui à appliquer la méthode définie par la Commission, à un choix de sites, soit par exemple :

- = en France, des îlots d'insalubrité au nord de l'agglomération parisienne, des cœurs de ville tombant en désuétude, avec un habitat délabré mais plein d'intérêt du fait de son caractère architectural ;
- = en Afrique du Nord, des quartiers totalement insalubres, notamment dans plusieurs ports.



Ce travail, qui revêt des aspects très concrets,

intéressant de nombreux pays, s'inscrit dans la durée. La mission de pilotage confiée à la délégation AIU/ISOCARP France fait l'objet de rapports intermédiaires qui vont se trouver réunis dans un rapport global, faisant l'objet d'une présentation lors de la session du Conseil de l'Europe en juin 2008. D'où l'intérêt de la communication d'un tel rapport aux différents pays membres d'AIU/ISOCARP afin de susciter des échanges et de promouvoir des actions.

La démarche engagée par la délégation française dans le cadre du Conseil de l'Europe ouvre un nouveau champ d'action pour AIU/ISOCARP, cela à deux titres :

- = susciter un nouvel intérêt pour la rénovation des quartiers insalubres, en mettant en avant les problèmes que pose une population particulièrement vulnérable ;
- = rechercher les moyens d'aménager, de restaurer, en restant solidaire des structures traditionnelles de la ville et des groupements humains qu'elle rassemble ; d'où la confrontation d'expériences, véritable objectif de cette démarche.

Vu l'importance que prend aujourd'hui la part de population concernée par l'habitat insalubre et ses conséquences, il est urgent d'intégrer dans les choix futurs d'urbanisation ce paramètre. Il faut éviter la constitution de ghettos, susciter de nouvelles solidarités, offrir des structures d'accueil favorisant échanges et dialogues. C'est l'occasion pour tous les pays membres de l'AIU/ISOCARP de s'associer à cette démarche.

Gérard GUILLAUME délégué rapporteur; avec la participation de Bernard AUBERT Président AIU/ISOCARP France

AIU/ISOCARP est en relation officielle avec le Conseil de L'Europe. Membres accrédités officiels sont: Wassey Bacharyar, Béata Hildebrand et Gérard Guillaume. Coordination rapports: Bernard Aubert, membre de bureau Délégation Nationale AIU/ISOCARP France.

ISOCARP has an official status with the Council of Europe. Officially accredited representatives are our members Wassey Bacharyar, Béata Hildebrand and Gérard Guillaume. Coordination reports: Bernard Aubert, Bureau Member French National Delegation.

> d'autres représentations - other representations in France <

AIU/ISOCARP a le status consultatif avec UNESCO, Paris/France. ISOCARP has the consultative status with UNESCO, Paris/France. Représentants/Representatives: Hari Barai, Philippe Vaillant, Bernard Aubert et/and Janine Marin.

RELATIONS with OTHER INSTITUTIONS - GUEST PAGE EUROPEAN COUNCIL of TOWN PLANNERS (ECTP)

The ECTP/CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners - Conseil Européen des Urbanistes) welcomes this opportunity to update ISOCARP members on its recent work and planned activities over the coming year. ISOCARP is one of our regular partners, and we value our work together to promote the positive role that spatial planning can play in developing cities and regions.

ECTP, for people who are unfamiliar with it, is the umbrella body for planning organisations in Europe. Since its inception in 1985, ECTP's core goals have been to enhance the position of spatial planners in their countries and at European level; to champion the idea of spatial planning and its implications across regional and national boundaries; to celebrate planning achievement across Europe; and to facilitate the sharing of information and good practice amongst its member organisations and their members.

In pursuit of these goals, ECTP engages with dialogue with governments at local, national and European level; works with a wide range of national and international bodies concerned with the built environment; and supports and links planners and planning organisations all over Europe. ECTP has grown to encompass 23 planning associations in 21 European countries, from Norway to Turkey; from Serbia to Spain. Taken together, these associations have a total membership of some 28,000 planners, making ECTP in effect the largest network of planners across Europe and a huge source of expertise.

