



ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005 BY SECRETARY GENERAL

This report covers the period from September 2004 to October 2005. It has been one of the most productive and result producing years in ISOCARP history. In addition to our regular activities, several other initiatives and projects have been undertaken by our members and carried out in different parts of the world. During the past year, ISoCaRP's name appeared North and South, East and West, and on many occasions it has been placed on the planners' agenda worldwide.

Numerous members have contributed to the overall success of the year 2004-2005. To all of them we would like to extend the wholehearted thanks for their time, cooperation and support. Without them we would not have achieved our 40th anniversary with so many accomplishments and professional results that make us proud of our Society and our members.

40th CONGRESS IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Our 40th international planning congress took place in Geneva/Switzerland, 18-22 September 2004. The subject, MANAGEMENT OF URBAN REGIONS – EXPERIENCES AND NEW INTERVENTION POSSIBILITIES, attracted 204 participants from 46 countries. The congress was organized in association with the Institut d'Architecture, Université de Genève, Switzerland. The General Rapporteur Charles Lambert (France) and his team of Rapporteurs - Alain Thierstein (Switzerland), Ulla Hoyer (Germany), Maurits Schaafsma and Aafke Nijenhuyzen (Netherlands) - guided participants through many interesting themes and lively discussions in three workshops, plenary sessions, and the Marketplace. The Workshops were chaired by Elias Beriatos (Greece), Philippe Vaillant (France), Manal Abou El Ela (Egypt), Fedor Kudryavtsev (Russia) and Vincent Fouchier (France, for French speaking participants in WS 4).

The Keynote Speakers Jaap J. Modder, Chairman of the Board Arnhem–Nijmegen urban region, Netherlands; Josep María Llop-Torné, Professor at the University of Lleida, Director of the General Plan of Lleida, Spain; Peter P Ross, Former EU Co-Director of the Shenyang Urban Planning Project, EU/China Liaoning Integrated Environmental Programme, United Kingdom/China; and Paul Bedford, Urban Planner, Retired Chief Planner City of Toronto, Canada, shared their visions, knowledge and experience with the participants, on the exciting topic of managing urban regions and perspective on the role of the planning profession.

The Young Planners program had an international attendance of 24 YPs from 15 countries. Bernd Scholl (Germany) and Fred Wenger (Switzerland) steered their work with care and dedication, provided the support and help in finding out the appropriate answers for the theme: THE CROSS BORDER AGGLOMERATION GENEVA: CONSISTENCY AND COMPLEMENTARITY. The Young Planners program was sponsored by UNESCO as part of the cooperation between two organizations established fourteen years ago.

A special YP Workshop was organized and sponsored by the Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management. Eight young planners from eight countries participated in the event which was guided by Fernando Brandão Alves (Portugal), Zeynep Meray Enlil (Turkey), Jutta Kulcke and Emmy Bolsius (Netherlands) and Marie Fauconnet (Switzerland).

The Local Organizing Committee: Pierre-Alain Rumley; Cla Semadeni; Rolf Signer; Stefano Wagner; Fred Wenger managed the Congress skillfully, and made it a memorable event for all

participants, while the Scientific Committee - Milica Bajic Brkovic, Chair (Serbia and Montenegro), Zeynep Enlil (Turkey), Héctor Floriani (Argentina), Peter Robinson (South Africa), Wang Rusong (China), Bernd Scholl (Germany), Marcela Villa Luna (Peru), Jeanne Wolfe (Canada) and Andreas Schneider (Switzerland, co-opted LOC member) made available their professional experience and knowledge to the Congress Team to develop a professional event of the highest quality.

There were two other events that made this congress special and different. Congress participants participated in a session jointly organized by ISoCaRP and UNECE Committee on Human Settlements. The theme COMMENT AMELIORER LES POLITIQUES D'URBANISME ET D'HABITAT POUR UN MEILLEUR FUTUR DES VILLES provided an excellent opportunity to enlighten some of the most relevant questions of today's planning practice vis-à-vis political representatives present there. Several presentations and interventions were given by our members, the Session was prepared by Charles Lambert (Fr) and Christina Schweinichen (UN ECE) and chaired by John Zetter (UK).

