

Reports by National Delegations on activities in 2015:

Algeria:

Notre délégation nationale à 5 membres dont 2 occupent des fonctions politiques importantes qui leur imposent beaucoup de charges importantes. De ce fait notre délégation est très limitée en membres et en 2015 nous n'avons pas pu organiser des activités. Pour 2016 nous nous fixons 2 objectifs: 1-élargir notre délégation à de nouveaux membres. Pour cela si c'est possible on voudrait recevoir des plaquettes ou dépliants simples qui expliquent l'histoire, la stratégie, les objectifs et les activités d'ISOCARP(AIU). 2-nous espérons co-parrainer une journée scientifique sur l'urbanisme avec un laboratoire de recherche universitaire en faisant participer des membres importants d'ISOCARP ayant occupé des fonctions importantes (ex. Judith Ryser). A cette occasion il serait utile de disposer de posters s'il en existent. Voilà globalement notre rapport d'activités. Nous souhaitons que 2017 soit réellement une année de décollage pour notre délégation. Nous souhaitons également que d'autres langues en plus de l'anglais soient utilisées dans la communication et les rencontres d'ISOCARP. Cela faciliterait beaucoup la participation de nouveaux membres.

Abderrahim Hafiane

Australia:

Australian National Delegation

The triennial election last year resulted in the following members being elected to the ND: Terry Byrnes, Ammar Habasch, Mike Neustein, Awais Piracha and Jim Colman. Jim and Terry are the current Bureau members. NDs are elected for a 3 year term which coincides with the term of the President. Our new President is Ric Stephens who has taken over from Professor Milica Bajic Brkovic from Belgrade.

At the time of writing there are 18 Australian members, scattered world-wide. Compared to many other countries that is a very healthy statistic. But it is always a matter of some regret that a meeting of all Australian ISOCARPIANS seems to be out of the question due to the tyranny of distance and the fact that several of our group are working overseas. That is not to say that we cannot occasionally give some thought to this dilemma – as the Sydney Group did in a meeting shortly before Christmas. See details below.

Australian membership

Recent advice from HQ is that the Australian membership comprises the following: Warren Batts, Sarah Brennan, Terry Byrnes, Jim Colman, Joan Domicelj, Jeremy Dawkins, Ammar Habasch, James Harrison, Garry Smith, Justyna Karakiewicz, Daniel Kinnoch, Aman Mehta, Michael Neustein, Awais Piracha, Gary Prattley, Ian Rigby and Greg Vann.

Next Congress

The next Congress will be in Durban, South Africa from September 13 – 16, 2016. I hope each Australian member will consider participating – by way of a paper, case study, or attendance. HQ will keep you posted on this important 2016 event.

Presidential visit

The Sydney Group is suggesting that Ric Stephens, new ISOCARP President, be invited to visit Australia sometime in 2016. There are at least two reasons behind this suggestion: Ric has often expressed a keen interest in such a visit; and he is also interested in the reform of the ISOCARP Articles of Association which was a project of the Sydney Group a few years ago. A visit would be an opportunity to make real progress on this important project.

At its pre-Christmas meeting the Sydney members agreed that initially we should write to Ric and sound him out on the idea; and if he is keen, perhaps ask him to nominate a preferred time for a visit. If the response is positive we could follow up with an official invitation and a search for sponsors. A visit could embrace many possibilities, to be fleshed out in detail if the project becomes a reality. For example:-

- Further work on the review of Articles of Association
- Itinerary to include Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, at least one major country city.
- RS to give lectures on topics of his choice (e.g. metro governance (Portland USA example); light rail; sustainability planning – case studies from his consultancy portfolio)
- Maybe a joint venture with Planning Institute of Australia, other professional or academic bodies

- Appointments with State, Federal ministers
- Sponsored as a Visiting Fellow by a leading university or consultancy

The visit could also provide a context for a meeting of all Australian members to discuss common interests and ideas for ISOCARP activities in Australia – Pacific – SE Asia. YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS MATTER ARE INVITED.

UPATs

Urban Planning Advisory Teams have been a major source of income for the Society for some years now. They also offer members the opportunity to participate as visiting experts in intensive planning workshops in a host country. The host organisation pays ISOCARP a management fee, and covers all travel and accommodation costs for the UPAT team members. In return, those members 'donate' their professional time to the project on a pro-bono basis. A typical UPAT lasts about a week plus travel time. If any Australian member has an idea for a UPAT, it should be circulated to colleagues and sent to the responsible Vice President for consideration and follow-up.

