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ISOCARP 2012 BUREAU MEETING
Perm, Russia

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19.00-20.30

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1. Opening of the Meeting

President *Ismael Fernandez Mejia* opened the meeting at 19.00 and welcomed everybody present.

[Some Bureau Members who could not be present at the meeting had sent their apologies and asked a representative to take their place in the Bureau Meeting: Guy Vloebergh represented Pierre Laconte (Belgium); Alicia Listowski represented Bernard Aubert (France); Martina Juvara represented Judith Ryser (UK), Sharaf Bannaga represented Awadel Karim (Sudan); Dorota Kamrowska-Zaluska represented Tomasz Majda (Poland); Peter Robinson represented ML Mkhize (South Africa); Zeynep Gunay represented Fatma Unsal (Turkey)].

2. Minutes of the Bureau Meeting, 28 October 2011 – Wuhan, China

approved and adopted.

3. Announcement of the 2012 ND Elections

President *Fernandez Mejia* announced that the following 24 countries sent the results of their ND elections to the ISOCARP Secretariat:

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| Australia | Mexico | South Africa |
| Belgium | Netherlands | Spain |
| France | Philippines | Switzerland |
| Germany | Poland | Trinidad |
| Greece | Portugal | Turkey |
| India | Romania | United Kingdom |
| Israel | Serbia | USA |
| Kenya | Singapore | Zimbabwe |

4. Welcome New Members

Ismael announced that in 2012 ISOCARP got 54 new members (see list of new members as **Annex 1**). Many of the new members are present at the congress.

5. Statement by the President

Ismael Fernandez Mejia reported that there is no formal approval of the strategy document yet; it will be further discussed step by step by the delegations and the membership in the months to come. *Ismael* will present a discussion timeline in order to have a final outcome as soon as possible.

Ismael's document is divided into the following four segments that will be discussed in order to advance in the adoption of the proposed strategy in parts.

- Philosophy
- Operations
- Administration
- Governance.

*Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 2**).*

6. Short Reports by the Vice Presidents

6.1. VP Technical Cooperation Shipra Narang Suri

VP *Shipra Narang Suri* reported that ISOCARP had an excellent profile at WUF4 in Italy just before the congress. The collaboration with UN–Habitat, other UN organizations and Philips is working well. ISOCARP is going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association.

Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 3**).

6.2. VP Awards and Communication Dirk Engelke

VP *Dirk Engelke* announced that the outcome of the Call for Awards for Excellence were three excellent projects which will be awarded at the Final Dinner on 13 September.

He informed the meeting that due to a lack of time and resources because of his new job *Shipra Narang Suri* had taken over his work on the Awards for Excellence and *David Prosperi* had taken over his work on the Gerd Albers Award. *Dirk* himself will concentrate on the Sam van Embden Award.

6.3. VP Members and National Delegations Khalid El Adli

VP *Khalid El Adli* reported that he will give special attention to the National Delegations and increase the work of the NDs in the respective countries.

Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 4**).

6.4. VP UPATs Martin Dubbeling

VP *Martin Dubbeling* reported that the UPATs in Wuhan and Perm brought great results and satisfied clients. He would be happy to be contacted by Bureau Members to organize a UPAT in their country.

Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 5**).

6.5. VP Publications Shi Nan

VP *Shi Nan* reported on the success of Review 08. He would like to cooperate with magazines so that articles and papers by members can be placed.

Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 6**).

6.6. VP YPPs Piotr Lorens

VP *Piotr Lorens* reported that in June 2012 a new, successful YPP workshop model was initiated in Pushchino, Russia. He would like to hold more national workshops in more countries. These workshops provide scholarships for Young Planning Professionals to attend the congress. All workshop results will be published on a CD Rom.

Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 7**).

6.7. VP Academic Development/ISOCARP Institute David Prosperi

VP *David Prosperi* informed the meeting that he will enter the training market. He will contact mayors, local governments to establish training sites. The educational forum at the congress was very well attended.

Powerpoint Presentation (as PDF) available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization (also as **Annex 8**).

6.8. VP Events Jeremy Dawkins

VP *Jeremy Dawkins* said that he wanted to breathe new life in the congress. The strength of ISOCARP is that we are a family of planners. Together with General Rapporteur *Stefan Rau* it was possible to increase the importance of the congress content. 16 speakers gave keynote lectures and about 100 papers were presented. The congresses 2014 and 2015 are on the agenda now. The Scientific Committee is involved.

