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## **ISOCARP 2015**

### **ISOCARP MEMBERS MEETING**

**Rotterdam, the Netherlands**

**23 September 2015**

**9.00-12.00**

### **BUREAU AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON-LINE**

**13-31 JANUARY 2016**

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### 1. Opening of the Meeting

President *Milica Bajic-Brkovic* opened the meeting at 9.00 and welcomed everybody present. Due to the very small number of members present there was no quorum and Bureau Meeting and Annual General Meeting shall be deferred. As ISOCARP recognizes holding these meetings on-line valid and legitimate, Milica proposed to have them convened on-line later this year. She put forward a proposal to have a general discussion on ISOCARP instead, devoted to the fifty years of ISOCARP development: “*Where we are and what have we learned*”. This will be followed by discussion on ISOCARP future which will be moderated by a newly elected President Ric Stephens.

The proposal was accepted. The combined BM and AGM was deferred and will be held on-line.

### 2. Obituaries

Two former Presidents died since the last Annual General meeting: *Derek Lyddon* and *Gerd Albers*. They were honoured by *Judith Ryser* and *Brigitte Schmelzer* respectively. In 2015 more ISOCARP members died: *Bill Twitchett*, France; *Ina Claasen*, Netherlands; *Luxin Wang*, China; *Joseph Savitzky*, Israel; *Vincenzo Cabianca*, Italy; *Hendrik Vermoortel*, Belgium.

A minute of silence was observed in honour and remembrance of them.

### 3. Discussion on ISOCARP achievements and status quo

Following the acceptance of her suggestion, Milica asked *Lorraine Gonzalez* to moderate the session “*Where we are and what have we learned*”. Lorraine took it over and chaired the session.

#### a. General Discussion

*Lorraine Gonzalez* considered technology one of the biggest achievements for further educating planners in their profession. We can initiate webinars to share our expertise. We can vote in spite of having no quorum at the meeting, we can just do it online.

*Brigitte Schmelzer* said that the German members organized a **regional meeting** together with the Austrian and Swiss colleagues. These meetings are very important for ISOCARP and the members since many members cannot participate in the annual congress. *Judith Ryser* reported on the workshop that was held in London. This interactive workshop even was an inspiration for this congress. The Scottish colleagues followed the example and also organized a regional workshop. This regional approach should be promoted and regional meeting and seminars are also a possibility to promote the annual congress.

According to *Nicole Wirz* regional events are also important to get to know ISOCARP, also for young people. *Milica* stated that the individual initiative of members is very important. A small event was organized in Slovenia.

*Didier Vancutsem* remarked that although we have more events and more visibility the number of members stays the same. We have to give tasks to the members.

*Olusola Olufemi* shared her ISOCARP experience with colleagues and they got enthusiast. She herself started as YPP.

For *Martina Juvara* the personal commitment is the great value, the exchange, not to have more sponsors. *Lorraine* proposed that new members should be asked in the application form how they got to know ISOCARP?

The question always is what do people gain when they are members?

*Piotr Lorens* remarked that we should also ask what can they do for us. We should think about how to better integrate the young planning professionals.

*Han Admiraal* warned that if an organization has too much money it might attract the wrong persons.

The Treasurer asked the members present to help receiving the unpaid membership fees. We should find out why members do not pay their fees.

#### **b. Membership**

The **goal is to have 1000 members**. How can we reach this? Ideas and questions:

- Non-members of the congress should become members
  - Reactivation NDs
  - Social media
  - Institute can offer a new dimension to attract members.
- After 2 consecutive years of non-payment members are deleted from the database.

- Should we rather go for quality and not for finances?
- Do we 'sell' ISOCARP well enough?
- How can students learn about ISOCARP (YPPs are no students any more). We have to start earlier.
- Marketing strategy is important: what are the benefits of being a member?

*Didier Vancutsem* reported that in 2015 ISOCARP got 80 new members, see list of new members as **Annex 1**. He welcomed the new members present at the meeting.

The results of the ND elections can be found on the ISOCARP website. A good result was achieved.

#### **c. Congress finances:**

ISOCARP needs a positive financial congress result to survive.

*Judith Ryser* considered the congress fee too high. However, other members found the fees not high at all. The costs are the flights and accommodation. ISOCARP should offer cheaper accommodation possibilities. Social events should be for free.

*Aafke Nijenhuyzen* reported that this year the YPPs could stay for free and *Peter Jonquiere* added that this could also be tried for 'older' members. Airbnb could be a possibility.