Ideas invited

With our numbers looking healthy, the Australian membership is surely in a position to generate Society projects – especially those which might bring some income. They could have a local or international focus – maybe a publication, research project, seminar, workshop, UPAT, educational tour, Young Planning Professionals' program, sponsorship of a visiting planning celeb....

Please give some thought to this opportunity, and circulate your ideas to the rest of us for comment. It is of course always open to any member to raise issues, concerns or ideas directly with the Executive Committee through the Secretariat in The Hague. The website is a good start.

Constitutional matters...towards the New ISOCARP

As already noted above, Sydney members have for some time been working on a long-overdue **review of the ISOCARP Articles of Association** - a document which has seen little or no change in the 50 years since the Society's inception. Many of us still see a review as one of the most important tasks to hit EXCO's agenda in recent years.

Jim Colman

I can report that the ISOCARP Members in Sydney (the so called Sydney Group) meet regularly (once a month or so). The Sydney Group had previously drafted a paper that proposed changes to the Articles of Association for ISOCARP. The group is currently drawing the society's office bearers' attention to the paper. The Sydney Group believes there is an urgent need to reinvigorate the society by revising the current articles that are not in line with the contemporary times and with the current reality of the society.

The ISOCARP Australia has been successful in its efforts to grow the society's membership. Recently two very high profile planning academics joined ISOCARP from the two most prestigious universities in Australia (Sydney and Melbourne Universities).

Awais Piracha

Belgium:

The main activity of the Belgian national delegation has been the organisation of two workshops as part of the 50th anniversary congress:

- Antwerp http://www.ffue.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Isocarp_antwerp-2.pdf and
- Brussels <http://www.ffue.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/ISOCARP-2015-Congress-AgendaWorkshopBrussels150723.pdf>

All papers can be downloaded from <http://www.bruplus.irisnet.be/en/content/urban-planners-around-world-visit-canal> “

Pierre Laconte

Brazil:

The only ND activity in 2015 worth mentioning is probably my participation as International Co-Rapporteur at the ISOCARP 2015 Conference in Belgium/Holland/Germany.

Lineu Castello

France:

ND

Renewal of the French delegation: Eric Huybrechts (representative), Hari Baral (deputy representative), Christian Horn, Philippe Vaillant, Gérard Guillaume.

The new French delegation's representation thanks very warmly Bernard Aubert for his very large efforts and excellent representation of the French delegation during 9 years.

New Members

After consultation of the delegation, Bernard Aubert has introduced the membership application of:

- Eric Huybrechts, architect and urban/regional planner,
- Carol Opozda, town planner and geographer,
- Parul Agarwala, town planner,
- Paul Lecroart, town planner.

Their experience and qualification, especially at the international scale, but also their motivation, were fit for the membership. That corresponds to a commitment to work with the delegation town planners, to develop exchanges and meetings.

Annual Congress

Charles Lambert, Alicia Listowski, Philippe Vaillant and Eric Huybrechts participated to the Congress.

Charles Lambert and Eric Huybrechts were present at the General Assembly.

Representation of the Society to Institutions

Unesco

Due to proximity, French members are strongly involved in the UNESCO activities, to represent the Society. Janine Marin, Bernard Aubert, Philippe Vaillant and Hari Baral participated in many programs and publishing including for example:

- JPC "Urbanism and the role of women fighting against poverty"
- 5th NGO/UNESCO Forum (China) "promoting Culture dialogue, a new utopia"
- Mother Earth is calling (for COP 21, December).

Philippe Vaillant took part to the 70th anniversary of UNESCO during the 38th General Conference to represent ISOCARP under its collective cooperation with UNESCO.

A section "UNESCO" is available on ISOCARP website to share the results of these activities. Eric Huybrechts is supporting UNESCO in the preparation of the World report on "Cities and culture"; he participated in the World congress in Huangzhou (December 2015) for the preparation of Habitat 3.

Council of Europe

French members - Beata Hildebrand, Bernard Aubert, Gérard Guillaume - are also strongly involved in the Council of Europe activities to represent the Society. Bernard Aubert participated in the works of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges (Conference of INGOs). Gérard Guillaume is preparing an innovative methodology regarding slums rehabilitation based on academic research and relevant parameters applied on Burkina Faso case studies.

Other institutions

Several contacts have been established with institutions to strengthen the network of the Society with professionals: OECD (Horn with support of Vancutsem in April), CMI, Cities Alliance (Huybrechts in October), SFU (Naman, Aubert), FNAU (Huybrechts with support of Vancutsem), INTA (Huybrechts), COFHUAT (Aubert), AESOP (Guillaume), ADP - Villes en développement (Baral, Huybrechts), Atelier de

maîtrise d'oeuvre urbaine de Cergy-Pontoise (Horn), Association des Ingénieurs Territoriaux de France/GT International (P.Vaillant), Urbaniste des Territoires (P.Vaillant), Société de Géographie (P.Vaillant).