In recent years, ECTP has deliberately extended its reach beyond EU member states, especially to the emerging European democracies following the demise of the old Eastern Bloc. For example, RUR, the Romanian planning association, was admitted to the Council at the last General Assembly in Nicosia in November 2007, and the process of admitting the Estonian planning association EPU has begun. Over the last eighteen months, ECTP has developed a stronger strategic orientation to its work, focusing on a number of key strategic aims and activities that reflect its core goals. Priority areas have included: > the facilitation of free movement of planners around Europe, through obtaining recognition of planning as a specific profession in its own right by the EU; > Working towards achieving the EU goal of territorial cohesion; > Celebrating and championing planning and planning achievement in Europe; and > increasing the involvement of individual planners, especially young planners, in European issues.

In relation to promoting the free movement of planners in Europe, alongside lobbying activities with EU Ministers and following a mandate from ECTP members, an ECTP Task Group has been working, most recently with the Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP), towards defining what a common platform might look like for the recognition of professional planning skills, competencies and education across Europe. During 2007, ECTP activities included taking a joint role in the AESOP Head of Department meeting 'Towards professional recognition for the planning profession in Europe'. This year, we will be looking to undertake a joint pan-European study with AESOP into free movement of planning professionals and services in the EU. The study will cover the current situation, including the present level of cross-border mobility of planning students and professionals at different stages of their careers; the situation in the public, private and academic sectors; barriers to movement and progress; case studies; and recommendations together with proposals for action.

More information on the proposal is available from the ECTP Secretary, Judith Eversley (secretariat@ceu-ectp.org).

The implications of territorial cohesion, and the role of spatial planners in making this a reality, has also been high on our agenda. In particular, the Immediate Past President of ECTP, Jan Vogelij, has taken a strong lead in this subject over the past two years. In 2007, ECTP delegates considered the subject in depth at its General Assemblies, and ECTP orchestrated a campaign amongst its member organisations to write to Ministers responsible for territorial development in their countries in advance of the Leipzig EU Ministerial Conference in May, urging the adoption of a well-informed spatial perspective as central to the development of the EU Territorial Agenda. Jan Vogelij also submitted a paper to the Conference for ECTP: 'Strategic Planning towards Territorial Cohesion'. We see the Leipzig process and the

new Territorial Agenda as being of fundamental importance in continuing the shift from sector support policies towards spatial approaches, and we also believe that ECTP should play a full part in developing this agenda.

One of the key outcomes from the Leipzig Meeting was a Charter on Sustainable European Cities, committing Ministers: (1) To initiate a political debate in their states on how to integrate the Charter's principles and strategies into policies and practice and (2) To promote the establishment of balanced territorial organisation based on polycentrism.

To take this forward, ECTP organised a conference in collaboration with the Royal Town Planning Institute and the UK Ministry involved in cohesion issues. The conference, which took place in London in February 2008, was entitled 'The EU wants territorial cohesion: can spatial planners make it happen?', and attracted some 60 delegates from around Europe, including representatives from DG Regio and the Committee of the Regions. It is planned to follow up this event with two further conferences, the first to be held in June 2008 in Marne la Vallée, co-organised by our French (SFU) and German (DASL) member associations: 'Integrated and sustainable urban development, urban regeneration, and new urban trends: what implementation tools for the Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities?', and the second one organised in Ljubljana this September in cooperation with the Slovenian ECTP member association DUPPS: 'Cities as motors of territorial cohesion'.

One of the ways in which ECTP has traditionally celebrated planning achievement is through its biennial European Urban and Regional Planning Awards. The previous ceremony to award prizes took place in the grand setting of the Alcázar in Seville in November 2006. Winners selected by the jury included the Asturias Coastal Zone Protection Plan (Spain), Le Parc Saint-Leonard (Liège, Belgium), the Bullring (Birmingham, United Kingdom), and the Land Management Plan for the City of Monza (Italy). Judging for the 2008 Awards is currently under way, and the awards will be presented at a ceremony in Dublin Castle, Ireland, this October.