#### **d. Institute**

MBB reported that the Institute will be registered before the end of the year.

The Vice Presidents continue their work, the Institute will be for additional content, new activities, EU projects.

What is the niche for ISOCARP? We should start with the content part. *Olusola Olufemi*: We should start at what we are good at.

*Nicole Wirz* remarked that the Institute could be more flexible than some programmes (UPATs, YPPs) that have fixed rules.

Matchmaking activities could be continued. A EU project (Horizon 2020-Espresso) initiated by *Pietro Elisei* will form the start of the Institute.

*Eric Huybrechts*: push local organisations to act on an international level, however, it will be necessary to have an address in France to get the funding for projects.

The **name Institute** was considered too rigid by some members. Other proposals:

- ISOCARP Foundation
- Think Tank
- Centre for Academic Development
- Knowledge Centre.

The goal is to have more active members, to involve our members, they are the experts.

We could have a lecture service on our website, consultation trainings, just promoting knowledge transfer.

#### **e. Publications and Gerd Albers Award 2015**

Vice President Shi Nan reported that in this anniversary year ISOCARP produced a record number of publications:

Review 11 (editors: Shi Nan, Jim Reilly)

Five Decades of Knowledge Creation and Sharing (Judith Ryser)

IMPP (Judith Ryser, Teresa Franchini)

Think Deep: Planning, development and use of underground space in cities (Joint publication with ITACUS – Han Admiraal, Shipra Narang Suri)

Urban Transformations (Workshop Mentor and Student Research Lab – Slawek Ledwon)

Gdynia Congress CD 2014

Six YPP workshop reports as CD Rom (Piotr Lorens).

He thanked everybody involved and especially *Judith Ryser* who reported that the 2015 issue of the IMPP will contain 135 countries.

*Pietro Elisei* announced that the **Gerd Albers Award 2015** was won by *Zeynep Gunay* for her article “*From squatter upgrading to large scale renewing programmes: housing renewal in Turkey*”. Congratulations.

#### 4. Closing of the meeting

President *Milica Bajic-Brkovic* closes the meeting at 12.00 thanking everyone present.

### BUREAU AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON-LINE

held between 13-31 January 2016

moderated by the Secretariat

1. Minutes of the Bureau Meeting and Annual General Meetings, Gdynia, 22 and 26 September 2014  
[Online approval by the necessary quorum received between 13 and 30 January 2016].

#### 2. Financial Report by the Treasurer

See **Annex 2**.

Treasurer's *Guy Vloebergh* Report covers the period from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2015. ISOCARP has a small positive result of € 8.272,-.

The financial results of a project are only to be booked when the project is finished. This avoids wrong expectations.

All Vice-Presidents have to fill in financial fiches on their projects.

#### BALANCE SHEET as per 30 June 2015:

Activa: €246.508 (€340.261 in 2013, €169.242 in 2012)

Passiva: €125.789 (€227.814 in 2013, €100.200 in 2012)

Equity: €120.719 (€112.447 in 2013, €69.042 in 2012)

Note: of the activa of €246.508 there are €91.297 still to be received.

For **budget July 2015/June 2016** see also **Annex 2**.

[The necessary quorum of 60 was reached during the period 13 - 30 January 2016 when members could react online. The Annual Accounts 2014/15 and the budget 2015/16 were approved. 72 members approved, 1 member did not. To view at Head Office in The Hague].

3. All other documents as indicated under Contents 2 are available at the Secretariat and on the ISOCARP website. See also Annexes 3-8.

15-AGM and BM Minutes/gk, 5 Jan. 2016  
Corrected and approved MBB  
13 February, 2016



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# Bureau Meeting and Annual General Meeting

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**Rotterdam, Netherlands**

Name	Country	BM?
Ridger Smoock	Netherlands	
Rolf v. Ginderen	NL	
Rolf H. Jensen	NORWAY	✓
JUDITH RYJER	UK	✓
Hidehiko KANEGAE	Japan	
RC STEAENS	USA	
PIETRO EUSEI	ROMANIA/ITALY	
M. BAJIC BRKOVIC	M. J. G. mm	
Shraime Jazari	USA	no - proxy
Shoanne Frauer	CH	
Dirk Engelke	CH	
Martin Schelling		
KETER WILLY	<del>WILLY</del> KENYA ✓	
KENT MUKOTA	KENYA (Alban)	
KEZIAH MWELU MWANGI	KENYA	✓
DAVID TAPIA	MEXICO	
Jeremy Dawkins	Australia	