- SFU has proposed a draft agreement to be discussed for a partnership and common activities with ISOCARP.
- Cities Alliance invited Isocarp to become an Associate partner.

HABITAT 3

Several members of the French delegation are very active in the preparation of Habitat 3:

- Christian Horn and Eric Huybrechts participated in several events during Prepcom 2 in Nairobi (April 2015) and participate to the election of Isocarp to take the chair of the GAP "Professional".
- Eric Huybrechts participates in the Steering committees of the World Urban Campaign (Nairobi April, and New York October): he is member of the GPA "Professionals" chaired by ISOCARP (meetings and call conferences).
- Charles Lambert participates for Isocarp in the preparation of the contribution of UNECE to be presented in Prague (March 2016). 10 Policy units sent to all members for comment.
- Eric Huybrechts prepared the Urban Thinker Campus of Paris hold at Unesco in January 2016. 4 members of the French delegation participate to the Campus (Horn, Baral, Aubert, Huybrechts).
- Eric Huybrechts have proposed an event for Europe conference for Habitat 3 (Prague, March 2016), with the participation of FNAU/SFU, ISOCARP, PFVT, UCLG, Metropolis, Urbact and INTA.

Projects

Christian Horn worked on an expertise on Goma - Congo DR, in the frame of an ISOCARP /UN Habitat cooperation project; it was presented during Prepcom 2 (Nairobi, April).

Selection by Isocarp of Eric Huybrechts, with 5 other members of the Society, to participate in the preparation of a Benchmark on Megacities for Moscow World Forum 2016.

Publishing

- Alicia Listowski is preparing a book on the History of cities since 3.400 years.
- Bernard Aubert has realized the third edition of his book "les projets d'urbanisme en 80 questions" (edit. Le Moniteur - with Martine Caillaud).
- Bernard Aubert has given the French contribution to the International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP - edit. 2015), supported by ISOCARP.
- Philippe Vaillant is scientific director of the Guide pratique "Directeur des Services Technique" in the "Classeur expert" of Territoria ed., with 2 updating per year.

Eric Huybrechts

Germany:

The following events and activities were organised by German members of ISOCARP or German members have taken a significant role in the organisation:

- a. Absorbing 50 years of planning in Germany, by Brigitte Schmelzer, BM:
Brigitte Schmelzer put together a brochure for the 50th anniversary of ISOCARP to highlight the development of city and regional planning in Germany.
- b. Workshop „Innovative Solutions for Cities – Between Research and Practice“ at the Metropolitan Solutions 2015, Berlin 21./22 Mai 2015, Didier Vancutsem SG
Didier Vancutsem was involved in the organisation of the one-day workshop at the metropolitan solutions 2015 in Berlin as cooperation between ISOCARP and CORP.
- c. Polycentric City Regions in Transformation-The Ruhr Agglomeration in International Perspective, International Conference, 11th to 13th June 2015, by Prof. Christa Reicher
Prof. Christa Reicher organised and held this international conference in June in Dortmund
- d. Election of the ND, organised by Brigitte Schmelzer, BM

In September 2015 the election of the ND for Germany took place. The new delegation consists of: Martin Birgel (BM); Stefan Netsch (Deputy BM); Prof. Peter Droege (Member ND); Thomas Stellmach (Member ND); Peter Zeile (Member ND).

e. Preparation for a cooperative event with ISOCARP and SRL in Munich, by Didier Vancutsem and Martin Birgel

A concept and structure for the event had been developed. The event was planned as a cooperative one day conference with a public evening closure, but had to be cancelled due to a lack of funding.

Martin Birgel

Greece:

During 2014-2015, the most important activities carried out by the Hellenic N.D. of ISOCARP are described below:

2014: Participation to the international call for papers of ISOCARP, regarding good practices in planning for underground space. Paper sent ("Networking underground archaeological and cultural sites: the case of the Athens Metro") was included the ISOCARP-ITACUS publication of 2014 «Think Deep: planning development and the use of underground space».