In 2008, alongside our current work, we will be looking to expand the work of ECTP in two ways. First, to provide stronger links between planners across Europe, we will be establishing an on-line directory of expertise, onto which planners in member organisations can place their details. Second, we are looking to foster better exchange of ideas and information, starting with the pressing issue of climate change. The challenges that global warming presents to us are common across national and regional boundaries, and exchanging experience and good practice can help planners develop greater insight and become more effective practitioners. We will be organising an initial discussion and exchange of planning policies and practice in different countries at our next General Assembly in May 2008 and will also look to take the work forward with our partners, including ISOCARP.

Collaboration with other similar bodies and institutions in Europe and all over the world is also at the heart of ECTP's activities. ECTP has long experience of working with the Council of Europe on urban planning issues, with CEMAT and ESPON. Recently the Council signed up to the Vancouver Declaration of the Global Planners Network, making it a partner in a determined collective effort to put the profession and discipline of planning at the forefront of managing the challenge of rapid urbanisation in the world.

Collaboration with ISOCARP is also well established. ECTP co-organised the ISOCARP Young Planning Professionals' Workshop place in Brussels in September 2007, not only directly supporting the young planners during their three days workshop on the restoration of the European Quarter of the city, but also offering its premises which are located in the very centre of the European district. This collaboration was especially supported by the ECTP Belgian Vice-President, Bruno Clerbaux (CUB).

The ECTP premises in Brussels are offered to ISOCARP as sign of active and true collaboration. More information on: www.ceu-ectp.org or www.ectp.eu

One of the 2006 Awards was given to European City and Regional Planning Award 2006 for the Basque Country Strategy called EUSKALHIRIA handled by Immediate Past ISOCARP President Alfonso Vegara.

MISCELLANEOUS

CALL for ENTRIES

World HABITAT Awards

Prix Mondiaux de l'HABITAT

The Building and Social Housing Foundation Competition 2008



The World Habitat Awards were established in 1985 by the Building and Social Housing Foundation as part of its contribution to the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. The World Habitat Awards are given each year to projects from the global South as well as the North that provide practical and innovative solutions to current housing needs. An award of £10,000 is presented to the winning projects at the annual UN global celebration of World Habitat Day. The World Habitat Awards seek to identify practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing issues faced by countries of the global South as well as the North, which are capable of being transferred or adapted for use elsewhere. Entries are assessed by a panel of international judges and an award of £10,000 is presented to the two winning projects at the annual United Nations global celebration of World Habitat Day. The competition is open to all individuals and organisations, including central and local governments, community-based groups, NGOs, research organisations and the private sector from any country of the world. Deadline: all entries should reach BSHF by 1st June 2008.

Last year's World Habitat Awards were presented to Zukunfts-WerkStadt Leinefelde, Germany and Ecomaterials in Social Housing Projects, Cuba. www.worldhabitatawards.org

A CALL to PLANNERS, Global Planners' Network International Assessment of the Capacity for Planning

An initiative by the RTPI and Commonwealth Association of Planners for the Global Planners Network (GPN) with the generous support of the Lincoln Institute (www.lincolninstitut.edu). As part of the GPN's mission to build global planning capacity to manage the challenges confronting our towns and cities in the 21st century, RTPI has developed a web-based self-diagnostic tool. This will help planning organisations and planners around the world to: > assess their capacity to respond to the challenges of urbanisation; > identify where they think the most strategic gaps in capacity are, and; > establish support networks that can help fill those gaps.

The tool is aimed at helping us to learn how different countries plan and manage human settlements, and find out their priorities in planning these settlements. It will also help the GPN develop its network of planning contacts. The target respondents for the project are organisations or individuals involved in planning human settlements. The diagnostic tool is available in English, French, Spanish and Chinese and modules have been developed for different sectors:

(1) Organisations representing planners (2) Central Government Ministries and Local Government (3) NGOs and Community Groups (4) Planner training organisations and academics (5) The private sector. RTPI wants to reach as many planning contacts as possible. Success in this project will depend on reaching as many planners around the world as possible and kindly requests the help of ISOCARP NET readers, who can: > complete the tool themselves for the country that you know best; > advertise the tool on their own website if they have one (linking up) ; > forward this email to their own planning contacts and invite them to complete it. RTPI website: www.rtpi.org.uk/rtpi_international or <http://tinyurl.com/2u2ovm>. Any of these routes will take interested parties to the introductory page, the language options, a full description of the work, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about it and news of how to keep in touch with the research.

