The International Society of City and Regional Planners (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 brings together individual and institutional members from more than 80 countries worldwide.

As a non-governmental organisation ISOCARP is recognised by the UN, UNHCS and the Council of Europe. The Society also 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 practitioners.

ISOCARP encourages the exchange of professional knowledge between planners, promotes the planning profession in all its forms, stimulates and improves planning research, training and education and enhances public awareness and understanding of major planning issues at a global level. The association’s main event is the annual World Congress which focuses on a globally-significant planning theme and which takes place in a different country each year.

Prior to the congress Young Planning Professional Workshops are organised. This YPP programme seeks to bring together emerging young planning professionals from all over the world to tackle ‘real-world’ planning projects.

ISOCARP Urban Planning Advisory teams (UPATs) assists sponsor organisations by offering the extensive experience and expertise of ISOCARP members to work on important local or international planning projects, programmes and policy initiatives.

The recently established Russian Urban Planners Association (RUPA) is a diverse network of practising professionals – the first and only society in Russia intended to bring together experts not just in planning and architecture but also in geography, transportation, infrastructure and environmental protection as well.

RUPA works to create an urban planning knowledge network, improve planning education, raise professional standards, and encourage the best international practice in Russian planning processes. Special attention is paid to education and knowledge exchange processes. RUPA organises seminars, workshops, professional competitions and conferences.

The members of RUPA participate in planning, development and city marketing projects, working hand-in-hand with local, regional and national authorities, academics, land owners, developers and citizens.

RUPA seeks national and international partnerships to advance the profession of urban planning in the Russian Federation and, being a co-organiser of the 48th ISOCARP Congress in Perm, welcomes all the participants to come to the Congress and share their valuable experience.

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THE CITY OF PERM

Each year, the annual World Congress of the International Society of City and Regional Planners combines cutting edge presentations from international experts, papers from planners from all over the world, and discussions of challenging issues facing communities and governments everywhere, all in a unique atmosphere of collegiality and friendship.

And each year, we meet in a new city that offers special opportunities for learning, discovery, and the stimulation of engaging with a new and fascinating place and culture.

In 2012, the Congress addresses the neglected but critically important issue of ‘urban speed’ – as outlined in General Rapporteur Stefan Rau’s introduction on the next page. For the first time, the Congress will also include an International Planners’ Forum for papers on diverse topics of great interest.

In 2013, the Congress is being hosted in the City of Perm, the easternmost city in Europe, a city with a special place in Russian history, and a city which is recognised for its achievements in promoting the cultural economy and dynamic urban planning.

I acknowledge the outstanding work of the Local Organising Committee and ISOCARP’s Congress Team in ensuring that this will be another very rewarding and memorable Congress, and encourage you to be part of it. I’m looking forward to seeing you in Perm!

invITATIoN FROM THE MAJOR OF PERM,
IGOR SAPKO

It stands to reason that Perm was approved as the host of the first ISOCARP Congress in Russia.

While working on a strategic master plan, the Perm General Plan and the implementation plan for the Perm General Plan, our city benefited from a unique experience in urban planning. These documents were highly regarded at both national and international levels. In May 2010, the Perm strategic master plan was awarded the Grand Prix of the Moscow Biennale of Architecture.

The City of Perm occupies a special place in Russian history, and is playing a unique role in contemporary Russia. While it reflects all the complexities and contradictions of Russian cities, today Perm is noted for its progressive attitudes to market reforms, cultural heritage and the role of government.

This style has earned the city and region the titles ‘Capital of civil society’ and ‘Capital of Rand liberalization’. Perm is also known in Russia for pioneering a new style of more dynamic urban planning. Perm is the capital of the Perm region, an area noted for forestry, timber and paper mills, mineral and energy resources, and diverse manufacturing including chemical, petrochemical, metallurgy, machinery, armaments, rockets for Russia’s civilian space program, aircraft engines and food industries – most of which is within the City of Perm.

The city is proud of its heritage as being in the region of Tchaikovsky, the home of Pasternak and Diaghilev. It has a strong opera, ballet and drama tradition, six theatres including the classical Opera and Ballet Theatre, many theatre companies and a philharmonic society.

This sensibility translates into a tradition of parks and gardens, public art and festivals, and more recently the closing of streets for pedestrian use. One of the city’s notable initiatives has been the development of two well-sited pedestrian walks – the red and green lines – around the city centre, one related to history and the other to the arts.

The city hosts leading science institutes, seven universities, and some significant art galleries and museums, including the impressive new Museum of Modern Art.

Perm is recognised across Russia and among the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for taking a pioneering path in city planning. A Dynamic breakthrough in Russian urban planning was made by the comprehensive strategic master plan that was commissioned from the leading Dutch firm RACAP (Kees Christiaanse Architects and Planners).

In May 2010 the Moscow Biennale of Architecture awarded its Grand Prix to the Perm strategic master plan. The strategic master plan has now been translated into the statutory Perm General Plan and an Implementation Plan.

STATEMENT BY GENERAL RAPPORTEUR, STEFAN RAU

High speed urban change is not entirely new – since industrialization fast economic and urban growth has been an international reality, accelerating in the second half of the last century. However, urban change is still speeding up. In the last three decades the number of metropolitan agglomerations above one and above ten million residents has dramatically increased, mostly in emerging and developing countries, leading to various urban typologies.

High-speed urban change is not only a growth phenomenon. Demographic changes, investment behavior and migration lead on the one hand to rapid urbanisation and on the other to loss of jobs and population. Both growth and decline occur simultaneously and lead to polarizations on global, regional and local scales. Planners have to seek solutions for both.

Climate-risk and environmental loss and degradation, resource scarcity and natural disasters seem to occur more frequently, on more drastic scales. We are witnessing large scale socio-political change at breaking-news speed, organised in a crowd-sourcing fashion through the internet, social networks and cellular phones. Constitutional change and the urge to change the planning culture, practice and education demands an accelerated learning curve and international cooperation among planners.

At this congress we will gather experience of how planners should treat speed with caution, as there are dangers like prioritising economic aspects while marginalising social, cultural and ecological needs resulting in externalities that may ultimately reverse fast forward to fast backward.

ISOCARP’s World Urban Planners’ Congress 2012 in Perm will stand on three pillars:
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3. World Planners’ Forum for international best practice, innovative methods and advanced theory on any relevant topic of planning.

And we want to discuss how planners ought to embrace speed as it creates opportunities for positive change, wealth potential for infrastructure and betterment for local communities. We want to identify successful response patterns – how planners can employ the energies of hyper-dynamic processes strategically, to create quality despite high speeds, resulting in historic sustainability fast forward.

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ISOCARP, the City of Perm and RUPA invite the world’s planners to meet in Perm on 10 September 2012.

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