2015: Establishment of head offices for the National Delegation (ND) in the Green_Plan Laboratory (for Geographical Research and Environmental Planning) at the University of Thessaly

2015: Contribution to the ISOCARP's latest IMPP publication (to be launched in 2016), with the paper entitled: «Spatial Planning Practice in Greece»

May – July 2015: Participation to the 'Sam Van Embden- ISOCARP 50th Anniversary Award', held in the 51st annual international congress of ISOCARP that took place in The Netherlands, on the occasion of the 50th IOCARP anniversary of ISOCARP. Applying for the second category (Public or private sector organizations including universities, NGOs etc.), the Hellenic N.D. proposed the Department of Planning and Regional Development (University of Thessaly, Greece), and the Amaroussion Municipality (Attica Region, Greece).

May – July 2015: On the occasion of the 51st annual ISOCARP congress, the Hellenic N.D. prepared a Report on the Greek spatial planning milestones, during the last 5 decades.

September 2015: Hellenic National Delegation elections.

November 2015: Lecture given by the Hellenic N.D. to the graduating students of the Planning and Regional Development Department (University of Thessaly), on the occasion of the World Town Planning Day (8th of November) and in the framework of the 50th ISOCARP anniversary.

Elias Beriatos and Marilena Papageorgiou

India:

The activities of the Chapter are very less however, the activities are as under.

- Members met in Delhi. About 7 - 8 members attended the meeting.
- Members met and got introduced to each other as there were new members also, who have joined, recently.
- Various issues related to local area were discussed. Need of frequent meetings and organizing of talks and workshops were expressed.
- The possibility of hosting annual seminar at Delhi, India was also discussed.
- The help that can be extended for the purpose by different members was also discussed.
- The members unanimously decided the office bearers.
- The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

Iran:

- Requesting a greeting message from president of ISOCARP for world town planning day
- Presenting the report of the ceremony of world town planning day in Iran – Tehran to ISOCARP (including a text and pictures)
- Sending a thank letter from ISUP (Iranian society of urban planners) to president of ISOCARP
- Inviting vice-president of ISOCARP Mr. Pietro Elisei to attend in Golden Adobe competition in Municipality of Tehran
- Evaluating more than ten application of Iranians for membership in ISOCARP.

According to the message of president of ISOCARP including some recommendations and suggestions for later cooperation, these comments were presented in recent ISUP meeting:

- Cooperation in educational programs such as holding some workshops
 - Cooperation in publication such as issuing magazine or using some new media like video and so on
 - Cooperation in creating a program to respond natural disasters especially earthquake
 - Introducing urban planning events of Iran in web site of ISOCARP and vice versa
 - Introducing ISOCARP in Iran and encourage Iranian urban planners to cooperate with ISOCARP
- The Iranian society of urban planners (ISUP) welcomes to effective and useful cooperation with ISOCARP and hopes good and noticeable results in urban planning.

Nasim Iranmanesh

Iraq:

- 1- participation of national delegation in the 51 ISOCARP congress in Rotterdam.
 - 2- presenting a peer reviewed paper Mr. Alwehab and Mr. Al Ani at the Dortmund workshop.
 - 3- recommending two prospective members for ISOCARP full membership.
 - 4- delivering two presentations at Baghdad university and Al Nahrain university to introduce ISOCARP and events of congress to faculty members of both universities.
- I honestly wish there are activities to report, but this is it for the time being.

Abdelwehab Alwehab

Israel:

The Israeli national Delegation did not have any special activities in 2015. Any issue which needed consultation among the members, has been discussed (like regarding new candidates for ISOCARP). Activities had been held by the Israel Planners Association (IPA). All ND members are also members of the IPA.

Amos Brandeis

Italy:

- 1- Organisation of the elections of the Italian ND

Due to the fact that there was no clarity among members regarding the existence of an Italian ND and of its functioning, nor about election rules, extra efforts were requested in the organisation of the election of a new ND. The process included:

- a rich exchange of emails between the former ND and all Italian members;
- a meeting with representatives of the ISOCARP EXCO in Bolzano to discuss the election procedures and the strategies for re-launching the Italian membership and active participation within Isocarp;
- the organisation of online elections hosted by the ISOCARP web-service at the end of 2015.

The elected Italian National Delegation is composed by:

Virna Bussadori (member); Luigi Cipolla (member); Bruno Monardo (member); Giovanni Sergi (dep.BM); Daniele Vettorato (BM)

- 2- Organisation of the Conference “Smart and Sustainable Planning for Cities and Regions” hosted by EURAC – Bolzano, Italy and co-organised by ISOCARP.

The two days conference was held under the patronage of the universities of Salzburg, Lichtenstein and Padua, the ECTP-CEU, the Italian Association of Planners, the Italian ministry of the Environment, the national Chamber of Architects & Planners, the national Agency for Energy and New Technologies and the hosting city of Bolzano.