CALL for Papers Town Planning Review Centenary PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (AESOP)

In 2010, the Town Planning Review will be celebrating its centenary. To make this milestone, the Editors are proposing to publish a series of review papers that record and reflect on the state-of-the-art in a

range of topics within the general field of town and regional planning. Interested Planners can submit a paper at www.aesop-planning.com (link Call for Papers in Planning Journals): aesop.secretariat@free.fr

Mobility Centre in Ferizaj/Uroševac, Kosovo International Open Spatial Design Competition

The below article is for general information and was already sent by e-mail to all Members as the deadline for entries closed before this ISOCARP NET was launched (deadline was: 17 March 2008)

The Municipality of Ferizaj/Uroševac announces a Spatial Design Competition for a Mobility Centre Project. UN-HABITAT Kosovo is co-funding and supporting the competition throughout the process. The city of Ferizaj/Uroševac is located about 40 km south of the capital city of Kosovo-UNMIK, Pristina. One of the main characteristics of the city is its location; strategically placed along the main transport corridor from Pristina to Skopje in FYR Macedonia. Today's railway station is located in the heart of the city, making it easily accessible, but the railway also constitutes a barrier and causes noise and serious accidents. The nearby bus terminal is functioning as a national/international hub for passengers but could be better connected to the railway station. The mobility centre project should integrate and promote local and regional collective transport, re-exploiting the railway as a catalyst for economic growth and offering improved spatial qualities to the citizens.

The objective of the competition is not only the design of a mobility centre and its close surroundings, but to obtain a vision of a regenerated Ferizaj/Uroševac city centre with a strong identity.

As a follow-up of ISOCARP President Pierre Laconte recent visit to Kosovo we are pleased to announce that the Kosovo planners are in the process of creating a national association eligible for ISOCARP membership.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty of Architecture, Centre for Cultural Studies in Architecture, ETH Zürich

2 PhD Scholarships (full-time, Swiss National Science Foundation Funding) at the Centre for Cultural Studies in Architecture, ETH Zurich/Switzerland. Project Title: Design Competitions – a Procedural Analysis
The Centre for Cultural Studies in Architecture has been awarded two Swiss National Science Foundation PhD Scholarships (full-time, three years). The researchers will work on a project concerned with in-depth research on decision-making processes in the field of design competitions. *Application.* The successful candidate is interested in the field of social complexity and disposes of a master degree in the field of urban planning, urban geography/sociology, architecture (with research experience), or a similar degree. Applications should be made with full CV, a recent publication, and a covering letter saying why you would like to apply and two references.

Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP)

The Surbana SIP Planning Fellowship scheme aims to provide financial assistance for overseas visiting professional planners/research scholars wishing to study Singapore planning practice in Singapore. The number of fellowships offered is limited to one or two. The stay will at least last one month. The applicant is expected to: • engage in a defined piece of research related to Singapore planning • present the finding of that research at the Surbana SIP Planning Fellowship Dinner Talk • offer for possible publication any written work to the Singapore Institute of Planning Journal. Contact information at the SIP Executive Secretary: info@sip.org.sg / www.sip.org.sg/

International Resources Group (IRG), location: Kabul - Afghanistan sees an Urban Planner and Community Development Advisor. Closing date: 21 April 2008; www.internationalink.net

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web site <http://www.careertunnel.com>.
Information at <http://www.careertunnel.com>

EVENTS

2008 September 17- 19, ISOCARP INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
18th ISOCARP Young Planning Professionals Programme, City of Dalian, China, followed by **2008 September 19-23, 44th ISOCARP** International Planning Conference in cooperation with UPSC (Urban Planning Society of China), City of Dalian, China