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Name	Country	BM?
Alejandro Gamprobi	Spain/Mexico	
Ismael Fernandez	Mexico	
Estepania	Mexico	
Didier Vancutsem	Germany	
Guy Vloebergh	BELGIUM	
MARTINA JUVARD	UK	
KHALID EL ADLI	EGYPT	
GRIET GEERINCK	BELGIUM.	
Shi Nam	China	V.P.
SEAWEK LEDWON	POLAND	UP
PIETRO ELISEI	ROMANIA/ITALY	V.P.
Abdelwehab Alwehab	IRAQ	BM
Mohammed Qasim Al Ani	IRAQ	BM
Amos Brandeis	Israel	BM
Opuenebo B. Owei	Nigeria	BM
RONALD K BEDWAR	USA	
Audries Geerse	NL	ND





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EDUARDO ORTIZ JASSO	MEXICO	BM
ERIC HUYBRECHTS	FRANCE	BM
Charles LAMBERT	FRANCE	
Galia Alexsova	BULGARIA	
Nicole Witz	Switzerland	BM
DANIELE VETTORATO	ITALY	BM
MAIRURA OMWENGA	KENYA	BM.
Jef Van den Broeck	Belgium	
Jeffrey Nuyenshuysen	Netherlands	BM
Peter Jongepiere	Netherlands	ND
Olusola Olufermi	Canada	BM
Uroš Pichler - Milanov	Slovenia	BM
Ana María Fernández-Maldonado	Netherlands	
Brigitte Schmelzer	Germany	BM (author.)
Jan Admiraal	Netherlands	
Felipe Ordóñez Cervantes	Mexico	BM
Andries Geerse	Netherlands	



**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 2015**  
**23 October 2015**

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**Change in Members** (since 1 January 2015)

**2015 Individual Members**

New Members	69
New Associate Members	3
New Young Planning Professionals among new members	[26]
New Full Affiliated Members	3
New Institutional Member Representatives	5
New Life Members	0
Resignations	-11
Deceased	-6
Unpaid membership 2013-2015	-38

**Institutional Members**

New Institutional Members	5
Resignations	0
Unpaid Institutional Membership 2013-2015	-3

**23-10-2015:** **657**

**New<sup>1</sup> Individual Members**

***New Members (69)***

***Present at 2015 ISOCARP Congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands\****

Albania:	Rudina Toto*
	Eranda Janku <sub>(YP)</sub> *
Australia:	Aman Mehta
	Ammar Habasch <sub>(YP)</sub>
Belarus:	Dzmitry Bibikau <sub>(YP)</sub>
Belgium:	Adrian Hill <sub>(YP)</sub> *
	Jens Aerts
Bulgaria:	Galina Aleksova
Canada:	Matthew Neville
	Michael Stott
	Ronit Levine-Schnur
China:	Alejandro Camprubi*
	Jimbiao Huang <sub>(YP)</sub>
	Jingjing Li

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Since 1 October 2014



	Ningrui Du
	Tracy Chui Ying Wong
Egypt:	Mohammed Hawas <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Rania Abdel Galil*
France:	Eric Huybrechts
	Jean-Michel Guenod
	Parul Agarwala
Germany:	Benjamin Scheerbarth <sup>(YP)</sup> *
	Jan-Philipp Exner <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Peter Zeile
Ghana:	Godwin Kavaarpuo <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Patrick Apraku
India:	Ghulam Hassan Mir*
Japan	Hidehiko Kanagae
Kenya:	Wanjiku Macharia
	Gati Domtila Gait Marwa
	Rose Musyoka
	Victor Ndereba Kanyaura <sup>(YP)</sup>
Kosovo:	Sadije Kelmendi
Lebanon:	Jala Makhzoumi
	Mohamad Abdallah Ramadan <sup>(YP)</sup>
Liechtenstein:	Peter Droege
Namibia:	Jan Wynants
Netherlands:	David Struik <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Eva Marianne van Bolderen <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Gijsbertus Slagmolen <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Hans Hofman*
	Hyeri Park
	Kai Wang <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Katharina Gugerell*
	Lena Niel <sup>(YP)</sup> *
	Marc Lampe*
	Tim Strikers
Nigeria:	Oluwabukola Ayangbile <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Ebiyenseya Ndiwari
Norway:	Marcin Sliwa <sup>(YP)</sup> *
Palestine:	Farid Al-Qeeq
	Muneer Elbaz
Portugal:	Pedro Garcia
Romania:	Matei Coheci <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Sabina Dimirtiu <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Wendy Laura Cinta <sup>(YP)</sup>
Russia:	Amira S. R. Ahmad <sup>(YP)</sup> *
	Anastasia Klyputenko <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Nadezhda Bobyleva <sup>(YP)</sup>
Serbia:	Predag Milosevic
Sudan:	Alia Taha
Switzerland:	Ana Peric*
United Arab Emirates:	Anamika Mishra
United Kingdom:	Kreils von Fyre Ekelund <sup>(YP)</sup>
	Gizem Caner*
	Xin Feng <sup>(YP)</sup>
United States:	Eugene Birch
	Joseph Pobiner
	Roger Caves