Another event was the 1st MAYORS' SUMMIT. It gathered mayors and representatives from eight cities around the world: Antwerp, Bilbao, Bordeaux, Casablanca, Curitiba, Dakar, Dublin, Geneva. The Mayors' Summit attracted the congress participants' attention, and due to the success it achieved it has been decided to develop it as an annual event linked to ISoCaRP congresses.

A number of social events and professional tours highlighted the social life of the Congress, including the most enjoyable farewell party in Geneva.

Our special thanks go to the Institut d'Architecture, Université de Genève, and all LOC members who generously devoted their time and energy throughout the whole year to make this event happen.

SEMINARS

A seminar LEGAL INSTRUMENTS OF URBAN POLICY AND MANAGEMENT – AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, from 22-24 November 2004. The seminar was organized by Fernanda Magalhães, sponsored by the General Attorney of Rio de Janeiro and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. More than 100 participants from the region, and several ISoCaRP members from overseas gathered together to discuss the pressing issues of the legal instruments that may empower the planning profession to meet new demands and needs.

Our special thanks go to Fernanda without whose enthusiasm and commitment ISoCaRP's name would not have been seen in this part of the world.

Another seminar was organized by Ric Stephens in Riverside, California and held on 13 and 14 March, 2005. The attractive and challenging topic - INNOVATIVE COMMUNITIES - attracted more than eighty participants from USA, Austria, Bulgaria, Greece, Netherlands, Spain and Trinidad and Tobago. The event was hosted by the Inland Empire Section American Planning Association (APA) and sponsored by the Urban Land Institute Inland Empire Council (ULI), California Planning Roundtable, ESRI, and the City of Riverside.

We owe Ric many thanks for this great event and the most productive professional gathering which brought ISoCaRP closer to their American colleagues.

PUBLICATIONS

The year of 2004-2005 was exceptionally successful, and we have produced a number of valuable publications. Many people have been engaged in this production, and to all of them we extend our sincere and warm thanks.

- 2003 Proceedings Cairo, Egypt: “*Planning in a more globalized and competitive World*”, edited by Paolo La Greca
- 1999 Proceedings Gelsenkirchen, Germany: “*Industrial Regions. Regional strategies and local action towards sustainability*“, edited by Gerd Albers, Stephan Reiss-Schmidt and Didier Vancutsem.
- 2004 Young Planners’ Report, *The Cross Border Agglomeration Geneva: Consistency and Complementarity*
- 2004 Young Planners’ Report ISoCaRP – V&W, *Utrecht New Central Station*
- Special Bulletin on Planning in Spain prepared by the Spanish National Delegation
- 2004 Geneva Mayors’ Summit
- ISoCaRP Review
- ISoCaRP 40 Years Booklet *Four Decades of Knowledge Creation and Sharing*
- 3x Network: December 2004, April 2005, September 2005
- Special Issue of NET: 15 Years Young Planners’ Workshop

In addition, currently in editing and forthcoming in 2006 are:

- 2004 Geneva Congress Report
- IMPP, 6th Edition

COMMUNICATIONS

As part of our continuing efforts to improve our communication a new web site will be launched in 2006. More details to follow in February 2006.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Today, ISoCaRP has 529 individual members.