7. Report by the Secretary General Alex Macgregor

SG *Alex Macgregor* reported that he regularly skypes with the ISOCARP Secretariat. The staff has to be enlarged.

He informed the members that three ISOCARP Members died this year: *Jiri Hruza* from Czech Republic, *Peter Ross* from UK and *Italo Insolera* from Italy. *Peter Ross*' ex-wife will probably set up a foundation to support young planning professionals.

Extended report available on ISOCARP Members' Platform – Internal Organization
(also attached as **Annex 9**).

Comments by members

Nicole Wirz expressed her relief about the fact that it is not necessary to vote now, that the change of Statutes and the implementation of the strategy document will go gradually. She was also happy that the National Delegations will remain important. The Swiss ND had commented on the six principles by the President on *Planner*. She hopes that their comments will be considered.

President *Fernandez* explained that members had been asked to comment on the Principles on *Planner*, unfortunately not much input was given. EXCO will start a new round of discussions.

Martina Juvara expressed her appreciation on behalf of *Judith Ryser* that the role of the NDs will be reinforced and that they are the intermediates between the EXCO and the members.

Furthermore she expressed a wish by *Judith Ryser* to attach the reports to the Minutes and not only upload them on the website.

Mairura Omwenga said that it is important to engage policy makers, to have members in government organizations.

8. Financial Report by Treasurer Manfred Schrenk

Manfred Schrenk reported that he expects a surplus of 50,000 Euro by the end of 2012.

In January 2012 ISOCARP had a liquidity problem. The recovery came in the form of two UPATs, membership fees, a YPP workshop and an unexpected payment of 30,000,- that came from Sitges for two UPATs. 30,000 Euro are still to come from Sitges. Headquarters suffered most from the financial situation because they had not enough staff. Students will be employed in the coming months.

Stefan Rau proposed to give bonuses to the Secretariat if ISOCARP can afford them.

To save money *Stefan* proposed to no longer send hard copies of books or CD Roms to the members. *Piotr Lorens* replied that articles on the website are often invisible for members. Members would like to have the book or CD Rom physically in their hands.

Ismael repeated the necessity to organize UPATs, YPP workshops, to involve the Institute and Technical Assistance to create extra income. This will be possible with the help of the National Delegations.

For Financial Report see **Annex 10**.

9. Approval of the Agenda for the General Assembly

The Agenda for the General Assembly on 13 September 2012 was approved.

10. Statutes

VP *Jeremy Dawkins* explained that the proposals to enable on-line voting were put in Wuhan and carried by the Bureau and General Assemblies in 2011. In order for the GA to have a quorum 2/3 of all members have to be present. This was an unsuitable impediment to ever change the Statutes which had to be removed.

Therefore a second General Assembly was called in Dortmund, Germany. About 20 members were present and the amendment passed.

When the changes had to be notarized it was discovered that according to Dutch law there appeared to be some technical difficulties. The quorum for the General Assembly had to be changed to 60.

With this change in Statutes the possibilities of voting are expanded. Members can attend a General Assembly online and are counted present. Voting for proposals can be done online. This small technical change will have a big effect. A meeting of some members will be necessary somewhere. All others can participate online.

Nothing else will change for the time being. We will proceed step by step.

(motions see **Annex 11**).

A hopefully positive vote in the General Assembly Meeting on 13 September 2012 will make ISOCARP an online society. *Planner* will be launched again.

Planner will make it possible that members create their own interest groups, National Delegations can form a group, but also specialised planners' groups, e.g. traffic planners, landscape planners etc.

Jeremy Dawkins asked all Bureau Members to be present at the General Assembly to vote.

This new voting system was positively received, not everybody can always travel.

The new voting system has to be tested out. A pilot vote has to be done.

10. AOB

Didier Vancutsem stated that this Bureau Meeting is the last one for President *Ismael Fernandez Mejia*. On behalf of all Bureau Members he thanked *Ismael* for his efforts and time for the Society.

Ismael thanked everybody, he enjoyed the interesting time and tough work as President and is glad that *Milica Bajic-Brkovic* is going to take over the baton at the ceremony of 13 September 2012.

11. Closing of the Meeting

Ismael Fernandez Mejia closes the meeting at 20.30 thanking everyone for their presence.

12-BM Minutes/gk, Nov.12
approved IFM, Nov. 12