***New Associate Members (3):***

Iran:	Behrooz Qiassi
Pakistan:	Naveed Ul-Haq
Poland:	Monika Trojanowska

***New Fully Affiliated Members (3):***

Belgium:	Marian Plas – Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ruimte en Planning - VRP
Germany:	Trudy Tertilt - Vereinigung für Stadt-, Regional- und Landesplanung (SRL)
Netherlands:	Michiel van Driessche - Felixx Landscape Architects & Planners

***New Institutional Member Representatives (5):***

Ireland:	William Brady - UCC Centre for Planning and Sustainable Development
Germany:	Martin Birgel - Dragomir Stadtplanung GmbH
Netherlands:	Deborah Lambert - Felixx, Landscape Architects & Planners
	Martin Aarts - Gemeente Rotterdam – Cluster Stadsontwikkeling
	Milena Ivkovic - Blok74 – Built Environment   Urban Gaming

***New Institutional Members (5):***

Ireland:	UCC Centre for Planning and Sustainable Development
Germany:	Dragomir Stadtplanung GmbH
Netherlands:	Blok74 – Built Environment   Urban Gaming
	Felixx, Landscape Architects & Planners
	Gemeente Rotterdam – Cluster Stadsontwikkeling

**Individual Memberships lost*****Deceased (6)***

France/Australia:	Bill Twitchett († 2014)
France:	Vincenzo Cabianca († 2015)
Germany:	Gerd Albers († 2015)
Netherlands:	Ina Klaasen († 2015)
	Henrik Vermoort († 2015)
United Kingdom:	Derek Lyddon († 2014)

***Resignations (11)***

Australia:	John Minnery
	Ryan Smith
Austria:	Irene Rubitzki
Germany:	Gerhard Meighörner
Netherlands:	Eric Luiten
Norway:	Hans Christie Bjønness
Serbia:	Nada Lazarevic Bajec
	Ruzica Bogdanovic
Singapore:	Arndt Husar
Spain:	Ulla Hoyer
United Arab Emirates:	Kevin Reid

***Unpaid memberships 2013-2015 (38)***

Algeria:	Abdelmalek Boudiaf Badia Belabed
Australia:	Garry John Smith
Brazil:	Frederico Holanda
China:	Mei Yun Sandra Meng Ying Lee
Greece:	John Caranicas
Iran:	Elahe Bigdeli
Israël:	Anat Kuhn
Malaysia:	Azmizam Abdul Rashid
Nigeria:	Folu Bademosi Isyaku M. Danraka
Poland:	Agnieszka Kowalewska
Portugal:	Sofia Fernandes de Oliveira Correia Pera
Romania:	Christian Ioja
Singapore:	Cexiang Foo
South Africa:	Andile Skosana
Spain:	José Hilario Garrido Perez Rafael Durá Melis
Turkey:	Ebru Firidin Özgür
United Arab Emirates:	Alan Perkins Andrew Ashall Anis Anis Eric Wilson John Madden Jonathan Lynch Kosta Livaditis Maria Pamoukian Michelle Stephens Neil Mallen Saif Ghubash Therese Valiant Val Zillig Vasanth Tatipalli
United Kingdom:	John Lindsay
United States:	Brent Ryan David Spector Nathan Brown

***Unpaid institutional membership 2013-2015 (3)***

Australia:	Western Australian Planning Commission
Netherlands:	DRO – Physical Planning Department Amsterdam
Russia:	Giprogor



