This report covers the period from September 2006 to September 2007. It has been a very productive period in all areas of ISOCARP activities. Numerous members contributed to the overall success of the year 2006-2007. To all of them we would like to extend the wholehearted thanks for their time, cooperation and support.

42TH CONGRESS IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Our 42th international planning congress took place in Istanbul/Turkey, 14-18 September 2006. The congress theme CITIES BETWEEN INTEGRATION AND DISINTEGRATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES attracted 350 participants from 42 countries. The congress was organized in cooperation with Yildiz Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Istanbul. Their valuable contribution, dedication and support made this congress a great success and a memorable event. The General Rapporteur Pablo Vaggione (Spain) and his team of Rapporteurs- Jaap Modder, (Netherlands), Wassey Bacharyar (Afghanistan/France), Gavin McLachlan (South Africa), Baohui Zhai (China), Fatma Unsal (Turkey), and Chairs- Stephen Timms (Australia), Ricardo Veludo (Portugal), Alex Macgregor (UK), Opuenebo Owei (Nigeria) and Knut Felberg (Norway), guided participants through many interesting themes and lively discussions in the workshops on 1. Socio-economic Implications, 2. Institutional Implications, 3. Cultural Implications, 4. Market Perspectives: Cross-sectoral Views on Integration and Disintegration, and 5. Theories of Planning in Integration and Disintegration.

The Keynote Speakers Ron van Oers, UNESCO (France), Frank Moulaert, University of Newcastle (United Kingdom), Qui Baoxing, Vice-Minister Ministry of Construction (China) – represented by: Li Xiaojiang (China), and Anna Maria Fernandez Maldonado (Netherlands/Peru), shared with the participants their visions, knowledge and experience about urban integration and disintegration, visions for urban development in the 21st century and challenges in combining the sustainable land use, economics and social development. Maura Veras, University of Sao Paulo (Brasil), had to cancel the attendance due to medical reasons. However, the keynote speech on “Urban Society: Social Inequality and Exclusion. Problematizing the Brazilian Cities” was published in the Istanbul Congress Book.

The Young Planning Professionals program had an international attendance of 15 YPs from 10 countries. Fernando Brandão Alves (Portugal) together with the YPPs' coordinators Manuel da Costa Lobo (Portugal) and Yigit Evren (Turkey) steered their work with care and dedication, providing them with support and help in finding out the appropriate answers for the theme: To Integrate or to Disintegrate: Re-assembling the Patchwork of disintegrated Functions in Istanbul Central Area.

A special YP Workshop was organized and sponsored by the Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment. 6 YPs from 5 countries participated in the event which was guided by Jeanne Wolfe (Canada), Neaz Rahman Khondker (Bangladesh), Susanne Vleeshouwers and Meinte de Hoogh (NL, Ministry of VROM), Mehmet Doruk Özügül (Turkey). The theme they explored was specifically designed by VROM: Climate Change in Delta Regions.

A Third YPPs' Workshop was organised by the Berlin Akademie der Künste, under the title: Istanbul Central Area Case Study.
Local Organizing Committee: Halûk Alatan (hon. president), Hüseyin Kaptan (hon. chair), Zekai Görgülü (Chair), Zeynep Meray Enlil (Co-chair), İclal Dinçer, Betül Şengezer, Tülay Ayaşlıgil, Ercan Koç, Oya Akın, Hülya Yakar, Ali Kılıç, Ayfer Gül, Berna Dikçinar, Sirma Turgut, Kevser Üstündağ, Ferhan Gezici, Nilgün Erkan, Nazire Diker, Elif Örnek, Esin Aktağ, Senay Oğuztimur, Ebru Şekin, Bora Yerliyurt, Çenk Hamamcıolu, Tuba İnal, Töre Seçilmişler, Özer Karakayac, Erhan Kurtarır, Emrah Altnok, Tolga Islam, Erhan Demirdizen, Güz Elif Ömer, Güzdem Aysu, Pınar Sipahi, Pınar Biket, together with the Local Advisory Committee: Emre Aysu; Ayşen Nur Ökten; Zekiye Yenen; Hüseyin Cengiz; Güzin Konuk; Nuran Zeren; Gülersoy; Buğra Gökçe; Ahmet Turgut, managed the Congress skillfully, and made it a memorable event for all participants. Our special thanks go to all LOC members who generously devoted their time and energy throughout the whole year to make this event happen.