===Invitation to attend the following events===
 with ISOCARP involvement

2008, May 19-21, REAL CORP, Transport Hubs as Innovation Hubs
 13th International Conference on Urban Planning in Information and Knowledge Society, Vienna International Airport, Austria .
 Transport hubs are nerve centres of our modern mobile society and rapidly become economic centres - the new "Airport Cities" are remarkable examples. Where many people come together information and knowledge is shared and new ideas are created, and so airports, train stations, motorway rests become knowledge- and innovation hubs.

The international conference REAL CORP 008 focuses on these 21st-century-transport- and innovation-hubs that are exceptionally challenging for urban and transport planning, architecture and real estate development. Some of the questions to be dealt with: How can the role of transport hubs as innovation hubs be improved? Which technologies ensure the reliable functioning of the hubs and what further improvement is needed? How can anticipatory planning ensure the sustainable development of those structures? How can unmeant spatial developments be avoided and environmental impacts be dealt with? For more information please contact: Manfred Schrenk CEO CEIT ALANOVA - Central European Institute of Technology, Dept for Urbanism, Transport, Environment and Information Society, phone: +43 1 90360 1240: fax: +43 1 90360 1299 m.schrenk@ceit.at; www.ceit.at; www.corp.at

ISOCARP President PIERRE LACONTE and Vice-President for UPATs, Ismael FERNANDEZ-MEJA, will be keynote speakers at the conference.

2008, May 15-16, Making great Communities happen Conference
 organised by the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association Portland State University, USA; Sessions a.o.: Greening your Code, the Cost of Liveability, Transit gone wild; <http://www.centralpt.com>.

Former ISOCARP Vice President Ric Stephens was appointed Chair of the Urban Land Institute Oregon/SW Washington District last July. ULI—the Urban Land Institute is a non profit research and education organization supported by its members. Founded in 1936, the institute now has more than 34,000 members worldwide representing the entire spectrum of land use and real estate development disciplines, working in private enterprise and public service. www.uli.org The ULI Oregon/SW Washington District will host the May ISOCARP EXCO in Portland, Oregon. The ISOCARP EXCO will be participating in several activities including City charrettes, a Metro regional government seminar, and the Oregon state-wide planning conference. President Pierre Laconte gives a closing lecture.

2008, May 8-13, ISOCARP Urban Planning Advisory Team (UPAT) Lincoln Beach, Oregon, United States

Upon initiative of Former ISOCARP Vice President Ric Stephens (USA), ISOCARP members received a call to candidate in a small UPAT. Again, a huge response was received. The selected UPAT participants have been invited. More in the next ISOCARP Net.

2008, May 16-18, Catalunya-California. Intelligent development of tourism areas is the main subject of this conference, organized with the support of the City of Sitges in Spain, the government of Catalonia and, in this occasion, Mexico. For the first time, the third Catalunya-California conference will be held outside Sitges, taking knowledge and experience on the tourism and territories development from Europe to California. In this case, the venue will be the town of Todos Santos, identified in Mexico as a center for new development of tourism. Immediate ISOCARP Past President Alfonso Vegara will give a lecture on new models of public-private development. The coordination of the event is done by ISOCARP Project Office in Sitges. The event is open to the public. For more information contact Cinthya Uribe at uribe@isocarp.org or at +34 678 841 217"

2008 June 1-3, IFHP Annual International Conference, Cultural Regeneration: The return of the city - Liverpool, UK; www.liverpool.gov.uk/ifhp2008. President Pierre Laconte is Rapporteur and Closing Speaker.

