

CALL for INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS

**Young Planning Professionals' Workshop
organised as part of the 54th ISOCARP WORLD CONGRESS
KRISTIANSAND, NORWAY, 24-29 September 2018**

COOL PLANNING IN SOUTHERN NORWAY

NEW KRISTIANSAND - DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE POLYCENTRIC URBAN MODEL

BACKGROUND

The Young Planning Professionals' Programme was initiated in 1991 at the 26th ISOCARP Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. Since then, senior members of ISOCARP have happily – and at times perhaps a little enviously – observed the competition for admission to the workshop, the creative spirit of the workshop itself, and the enthusiastic response of the participants. It has become tradition to organise the workshops in the week preceding the annual world congress in order to provide unique opportunities to Young Planning Professionals (YPPs) to share their experiences in an attempt to resolve complex and multi-dimensional planning problems. The YPP Programme, together with workshops and intensive training programmes, has become a source of meaningful debate, and new ideas and rejuvenation for the Society; and has made a huge impact on participants' professional lives. It has contributed towards making life-long friendships beyond borders, languages, cultures and professional backgrounds. According to this tradition, two YPP workshop will be offered again during the 54th ISOCARP World Congress, one of which will take place in Kristiansand, Norway. The workshop itself will take place between 24 and 29 September, and the final public presentation will be scheduled at the last day of the workshop as well as during one of the congress sessions. The workshop will be organised in partnership with Kristiansand Municipality.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

Since 1991, the objective of ISOCARP's Young Planning Professionals' Workshops has been to bring together young professional urban planners from all parts of the world. The workshops aim to provide young professionals with an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural setting, share their experiences on real-life planning problems, and exchange ideas and learn from each other. At the same time, it is intended to engage them in planning exercise under the guidance of highly-qualified practitioners with extensive international experience. In terms of desired results, it is intended that the YPP workshop results will serve the Kristiansand Municipality in defining possible solutions of the given planning problem with fresh and innovative ideas. The workshop results may be of potential interest to other key stakeholders, including Agder County (which is the regional administration including a.o. Kristiansand, Songdalen and Søgne municipalities), universities and other public and private infrastructure providers, and will therefore be presented locally at the end of the workshop. On the other hand, the workshop results will become an important part of the 54th ISOCARP World Congress, and the outcomes will be available both to congress delegates and all interested members of the Society (in the forms of public presentation, exhibition, publication and website dissemination). In addition to the practical outcomes of the workshop exercise, its results may also contribute to the wider congress discussions.

NATURE OF THE WORKSHOP

The YPP Workshops are traditionally organised in the week preceding the annual ISOCARP Congress and focus specifically on the Congress's main theme. The project site is chosen jointly by ISOCARP and the related Local Organising Committee. Over a concentrated period of three to four days, the YPPs work in closely-knit international teams, exchanging ideas and learning from each other under the guidance of international experts among the members of ISOCARP accompanied by the local coordinator(s), lecturers as well as the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP programme throughout the process. The workshops are brief, but very intense, brainstorming planning and design exercises. They provide a synergetic platform where new ideas and creative solutions to complex and multifaceted urban issues are produced. YPPs are required to defend their ideas in front of a critical jury, the local decision-makers, professionals and the public, as well as the participants of the annual congress. The teams have to prepare a well-rehearsed presentation that frequently catches the special attention of the planning authorities. The tangible results are then presented at the main congress (and at the headquarters of key stakeholders upon request), are published in a Workshop Report, both on the ISOCARP website and different digital mediums. The intangible ones, however, stay in the hearts and minds of the participant YPPs, who not only learn from each other, but also make life-long friends. We strongly recommend you read the past YPP workshop reports, which are available on the ISOCARP website. This will provide further guidance as to the calibre of results to be achieved.