43 new applications were submitted during 2004-2005 and presented before the General Assembly in Bilbao for endorsement:

○ Brazil	Tardin, Raquel
○ Canada	Shishido, Ronald
○ Canada	Tomic, Sinisa
○ China	Zhai, Baohui
○ China	Huang, Guangya
○ Colombia	Ferro Lozano, Ricardo
○ France	McClure, Bert
○ Georgia	Vardosanidze, Vladimer
○ Germany	Bernard, Ulrich
○ Germany	Seidemann, Dirk
○ Germany	Wilske, Sebastian
○ Greece	Pouliou-Kipourou, Mary
○ Greece	Milionis, Sotirios
○ Hongkong	Wang, L.H.
○ India	Datta, Rupa
○ India	Ravindran, K.T.
○ Indonesia	Soetomo, Sugiono
○ Israel	Sidi, Nira
○ Italy	Bardi, Tiziana
○ Kazakhstan	Junussova, Madina
○ Kenya	Mwaura, Arthur
○ Lebanon	Khalifé, Youssef
○ Morocco	Lehzam, Abdellah
○ Morocco	Ouazzani, Rachid
○ Nepal	Poudel, Ishwar
○ Netherlands	Dubbeling, Martin
○ Netherlands	Roksnoer, Max

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| ○ Portugal | Silva Figueira, Joana |
| ○ Slovenia | Pichler-Milanović, Natasa |
| ○ South Africa | Govender, Pravina |
| ○ Spain | Diaz, Angel |
| ○ Spain | Llop Torne, Jose María |
| ○ Spain | Torres Hors, María José |
| ○ Switzerland | Chabloz, Olivia |
| ○ Switzerland | Fischer, Susanne |
| ○ Switzerland | Sall, Ousmane |
| ○ Turkey | Mamunlu, Hale |
| ○ United Kingdom | Hughes, Susan |
| ○ United Kingdom | Mackinnon, James |
| ○ USA | Emerson, Elyce |
| ○ USA | Feremenga, Doug |
| ○ USA | Rostemoglu, Gulsum |
| ○ USA | Tubbs, Jeff |

The sad news is that two of our dear and very active members died:
Elizabeth Heed McLane (France/USA) and Jean-Claude Legorgeu (France).

New applications for Institutional Membership that were submitted to be presented before the General Assembly in Bilbao are:

- American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- Ajuntament Sitges, Spain
- Consejo Superior de los Colegios de Arquitectos de España, Spain
- IAIA - International Association for Impact Assessment, Vietnam
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Iran.

INNOVATIONS AND NEW PROJECTS

ISOCARP URBAN TASK FORCE. A workshop was organized on the occasion of World Town Planning Day, and held in La Rioja, Spain, 1-8 November 2004, under the title: ABOUT ENCISCO AND THE CIDACOS VALLEY. Javier de Mesones (Spain) and Fernando Brandão Alves (Portugal) served as coordinators and successfully led the team of five young professionals from four countries throughout the maze of the challenging professional task to develop a plan for that part of the wine country famous for its abundance of dinosaur track fossils. The Selection Committee comprised three members: Javier de Mesones (Spain), Fernando Brandão Alves (Portugal) and Milica Bajic Brkovic, SG. The project was financed by the Government of La Rioja who apparently was very much pleased with the results and has decided to continue the cooperation with ISoCaRP.

MOBILE WORKSHOP, held for the first time in Utrecht 2001 has been re-launched and held in Bilbao 2005. More on this project could be found on www.isocarp.org, and as an activity linked to 2005-2006 it will be presented as ISoCaRP achievement in the Annual Report for that year.

ISOCARP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE. An annual award to the best urban initiatives related to the theme of the ISoCaRP annual congress. The award was planned to be given for the first time in Bilbao, on the occasion of the 40th ISoCaRP Anniversary, and is aimed to develop into an annual event.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

1. **UNESCO** provided the necessary financial support to the Young Planners' Program once again. Thanks to the generous grant, several young professionals from less developed countries were able to participate in the 40th ISoCaRP World Congress. During the period of over a decade, the collaboration with UNESCO has produced the most fruitful and rewarding results by enabling many young professionals from all over the world to participate in our events. The collaboration and support approached its last and final year in 2005, but will be

remembered as one of the most successful collaborative projects in ISoCaRP history. UNESCO, thank you.