2008, Nov 3-7, World Urban Forum UN-HABITAT, Nanjing China
 Harmonious Urbanization: The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development. *ISOCARP Session and Panel Discussion in preparation*

=====Events endorsed by ISOCARP=====

2008, April 23-24, Forum on Sustainable Urbanization in the Information Age New York, United Nations Headquarters, organized by the Global Alliance for ICT and Development of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA-GAID), in partnership with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) – New York Chapter, the UNDESA Division for Sustainable Development, UN-Habitat and with the support of the City of New York. Summit on the Information Society; www.un-gaid.org; gaid@un-gaid.org

2008 May, 5-6, PROINLAND, Bilbao 2008, proinlandsecretariat@spri.es
 Registration open until 25 april 2008.

2008 Mai 29-30, Darmstadt, Klimawandel & Energiewende als zukünftiger Rahmen nachhaltiger Stadtentwicklung; Anmeldung: info@dasl.de

2008 May 29-31, INTA International Conference "Smart High Rise Development in Metropolitan Cities", Gdansk, Poland; INTA, International Urban Development Association: <http://www.inta-aivn.org/>

2008 June 11-15, EUROPA NOSTRA, Newcastle and Gateshead (UK)
 Annual Congress; www.europanostr.org

2008 June 26-28, PRO-REVITA - ICOMOS
 Conference on Revitalisation Models and their Implementation in the Cities of European Heritage, Lodz, Poland; <http://www.p.lodz.pl/>

2008 June 30 – July 3, 45th IFLA 2008 World Congress
 International Federation of Landscape Architects, Transforming with Water, Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, <http://www.ifla2008.com/>

2008 September 29-October 1, Congreso Internacional: Los Ciudadanos y la Gestión de la Movilidad, CIMO, www.congresomovilidad.com

2008 October 12-15, 52nd IFHP World Congress
 Housing beyond its Walls, San Juan, Puerto Rico; <http://www.ifhp.org/>

2008, November 23-25, AESOP announced Capital Cities, Wicked Problems: Best Practices in Planning and Policy Response Mechanisms, Sharjah, Iran. <http://www.aesop-planning.com/Call%20for%20papers.html>

=====Other Events=====

2008, April 22, Earth Day "Green Communities", <http://www.planetizen.com/node/29730>; **2008, April 23-25, UNIDO Global Investment Forum 2008**: Urban Agglomeration and FDI Nanjing, China; superelva-chen@hotmail.com [http://www.summit.org.cn/2008/](http://www.ipa-china.org/http://www.summit.org.cn/2008/); **2008, April 27 – May 1, APA's 100th National Planning Conference**; Las Vegas, USA; <http://www.planning.org/nationalconference/>; **2008, April 28 – May 1, International Symposium: The Creative Construct Ottawa, Canada**. <http://www.symposium2008.ca/>; **2008, May 15-16, China Infrastructure Development and Investment Forum** Beijing, China; organized by Chamber of Urban Infrastructure, All-China Fed. of Industry & Commerce; www.china-infra.com / www.china-idi.com; **2008, May 27-29, IV International Forum of Studies "Mediterranean City"** IV Forum International d'Etudes "Villes Méditerranéennes"; Reggio Calabria, Italy, www.unirc.it/daacm/FORUM_08, cfallanca@unirc.it; **2008, June 9-11, Via Nordica 2008**, Helsinki, Finland; www.vianordica2008.fi; **2008, June 23-25, World Cities Summit 2008**: Liveable and Vibrant Cities Singapore, <http://www.worldcities.com.sg/>; **2008, July 3-4, Policy and Programme Evaluation in Europe**: Cultures et prospects, Strasbourg, France. www.sfe/assp/fr/fr/strasbourg2008.htm; **2008, July 3-10, Séminaire International: Urbanisations en Afrique**: Permanences et Ruptures, Lomé, Togo, eamau@cafe.tg; www.urbamag.net/; **2008, August 8-10, Arte-Polis 2 International Conference and Workshop**: Creative Communities and the Making of Place: Sharing creative Experiences, Bandung, Indonesia. artepolis@ar.itb.ac.id, www.ar.itb.ac.id/artepolis2; **2008, September 25-26, 4th International Symposium: Networks for Mobility**; fovus@fovus.uni-stuttgart.de; www.uni-stuttgart.de/fovus; **2008, September 25-27, 5th European Biennial of Landscape Architecture**, Barcelona, Spain; biennialadm@coac.cat; <http://www.coac.net/landscape/>

REPORT ABOUT THE URBAN PLANNING ADVISORY TEAM (UPAT)
CUENCA (Spain), 29 March - 5 April 2008
By Alex Macgregor, Team Leader



The project

Early this year, a UPAT team was selected from among ISOCARP members in response to a call from the Spanish City of Cuenca. The city wanted to undertake three specific areas of study and analysis with the central objective of providing clear solutions for its long term development.