## Annual Financial Report VP Treasurer Rotterdam October 2015

**Guy Vloebergh**  
Belgium



### 1. Annual accounts

After changing of the statutes 01.01.2014 – 30.06.2015

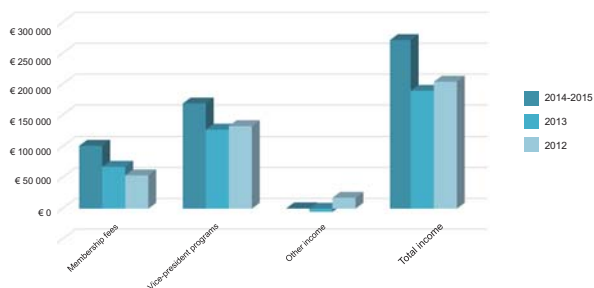
### 2. Budget 2015-2016

#### 1. Annual accounts 01.01.2014 - 30.06.2015

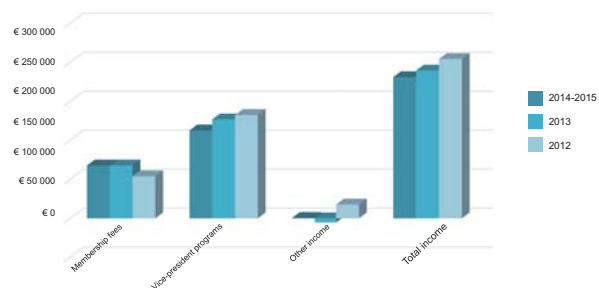
- With the help of accountant Hajo Vis and auditor PKF Wallast
- Accounts for one year and a half
- Financial results of a project are booked when the project is finished
- VPprograms are managed through 'projectfiches'



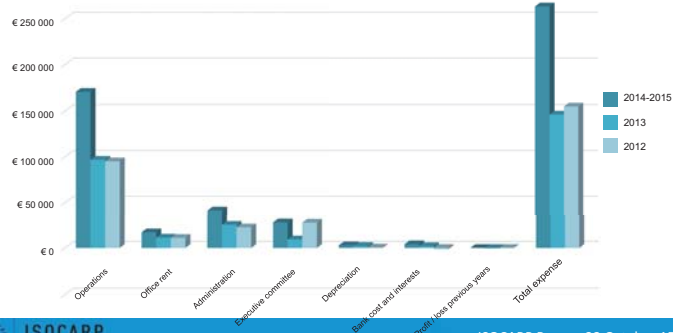
INCOME 2012-2013-2014 till 30 June 2015



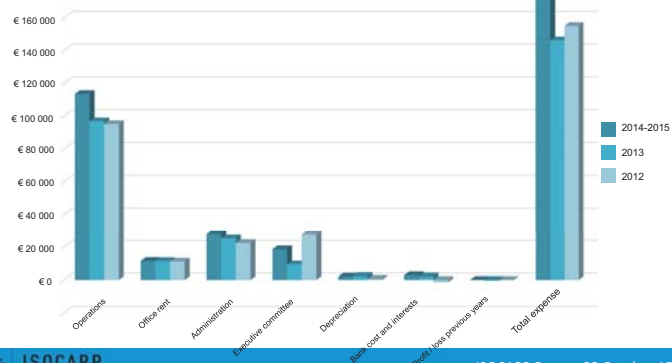
INCOME 2012-2013-2014 till 30 June 2015 (+ comparable correction)



COSTS 2012-2013-2014 till 30 June 2015



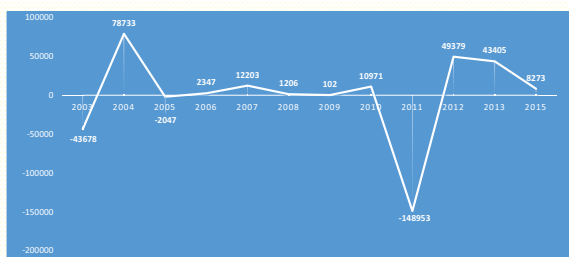
COSTS 2012-2013-2014 till 30 June 2015 (+ comparable correction)





INCOME MINUS COSTS GIVES A POSITIVE RESULT OF 8.273 euro in 2014 – 30 June 2015

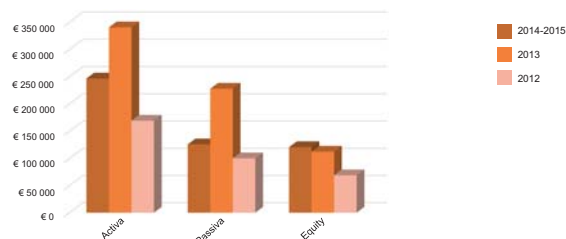
but including and..... still to receive membershipfees of the years 2013 and 2014: ca. 40.000 euro



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One note: from our activa of € 246.508 we have € 91.297 accounts receivable !



