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Co-productive ways to relate visioning and
strategic urban projects

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VRP Flemish Association for Spatial Planners/Designers
(Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ruimte en Planning VZW)

CUB Belgian Town Planners' Union (Chambre des Urbanistes de Belgique)

Design Sciences Department of the University College of Antwerp – Higher Institute of Architectural Sciences, Henry van de Velde (Hoger Instituut voor Architectuurwetenschappen Henry van de Velde)

ISURU Higher Institute of Town Planning and Urban Renewal
(Institut Supérieur d'Urbanisme et de Rénovation Urbaine)

ECTP-CEU European Council of Spatial Planners (Conseil Européen des Urbanistes)

BELO Brussels-Europe Liaison Office

APERAU Association for the Promotion of Study and Research in Town and Country Planning (Association pour la Promotion de l'Enseignement et de la Recherche en Aménagement et Urbanisme)



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> Invitation





Pierre Laconte /
President ISOCaRP

WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues and friends,

The 43rd Congress “Urban Dialogues” focuses on strategic projects to be implemented in agreement between a diversity of actors and stakeholders, mainly emphasizing the gap between planning and implementation. This topic is particularly challenging to planners worldwide. We hope that many of them will be interested in presenting their experiences and thoughts. As part of its aims, ISOCaRP wishes to promote planning education and to participate in the development of the planning profession, in the context of worldwide urbanisation.

This year’s Congress will therefore again be preceded by Young Planning Professionals’ workshops. One will be held in Antwerp, in accordance with the pattern of previous years. The other one will be held in Brussels, under the responsibility of the Belgian Chamber of Planners and will focus on the strategic development of the European Quarter.

Antwerp and other progressive cities will take advantage of the 4th ISOCaRP Summit of Policy-makers. ISOCaRP is grateful to the Mayor of Antwerp, Mr Patrick Janssens, who provided for this opportunity, as well as the opportunity to host the Congress in his fascinating city. Antwerp is one the largest ports of Europe, and one of its oldest. Its unique cultural mix and openness to the world are part of a long tradition. We encourage our participants to stay a few days more and discover its historic heritage, its contemporary architecture and its vibrant cultural activities.

See you in Antwerp, warmest regards to you all.

INVITATION by the CITY of ANTWERP



1. Ludo Van Campenhout / The Vice-Mayor for Urban Planning / President LOC
2. Patrick Janssens / The Mayor / Honorary President LOC

All over the world, not in the least in Western Europe, cities have undergone a thorough transformation during the last decades. Some cities undeniably succeed better than others in meeting the challenges that they are facing. What about our city ? Antwerp has a glorious past, and its future is still open. Our major challenge is to ensure that the Antwerp of the future will be at least as attractive as the Antwerp of the past.

If we want to turn Antwerp into the best possible living and working environment for its diverse inhabitants and visitors, we need a clear and coherent vision for its physical space. This has been achieved in the Strategic Structure Plan which defines the major spatial choices for the next 15 years. It contains concrete projects as well as implicit measures for crucial areas. As the city and its territory are rapidly being transformed by a number of large structural operations, this strategic document will safeguard good spatial texture and will guarantee a high quality level for all projects to come.

There are no other instruments as powerful as city planning, urban development and architecture when it comes to creating an attractive living environment. We take great pleasure and pride therefore in inviting you to join us in Antwerp for the 43rd ISOCaRP International Planning Congress. We are confident that the City and the Local Organising Committee will spare no efforts to making this a successful and rewarding congress.

GENERAL RAPPORTEUR



Fernanda Magalhães /
General Rapporteur

The General Rapporteur of ISOCaRP's 2007 World Planning Congress is Fernanda Magalhães (Brazil), Urbanist and Architect.

Current post-doctoral fellow at MIT/Special Program of Urban Studies (SPURS). She obtained her Ph.D. from Bartlett School in London in 1992. She is an adjunct professor at Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and has 20 years of experience in Brazil, Portugal and England.

Her main areas of expertise are urban design, urban rehabilitation, low-income housing, and urban planning and implementation, with a number of publications in the field. She is a consultant for the IDB (International Development Bank) in a number of projects in Brazil.



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URBAN TRILOGUES CO-PRODUCTIVE WAYS TO RELATE VISIONING AND STRATEGIC URBAN PROJECTS

■ 1. Congress Topic

The Local Organising Committee and the General Rapporteur propose to focus on 'strategic urban projects' in a complex, multicultural and diverse context both in developed and developing countries.

Strategic urban projects are defined as projects, coordinated by public actors in close co-operation with the civil society, private sector, and other semi-public actors. Strategic projects are considered necessary to achieve normative policy objectives and goals (such as sustainable development and spatial quality, poverty reduction, disaster prevention, security, etc) embedded in strategic planning processes at different policy levels. Strategic projects have an impact on a larger area, and aim to transform and innovate the spatial, economic and social-cultural development of this larger context through a punctual intervention. Strategic projects aim to integrate different goals and objectives of the different policy sectors, the ambitions and goals of stakeholders - the civil society, the private sector, as well as the inhabitants and users of the area, which can be called the 'actors' in a development process.

Strategic urban projects aim to consolidate, to transform, to restructure or to re-use the urban areas/spaces for new and emerging demands from public and private (individuals, economic and cultural) actors in society. The quality of life in cities has become a crucial asset for attracting households and businesses and maintaining a sound basis for economic and cultural life. Strategic urban projects play an important role in the regeneration, transformation and spatial and social innovation of cities. In this way the congress doesn't want to focus on 'pure' real estate operations.

Strategic urban projects try to engage often vulnerable inhabitants in the improvement of their own living conditions by involving them in the project definition, the process design, the decision-making process, project development and implementation.

Today opportunities for strategic projects often can be found in inner city areas characterised by a multicultural and diverse social context, as well as at broader city or metropolitan levels.

The congress is looking for 'strategic' cases in very different locations: in the North and South, the East and the West. 'Strategic' does not necessarily mean 'big and expensive'. It means 'important' in a certain context, influencing reality, creative and innovative regardless of the project's scale. Interesting and eye-catching examples certainly are found in Barcelona, Lyon, Hamburg, Glasgow and other cities in developed countries. But also for instance the projects in Ho Chi Minh City (the Tom Hoa Lo Gom sanitation and rehabilitation project), in Durban (Cato Manor project), in Nairobi (the Safer Cities project), ..., can have a strategic and structural influence and create better living conditions for the inhabitants.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Within this context the congress will focus on the following subtopics:

[1] A KEEN EYE

The role of and the need for contextual visioning as a framework for the design and development of strategic projects

We will try to find a more conceptual and operational framework for the development of visions. Visioning as a way to give sense to what we do is considered as an essential activity in process and project design. But why do we need a vision, what is a 'vision', how can it be developed and by whom? Is visioning a way to communicate with involved actors, a way to negotiate objectives and to reach commitments? How can a vision be a medium to create qualitative spaces and projects? Which innovative operational methods and tools (for instance scenario building, the use of metaphors and concepts, action research, competitions, research by design, city debate, etc) can be used for visioning? How can sustainability and spatial quality be introduced in 'visioning'?