VENUE: KRISTIANSAND

Kristiansand is the administrative, business and cultural capital of Southern Norway. Nicknamed ‘the coolest Riviera’ by the media, it is a modern city with a cosmopolitan history. A leading light in the technology sector and number one in exports, the Kristiansand region is one of the fastest growing regions in Scandinavia and the fastest growing region in Norway. With a population of 137,000, the region comprises the municipalities of Søgne, Songdalen, Iveland, Vennessla, Birkenes, Lillesand and Kristiansand. Surrounded by picturesque scenery - from tiny rocky islands in the fjords to snow-covered mountains inland – Kristiansand offers a rich variety of recreational activities. Flourishing businesses around Kristiansand attract engineers and professionals from the University of Agder and other educational institutions within the city. Some of the largest companies are energybased, either as suppliers to the oil industry or as producers of or suppliers to the emerging renewable energy market. The geographical proximity to the hub of the European continent, nature and the wide range of cultural activities is making the region an attractive place to live. Kristiansand is brimming with exciting opportunities, both professional and recreational. Kristiansand is the gateway for more than two million travellers each year.



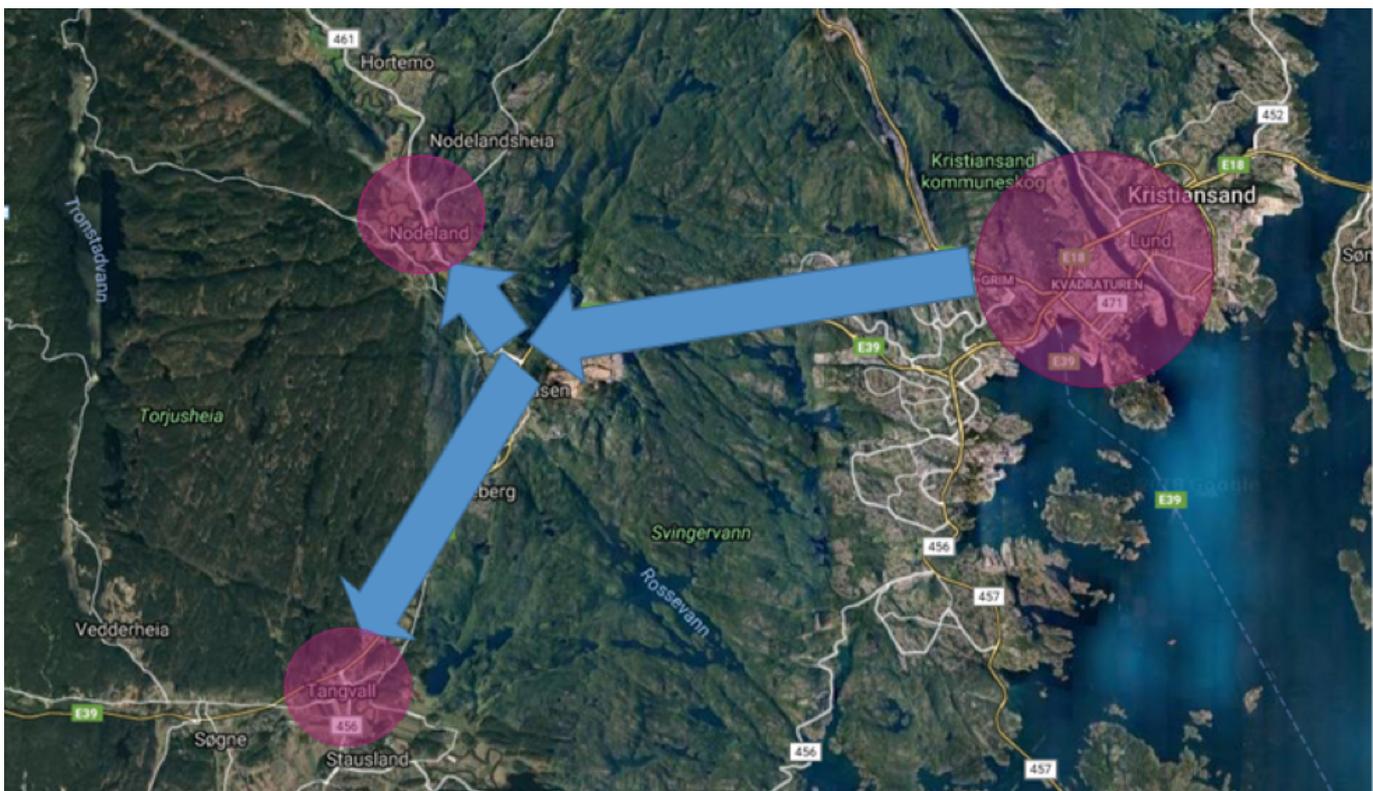
Kristiansand By Anders Martinsen

THEME OF THE WORKSHOP

“COOL PLANNING IN SOUTHERN NORWAY

NEW KRISTIANSAND - DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE POLYCENTRIC URBAN MODEL”

Kristiansand is in the process of amalgamate/merging with two neighbouring municipalities west of Kristiansand: Søgne and Songdalen. This is a huge process involving some 8000 municipal employees and 110.000 inhabitants. The new municipality ‘New Kristiansand’ will be operational from 01.01.2020. The centre of gravity will inevitably shift towards the west, and Kristiansand City will have to work together with the municipal centres in Søgne and Songdalen: Tangvall and Nodeland (reference image below). The workshop participants will then be looking at: How Kristiansand can develop as a polycentric city? How can these three centres complement and strengthen each other to make the new municipality not only more competitive, but also more dynamic and interesting for the inhabitants? Exploring the different characteristics and identities of the three centres as a basis for developing a polycentric city is important, besides reducing the mental distance between these centres through new ways of transport and communication. The guiding strategic principles include major focus on environmental, economic and social sustainability, climate change and adaptation.