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Urban Growth without Sprawl

A Way towards Sustainable Urbanization

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President's Foreword

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

This thematic publication is the result of an initiative taken by my predecessor Alfonso Vegara in 2005. From the outset it proved to be a remarkable way of providing ISOCARP members with a quality publication devoted to the highlights of their congress. The positive international reactions to ISOCARP REVIEW 01 to 03 have encouraged us to continue what has now become a well-established tradition.

REVIEW 04 contains a selection of studies related to this year's congress theme: "Cities without sprawl: a way towards sustainable urbanisation". The congress was co-organized by the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) and under the special patronage of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Construction. The Vice-Minister, Dr. Qiu Baoxing, was a keynote speaker. 120 carefully selected papers and about 15 invited contributions, including the keynote speeches, covered most aspects of this complex theme. Part of them will be published on the Congress CD Rom.

May I very warmly thank the contributors of the present issue's different chapters (in alphabetical order):

Jef Van den Broeck (restructuring urban development through regional structure planning);

Jeremy Dawkins (how even in Western Australia, one of the parts of the world with the highest level of sprawl, planning can make a difference);

Chris Gossop (the new London high-speed rail terminal as an opportunity for a high density - low rise redevelopment);

Jean-François Guet (the Paris success story of reducing automobile traffic through a fleet of some 20.000 rental bikes);

Jeffrey Kenworthy (how sprawl was encouraged by the automobile traffic and how allocation of space could be improved);

Andreas Kipar (the potential role of landscape planning in shaping the Milan conurbation);

Alfonso Vegara and Judith Ryser (the regeneration of Aviles, a Spanish city of old industry);

Ruan Yisan and Ding Yuan (the water cities along the Grand Canal in China as potential for refocusing urban development while keeping alive historical heritage);

Peter Zlonicky and Didier Vancutsem (urban trends and strategies of German cities – the experience of the Munich Region).

Preparing this publication has taken an enormous amount of time and effort. On behalf of our Society I wish to warmly congratulate and thank the Chair of the Local organising Committee, Dr Shi Nan, Secretary General of the Urban Planning Society of China and his Congress team, as well as the Vice-President for publications Paolo la Greca and the General Rapporteur Detlef Kammeier. Finally I wish to express my gratitude to the host, the Municipality of Dalian and its Mayor Xia Deren.

Pierre Laconte