The Conference registered 60 presentations within five thematic sessions and hosted participants from eleven different countries. Both Isocarp president and immediate past-president took part in the conference delivering key-note speeches and chairing sessions. Same applied for three of the newly elected ND members.

The proceedings’ publication is under discussion with SPRINGER in form of a book within the series “Green Energy and Technology”. The Editors will be from EURAC and ISOCARP.

Daniele Vettorato

Kazakhstan:

I initiated and conducted several discussions with planners from Astana and Almaty about the activities of the ISOCARP and told them about opportunities related to participation in the ISOCARP events and membership. The main obstacle for now is the lack of planning professional with the good level of English.

We discussed a possibility to apply for the hosting of the ISOCARP congress in Almaty and Astana. There is an interest, but the decision of the Kazakh planners was that it may be early for Kazakhstan to apply for a congress. First, a Kazakh delegation should come and participate in the ISOCARP congress in Durban. At the same time, domestic planners (especially young ones) have started to be interested in participation in the ISOCARP activities. I hope to attract more young planners to participate in the ISOCARP events from the region.

During the meetings with local planners, I got several proposals to arrange YPPW in Kazakhstan. Astanagenplan (main urban planning company in Astana) is working on the preparation of the Architectural Forum in Astana, June 2016. They are thinking of combining the planned activities with an initiation of the National YPPW. They event propose the ISOCARP to run a sub-session of the conference. Also, I met with the Director (Almaty branch) of the newly established NGO of young professionals (who graduated from the foreign universities) called “BOLASHAK”. They would support us in the initiation of the National YPPW in Almaty. Next week, I travel to Almaty region where I meet with the local administration of the region and the head of the Tekeli town. The reason of my trip is a request from the regional planners to inform the local administrations about the opportunity to work on the problems of the developing Almaty agglomeration within the YPPW format.

Madina Junussova

Kenya:

1.23 March 2015: International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP)

- Prepared and submitted a report on Town, county and Country Planning in Kenya
- The same accepted for inclusion in forthcoming IMPP publication.

2. 30 April 2015 Workshop/CPD Program: Review of Land Use/Physical Planning legislation in Kenya

- Venue: YMCA Central Branch Nairobi
- Attended by 25 participants drawn from universities, national/county governments and the private sector
- Focused on review of land use planning legislation in the light of the new Constitution of Kenya 2010.

3. 3 September 2015 Workshop / CPD Program: Towns/Counties, Engines of Development: Budget Review 2015
 - Venue: United Kenya Club Nairobi
 - Attended by participants from public and private sector
 - Focused on reviewing national/county government budgets to support town planning and increased infrastructure investment in Kenya towns.
4. 13 November 2015: World Town Planning Day/Town and County Planning and Development Conference/Town Awards for Excellence
 - Venue: Intercontinental Nairobi
 - Attracted over 60 participants drawn from national/county governments, National Land Commission, UN-Habitat, universities and private sector.
5. 4 June 2015: Donation of Books and Publications to the University of Nairobi - This included Isocarp publications
6. 23 Sept 2015: Donation of Books and publications to University of Nairobi - This included ISOCARP publications
7. 17.Dec 2015: Donation of books and publications to the University of Nairobi and Technical University of Kenya - Donation included ISOCARP publications.

Mairura Omwenga

Lebanon:

Kindly note that I have been elected as ND only in October 2015. Accordingly, I was not involved in any activity for ISOCARP Lebanon yet for the year 2015. Nevertheless, I have been in contact with a number of planners to join ISOCARP (some have already applied for membership) to increase the number of members in Lebanon. This will enable us to have sufficient number of members to initiate activities in Lebanon. I am also planning for gathering for ISOCARP Lebanon members in the near future to get familiar with the all members and discuss future initiatives.

Ibrahim Mneimneh

Namibia:

BAR Namibia is still working on the "Flood Mitigation Project" of Oshakati. We finished the first bridge and roundabout at Okatana village. Before we start with the dike-works, we still have 3 bridges to go. The project will take us probably 6 years from now. In Namibia, 2015 was a difficult year because of too many political changes. New President, Permanent Secretaries, Mayors, Ministers, Cabinet... Decisions concerning City Planning were delayed or changed. Our New Minister of Urban & Rural Development, Hon. Sophia Shaningwa, is working hard on her " Massive Urban Land Servicing"-Project. Our Team is setting up meetings with the Ministry and Local Governments, concentrating on Windhoek, Oshakati and Helao Nafidi. We are planning for 2016 to update or start Concept Master Planning for these important Cities.