## 2. Budget 2015 - 2016: balanced - slightly positive

Challenges: starting up new projects (trainings, YPP, UPAT,...),

membershipfees are priority task for the secretariat,...

#### BUDGET 2015/2016 (01-07-2015 / 30-06-2016)

<b>Membership Fees</b>			
• Fees		60.000,00	recieved 31.000,00
<b>Other income/expenses</b>			
• Donations Celebration 2015	10.000,00		10.000,00
• SUSREG	20.000,00		
• UN-HABITAT 13-14	15.000,00		
• Upat Gaza/WB	55.000,00		
• Espresso (EU) Institute	P.M.		
• Friday's debate Brussels	5.000,00		
• Other projects/new UPATs	P.M.	105.000,00	
<b>Operations</b>			
• Salaries Gross	- 100.000,00		
• Holiday allowances	- 7.600,00		
• Absence Insurance	- 4.150,00		
• Social Taxes	- 19.000,00		
• External advisors	- 4.000,00		
		- 134.750,00	

Office rent - 12.000,00

#### Administration

• Postage and Freight	- 7.500,00
• Phone	- 500,00
• Office supplies	- 2.500,00
• Office General	- 500,00
• Representation	- 400,00
• Automatisations	- 2.500,00
• Internet	- 7.000,00
• Subscription/Documentation	- 250,00
• Travel staff	- 300,00
• Accountant	- 4.000,00
• Insurance General	- 3.000,00

- 28.450,00

#### Management

• BMI/ACM meetings	1.500,00
• EXCO Allowances	16.600,00
• Irina newsletter	5.000,00
• Other expenses/marketing	10.000,00

33.100,00

#### Depreciation

- 2.850,00

#### Bank costs and interest

- 3.000,00

#### Vice Presidents programs

• Awards	4.000,00	4.000,00
• Congress	50.000,00	
• Publications	P.M.	
• UPAT's	P.M.	
• USS with AESOP	- 3.000,00	
• YPP's	-	

51.000,00

#### RESULT

+1.850,00

## Conclusions

1. Annual accounts 01.01.2014 - 30.06.2015: approval?
2. Budget 2015 - 2016: approval?

Thank you





2013 Frontiers of Planning-Evolving and declining models of city planning practice, Brisbane, Au, <http://isocarp.org/activities/isocarp-annual-world-congress-2/49th-isocarp-congress-brisbane-australia-1-4-october-2014/>

2015 Cities save the World: Let's reinvent Planning, Netherlands, Germany and Belgium, <http://isocarp.org/activities/isocarp-annual-world-congress-2/51st-isocarp-congress-netherlands-belgium-germany-19-23-october-2015/>

2016 Congress to be held in Durban South Africa is under preparation.

What makes these congresses more advanced compared to the ones we delivered in the past is that all of them come with the enriched and expanded content and include additional sessions which complement their thematic scope, like the Educational Forum-“David Prospero” and the presentations of our training projects and UPATs. New initiatives often start on these occasions, for instance, the ISOCARP HABITAT III Task Force in 2014. These events always attract significant attention and present ISOCARP congresses as places where the critical issues of linking theory and practice are debated and explored. They have also contributed to strengthening the outreach of the Society as their topics are always timely and carefully chosen vis-a-vis the actual planning and spatial development issues.

The Congress 2016 will be held in Durban. Our colleagues from South Africa are fully committed to make it a great event. The Congress will be officially announced and presented in the Plenary Session in Rotterdam.

2. Much has been done in the area of YPPs, professional training and UPATs. These programs have been enthusiastically embraced by clients and viewed as state-of-the-art exercises capable of contributing advanced and liveable solutions, and meeting the highest professional standards. The technical and educational training programs came as an extension of the traditional YPPs and have been organized in UAE in cooperation with local governments of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain. Both clients are interested in keeping the program in 2016 (<http://isocarp.org/activities/young-planning-professionals-programme/>). ISOCARP's dedication to supporting the planning knowledge and skills has been materialized throughout 25 years of implementing the YPP program.