The areas of concern were:-

- 1) How can the city be effectively valorized to meet the demands of contemporary living without loss of historic character and ambient meaning?
- 2) How can mobility and transportation modes be improved in fresh, exciting, but economical ways?
- 3) How should the land presently occupied by the old historic railway system be effectively re-developed when that system will cease to function in its present form? This will be triggered when the new high speed rail system between Valencia and Madrid becomes operational.

These areas of concern would be greatly exacerbated when the city achieves its over-arching ambition of doubling the existing city population of 50,000 to 100,000.

Cuenca

Cuenca is a magical even mystical city comprising several distinctive historic districts or barrios, which are all experiencing problems of various kinds. In 1996, Cuenca received the ultimate urban accolade when it was designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This greatly prized designation was given to the city not only for the excellent preservation of such an original urban landscape but also for its golden collection of historic, civil and ecclesiastical architecture dating from the 12th to the 18th centuries.

More than this, however, the adjudicators also considered the city's distinctive and unique character, which appears to be seamlessly blended into the quite astonishing natural landscape surrounding it. There is, in short, a remarkable harmony between nature, social/urban history and architecture.

Areas of study

The UPAT team considered three distinctive areas for study, viz., the Casco Antiguo, the Barrio San Anton and the Carreteria, which is, essentially, the central business district of the city which dates from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Each of these areas was quickly evaluated to assess their nature, character and needs. This appraisal led on to a series of proposals specifically designed to meet local needs and re-integrate the Districts and thereby allowing them to develop in a coherent fashion within sensible, sustainable and sound economic guidelines.

A transportation network system with modern technological modes was proposed to allow for positive growth and encourage new inward investment. More than this, however, the proposed system would link up with the proposed high-speed train link between Valencia and Madrid. The new network would effectively thread together into a necklace of excellence linking the new proposed high-tech station with the ancient historic part of the city which sits like a crown on the hilltop. A happy conjoining of the 12th century to the 21st century! The network would expand with the city and link it with the proposed new 3.5 million square metre industrial site.

The Master Plan

The constituent parts of the UPAT study were delicately positioned within a proposed Master Plan which, itself, was aimed at allowing the city to achieve its stated objective of doubling its population base from 50,000 to 100,000. At the same time while allowing for the proposed 100% expansion, the Plan proposed to do so with due care and attention to contemporary issues such as conservation and sustainability. The superb surrounding landscape with its mountains, rivers, farms and farmlands, forestation and ecology was considered to be of paramount importance. Within this context, ancient rights of way such

as the shepherds' trail were also fully considered and referred to as significant development factors. From the very outset, the plan was intended to be a holistic exercise to allow for economic growth, population expansion, industrial development, etc., but all within sustainable management systems; to allow for new contemporary architectural interventions but within the context of existing ambient quality; to allow a new transportation network to be developed but within the measured context of sustainable technologies; to harmonise civic urban expansion within a landscape system which, in turn, respects existing farming practices, develops new lines of marketable produce and, last but not least, preserves the remarkable morphology of the countryside together with its flora and fauna.

Local Interests

The UPAT team met with a wide variety of local groups and agencies including architects, engineers, city officials, businessmen and even cyclists to absorb and use wherever possible their ideas and suggestions. After all, that is surely the democratic way.

Conclusion

The team presented their findings, ideas and proposed development plan to a public meeting held on Saturday 5th April 2008. The results and local commentaries were widely published in the press and media. The team concluded by wishing the city every success in its bid to be European City of Culture 2016.

TEAM OVERVIEW

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