We would also like to thank the sponsoring institutions: Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality; Turkish Chamber of City Planners/Municipality of Beykoz; Municipality of Küçükçekmece; Turkish Chamber of City Planners; Turkish Association of Historic Towns; Ministry of Public Works and Settlements; Ministry of Culture and Tourism; Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM) for their support and help.

The Scientific Committee - Milica Bajic Brkovic, Chair (Serbia), Zeynep Enlil (Turkey), Peter Robinson (South Africa), Wang Rusong (China), Bernd Scholl (Germany), Marcela Villa Luna (Peru), Jeanne Wolfe (Canada) and Ayşe Nur Ökten, Turkey (co-opted 2005-2006) made available their professional experience and knowledge to the Congress Team to develop a professional event of the highest quality.

The MAYOR’S SUMMIT was held for a third time. It gave an excellent opportunity to enlighten some of the most relevant questions of today’s planning practice vis-à-vis political realities in selected cities and regions. Mayors and representatives: Dr Kadir Topbas, Mayor of Istanbul, Cllr Andrew Arnold, Dep Mayor Cape Town & Mr Achmat Ebrahim, City Manager Cape Town, South Africa, Dr Wolfgang Schuster, Mayor of Stuttgart, Germany, and Ir Klaas de Boer, Managing Director Physical Planning Department, Amsterdam, Netherlands, presented their cities and regions, and discussed their successful case studies around the congress theme.

In 2006 ISOCARP received two submissions for the Gerd Albers Award: (1) a book entitled Sustainable Urban Design, co-edited and written by Martin Dubbeling and Hein Struben in cooperation with other planners* and (2) a paper entitled Maputo. From colonial model to peripheralization of the urban contemporary space, by Fernando Brandao Alves and David Leite Viana. The Jury consisting of Paolo La Greca (Italy), Judith Ryser (UK), Teresa Franchini (Spain) and Detlef Kammeier (Thailand/Germany) decided to give the Gerd Albers Award to both submissions.

Routledge Award for the best posters by YPPs was awarded to: Madelen Gonzales Bereziartua of Spain for the entry “What makes Cities tick” and Serkan Günes and Gülşen Yılmaz for the entry: “Understanding Graffiti”. Jury members were: Federico Malusardi (Jury President); Huseyin Kaptan (Turkey), and Jeanne Wolfe (Canada).

A number of social events and professional tours highlighted the social life of the Congress, including the most enjoyable cultural evening at railway station of the Orient Express with piano concert and dinner and a technical tour – boot trip on Bosphorus.

SEMINARS

A ‘force majeure’ situation forced the Greek organisers to postpone the Kefalonia Seminar to Spring 2008.

The following events were held with ISOCARP cooperation: Real CORP, May 2007. Theme: To Plan is not enough, and World Town Planning Day, Sitges, as part of the Sitges-ISOCARP agreement (March 2007).
2007 ASIAN-PACIFIC EXPERT EVENT

In June 2007 the ISOCARP Executive Committee members were invited to take part in an expert meeting in Perth, Australia. The meeting was organised by the Western Australian Planning Commission and chaired by Jeremy Dawkins. The EXCO also participated in a one-day symposium and technical tour in Sydney organised and sponsored by the NSW Department of Planning and an Academic Colloquium organised by the University of NSW.

The Partner Organisations were: Western Australian Planning Commission, Perth WA, NSW Department of Planning, Sydney and the University of NSW (Project Coordinator: Jim Colman, Australia).

The Perth Meeting was an incentive to the development of NAPACC – the ISOCARP Network of Asian and Pacific Countries. Jim Colman prepared a report which could be found at www.isocarp.org.

URBAN TASK FORCE- UTF

Three UTF projects were organized and held in 2006/2007, in Netherlands, Austria and Spain. Marc Jacobs (Netherlands) initiated a UTF for a site known as Rijswijk Zuid (South Rijswijk) in the Netherlands, which is a part of a Dutch policy plan to prevent urban areas from growing together. The Task Force addressed the issue of planning the interurban area, which was well received by the City of Rijswijk. The second one took place in Schwechat Vienna Airport/Austria. Spiritus movens of this one was Manfred Schrenk (Austria), and the topic the UTF worked at was related to the strategic goal of the Schwechat’s City Administration to use the outstanding geographic location of the City and to develop it “from transport hub to knowledge hub”. The third one, held in Sitges, focused on the Garraf Region, which comprises six municipalities including Sitges that share a rich but limited territory. In the last years the location of Garraf became very important since both Barcelona and Taragona are growing at a very high pace, menacing this territory located just in the middle. The UTF tried to determine the strategic role that the Garraf territory has to play in the middle of a growing region.

