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2013

ISOCARP Awards for Excellence





New Comprehensive Planning of Shantou, award winner of 2012

Aim of the Awards

ISOCARP Awards for Excellence

The ISOCARP Awards for Excellence are conferred in recognition of exceptionally innovative urban and regional planning initiatives in an increasingly urbanized world. These can be awarded to a city, region or institution.

Through the Awards for Excellence, ISOCARP intends to encourage and promote innovative spatial projects at different scales, that have resulted in improved natural or built environment, enhanced quality of life, sustainability and resilience.

The call for entries for the 2013 Awards for Excellence is now open. ISOCARP invites entries from public as well as private organizations for the Awards, which will be a feather in the cap of any public or private organization working in the area of urban and/or regional planning.



Who Can Apply

Eligibility and content

The competition is open to legal entities, both from the public and private sector, including (but not limited to): local and regional authorities; national, transnational and international institutions; universities and research centres; planning agencies; NGOs; private companies; etc. Individuals associated with any of these entities are also eligible. Entries are welcomes from all parts of the world.

The themes/topics of plans, projects or schemes submitted for consideration should relate broadly to the topic of the 2013 ISOCARP Congress: Frontiers of Planning - Evolving and declining models of city planning practice.



Selection Criteria

The Awards for Excellence will be given to those projects/initiative which demonstrate outstanding creativity as well as sustainability and replicability. Entries will be judged by a jury comprising planners from academia as well as practices. The selection will be based broadly on four main criteria: Content: Process: Innovation: and. Sustainability.

Content The jury will focus on the main aims and thematic emphasis of the initiative, particularly recognising those that relate to the theme of the 2013 Congress: Frontiers of Planning: Evolving and Declining Models of City Planning Practice.

Process The jury will also examine the degree and effectiveness of stakeholder involvement in the process of planning, implementation and monitoring of the initiative.

Innovation The jury will also assess the extent and type of innovation in planning and project implementation.

Sustainability Finally, the jury will examine the degree of sustainability of the initiative, i.e., whether it can be taken forward by local institutions/community or partners once initial support, whether financial or institutional. comes to an end.

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Entry Requirements

The submission should include a general description of the initiative, illustrated by maps, photos and schemes. The report should also include relevant contacts from the responsible entity/authority.

The description of the initiative should be structured as follows:

- Summary (Half a page)
- Project description (Up to 8 pages)
- Analysis of content, process, innovation and sustainability (Up to 2 pages)

Entries should be written in English and must be in MS-Word format, font size Arial 12 pt. Graphics should be submitted separately in jpeg format.

All text, images and graphics must be free of copyright. Submission of an entry automatically authorises ISOCARP to use the text and/or graphics of Award-winning entries for promotional and other purposes.



Application process

Timetable

Submission (and fee payment) deadline: 15 July 2013 Evaluation of entries: 15-31 July 2013

Announcement of winners: during the 49th ISOCARP Congress in Brisbane from 1st to 4th October 2013

Participation fees

Each entry should be accompanied by evidence of payment of a participation fee of Euro 1500. An institution may submit multiple initiatives for consideration, but each initiative should be submitted as a separate entry and will be evaluated as such.

Benefits and Obligations of Applicants

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All entries, awarded or not, will get free entrance for one representative as well as free space at the congress exhibition at the ISOCARP Congress in Brisbane, Australia.

The awarded projects will be published in an ISOCARP publication and will have a wide range of publicity and dissemination, besides being on the website. In addition to that the results of the competition will appear in different international professional publications.

ISOCARP will be responsible for publication of the results of the competition [awards/winners/participants] and will hold the copyright for use of submitted entries (text as well as graphics) for promotional and other purposes.



Award ceremony Nairobi, Kenya 2010

Award for Excellence ceremony

The 2013 ISOCARP Award for Excellence ceremony

The winners of the 2013 ISOCARP Award for Excellence will be announced at the 49th ISOCARP Congress in Brisbane, Australia. The Award ceremony will also take place during the Congress.

Exhibition of excellent projects

As one activity of the 49th ISOCARP World Congress, an accompanying exhibition will highlight excellent projects of city and regional planning. All entries, awarded or not, will get the opportunity to be presented at this exhibition. The awarded projects will get a special exhibition space.



Contact

Information and application form

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