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Each participant will spend 4 full days working with the YPP group between 24 and 29 September. The workshop results will be presented in Kristiansand and/or Nodeland and Tangvall on the 28 September 2018, followed by a Certificate Ceremony and Exhibition Opening (venue to be announced soon). After the Young Planning Professionals’

Workshop, all YPPs have to participate in the 54th ISOCARP World Congress (October 1-4, 2018) in Bodø. Here, the workshop results will be presented again during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon). There will be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press both in Kristiansand and Bodø. In Kristiansand, all YPPs will also be expected to give a brief presentation of innovative planning practices in their home countries with some advice and lessons to learn for Kristiansand. Therefore, all participants should arrive on 24 September in Kristiansand in the early afternoon at the latest and depart not earlier than 5 October in the morning from Bodø – after the congress concludes. It is expected that the workshop will be concluded with:

- preliminary public presentation to key stakeholders including the decision-makers, professionals and the public in Kristiansand
- final presentation to congress audience, conducted during the congress
- YPP exhibitions conducted both during the workshop in Kristiansand and during the congress with the collaboration of local organisation committee
- final report, prepared using all gathered materials

In addition to the participation in the YPP workshop, 6 of the selected Young Planners may be offered an opportunity to become a Support Congress Team Member. This means that – both before and during the congress – they will be involved in the preparation and running of and reporting on the congress activities. This exceptional opportunity shall allow the Young Planners to get more seriously involved in the entire congress. Thus, please mention your willingness to volunteer and contribute as a Congress Team Member when apply for the workshop.

YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS' WORKSHOP REPORT

All YPPs are obliged to write down the results of the work of their specific group immediately after the programme under the supervision of workshop coordinators. The final lay-out, printing, etc. of the publication will be done by ISOCARP and local organisers. (For examples of past years have a look at the ISOCARP website: [Publications](#)). For the purpose of this, workshop coordinators (along with 2-3 selected YPPs) will collect all materials and prepare the first draft of the report.

YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS' WORKSHOP EXHIBITION

The results of the YPP Workshop will be exhibited at the end of the workshop in Kristiansand as well as during the annual ISOCARP World Congress for the effective and interactive dissemination of knowledge. All YPPs are obliged to publish the results of the work of their specific group in an ISOCARP YPP Poster format before the congress starts (The format will be given to participants during the workshop). The final lay-out will be done by YPP participants under the supervision of the Workshop Coordinators. The printing of the posters will be done by local organisers.

YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS' AWARD: ROUTLEDGE POSTER PRIZE AND EXHIBITION

ISOCARP is very grateful to Routledge for this activity that gives extra flavour to the Congress. The Young Planning Professionals' Award (Routledge Poster Prize) was initiated in 1997 by past president Derek Lyddon and is part of an agreement with Routledge. The award is made possible by Routledge Publishers (UK) that gives an annual grant to ISOCARP. This grant is awarded to the best poster(s) in the Routledge Poster Exhibition during the annual ISOCARP Congress. This competition has stimulated great interest, especially among young members, and has produced many imaginative works.

All YPPs – whether accepted or not for Paper Presentation in the main Congress – are asked to bring along a Poster (in A1) related to the Congress Theme. All Posters are exhibited at the main Congress Venue and evaluated by a YPP Award Committee. The Award is given to the Poster that best presents the contents of the paper in a visual way. The technical content (the information, data, arguments and ideas presented in the poster, and its inherent interest, originality and potential for application) and communicative quality (use of the poster as a medium of communication – to attract interest and to effectively convey information and ideas) are the most important criteria in addition to graphic quality.

CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES

The cost of modest accommodation (shared hotel rooms), boarding (lunches and most dinners) and local transportation for the entire duration of the workshop will be covered by the local organizers (Kristiansand Municipality) within the agreed dates. Kristiansand Municipality will also arrange and compensate the transportation costs from Kristiansand to Bodø by plane (economic fare). ISOCARP can neither be able to provide any assistance with respect to international travel expenses nor waive the congress fee for workshop participants. All participants have to take care of arranging accommodation expenses for the duration of the Bodø congress on their own (ISOCARP will guide in booking rooms -shared twin rooms- in budget accommodation under the supervision of Bodø Municipality). However, ISOCARP has recently launched initiatives such as YPP Legacy Programme to provide grants especially for participants from underdeveloped regions of the world. Please check out the availability of the YPP Legacy Programme in your home country through National Delegations.

Participants are also welcome to stay in Norway longer than 5th October and to participate in other congress activities such as post-congress tours. However, their expenses for additional time spent in Norway beyond the time required for the workshop and congress have to be borne by themselves.

Please discuss your travel plans in advance with VP YPP Zeynep Gunay.
Kindly note that each YPP Workshop participant has to pay the (reduced) congress fee. ISOCARP cannot waive the congress fee for the participants.
All participants have to take care of their own health and travel insurance.

CALENDAR

Issue of Call	1 March 2018
Deadline - Reception of applications	1 April 2018
Communication of Selection Results	15 April 2018
Confirmation by selected Candidates	20 April 2018 at the latest
Travel arrangements/procedures	20 April – 30 June 2018
Participation documents to selected candidates	20-25 April 2018
Arrival to Kristiansand	24 September 2018
Departure from Kristiansand	29 September 2018
Departure from Bodø	5 October 2018

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

The call for workshop participants is open to YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS - professionals or MSc/PhD students in Planning, Urban Design, Policy Development, Geography, Architecture, Social and Political Sciences, or another related discipline. It is intended that the workshop will gather 20 YPPs, who are not older than 35 years and who offer a keen interest in the workshop theme and upcoming congress theme.