Jan Wynants

Netherlands:

The main activity of the Dutch Delegation (ND) of ISOCARP and some other active Dutch ISOCARP members was organising the ISOCARP congress 'Cities save the world. Let's reinvent planning'. Most members of the ND were also member of the Local Organising Committee and two sat also on the board of Stichting ISOCARP2015 which carried the financial responsibility for the LOC's activities.

In preparation for the congress the pre-congress event "Beyond Big Plans" that took place from 11-15th March in Seoul was co-sponsored by some Dutch members (and part of the financial aspects was taken care of by Stichting ISOCARP2015).

In the run up to the Congress a number of meetings took place for which stakeholders of the workshop and conference were invited. For the meeting on May 18th in Rotterdam (17-21 hours), with General Rapporteur Judith Ryser present, all Dutch and Belgian members were invited. During this meeting the content and approach were actively discussed.

The Congress itself took place from 19th till 23rd of October (starting with 12 decentral workshops on 19th and 20th of October) and the central congress in Rotterdam (21st till 23rd). Some Dutch members (Martin Dubbeling and Saskia Spijkerman) have organised the post congress tour.

The election of the new delegation has been postponed to 2016.

Aafke Nijenhuijzen

Nigeria

A meeting of Nigeria's Bureau Members and National Delegates is scheduled for 10 March 2016.

Agenda: Programme of Activity for ISOCARP in Nigeria.

Palestine:

I hope this email finds you in the best condition. As you know that the ND members in Palestine are very limited (Just two) and also we are so busy, because of that we just met one time about applying for the project of UN-Habitat to re-plan a small town in Gaza strip, this town suffered from the last war and also we were discussing the new Isocarp young planning applications.

Muneer Elbaz was a member of ISOCARP team that doing the new vision for Gaza Strip and I published 2 articles in Gaza Plan magazine, and 1 article is under modifying in Palestine Plan Magazine.

We hope that this year will be better so that we can communicate with our colleagues from West Bank and arrange for some activities.

Muneer Elbaz and Prof. Dr. Farid Sobeh Al-Qeeq

Papua New Guinea

I visited the Department of Lands and Physical Planning in Lae, Morobe Province, PNG, to:

1. Seriously consider joining ISOCARP as members, and to persuade their establishment to join as an Institutional Member; and

2. I made some moves to see if we could find planners and allied professionals in the private sector who might be suitable for consideration for membership.

As at the time of writing, I have yet to get a definitive response from those contacted. However, there is a strong indication that we would be able to get a good feedback before the end of March, 2016. My department here (Surveying and Land Studies) and the Department of Architecture and Building (both at the PNG University of Technology), as well as the Department of Geography and Environmental Science at the University of PNG in Port Moresby are also being contacted.

[In the meantime an application for Institutional Membership has been received from the Department of Surveying & Land Studies, Papua New Guinea University of Technology, Lae, PNG.]

Jacob Babarinde

Poland:

Our activities were limited last year, after vivid 2014.

We have planned to organise a Regional Workshop - similar to that one in Łódź in 2014, but finally we had to postpone it to this year.

The only visible action was Students-Mentor Research Lab, with conference in Gdańsk.

<https://www.facebook.com/mentorstudendresearchlab/timeline>

Last year we have planned some activities for 2016 also.

Mentor&Student Research Lab 2.0. Let's see @ Vibrant Urban Solutions for Baltic Cities is one of them.

Also, the accompanying conference with the participation of ISOCARP will be held in June in preparation for the Polish Urban Congress in Gdynia 2018.

Tomasz Majda

Portugal:

1 – First of all, besides our involvement in the last appointment of national delegates nominations, and the participation of some of our Portuguese Members in some Isocarp events, I have to inform you that I don't know any activities held in 2015 among the ND Members' group.

2 – I am aware that future ND steps should be undertaken to stimulate a more pro-active role of our National Delegation, focusing the Society's presence at local and national levels in the country and also in Portuguese universities, Institutions and companies, eventual future cross-border collaboration, promote membership, as well as possible short missions.

3 - Some ideas have been coming to my mind regarding point 2. And some of these feasible ideas could be very easy to be implemented not only inside our NDs but also among all the others and well-articulated with Isocarp. For now I could immediately suggest, for instance, that probably it would be very profitable for Isocarp if every year a few A3 format Posters of the Annual Conference Announcement could be sent to N. Delegations to be exhibited in strategic institutional places in their countries. Eventually this action could better stimulate people (especially young people) that never joined Isocarp before to take the initiative of sending a conference paper and so, if approved, joining Isocarp for the first time and therefore getting closer to our Society. One could ask "why a poster if nowadays everybody use/communicate through the websites?" That's exactly because of this reason – the power of "the poster" has been changing in last years and started to prove to have a new visual strength in the field of communication, revealing many times its visual efficiency against the our tiredness of reading the huge number of mails that we usually receive every day. Well, this is only an illustration of ideas that we can work on deeply.