[2] A USER'S TOOL

Looking for innovative tools for the planning and realisation of strategic projects

Traditional planning tools, on their own, no longer seem adequate to deal with a changing society and its growing complexity:

- the capacity to achieve a commitment and to implement decisions is increasingly challenged by a growing mutual dependency of the actors involved;

- increasing and difficult to manage institutional and spatial complexity; as a reaction various administrations are developing even more bureaucratic rules and instruments as a consequence of their own sectoral logic. The result is a growing fragmentation and separation between different policy fields and levels. In this context, traditional policy tools and instruments based on control and regulation, such as land use plans and fixed master plans, seem unsuitable to meet the current challenges;
- tools are not oriented towards policy and plan implementation;
- tools are more oriented towards the creation of legal security than to sustainable and qualitative development.

A broadening of the arsenal of instruments and tools available for commitment building and implementation-oriented projects seems necessary. This subtopic explores innovative instruments, with special attention to more tacit, informal and indirect instruments, which are needed to enhance the capacity for implementation. By exploring the current technical tools and instruments applied in strategic projects and by identifying learning experiences in different countries and contexts, different approaches and instruments can be evaluated. Which instruments and tools, traditional or innovative, are used in today's interesting cases? Are they efficient and do they lead to a 'good' result? Which objective(s), specific tools and instruments have been mobilised in interesting cases? How to deal with informal economy and activities in projects in developing countries?

[3] ARENA of INTERESTS

Managing real estate and public-private partnership in strategic projects

Technical, legal, financial, organisational and ownership factors are influencing the execution of projects. This subtopic will focus on the role of real estate and the involvement of the private sector in the planning process and project execution. These factors will be identified and analysed in the light of case studies in order to arrive at proper instruments, the tools and means for process design and project development. In this topic too the tension between commercial objectives and collective or public values (sustainable development, spatial quality, social-cultural values and people's interests) will be dealt with. The topic will address the following questions: What is the logic of investors

and developers? How do they decide to participate and cooperate in projects? Which criteria do they use? Have new types of organisations (public, private or mixed) been developed to realise projects? How can 'cooperation processes' be developed and organised? Who should be the 'director' and who the 'manager' of such processes? What can be the role of informal institutions in such a process? What is the relation between informal and formal institutions? What can be the role of formal agreements in a process between public and private sector?

[4] LET'S WORK TOGETHER

The involvement of inhabitants and users in process and project development.

All over the world the issue of participation has remained on the agenda for almost 40 years. The involvement of citizens in decision-making and planning- collaborative planning - is also a hot topic today and of particular relevance to local scale - where locality is regarded as a key aspect of urban projects (compare with the Cairo congress). Of course the notion itself of 'participation' has changed fundamentally over time - in its definition, in its content and in its practice, largely due to changing circumstances. If real collaboration and co-production of policy is possibly feasible, then how can we deal with the many obstacles to people's involvement? Are 'policy agreements' between actors a suitable instrument? How can we deal with a multicultural and diverse population? What does 'participation' mean in the development and implementation of strategic projects in different contexts? What are the obstacles when it comes to involving people? And what does 'involvement' mean? What are the reasons to involve people? At which stages of project development can people be involved? Who are these 'people' (stakeholders): individuals, civil society, etc? How can we deal with power and/or interests in relation to people's values and visions? What can be the role of 'agreements' between authorities and people? These are some of the issues that need to be addressed.

GENERAL HOT ISSUES

The congress aims to discover innovative implementation-oriented approaches for planning policy products (innovative spatial concepts, innovative policy instruments for planning, participation and co-production, process architecture and management).

Innovation comprises:

- ways in which new development dynamics can be introduced in a hybrid spatial and complex context;
- new ways to develop new promising spatial concepts;
- new ways in which concepts are implemented in multi-actor and multi-level government settings;
- new ways to engage people in project development.

And finally the following basic questions should be dealt with in the four workshops:

- What about the possible negative effects of urban projects: gentrification resulting in the expulsion of initial inhabitants; programmes which are not related to the needs of inhabitants creating a kind of gated community,...?
- How to deal with the commercial (often huge) ambitions of developers which are often in contradiction with spatial quality and the needs of people and the city? How to deal with the power and the means of developers and the interests and influence of other actors?
- How to relate spatial transformation with social-cultural and economic innovation?

■ 2. Motivation

International developments in spatial planning

All over the world planners are looking for ways to overcome the gap between planning and implementation and between long-term and short-term objectives. Within the context of the changing role of the government, traditional planning approaches appear to be too passive and 'control'-led. They need to be adapted or combined with more dynamic tools in light of a changing society.

Other planning approaches and instruments that intervene more directly and rapidly, coherently and selectively, and which focus on a specific social reality or spatial dynamics are necessary. Strategic projects represent one of these instruments. As experiences in many cities have proven in the past, they are able to play a key role in the regeneration and transformation of urban areas.

In the 1960s and 1970s spatial planning in a number of countries evolved towards a system of comprehensive planning at different administrative and policy levels. This approach to planning via a single policy field (i.e. spatial planning) met with fierce opposition from other, and usually more powerful, policy fields. Although physical plans enjoyed formal status and served as official implementation guidelines, when it actually came down to it, other policy fields (because of their budgetary and technical resources) were needed – and were easily able to sabotage spatial plans, if they wanted. Moreover it became increasingly clear that a number of different planning concepts – such as the coherent, convenient and compact city, long advocated by planners – could not be achieved solely through physical hard planning.

In the eighties we witnessed a retreat from strategic planning, fuelled not only by the neo-conservative disdain for planning, but also by postmodernist scepticism, both of which tend to view progress as something which, if it happens, cannot be planned. Instead, the focus of urban and regional planning practices was on projects, especially for the revival of rundown parts of cities and regions, and on land use regulations.

The growing complexity, an increasing concern about the rapid and apparently random development, the problems of fragmentation, the dramatic increase in interest (at all scales, from local to global) in environmental issues, the growing strength of the environmental movement, a re-emphasis on the need for long-term thinking and the aim to return to a more realistic and effective method, all served to expand the agenda. In response, more strategic approaches, frameworks and perspectives for cities, city-regions, and regions had again become fashionable in Europe by the end of the millennium.

Implementation is too frequently understood as merely making a new generation of “land-use” plans, and is not sufficiently aimed at public-led transformations and concrete actions - which anyhow should be in close cooperation with public and private actors. As long as real action is not included in spatial planning policies, the shift towards a more qualitative and sustainable development seems unlikely. The result is a loss of credibility in spatial planning as a policy domain, and further fragmentation of policy initiatives and spatial developments.

In this context, all over the world planners, academics and practitioners are looking for more strategic, feasible and development-oriented approaches, combining long-term visioning with concrete actions and projects.