Candidates complying with the above criteria have to submit the Online Application Form compiling the set of documents below:

- Curriculum Vitae pointing out the relevant experience (please use the ISOCARP Template)
- A portrait photograph (5x5 cm, in 300 dpi)
- Recommendation Letter (drafted/signed by an ISOCARP member, employer or university professor)
- A clear scan of the passport (photo page) and information whether you need a visa to Norway, and – in the positive case – which country/city/consulate you will be applying.
- An abstract for the 54th ISOCARP World Congress – please see the congress website: <https://isocarp.org/2018congress/>
- Expression of interest / willingness to volunteer and contribute as a Congress Team Member when applying for the workshop.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

An evaluation and final selection of candidates will be done by a Selection Committee formed by Zeynep Gunay, ISOCARP YPP VP, local coordinators, as well as selected coordinators. The following aspects also have to be taken into account: (i) equal participation per continent (ii) equal and inclusive representation of gender (iii)

representation of different disciplines related to planning. Selected Candidates will be informed of their selection, after which they will have to confirm their availability and participation to the ISOCARP Head Office. Participation documents will be sent to them shortly afterwards. Travel procedures (including visa if applicable) will start immediately after selection process has been completed. Regarding congress participation, the abstracts will be evaluated by the General Rapporteur of the congress and the congress team.

Possible selection results

The YPP candidate is selected by both the Vice President YPP/YPP Programme Committee/Workshop Coordinators and the General Rapporteur/Congress Team. In this case:

- The candidate will be invited for participation in the YPPs' Workshop.
- The candidate will be invited as a 'Presenter' to one of main congress Workshops.
- The candidate will be officially considered a YPP and is expected to participate (compulsory) in both the YPPs Programme held prior to the congress as well as to the main congress.

The YPP candidate is selected by the Vice President YPP/YPP Programme Committee/Workshop Coordinators, but not by the General Rapporteur/Congress Team. In this case:

- The candidate will be invited for participation in the YPPs' Workshop.
- The candidate will not be invited as a 'Paper Presenter' to one of main congress Workshops.
- The candidate will nevertheless be officially considered a YPP and is expected to participate (compulsory) in both the YPPs Programme prior to the congress and to the main congress.

The YPP candidate is selected by the General Rapporteur/Congress Team, but not by the Vice President YPP/YPP Programme Committee/Workshop Coordinators. In this case:

- The candidate will not be invited for participation in the YPPs' Workshop.
- The candidate will be invited to present at one of main congress Workshops, only. He/she can register in the Congress Category 'Age max 35 years'.

AFTER SELECTION

All YPPs Candidates will receive the following by the ISOCARP Head Office: (i) the selection result by the General Rapporteur/Congress Team, and (ii) the selection result by the YPPs Vice President/ YPP Workshop Coordinators including an official invitation and an Agreement Protocol, in case of selection.

Invited YPPs have to comply with an Agreement Protocol, which includes an official agreement issued by ISOCARP which stipulates the rights and responsibilities of each party (YPP and ISOCARP). All invited YPPs having completed the Agreement Protocol have to Register to the congress and pay a reduced registration fee that gives entrance to both the 3 days YPPs Programme as well as to the main Congress. Additional benefits for all Young Planning Professionals include entrance to the YPPs workshop (lunches and accommodation included during the workshop), free travel from Kristiansand to Bodø, receipt of the congress portfolio (see registration Congress) and attendance to Congress Events including Congress Dinner and other social events such as Mobile workshops.

In order to create a strong international relationship, ISOCARP appreciates that all invited YPPs stay in the same hotel for the entire duration of the workshop and congress. In order to secure the team spirit, ISOCARP appreciates that during the workshop days, YPPs are not disturbed by the presence of their companions. Often the YPP work continues in the evenings. The initial room-sharing also applies during the entire length of the main congress. However, YPPs having brought along their partner are free to share their room with their partner after the YPP Workshop under the following conditions: (i) The YPP has to take care that the partner's accommodation will be fully paid for in advance (ii) The partner also has to pay for any possible extra costs that the initial YPP workshop room-mate will have to face.

