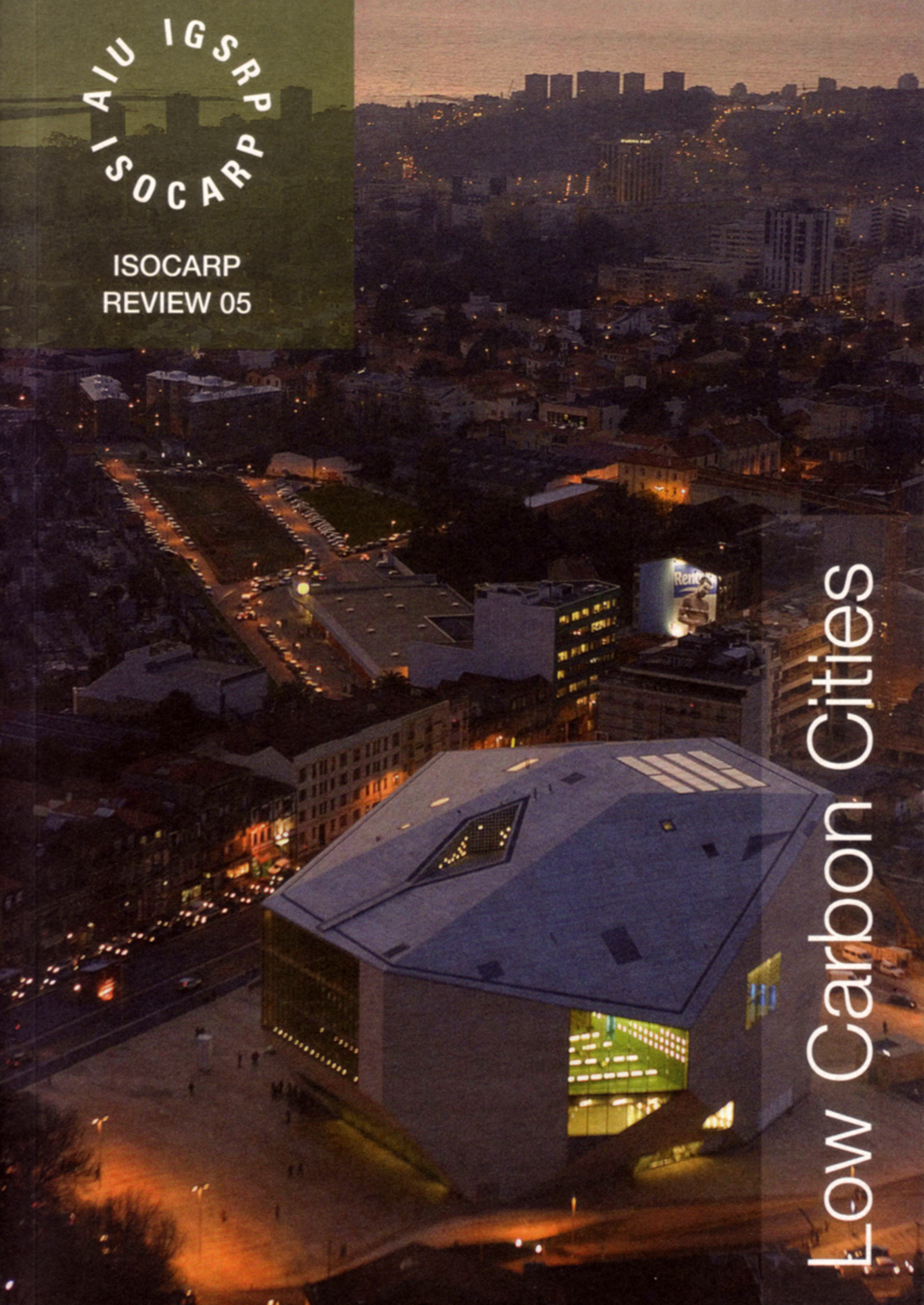


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Foreword

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I am pleased to present this fifth 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. It proved in effect from the outset a remarkable way of providing ISOCARP members a quality publication devoted to the highlights of their congress, without them having to wait for the eventual CD Rom containing the general proceedings. The positive international reactions to ISOCARP REVIEW 01 to 04 have encouraged us to continue what has now become a well-established tradition.

REVIEW 05 contains this time again a selection of studies related to this year's congress theme: "Low Carbon Cities".

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

- Richard Benner, *Portland Metropolitan Region Turns a Climate Change Corner*
- Fernando Brandão Alves, João Granadeiro Cortesão, Joanne Patterson & Joaquim Góis, *Investigation of Potential Bioclimatic Interventions for a Portuguese City*
- Martin Dubbeling & Michaël Meijer, *The Netherlands 2020, Boundless Policies towards Low Carbon Regions and Cities*
- Trevor Graham, *Malmö, Sweden - Towards the Sustainable City*
- Brian Human, *Cambridge: Delivering Smarter Growth*
- Julia Lourenço, Chris Gossop, Fernando Brandão Alves, *Comparative Study of National Responses to Climate Change*
- Julia Lourenço & Fernando Brandão Alves, *Planning and design for Low Carbon Development in a Sensitive Landscape - A Douro Valley Setting for the YPP Workshop*
- Júlia M. Lourenço, Cristina Danko, Ricardo Bento, Paulo Fernandes, Nuno Pereira, Luís Ramos & Isabel Bentes, *Increasing CO₂ Emissions in the Douro Valley – The role of land use changes and fires*

- Judith Ryser, *Low Carbon Cities: Examples from The United Kingdom*
- Robert Shaw, *Energy Planning at the Community Level in England*
- Garry Smith, *From Westernised to Low Carbon City: Climate Change Adaptation Lessons from Perth, Western Australia*
- UN Habitat, *Cities and Climate Change: The Perspective of UN-Habitat - Key to a low-carbon society: cities and local power*
- Ronan Uhel & Birgit Georgi, *Reflections from a European perspective*
- Alfonso Vegara, Judith Ryser, Mark Dwyer & Aaron Kelley, *Ecocity Sarriguren*

As to the congress itself its prestigious keynote speakers include: Paul Taylor (UN HABITAT); Jean Pascal van Ypersele (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), Eduardo de Oliveira Fernandes (Portugal Energy); Jacqueline McGlade (European Environment Agency); Richard Rosan, (Urban Land Institute ULI) and Mr Mah (Ministry of urban Development Singapore).

Carefully selected papers and technical session reports cover most aspects of this complex theme.

Preparing the present publication has taken an inordinate amount of time and effort.

May I first of all thank Chris Gossop who, very exceptionally, has assumed the double task of being the General Rapporteur of the whole congress and being responsible for its publications, as Vice President for publications. This double responsibility has internalised the transaction costs that inevitably occur between the two jobs, for the benefit of us all.

Last but not least on behalf of our Society and its Executive Committee I wish to specially congratulate and thank the President and the Chair of the Local Organising Committee, Paulo Pinho and Fernando Brandão Alves as well as their colleagues of the Local Organising Committee:

Luis Valente de Oliveira (Honorary President); Sara Santos Cruz (Secretary General); Isabel Breda-Vázquez; Alvaro Costa; Paulo Conceição; Emilia Malcata; Cecília Silva; Vítor Oliveira. •