The congress hopes to achieve the ‘exploration and evaluation’ of interesting cases and theories about the ‘trialogue’ between:

- visioning as a way to frame concrete actions,
- urban projects as a way to change reality in a sustainable and qualitative way,
- co-production as a way to involve all actors in policy making and implementation.

In many countries there is already a considerable amount of experience regarding the relation between implementation and planning. In some countries the shift from a regulative, bureaucratic approach towards a more strategic, implementation-led and development-led approach has yet to take place. The capacity to initiate and to carry out integrated projects, in collaboration with the private sector and other policy levels and administration, still remains insufficient. A lot of knowledge is still to be developed: in terms of visioning, process and project management, the capacity to involve actors, new policy instruments and tools, technical and financial mechanisms, ‘design’ process, etc.

Though the local level is the most appropriate level at which to manage strategic projects, it is precisely there where knowledge, means and specialised personnel to develop a proper, integrated and innovative approach is lacking. To make this problem even more acute, there are no structural networks between the different administrations and policy levels to disseminate experiences and knowledge.

This is an important topic in Belgium, and of particular interest for the city of Antwerp. The city of Antwerp is willing to share its experience and to learn from other cases.

The organisers are convinced that, given the international planning context, this topic will be attractive both for practitioners and academics in different contexts, from developed and developing countries.

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1. Spoor Noord : redevelopment of an old railroad site into a landscape park
2. Felix warehouse: the new home of the Municipal Archives
3. NOA: a former school turned into a business centre for starters
4. Palace of justice: new courthouse by architect Richard Rogers

PAPER SUBMISSION

Submission: The entire process (Abstract – Selection – Full Paper) takes place online at www.isocarp.org.

Abstracts: Are expected to address some of the questions mentioned in the Call by the General Rapporteur and by the Local Organising Committee (LOC). The abstract should summarise the central theme and content of the work (300 words, i.e. 2000 characters including spaces). Insertion of graphics is not permitted. ISOcARP requests that authors strictly comply with the procedures for abstract submission in view of a possible invitation for presentation at the Congress itself (parallel sessions).

Short Outline: Authors must add a brief outline of not more than 50 words to their abstract.

Selection: With the assistance of her team of Rapporteurs, the General Rapporteur will review all abstracts and allocate the chosen ones to a Parallel Session (this might differ from the author's original preference).

Final Papers: If an abstract is chosen for presentation, the author will be invited to send the "full" version of the paper, and will be provided with guidelines on format, fonts, maximum number of pages, and possible insertion of images. Authors should strictly follow these editing guidelines for papers in view of a possible inclusion in the ISOcARP Congress Proceedings and Planning Journals. Only papers edited in compliance with the ISOcARP guidelines will be accepted.

CD ROM: Only selected papers will be published on a CD ROM and distributed to all registered Congress participants.

Language: Abstracts have to be submitted in English. After selection papers may be submitted in one of the official ISOcARP languages (English, French, German, Spanish) under the following conditions (*sine qua non*): (1) an English translation as a hard copy is available at the presentation and (2) the author ensures a simultaneous translation (e.g. by a colleague) while presenting.

Congress Language: English is the official language for all Congress business.

Congress Proceedings: The annual congresses and their findings are the most important sources for ISOcARP's internationally recognised publications. After the Congress papers will be selected for inclusion in the Congress Proceedings. Copyright for any work published by ISOcARP remains with the Society. Thus authors must ask for prior permission in writing from ISOcARP if they intend to publish their work elsewhere.

Planning Journals: ISOcARP has relations with several international Planning Journals. The publishers are interested in the final papers presented at ISOcARP congresses. Possible publication in a journal is on recommendation by the Congress Team (copyright, procedure, etc. directly between author and publisher).

Congress Internet Platform 2007

Submission of abstracts: www.isocarp.org

Click on “43rd International ISoCaRP Planning Congress 2007” and the link ‘Submission of Abstracts’.

Authors will be guided through three submission steps:

(1) Information on author (2) Paper submission (3) Information on Paper.
To be considered for selection, the following four items **MUST** be fully completed:

- What is the author’s personal involvement in the project/ events being covered?
- Title of Paper
- What is the interest for participants?
- Which is the author’s preferred Parallel Session?

Please contact the ISoCaRP Secretariat at isocarp@isocarp.org for any problems.

Important Dates

2 April:	Deadline for Abstract Submission on ISoCaRP Platform.
3-24 April:	Platform open to the General Rapporteur and her Congress Team only.
20 April:	Authors will be informed on selection by e-mail.
20 April-24 June:	Preparation of full paper by authors (details on format, font, etc. follows after paper selection)
25 April-31 May:	The Platform will be open to all invited authors. Authors and the Congress Team will have the opportunity to obtain an overview of all chosen abstracts on this secluded Internet area, called ‘Authors and Congress Team Platform’. Authors can make final corrections in their abstract and personal data. In this period Rapporteurs may communicate with invited authors and give input and advice for the final paper.
25 June:	Deadline Paper Submission.
As of 26 June:	No further revisions of Final papers are possible.
From 1 July onwards:	All web visitors will have access to the ‘Paper Platform’.
12 September	Copies of presentation material (Powerpoint format) to be transmitted to LOC

Selected Papers will be put on a CD Rom to be handed out at the congress.





> Young
Planning
Professionals

Young Planning Professionals' Workshops in 2007

Since 1991 the objective of the YPPs' Workshops has been to bring together young professional urban planners from all parts of the world. The workshops provide an opportunity to work together as a closely-knit team. For 2007, ISOcARP - in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee - is happy to announce two different Workshops which will be held in parallel prior to the congress.

> ANTWERP, LOC/VROM/ISOcARP

This 17th ISOcARP YPPs Workshop will be organised by the 2007 ISOcARP Congress Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the City of Antwerp in co-operation with the Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Planning and the Environment (VROM), in Antwerp (14-19 September).

> BRUSSELS, CUB/ISOcARP

This YPPs Workshop will be organised by the 'Chambre des Urbanistes de Belgique' (CUB) in Brussels (16-19 September).

Project and Theme of the Young Planning Professionals' Workshops

Each Workshop has its own specific theme which is related to the main Congress theme. The themes relate to a concrete area/project (in Antwerp and in Brussels). For more information on the theme of the project, please consult the ISOcARP website www.isocarp.org.

These are hands-on workshops establishing a good working relationship with young colleagues from all parts of the world and aiming at final findings and results in a very short period of time.

YPPs will present their final findings in a plenary session on the late afternoon of 19 September 2007 (arrival day of the main congress participants).

Main ISOcARP Congress, 19 - 23 September

After the Young Planning Professionals Workshop, all YPPs are expected – compulsory - to participate in the ISOcARP main congress as part of their benefits in meeting and discussing with planning professionals.

Application Process – Criteria for Admission

Candidates wishing to apply should comply with all criteria for admission. Download and duly complete the application form. Application to both workshops is not possible. Full in-depth information and download at www.isocarp.org.