Kristiansand Municipality has agreed to give all cooperation in facilitating Letters of Invitation addressed to Norwegian Embassies in those countries that require a visa entrance for Norway. The Invited Young Planning Professionals are requested to provide the ISOCARP Head Office with their full name, date of birth, passport number and date of issue. Visa letters cannot be taken into consideration without completion of the agreement and without payment of the registration fee and accommodation.

Time Framework for YPP Selection Process

Deadline to complete application (by the above set of documents - abstract has to be submitted on abstract submission platform)	1 April 2018
All results to candidates	15 April 2018
Receival of the Agreement Protocol	20 April 2018
Submission of the signed YPP agreements	30 April 2018 at the latest
Registration	30 June 2018 at the latest
Submission of travel itineraries Flight reservation, flight schedule, copy of e-ticket	30 June 2018
Completion of visa entrances In coordination with ISOCARP Head Office in cooperation with the LOC	30 July 2018

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL TIMELINE FOR WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Day 0 **September 24th, Monday**

Arrival - Group meeting and Team Organisation (in the afternoon)
(informal meeting: optional, depending on YPPs' and coordinators' travel schedules)
Welcome Reception

Day 1 **September 25th, Tuesday**

Official welcome, short introductory lecture(s) by local and invited international experts
Site visit (by bus and/or on foot) allowing the participants to understand the character and issues associated with the selected site
Documentation of site-specific characteristics, formulation of the design / planning problems and spatial development strategy

Day 2 **September 26th, Wednesday**

Studio work in teams – defining the problem solutions at the macro scale and developing strategies and key projects of intervention
Group presentations and discussions

Day 3 **September 27th, Thursday**

Studio work in teams – defining the specific proposals and key urban projects constituting the part of the strategy, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Group presentations and discussions

Day 4 **September 28th, Friday**

Studio work in teams – refinement of the proposed solutions, defining the specific proposals and implementation methods, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Public presentation and exhibition - Certificate Ceremony - Opening of the YPP exhibition

Day 5 **September 29th, Saturday**

Travel to Bodø

Day 6 **September 30th, Sunday**

Rehersal for public presentation
Final preparations for congress presentation

October 1-4th, Monday - Friday

54th ISOCARP World Congress: “Cool Planning: Changing Climate and Our Urban Future”
Presentation of workshop results during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon)

MEMBERSHIP

A non-ISOCARP Member participating for the first time in an ISOCARP Congress is considered Congress Member for one year (congress to congress) without any additional financial implication (or without application). He/she will receive all messages of ISOCARP however has no access to the Members' area on the website, no voting rights and is not eligible to apply for elected positions. A congress member can already apply for full individual membership by paying the fee for the year after the free year.

For young planning professionals willing to join our global network, here is a short list of benefits:

- You will become part of a global membership organization of professional planners
- ISOCARP represents a unique multi-angle perspective. We have members in: academia; government, organisations and agencies as well as consultancies and the private sector
- You will have networking opportunities with members all around the world
- You benefit from the wealth and diversity of professional expertise, knowledge, and experience in the ISOCARP membership that is unmatched in the planning field
- You will join an organization that is officially recognized by the Council of Europe, UNESCO, UN-Habitat and United Nations
- You will have your say about issues of your interest
- You will have the chance to participate as expert in the various ISOCARP programmes
- You will enjoy reduced rates for ISOCARP events and publications and discounts at events of affiliate organisations (when applicable)
- You will receive regular newsletters and updates on the progress and achievements of our activities
- You will have access to the Members' Area of the ISOCARP website
- You will have voting rights and be eligible to apply for elected positions.

Young members (under the age of 35) are entitled to a 50% reduction in membership fee.
Please have a look at our [membership pages!](#)

QUESTIONS

Any questions during these procedures should be sent to the ISOCARP Head Office:

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Any questions regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to VP YPP, Zeynep Gunay: gunay@isocarp.org.

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