The UPATs have been with us for more than ten years. More than twenty workshops have been delivered since the inception of the program in Spain, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Russia, Poland, China, Singapore, Palestine, USA and Mexico. During 2012-2015 the UPATs were organized in China, Mexico and Palestine. These hands-on exercises have attracted a lot of attention among our members and outside ISOCARP. Presentations of UPAT projects are among the most visited events in our congresses and on the website (<http://isocarp.org/activities/upats/>). The success of UPATs and our commitment to sharing knowledge motivated us to start a new program- the Urban Resilience Task Force-URTF, this time in cooperation with ICLEI. The Agreement with ICLEI was negotiated in 2014 and the first URTFs are expected to take place shortly.

Last year the Mentor and Student Research Lab was initiated by the VP Congresses and Events. The program is designed for students in planning, urban design, architecture and adjacent fields.

3. Starting the ISOCARP Institute has been the most important event in providing the institutional framework for expanding the frontiers of knowledge creation and sharing. The prospect of organizing such a unit within the existing ISOCARP structure was debated for quite a long time. Last year the Institute was officially launched in Gdynia along with a new VP ISOCARP Institute position for the period 2014-2017. The Institute will be the place where different projects will be developed and executed; it will include the EU and similar projects that until now have been carried on the margins of ISOCARP structure (<http://isocarp.org/activities/isocarp-institute/>). Making the Institute functional and productive is among the key challenges for the next period.

4. The ISOCARP Review and congress papers have been printed each year. The Review has become a valuable part of the congress package and is widely recognized for its excellent entries, editing work and the eye catching design. Regarding the publications, the Anniversary year of 2015 has been productive in particular as several new publications emerged: “Five Decades of Knowledge Creation and Sharing”, “International Manual of Planning Practice – IMPP” (in the enriched and expanded format), “Ten Years of the UPATS-Results and Effects” and the on-line collection “Absorbing 50 years of SCARP”. We also published with other organizations, e.g., “Think Deep: Planning, development and use of underground space in cities”, the joint publication with ITACUS (<http://isocarp.org/publications/>).

### ISOCARP OUTREACH

One of the key objectives for the period 2012-2015 was strengthening the position of ISOCARP in the global planning community by enhancing the existing and developing new collaborative and partnering links with international, regional and national organizations and bodies. Many activities of the President, Secretary General, all Vice Presidents and our members have been devoted to making that happen. It is almost impossible to mention all the initiatives, activities achievements, individual and group actions. A more detailed and comprehensive look could be attained by visiting our website or through the Secretariat, while only a fraction is brought up here, including those delivered by the President.

#### ***Expanding and strengthening collaborative links with UN and UN HABITAT***

In addition to attending and participating in various UN and UN Habitat events, ISOCARP gained in visibility and recognition by having its members appointed to several important UN Committees.

1. President Milica Bajic Brkovic was invited by the UN SG Ban Ke-moon to join his High Level Advisory Team for Sustainable Transport for the period 2014-2016. The Advisory Team is delegated the task of *„working with governments, transport providers, business, financial institutions, civil society and other stakeholders, to promote sustainable transport systems and their integration into development strategies and policies, including in climate action. This initiative represents one more step by the Secretary general in advancing climate action and in implementing his Five-Year Action Agenda in advancing climate actions around a post 2015 sustainable development agenda and implement it*

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabletransport/highleveladvisorygroup>

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2. Vice President Shipra Narang Suri was elected co-Chair of the World Urban Campaign-WUC ([www.worldurbancampaign.org](http://www.worldurbancampaign.org)), a platform that brings together a wide range of organizations world-wide, and is also the primary forum to carry the views of these actors into the New Urban Agenda for the Habitat III Conference in 2016.
3. Vice President Shipra Narang Suri was elected Vice President of General Assembly of Partners (GAP) ([www.worldurbancampaign.org/resources](http://www.worldurbancampaign.org/resources)).
4. Past President Ismael Fernandez Mejia was elected Chair of the Habitat Professional Forum.
5. Secretary General Didier Vancutsem was elected Chair of the Habitat III constituent group "Professionals".
6. ISOCARP representatives actively participated in several UN Habitat meetings in Nairobi, Napoli, Medellin and elsewhere. The most visible and important was participation in WUF7 in 2014.
7. ISOCARP members participated in developing the Guidelines for Urban and Territorial Planning (Andries Geerse, Netherlands, Hongyang Wang, China, Christine Platt, South Africa, and Shipra Narang Suri, India).
8. Through the program of Technical Assistance, ISOCARP was contracted for serving in several UN Habitat assignments in Africa and Asia.
9. ISOCARP started the HABITAT III Task Force.