Selection Process

- Antwerp, LOC/VROM/ISOCARP: via ISoCaRP Secretariat
- Brussels, CUB/ISOCARP: via CUB

Congress Registration once selected/invited

- Online at www.isocarp.org

Accommodation Reservation/Payment

- Antwerp, LOC/VROM/ISOCARP, 14 -24 September: via ISoCaRP Secretariat
 - Brussels, CUB/ISOCARP, 16-19 September: via CUB
- > continued stay in Antwerp: 19-24 September (see Hotels)

Venues Young Planning Professionals Workshops

LOC/VROM/ISOCARP: Design Sciences Department of the University College of Antwerp – Higher Institute of Architectural Sciences, Henry van de Velde (Hoger Instituut voor Architectuurwetenschappen Henry van de Velde)

CUB/ISOCARP: Brussels Europe Liaison Office (BELO), Brussels

Dates in September 2007	Antwerp, LOC-VROM	Brussels, CUB
Fri, 14th > 18.00 hrs at the latest > 20.00 hrs	Arrival of invited YPPs Welcome dinner	
Sat, 15th	Project site visit	
Sun, 16th	Free brainstorm and work-planning	Arrival of invited YPPs Welcome dinner
Mon, 17th and Tue, 18th	Workshop	Monday morning: project site visit by coach Monday afternoon/eve-ning: workshop Sunday : morning/afternoon/eve-ning workshop
Wed, 19 th – morning	Rehearsing Presentation at Congress Venue	Rehearsing Presentation at Congress Venue
Wed, 19th, 17.30 – 19.00	Both WS Presentations in Plenary Session	
Wed 19 – Sun 23 Sept: participation (compulsory) in the main congress		



A nighttime photograph of a busy Brussels street. In the background, the iconic Atomium structure is visible against a dark blue sky. The foreground shows a wet cobblestone street with blurred car lights, indicating traffic. A tram is also visible in the middle ground. The scene is illuminated by streetlights and the warm glow of car headlights.

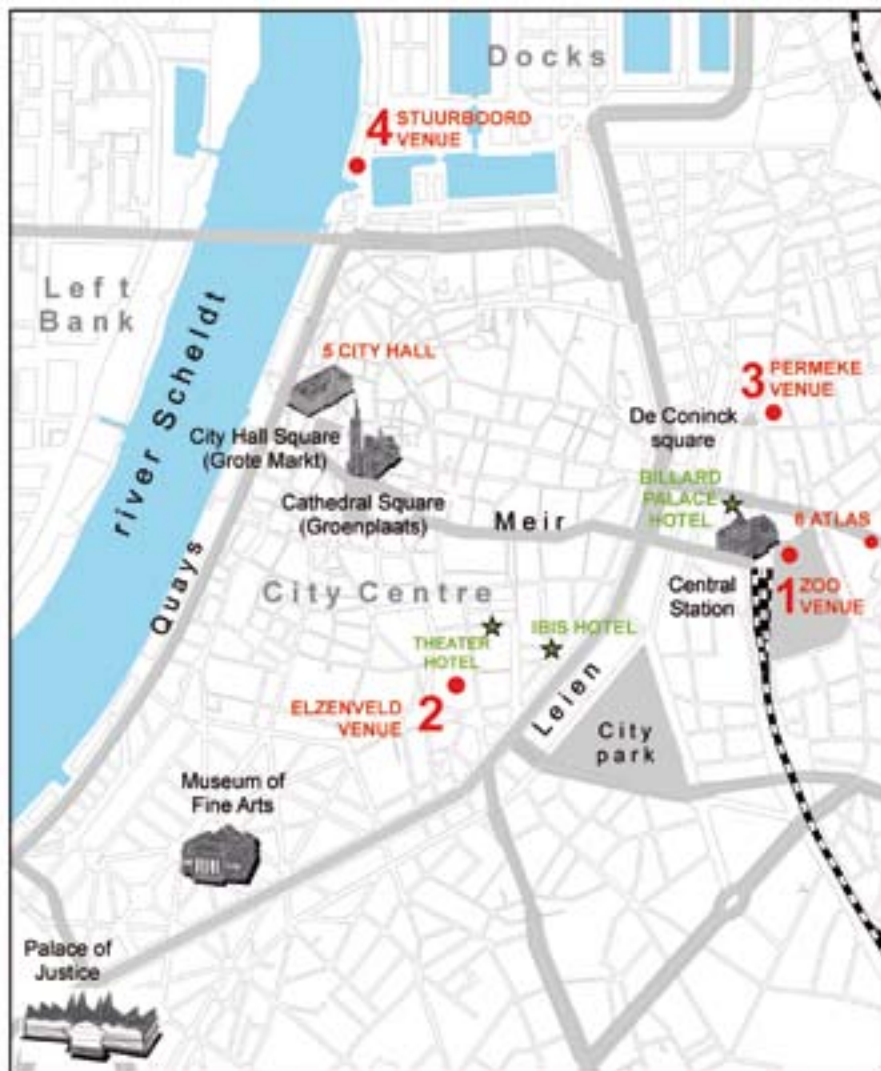
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PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Subject	Venue
Wed 19 September	Early after-noon	Arrival of Congress Participants and Registration	2
		Guided tours historic city centre	2
	Late afternoon	• Young Planners' presentations Brussels • Young Planners' presentations Antwerp	2
	Evening	Welcome Reception	1
Thu 20	Early Morning	Opening Session	1
	Late Morning	Keynote Presentations	1
	Early afternoon	Keynote Presentations	1
	Late afternoon	Policy-makers' Summit	1
	Evening	Dinner	5
Fri 21	All day	Companions' excursion	---
	All day	Parallel workshops (paper presentations)	2
	Evening	ISoCaRP Bureau Meeting	2
Sat 22	Morning	Parallel workshops (paper presentations)	2
	Early after-noon	Strategic Structure Plan Antwerp	3
	Late afternoon	Technical Tours	---
	Evening	Discussion and reception	6
Sun 23	Morning	ISoCaRP General Assembly	2
	Afternoon	Closing Session - Reports by the Congress Team - Conclusions by the General Rapporteur - Feedback and discussion - Award Ceremony - Presentation of 2008 Congress	4
	Evening	Cultural event and Farewell Dinner	4
Mon 24	All day	Mobile workshops Ghent or Port of Antwerp (free choice)	---
Tue 25	All day	Mobile workshop Liège	---

Please check the ISoCaRP webpage for the most up-to-date information on all congress matters: www.isocarp.org/

LOCATION OF VENUES AND HOTELS



Addresses of congress venues: see next page



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Congress venues:

1. Flanders Congress & Concert Centre / Koningin Astridplein 26 • 2018 Antwerpen / www.fccc.be
2. Congress Centre Elzenveld / Lange Gasthuisstraat 45 • 2000 Antwerpen / www.elzenveld.be
3. Permeke / De Coninckplein • 2060 Antwerpen / www.antwerpen.be
4. Stuurboord / Hangar 26-27, Rijnkaai 96 • 2000 Antwerpen / www.stuurboord.com
5. City Hall / Grote Markt 1 • 2000 Antwerpen / info@stad.antwerpen.be / www.antwerpen.be
6. Atlas Centre for Integration / Carnotstraat 110 • 2060 Antwerpen / www.antwerpen.be

Keynote speakers

Joan Busquets, Spain

Joan Busquets is a world-renowned urban planner, designer and architect. During the formative years of the 'Barcelona policy' he was a head of the planning department and is now the first Martin Bucksbaum Professor in practice of urban design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He received different awards, for instance the European Prize Gubbio. Recently he made urban projects for Amsterdam West, Budapest, Bayonne Riverfront, the restructuring of the harbour in Coruna, a master-plan for the centre of Helmond, and many others. He wrote many articles and books.