I believe that one of the reasons that many times prevent members (and non-members) to join the Society's events is the related costs with travel expenses, fees participation, etc. My commitment now is to try to stimulate along 2016 my ND Colleagues to work together with them in a more proactive manner, focusing the Society's purposes. I don't know if I will succeed but trying is the first step.

Fernando Brandao Alves

Serbia:

The National Delegation of Serbia has been very active during the last few years, due to the raised dynamics of ISOCARP in general, the 50th Anniversary Celebration, but also the fact that our college member, Professor Milica Bajic Brkovic was the ISOCARP President. It was the privilege and the obligation for the National Delegation to properly follow the Society reputation.

We have chosen to list some of the representative activities by part of the Serbian members. The previous period was devoted to promotion of ISOCARP and its 50th anniversary: Professor Eva Vaništa Lazarević, PhD Arch (Faculty of Architecture University of Belgrade) promoted the Association, its 50th anniversary and the special 51st Congress that took place in three countries and 12 cities at the Conference "Places and

Technologies” in Nova Goriza, Slovenia, and Zaklina Gligorijevic, MSci Ma Arch, (Urban Planning Institute of Belgrade) presented ISOCARP activities at the FORUM URBANUM, the annual National Conference of Urban Planners Section of the Serbian Chamber of Engineers (SCE) in Borsko jezero, Serbia, both in June 2015. ISOCARP activities and the Special 51st Congress were also promoted on the SCE web site and the site of Belgrade Association of Architects since the April 2015. As a member of the ISOCARP Task Force UN HABITAT III Ms. Gligorijević has shared the ongoing work of ISOCARP in the National Conference Strengthening National Capacities for Sustainable Housing in November 2015.

Mrs Vaništa Lazarević organized an International Scientific Conference “Places and Technologies” in June 2015 and has been preparing a new Belgrade conference for April 2016. (www.placesandtechnologies.eu) with ISOCARP participants from Austria, Poland and Serbia. It attracted around 300 participants and 150 papers, resulted with edited Cambridge’s Edition (a monograph) Places and Technologies and the Oxford’s Elsevier Energy and Buildings, Special Issue “Places and Technologies”. The year 2015 brought her a broad international cooperation: the visiting professor status at European Faculty Sopocka School in Sopot, Poland (winter semester 2015/16), HORIZONT project with BMW Munich (Leader) and Telekom Slovenia, Petrol Slovenia, Faculty of Architecture of Ljubljana & Zagreb on Smart Cities (2015) end ESPON (EU) project with Faculty of Leuven, Belgium, three ERASMUS EU projects linking Faculty of Architecture University of Belgrade, EU Faculty Sopot, Gdansk Polytechnic, Faculty, Poland, and Lusafona Faculty of Architecture, Portugal.

Tatjana Mrđenović, PhD Arch. Faculty of Architecture University of Belgrade, was the co-author of the SUSTAINABILITY IN HERITAGE PROTECTED AREAS, (Eds. Laura Verdelli), containing the proceedings of the fifth European Urban Summer School (EUSS) Tours, France, supported by ISOCARP in 2014, presented during the Prague AESOP congress in July 2015. The book is available on the AESOP website: http://www.aesop-planning.eu/en_GB/downloads.

Our members have been also active in 51st Congress. Darinka Golubovic Matic, PhD Arch. was the international co-rapporteur of the Eindhoven workshop themed "How to react when traditional industries move away: SOCIETY 2.0". Her role was selecting abstracts; reviewing papers and chairing sessions, as well as a cooperation work with the local co-reporter and young planners on the selection of case studies and projects for workshop. The result of the Eindhoven workshop Darinka presented in Rotterdam on the congress plenary session and cooperated with the General Rapporteur on an overall synthesis for the plenary debate, which will be incorporated in the post-congress publication.

The profile of the Serbian ISOCARP ND is rather ambitious: most of the members are PhDs, two of which gained their PhD degrees in 2015, and the four others have been PhD candidates, some of them highly experienced professionals. They all have been publishing in the international scientific magazines, organizing and presenting in international conferences and teaching as visiting professors in various universities, sharing knowledge and experiences.