ISOCARP members from all around the world participated in these projects and made them the successful accomplishments, while the beneficiary governments and organizations as well as our strategic partners in these endeavours expressed their satisfaction and interests to further the collaboration with ISoCaRP.

PUBLICATIONS

In the year 2006-2007 we published the following titles:

- 2006 Young Planning Professionals’ Report, To Integrate or to Disintegrate: Re-assembling the Patchwork of disintegrated Functions in Istanbul Central Area
- 2006 Young Planning Professionals’ Report ISOCARP – VROM: Climate Change in Delta Regions
- Special Bulletin on Planning in Antwerp prepared by the Belgian National Delegation
- ISOCARP Review 02 Istanbul
- 2x Network: November 2006, July 2007
- Several Messages from the President
- 2006 Proceedings of the First California Catalonia Summit, Sitges, November 2005
- 2004 Geneva Congress Report on CD Rom
- 2005 Bilbao Congress Report on CD Rom
- 2006 Istanbul Congress Report as a Book
- ISOCARP Review 03 Antwerp

In addition, currently in editing is:

- IMPP, 6th Edition
- Proceedings of the Second California Catalonia Summit, Sitges, March 2007
To all of those who have been engaged in this production we extend our sincere and warm thanks.

COMMUNICATIONS

As part of our continuing efforts to improve our communication a new website was launched in June 2006. Recently converted to Typo 3 by web specialist Humanique.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In September 2007, ISoCaRP had 520 individual members and 39 IMs. 31 new individual applications were submitted during 2006-2007 and endorsed in Antwerp. There were 10 resignations, and 46 colleagues terminated their membership in 2007 due to the non-payment record. In Antwerp 27 New Representatives of IMs (with individual status) were recorded.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

- **UN-ECE.** Charles Lambert informed ISOCARP that there was no meeting on urban planning in the past year.
- **IFLA.** Continuation MOU.
- **COUNCIL OF EUROPE.** The new accredited representatives are: Jaap Modder Netherlands; Michel Gosselin, Beata Hildebrand, France. Wassey Bacharyar, France/Afghanistan, remains an accredited representative.
- **EUROPA NOSTRA.** ISOCARP is an institutional member of Europa Nostra – sponsored by Pierre Laconte.

ISOCARP has Memoranda of Understanding with the following partners:

- **IFLA - International Federation of Landscape Architects**
- **IAIA - International Association for Impact Assessment (to be re-strengthened)**
- **Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC)**
- **TOPOS Magazines, Germany**
- **Routledge Publishers, United Kingdom**
- **Scape Magazines, The Netherlands**

Strategic Partners of ISOCARP:

- Fundación Metropoli, Madrid, Spain
- City of Sitges, Spain
- Ministry of VROM, The Netherlands

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Milica Bajic Brkovic (Serbia), Secretary General 2001-2007, Didier Vancutsem (Germany), Treasurer, Fernando Brandão Alves (Portugal), VP for Young Planners, stepped down after having accomplished two terms on ISOCARP ExCo. Teresa Franchini (Spain) accomplished her service as well, while Ismael Fernandez Mejía (Mexico) was elected for a second term. To the stepping down we extend our thanks for their invaluable contribution and all they have done for ISoCaRP development. Congratulations and best wishes to Ismael for his second term.

BUREAU AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Bureau and General Assembly meetings took place on 16 and 18 September 2006 in Istanbul, Turkey (www.isocarp.org).

EVENTS IN PREPARATION

CONGRESSES:

- 44th ISOCARP Annual Congress 2008 will be held in Dalian/China, at which occasion the theme CITIES WITHOUT SPRAWL: A WAY TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION, will be discussed and further explored.
- 45th ISOCARP Annual Congress 2009 will be held in Porto/Portugal.

SEMINAR:

- 2008 ISOCARP Annual Seminar: Kaffalonia/Greece.

THE SECRETARIAT

Judy van Hemert, Gaby Kurth, and Monica Ornek made many important contributions to the functioning of our Society. Many thanks to Judy, Gaby and Monica for their excellent work, and their commitment to ISoCaRP.

Milica Bajic Brkovic, Secretary General 2001-2007
Belgrade, Serbia
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