Judith Innes, USA

Judith Innes is professor of City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley (USA). Co-author (with David Booher) of: 'Consensus Building as role playing and bricolage: towards a theory of collaborative planning', 'Power and Planning in the network society: consensus building as action strategy', 'Metropolitan development as a complex system: a new approach to sustainable development'.

Wendy Sarkissian, Australia (invited)

Dr Wendy Sarkissian is passionate about our future: the future of work, housing, of communities and of citizen participation. She is committed to finding spirited ways to nurture and support an engaged citizenry. Her successful career as consultant and academic in Australia and overseas has provided first-hand knowledge of many contexts, from developers boardrooms to low income housing estates.

She holds a Masters of Arts in literature, a Master of Town Planning and a PhD in environmental ethics. Building a career as a social planning consultant when there was no such discipline, she has pioneered innovative planning and development approaches in an astonishing variety of contexts. This work has earned her 40 professional awards. Author of: 'Community Participation in Practice' (1994-2002).

Paulo Pinho, Portugal

Paulo Pinho is director of CITTA – Research Centre for Territory, Transports and Environment (Planning Faculty of the University of Porto). The Centre focuses on exploring the diversified nature of contemporary urban environments under the integrated and pluridisciplinary umbrella provided by the sustainability concept. He is also director of the Laboratory for Planning and Environment (University of Porto).

The Laboratory's research activities focus on urban development and housing, urban environment and environmental assessment and transport planning. Author of 'Local Planning and National Environmental Procedures: developer's mitigated role in disjointed negotiation processes', 'A Methodology for an Environmental and Social Impact Analysis of Development Policies for the Ria de Aveiro Region - Portugal'. Co-author of 'Compendium of Spatial Planning Systems and Policies', 'The contribution of Statutory Environmental Assessment to Sustainable Development - The case of the Northern Region of Portugal: Infrastructure Provision and the Negotiating Process'.

FACILITATOR

Elijah Agevi, Kenya (invited)

Elijah Agevi is an Urban Development Specialist and Team Leader/Co-ordinator of Research Triangle Africa (RTA), a Nairobi-based Consultancy firm. A dedicated professional urban planner and writer with over 20 years' experience as a builder of effective public/civil society partnerships. An engaging conference/workshop facilitator.

Policy-makers' Summit

The Policy-makers' Summit aspires to be a forum for creative urban management and leadership, enabling discussions on the principal challenges and opportunities that cities and regions face in the new century. Policy-makers, mayors and top advisors regarding Urban Planning have been invited to discuss their urban projects and their impact on the development of the city, and were asked to prepare an exhibition and to present a paper in the different workshops. We are looking forward to a lively debate between keynote speakers and policy-makers!

The following cities were invited: Barcelona, Copenhagen, Durban, Helsinki, Ho Chi Minh City and Paramaribo.

SP2SP

A four-year research programme (by the Universities of Leuven, Antwerp and Ghent, financed by IWT) on strategic spatial projects in relation to spatial planning (SP2SP). PhD students and researchers of the programme will take part in the different workshops to infuse the discussions with their thematic approach.

The Strategic Structure Plan of Antwerp

Every municipality in Flanders has to prepare a so-called 'structure' plan: a policy plan stipulating its vision for the mid- and long-term and a short- and mid-term action plan for the city. Bernardo Secchi and Paola Viganò are the authors of 'Designing Antwerp' – the structure plan for Antwerp. They will present their work as an introduction to the Technical Tour. This session will take place at the Permeke venue, where for the duration of the Congress an exhibition on the Strategic Structure Plan will be open to the public. This exhibition will also contain material by Secchi-Viganò titled 'A micro history: The re-use of Antwerp's 19th century belt', dealing with porousness that has opened up in the urban fabric to host new dwelling practices.

Tours

Technical Tour (for Congress Delegates and registered Companions)

Saturday 22 September.

Offered by the Local Organising Committee – Online registration required
Participants can choose between several tours on different subjects. Starting from the Permeke venue, participants will board buses or walk to their chosen destination, accompanied by guides and city planners. Afterwards all groups will meet again at Atlas (Centre for Integration) to exchange views. The Tour will end with a reception in Atlas.

The following subject areas are currently available

Please check the ISOCaRP website for the final list.

1. Central Station and Kievit area: A major challenge.

The challenge of major infrastructural works such as constructing the North-South connection for the High Speed Train which runs under the city and the redesigning of Antwerp Central Station on the one hand, and implementing the desired real estate development of the nearby Kievit-square phase II, where public space is a structural factor, on the other hand. Other projects in this area include the upgrading of the diamond district, the reorganisation of the bus depot in Rooseveltplaats, a social-economic input in the Copernicus block, a party hall near the railroad, the expansion of the Zoo and revitalising an existing concert hall.

2. De Coninck square and surroundings: An integrated approach, from vision to realisation. Formerly a vivacious popular quarter, which during the last 40 years declined into an area of ill repute. In close cooperation with Flanders, Belgium and Europe the City has invested not only in streets and squares but has also bought up derelict houses and abandoned office buildings. The Designcenter, a new public library, a business centre and a social restaurant were built. Complementary to this new infrastructural hardware various socio-cultural dynamics were enhanced and form the software to ensure enduring urban renewal. The City has received a regional and an international award for its integrated and sustained approach of this complex environment.

3. The Sailors' Quarter (Schipperskwartier): Another kind of seduction in a former red light district. The strong signal of a petition by the neighbourhood's inhabitants in 1998 was answered with broad measures, tackling illegal commerce as well as prostitution, and by urban development initiatives designed to increase the area's attractiveness for investors. The City's efforts in this quarter were rewarded with several national and international awards.

4/5. Spoor Noord and The Islet (Eilandje): Urban voids – Redevelopment of old docks and railroad areas. 'Spoor Noord' is an abandoned railroad site. For more than a century this site has constituted a 24-hectare barrier between the surrounding quarters, which will now be transformed into a landscape park. The park should be completed in 2008 and will be the symbol of a new urban geography based on liveability and sustainable development.