2. **UN-ECE:** VP Judith Ryser represented ISoCaRP in Slovakia at the UN-ECE Preparatory Conference held in June 2005. Report will be published at www.isocarp.org
3. **IFLA:** SG M. Bajic Brkovic attended the IFLA World Council meeting (Edinburgh, June 2005) and presented the communication: "A CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE PLANNING PROFESSION". IFLA President Martha Fajardo was invited to the 40th ISoCaRP congress in Bilbao.
4. **ICOMOS:** a joint event agreed in principle. Details to follow in 2006.
5. **COUNCIL OF EUROPE:** Jean-Claude Legorgeu (accredited co-representative with Wassey Bacharyar for the Council of Europe) has passed away. A call for the expression of interest for the post has been launched. More info on: www.isocarp.org.
6. **EUROPA NOSTRA:** ISoCaRP has become an Institutional member of Europa Nostra (annual fee paid by VP Pierre Laconte). Those interested in details may contact PE Pierre Laconte or the Secretariat.
7. **ISoCaRP-CIP** Round Table as a pre-event at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver 2006. Initiators: M. Bajic Brkovic, ISoCaRP SG and Ron Shishido, CIP President. Details to follow.

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

EXCO CHANGES: TERESA FRANCHINI, Spain and ISMAEL FERNANDEZ MEJÍA, Mexico were elected Vice-presidents 2004-2007. Congratulations Teresa and Ismael!

Two Vice Presidents - ESTEFANÍA CHÁVEZ DE ORTEGA (Mexico) and DETLEF KAMMEIER (Thailand) stepped down. To both of them we extend our wholehearted thanks for all they have done for our organization, and for their invaluable contribution to ISoCaRP development. Thank you Estefania and Detlef!

BUREAU AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Bureau and General Assembly meetings took place on 20 and 22 September 2004 in Geneva/Switzerland. <http://www.isocarp.org/>

EXCO MEETINGS: The Executive Committee met on 18 & 23 September 2004 in Geneva/Switzerland, and 15 January 2005 in Sitges/Spain.

ISOCARP PROJECT OFFICES: First ISoCaRP Project Office was opened in Sitges, Spain in January 2005.

QUALITY ASSURANCE: Our continuing efforts to improve ISoCaRP congresses resulted in the development of several important documents that are expected to facilitate the work of the LOC and the Congress Team. Milica Bajic Brkovic, Secretary General, and Judy van Hemert, Executive Director, produced the following documents:

1. Guidelines for the General Rapporteur and Rapporteurs
2. Guidelines for Chairs
3. Guidelines for Introductory Rapports/Congress CD
4. Access to Submission Platform: guidelines and instructions
5. Standard requirements to be fulfilled by the LOC
6. Standard requirements for the congress

All these documents can be downloaded from www.isocarp.org

Dirk Engelke initiated and started the congress opinion poll, while Milica Bajic Brkovic set off the opinion poll to be conducted among the ExCo+SC+LOC. Both polls are aimed at providing input for the improvement and strengthening of our congresses.

EVENTS IN PREPARATION

CONGRESSES:

- 42nd ISoCaRP Annual Congress 2006: ISTANBUL, TURKEY.
- 43rd ISoCaRP Annual Congress 2007: ANTWERP, BELGIUM.

SEMINARS:

- 2005 ISoCaRP Annual Seminar – 2006: Kafalonia/Greece, June 2006.
- 2006 ISoCaRP Annual Seminar: OPEN. If interested to organize the event, please contact the Secretary General.

ROUND TABLES AND OTHER EVENTS:

- ISoCaRP-CORP: Vienna, Austria, February 2006.
- ISoCaRP-CIP ROUND TABLE: Vancouver, Canada, June 2006.

ISOCARP URBAN TASK FORCE:

- Sitges, October 2005.

THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat worked as hard as ever. 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.

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