Our members are teaching in the national and international universities (Aleksandra Stupar, Eva Vanista Lazarević, Aleksandra Đukić in the Faculty of Architecture, Ranka Gajić, PhD Arch. in the Faculty of Transportation University of Belgrade, Darinka Golubovic Matic, PhD Arch. Lecturer at the Union-Nikola Tesla University, Belgrade), others are employees of the Government Institutions and Ministries (Mr. Sinisa Trkulja), Scientific Institutes (IAIUS) and consulting the Capital city Belgrade authorities (Milena Vukmirović, in the Assistant Mayor’s City Architect Office and Žaklina Gligorijevć in the Urban Planning Institute of Belgrade).

Zaklina Gligorijević

Slovenia

Nataša Pichler-Milanovič is the only ISOCARP member from Slovenia. My 2015 activities were the following:

- preparing application for the research project under INTERREG CENTRAL EUROPE programme with ISOCARP as a project partner;

- preparing the IMPP 2016 contribution on Slovenia (together with Mr Luka Ivanič from the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of RS);
- taking a role as international co-rapporteur at the 51st jubilee ISOCARP congress in Brussels and Rotterdam;
- dissemination of ISOCARP activities in Slovenia: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, Spatial Planning Chair; Urban Planning Institute of RS, City Municipality of Ljubljana, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of RS, Slovenian Society of Urban and Spatial Planners, etc.

Switzerland

In the elections of 2015 the members of the National Delegation Susanne Fischer, Peter Keller, Cla Semadeni including the Bureau Member Nicole Wirz Schneider and Deputy Member Felix Günther had been confirmed. Dorota Kozaszuk was recommended as new member to ISOCARP. In the European context, the Swiss National Delegation is continuously in contact with these National Delegations in order to enhance knowledge transfer and regional activities.

Nicole Wirz

Thailand:

As I am the only member in Thailand, I can only report that there were zero activities. Well, I did draft my contributions on two countries to IMPP but that's a different kind of activity.

Detlef Kammeier

Turkey:

Annual meeting 2015

The ISOCARP National Delegation of Turkey organized an Annual Meeting on 1st February 2016 at Istanbul Technical University Faculty of Architecture. The agenda covered:

- Meeting with the new members
- New submissions for ISOCARP individual membership
- Preparation of 2015 ND Report
- 2016 Annual Agenda for possible National Delegation activities

New members

The ISOCARP National Delegation of Turkey was active in increasing awareness on ISOCARP throughout the year. This resulted in attracting (albeit a small number of) new participants to ISOCARP activities including the Young Planning Professionals Workshop, Annual Conference and UPAT, as well as attracting new submissions for ISOCARP Individual Membership.

Regarding the evaluation of new submissions for ISOCARP Individual Membership by İrem Ayrancı Onay and Hülagü Kaplan, the delegation recommended both memberships without reservations, and stated the candidates might be admitted as Full Members.

Member activities

Although the National Delegation was not active in the year of 2015 as a team, there were a plenty of activities being held individually in disseminating knowledge about ISOCARP. and in increasing cooperation between members. These included:

- "3rd Solution" Exhibition in honour of Manuel Leal da Costa Lobo (May 12, 2015) with the cooperation of Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Instituto Superior Tecnico, coordinated by Kevser Üstündağ.
- Participation in International Planning Studio and Workshop, "A Local Market Place: Modern Agora for

Building An Open Urban Society?" by A. Erdem Erbaş, organised by Gabriela Rembarz, Politechnika Gdanska, Poland (June 2015).

- Publication of an article in Turkish on ISOCARP YPP Brisbane 2013 in one of the most respected architectural journals of Turkey by Zeynep Günay to increase awareness on ISOCARP within Turkish society. The publication is cited as follows: Günay, Z. (2015) Brisbane kenti ve Howard Smith Rihtımı arasında bir arayüz: ISoCaRP Genç Plancılar Atölyesi [An interface between Brisbane City and Howard Smith Wharves: ISoCaRP Young Planning Professionals Workshop]. Yapı (402), 80-86. The workshop had been coordinated by Sofia Morgado, Laura Gannon, Piotr Lorens and John Minnery as part of the 49th ISoCaRP Congress, Brisbane.

- Receival of Gerd Albers Award 2015 by Zeynep Günay [for "From squatter upgrading to large-scale renewal programmes: Housing renewal in Turkey", in R. Turkington, C. Watson (Ed) Renewing Europe's Housing, 215-244, Bristol: Policy Press], October 2015.]

Zeynep Günay

The following NDs informed us that no activities were held in 2015:

- Albania
- Argentina
- Burkina Faso
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Ghana
- Hungary
- Kosovo
- Lebanon
- Norway
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- USA
- Zambia