A series of ambitious projects are currently transforming the 'Eilandje' – the area between the oldest harbour docks – into a lively quarter full of commercial and cultural activities. Among the projects realised are St. Felix, a 142-year old renovated warehouse, at present the new home of the Municipal Archives, and Hangar 26-27 which was converted into a media centre and congress space (venue of the closing session). The most important planned project is the MAS Museum designed by Neutelings-Riedijk Architects, which will be completed at the beginning of 2008.

6. Kiel: A suburb illustrating the progressive concepts of different eras of social housing. Separated from the city centre by the ramparts and later by the highway this district has developed its own identity over time. The 1920 Olympics and the World Exhibition of 1930 added extra character and charisma. Typical neighbourhood characteristics include innovative and progressive social housing projects, many of which have been recently renovated. Main features: a shopping street with a new shopping centre (a former military shooting range) and the football stadium.



TECHNICAL TOUR AREAS

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Central Station / Kievit Area | 4. The Islet |
| 2. De Coninck square | 5. Spoor Noord landscape park |
| 3. Sailors' Quarter | 6. Kiel suburb |



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Central station 1
Health House 2
Spoor Noord Park 3

4 Designcenter
5 MAS Museum
6 Social Housing (architect R. Braem)

Mobile workshops (for Congress Delegates and Companions)

Mon 24 and Tue 25 September – Offered by the Local Organising Committee, the Antwerp Port Authority and the Cities of Ghent and Liège.

Participants wishing to extend their stay are invited to join these Mobile Workshops. They are reminded to arrange for additional 1, 2 or 3 night accommodations in Antwerp.

Single-day participations are permitted; participants are required to register specifically for each day (both Mobile Workshops on Mon 24 September are full-day events).

Strategic Plan for the Port of Antwerp

Mon 24 September

In Flanders each port has to develop a strategic plan defining the spatial future of the port based upon the economic perspectives and the ecological and social conditions and constraints. During this workshop the port planners will explain the approach and the results of this complex process. A tour through the port will illustrate the ambitions of the port authorities as well as the relation between the port and other functions (villages, agriculture, nature).

Urban projects in the cities of Ghent (Mon 24) and Liège (Tues 25 September)

During these workshops city politicians and planners will explain the spatial/urban policy of the city, focusing on urban projects.

Social Events

City Tours (Optional – online registration required)

Wednesday 19 September

Offered by the Local Organising Committee

Guided walks through the historic city centre start at 14, 15 and 16 hrs. Departure from Elzenveld (Registration venue)

Welcome Reception

Wednesday 19 September

Offered by the Local Organising Committee

Location: Flanders Congress Centre (Zoo)

Companions' Excursion

Friday 21 September

Cost € 100.00/person (Companions' registration fee included)

Minimum 20 persons

A full-day guided walk in the city centre, exploring Antwerp's cultural assets and shopping. Lunch at the Bourla Theatre is included. The theme of this excursion is diversity: foreign influences throughout history and actual stories about the evolution of the city's street appearance.

Farewell Dinner + Cultural Event (Optional – online registration required)

Sunday 23 September – Cost € 65.00/person

Minimum 100 persons

Evening program to be confirmed

General Rapporteur

Fernanda Magalhães, Brasil

Parallel Sessions

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WS 2: Aleksandra Stupar (Serbia)

WS 3: Rene Daniëls (The Netherlands)

WS 4: Shipra Narang (India/Kenya)

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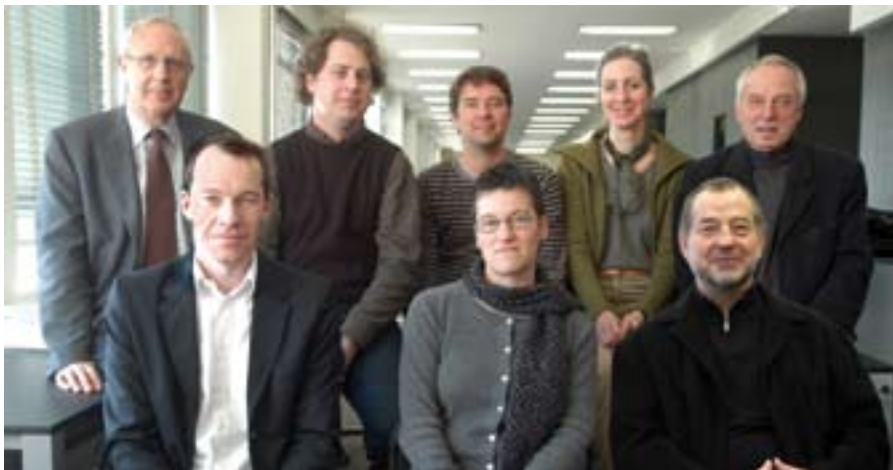
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> About ISoCaRP

ISoCaRP is a global association of experienced professional planners. It was founded in 1965 in a bid to bring together recognised and highly qualified planners in an international network. The ISoCaRP network consists of both individual and institutional members of more than 70 countries all over the world.

ISoCaRP is a non-governmental organisation recognized by the UN, UNCHS and the Council of Europe and has a formal consultative status with UNESCO.

The objectives of ISoCaRP include the improvement of planning practice through the creation of a global and active network of planners. ISoCaRP encourages the exchange between planners, promotes the profession in all aspects, stimulates research, improves education and training, increases information and awareness on major planning issues.

City and Regional Planners act in spatial processes and are consultants to key decision-makers. Their task is to propose or support spatial interventions and plans on behalf of the society in general or specific actors. Planners combine knowledge, science, design and strategy and are used to work in joint ventures and multi-disciplinary teams.

The association's main event is the annual congress, which focuses on an international planning theme. The congress takes place in a different country every year, preferably on a different continent. ISoCaRP also organises smaller scale seminars and publishes reports and other professional documents. It is represented at major international planning events.

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> Registration

REGISTRATION

- **The Congress welcomes ISoCaRP members and non-members and is open** to any interested individuals, parties or organisations. ISoCaRP and the Belgian Local Organising Committee look forward to the participation of urban planners, young planning professionals, experts and interested professionals from other related disciplines.
- **Registration online**
All registrations are handled online at www.isocarp.org. Registrations by fax or by surface mail are to be avoided; however, ISoCaRP remains flexible.
- **Congress registration fees**
Invitation to any of the programmed congress sessions or for any other contribution does not waive the payment of the congress registration fee. This includes also invited Authors. ISoCaRP does not reimburse travel and/or accommodation expenses, or any other expenses related to this invitation.
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Registrations with Full Payment until 31 July 2007 benefit from a reduction in the congress fees.
ISoCaRP members benefit from a special membership reduction.
Invited non-member authors also benefit from a special reduction.
- **Congress participation fees include:**
 - Entrance to 4 days of Congress Sessions.
 - Welcome reception and congress lunches (companions are welcome).
 - Congress Portfolio.
 - City Tour, Technical tour and Mobile Workshops.
 - The Antwerp Congress Proceedings (appearance Sept'08 – delivery Nov'08)
- **Young Planning Professionals (invited):** as above plus additional inclusions under 'YPPs Workshops'.
- **Congress portfolio includes**
 - Final Program.
 - Special Bulletin 'Planning in Belgium'.
 - The Antwerp Congress Booklet including a CD-Rom containing Introductory Reports and full Papers of the selected authors.
 - The ISoCaRP REVIEW03: a selection of cases of invited Cities and a selection of invited Expert views/reports related to the 2007 Antwerp theme.

REGISTRATION FEES

CONGRESS REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 congress days, 20 to 23 Sept 2007• Mobile Workshops 24 and 25 Sept 2007¹	
* Early = Registration with full payment	Early*	Late
RB = Residents Belgium OC = Residents Other Countries DV = Residents Developing Countries	until 31 July 2007	Per 1 August 2007
Registration Types	EURO per person	EURO per person
ISoCaRP members & Non-Members, RB > Belgians living outside Belgium fall under category OC	225	Surplus 80
ISoCaRP Members, OC	375	Surplus 80
Non-Members, OC	495	Surplus 80
Non-Members Invited Authors ¹ , OC	455	Surplus 80
All Participation types ² (≤ 32 years), OC	225	Surplus 80
All Participation types ³ , DV	225	Surplus 80
Young Planning Professionals (on invitation, only), OC	Euro 225 (YPPs Workshop & Congress)	
All non-members' congress fees ≥ Euro 455 include a so called 'Congress Applicant ISoCaRP Membership' for a trial period of 10 months starting immediately after this congress. Benefits: equal to normal membership with the following exceptions: (1) No access to the 'Members Area' website (2) No right to reduced ISoCaRP members' registration fees to the next congress.		
Other		
Single day(s) participation (other than the 4 days package above)	Euro 160 per day	
Group ⁴ , members or non members (same country or same organisation/institute/university/employer, minimum 10 persons)	Euro 750 Total Group discount Individual fees as in OC apply	
Partners/Companions (all inclusive, see details ⁵)	Euro 100 p.p.	
City Tour, 19 Sept 2007	Optional / Free	
Welcome Reception, 19 Sept. 2007	FREE	
Technical Tour, 22 Sept. 2007	FREE	
Farewell Dinner + Cultural Event, 23 Sept. 2007	Euro 65 p.p.	
Mobile Workshops ⁶ , 24 & 25 Sept. 2007	Optional (incl. in Congress Fee) Free (hotel not included)	

- ¹ Definition 'Invited Authors': Authors having complied with the criteria as stipulated in the Call for Papers and being invited by the ISoCaRP General Rapporteur to prepare their full paper for one of the Workshops' presentations and having complied with the ISoCaRP paper editing formats and criteria.
- ² With copy of student card and/or passport.
- ³ A discount for invited authors as described under 1 is not applicable in this category
- ⁴ Group: provided all persons belonging to one group register at the same time with one total payment.
- ⁵ Partner/Companions are welcomed. Inclusions: congress badge, entrance to the congress opening- and closing session + lunches during the 4 congress days + city tour + welcome reception + technical tour + day tour on 21 Sept 07.
- ⁶ Mobile Workshops: participation is optional and much welcomed. In view of logistics and catering, participation requires a separate free registration; non-participation does not give any reduction on the congress registration fee.

Method of Payments

INSIDE and OUTSIDE Belgium

- CURRENCY: handled in Euro, only. Payments in other currencies cannot be accepted.
- INVOICING: ISoCaRP automatically invoices within 10 days after receipt of online registration.
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PAYMENT	How to proceed?	Charge	Follow up by ISOCaRP (always through e-mail)
EARLY REGISTRATIONS with payments received after the deadline of 31st July fall automatically under the late registration fee			
Through ISOCaRP CREDIT CARD	Download Form: follow instructions on form Fax ISOCaRP: +31-70-3617909	5,5%	> ISOCaRP Invoice & Receipt
Through PAYPAL CREDIT CARD	Download Form: follow instructions on form Fax ISOCaRP: +31-70-3617909	2,5%	> ISOCaRP Invoice & Money request incl. Personal Secure Web link & Receipt after successful payment.
BANK TRANSFER	<p>Complete the option 'Request for Invoice'.</p> <p>All bank details and payment instructions will be mentioned on the invoice, which will follow within 10 days after the online registration. Bank costs: the mentioned registration fees are the net due amounts to be received on ISOCaRP accounts; participants have to make provisions in such a way that no bank transfer costs will be charged to ISOCaRP. Any bank transfer costs charged to ISOCaRP have to be paid to ISOCaRP at the reception desk, upon arrival.</p> <p>Receipt of Payment follows when the payment is received on ISOCaRP accounts.</p>		
WESTERN UNION	<p>Complete the option 'Request for Invoice'. The invoice will follow within 10 days after the online registration.</p> <p>Look at www.westernunion.com for the nearest bank in your city that offers Western Union transfers. Visit this branch, fulfil the procedures and put the payment in the name of ISOCaRP-Mrs van Hemert; Fax or e-mail to ISOCaRP the number on the Western Union transfer sheet (+ password for some countries). The payment will be with us within 24 hours. Western Union charges a percentage to the debtor.</p> <p>Receipt of Payment follows when the payment is received.</p>		
CHEQUES	To be avoided; see Western Union option. If a cheque is the only possible payment option, please proceed with 'Request for Invoice'	Euro 20	ISOCaRP Invoice ISOCaRP Receipt: when the cheque is accepted and the payment received on ISOCaRP accounts

Cancellation Policy

- Notification of cancellation of registration must be sent in writing to the ISOCaRP Secretariat (e-mail or fax)
- Cancellations received up to and including 31st July 2007: 100% refund (transfer and handling costs Euro 80)
- Cancellations received from 1 – 15 August 2007: 75% refund (transfer and handling costs included)
- Cancellations received from 16 – 31 August 2007: 60% refund (transfer and handling costs included)
- Cancellation received as per 1 Sep 2007 and no show: no refunds.
- Possible refunds will be processed after the event.

Definition Developing Countries

Congress Participants (members/non-members/invited authors) with nationalities and residing in their home country according to the listing below qualify for reduced congress registration fees under this category (based upon Geographical World Bank Indicators)

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo Rep., Congo Dem Rep., Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire Rep, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Islamic Rep., Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea, Dem. Rep., Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Macedonia, FYR, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mavotte, Mexico, Micronesia, Fed. Sts., Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovak Republic, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela RB., Vietnam, West Bank & Gaza, Yemen Rep., Zambia, Zimbabwe.

The following hotels have been secured as regards availability and price until 31 July 2007.

- **RESERVATION:** directly by the participants through the Antwerp Office of Tourism, by mail to Mrs. Sonia Dooms; e-mail sonia.dooms@stad.antwerpen.be. Participants are requested to use the booking form which can be downloaded from www.isocarp.org
- Some hotels require full payment by 31 July 2007 at the latest; others require a Credit Card number without further charge until arrival
- Notification of cancellation of booking must be sent by e-mail to the Antwerp Office of Tourism (for cancellation rates see www.isocarp.org). Possible refunds will be processed after the event
- Prices are per night/per room, including breakfast and local taxes

■ **Theater Hotel ******

single room: € 110; double room: € 130

Very quiet location at the heart of Historic old Antwerp and the picturesque theatre area, near the Rubens House and shopping streets and close to the Elzenveld Congress venue. Spacious double rooms of which half are reserved for non-smokers. Modern 'Carrousel' restaurant. Facilities: all rooms have mini-bar, colour television, pay tv, trouser press, coffee & tea making facilities and digital safe. Internet access. Public car parking (Arenberg) around the corner, with a direct access to the hotel.

Address:

Arenbergstraat 30, 2000 Antwerp - location see map on page 25

Phone +32 (0)3 203 54 10 – Fax +32 (0)3 233 88 58

E-mail: info@theater-hotel.be

<http://www.vhv-hotels.be/hotel/4>

■ **Ibis Hotel Antwerp Center *****

single room: € 91; double room: € 103

Hotel Ibis is located close to the Elzenveld venue, on the famous Vogelenmarkt marketplace in the heart of the old city centre, a mere 200 metres from the world famous Rubens' House and the shopping avenue, the Meir, and at 700 m from the railway station. Facilities: restaurant, bar with terrace area open 24 hours, use of WiFi Internet access, public parking also available.

Address:

Meistraat 39, 2000 Antwerp - location see map on page 25

Phone +32 (0)3 231 88 30 – Fax +32 (0)3 234 29 21

E-mail: h1453@accor.com

http://www.ibishotel.com/ibis/fichehotel/gb/ibi/1453/fiche_hotel.shtml

■ Billard Palace *

- **single room: € 45; double room: € 56**

Rooms with shower and toilet - limited number of rooms available

Low-budget hotel, situated in the town centre at 50 m from the central railway station, the Diamond museum and the Zoo (Flanders Congress Centre venue). Rooms are available with or without shower and toilet. All rooms have telephone, television and electronic door locks. All corridors have camera surveillance. Pay car park nearby. The hotel does not have a lobby, but participants can meet in the snooker and billiard room on the 1st floor.

Address:

Koningin Astridplein 40, 2018 Antwerp - location see map on page 25

Phone +32 (0)3 233 44 55 – Fax +32 (0)3 226 14 26

E-mail: admin@billardpalace.be

<http://www.hotelbillardpalace.be/ENG/engels.htm>

Accommodation Young Planning Professionals

	Antwerp, 14 – 19 Sept 07 LOC/VROM/ISOCARP	Brussels, 16 – 19 Sept 07 CUB/ISOCARP
During the Workshop	Billard Palace See below 10 nights' package.	Information follows by CUB after selection candidates.
Reservation/ Payment	See below	Through CUB, only
	Antwerp, 19 – 24 Sept 07	Antwerp, 19 – 24 Sept 07
During main Congress	Billard Palace: shared double rooms - full stay obligatory: 19-24 Sept 07 10 nights' package Euro 28.00 per person/per night, Breakfast/taxes incl.	Billard Palace Prices: see above
Reservation/ Payment	Through ISOCaRP only	Through the Antwerp Office of Tourism see RESERVATION on page 47
Additional nights due to earlier arrival/ later departure	Through the Antwerp Office of Tourism see RESERVATION on page 47	Through the Antwerp Office of Tourism see RESERVATION on page 47

The background image shows the Atomium building in Brussels, Belgium, a large, futuristic structure made of steel. In the foreground, a woman in a beige coat is taking a photo with her smartphone, and a man in a brown coat is pointing towards the building. A semi-transparent teal banner is overlaid on the image, containing the text '> About Antwerp'.

> About Antwerp

WELCOME TO ANTWERP

Antwerp is the economic hub of Flanders (Belgium). It is a multicultural metropolis with about half a million inhabitants and more than one hundred different nationalities.

With 20% of the Flemish population, more than 25% of paid employment, added value and investments by the Flemish district and 40% of Flemish exports, the Antwerp area has an impressive economic potential.

Also, Antwerp represents a thousand years of architecture and five centuries of music and artistic & decorative crafts. Our metropolis shines as brightly as the gems that made it the world's centre of the diamond industry, trading 85% of all rough, 50% of all polished and 45% of all industrial diamonds. In less than one square mile, more than half of the total world production passes through a network of diamond bourses, workshops and over 1.500 companies.

Antwerp buzzes with just as much energy, since our port is one of the busiest and biggest ports of the world. It ranks number four in the world (number two in Europe), and harbours Europe's largest chemical industry. Moreover, it is one of the fastest growing ports for both leisure cruises and container transport.

Antwerp is also a university town. Some 30.000 students gather knowledge and wisdom in colleges all over the city. Antwerp is also the cradle of modern business schools.

Furthermore, Antwerp is well-known internationally for its nautical college and its Royal academy of fashion. If you haven't yet heard of Walter Van Beirendonck, Dirk Bikkembergs and Dries Van Noten, who all used to study here, our brand new fashion museum MoMu will soon bring you up to date with our city's hot couture.

Antwerp has a rich cultural heritage with famous names as Rubens, Van Dijck, Jordaens and many others. The city is also a centre for contemporary cultural creativity.

When it comes to shopping, finally, you'll find all the flagship stores or antiques boutiques your heart desires. Our city's centre is largely a pedestrian zone, which makes the hunt all the more pleasant.

Because of its geographical position, Antwerp is THE gateway to Europe.

More info: Tourism Antwerp www.visitantwerpen.be +32 3 232 01 03

GENERAL INFORMATION

Getting to Antwerp

SN Brussels Airlines shuttle buses run between Brussels Airport (Zaventem) and Antwerp daily from 05:30 to 23:00. Buses depart from the airport every hour, on the hour, and arrive via Crowne Plaza Hotel at Antwerp Central Station. Single fare costs 8 € and the trip takes about 50 minutes.

For a detailed schedule see:

http://www.flysn.be/en_be/information-services/after/shuttle-service.aspx.

A taxi ride from the airport to Antwerp Central Station costs approximately 60 €.

For information about train schedules see:

<http://www.b-rail.be/main/index.html>

Getting around in Antwerp

All venues and hotels (except Stuurboord venue) are at walking distance from each other (see map on page 25), although participants are advised to take a taxi or public transport when carrying luggage. Please consult the ISOCaRP website for more information or the public transport website www.delijn.be (in Dutch, only)

Climate

In September, day temperatures can range from 10,5° to 20,5° (average temperature is 14 to 15°). The mean number of rainy days is 15.

Visa Requirements

All interested participants from outside the EU should immediately inquire about the visa procedures at their nearest Belgian Embassy or Consulate, as these vary from country to country. If a visa is required, requests for an official invitation to the Congress have to be submitted to the ISOCaRP Secretariat, also providing – compulsory – passport number, expiry date, date of birth and full address/e-mail/fax and phone number of the Belgian Embassy in the country of the delegate's residence.

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