This year, UN Habitat won the Sam Embden Anniversary Achievements Award. The UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Habitat, Dr. Joan Clos accepted the award with appreciation and gratitude. His representative will attend the Congress to receive the award on his behalf.

### ***Cooperation with UNESCO***

Collaboration with UNESCO has a long history and goes back to the last decade of the twentieth century. The joint work started on developing the YPPs workshops and gradually reached the stage where ISOCARP holds an important role within the NGOs section.

1. Our representatives with UNESCO (*Milica Bajic Brkovic, Janine Marin, Bernard Aubert, Philippe Vaillant and Hari Baral*) participated in many programs including: JPC "Eradication of Poverty"; JPC "Human Rights"; workshops on the NGO Day of the Liaison Committee; 20 years of the Convention on the Right of the Child; Africa and Sustainable Human Development; JPC "Dialogue between Cultures for Peace"; JPC "Science and Ethics"; Preparatory Group on the Human Rights implementation at the local level (member of the Steering Committee); Preparatory Group on the International Forum on "Water for All in Africa"; and International Forum on "Youth in Preservation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage".
2. ISOCARP representatives participated in the General Conference of UNESCO in 2013 and in the sessions of the PNG/NGO Committee of the Executive Board of UNESCO.
3. President Milica Bajic Brkovic was invited speaker to the UNESCO Congress "Culture in the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda: Culture-Key to Sustainable Development", organized in cooperation with UNESCO partners in China, in Hangzhou, May 2013. She delivered a speech "Culture as a Drive in Making Places: Reshaping Behavior at the Local Level" and participated in developing the UNESCO Declaration "Culture in the Post 2015 Sustainable

Development Agenda". The Declaration was adopted in the Plenary Session, and presented and discussed in the UN General Assembly in 2013.

4. This year, ISOCARP representatives will attend the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference. Milica Bajic Brkovic will take the floor in the Plenary Session on General Policy and deliver a speech on 'ISOCARP Mission toward the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda'.

### ***ISOCARP cooperation with other international and national organizations***

ISOCARP is known for its openness and willingness to collaborate with international and national agencies, organizations and bodies, and professional associations. The activities we have held during 2012-2015 are numerous. Many of our members started initiatives and carried out projects that contributed to enlarge the ISOCARP outreach and its visibility. Our partners and collaborating organizations include UN, UN-Habitat (*Focal Point: S. Narang Suri*), UNESCO (*Representatives: M. Bajic Brkovic-by function, J. Marin, B. Aubert, P. Vaillant and H. Baral*), UNDP, Council of Europe (*B. Aubert, B. Hildebrand, G. Guillaume*), UNECE (*Representative: C. Lambert*), AESOP (*Focal Point: P. Lorens*), Russian Association of Planners (*Focal Point: P. Lorens*), Moscow Urban Forum (*Focal Point: P. Lorens*), ICLEI (*Focal Point: D. Vancutsem*), UPSC (*Focal Point: Shi Nan*), Ulyanovsk Region Government (*Focal Point: P. Lorens*), OECD, IFHP, ECTP, IFLA, IAIA, ADUPC, TUP, KAP, CORP, Fundación Metropoli, City of Antwerp, and many others.

Our members organized conferences and professional meetings in Germany, UK, Poland, Slovenia, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Scotland, Switzerland, Russia, Korea, China, Iran and others. I gratefully thank all of them for their contribution to the Society. More about each activity or event is available on our website or through the Secretariat.

All these activities have made us better visible on the global scene and better connected to international and regional practices; at the same time they have significantly impacted the ISOCARP membership core. We have also negotiated several MoUs, details are available with SG Didier Vancutsem and the Secretariat.

### ***President's appearance in the events organized by other international and national organizations***

The activities that EXCO and our members took in collaborating with other organizations or participating in international events are many. Details are available in the annual reports, our website and the Secretariat. In this section I would like to present those I was involved in as they illustrate my efforts towards strengthening the position of ISOCARP among the professional planning association, and development of the new collaborative links with international, regional and national organizations and bodies.

1. As a keynote speaker I delivered the speech "Sustainable Cities and the Digital Realm: A Dynamic Relationship Connecting Opportunities and Development" in the Township and Urban Development Conference, Johannesburg, 2013. It provided an opportunity to bring ISOCARP to the region where we are underrepresented and meet colleagues from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nigeria, etc. This participation raised our visibility in several African countries and potentially may contribute to the membership enlargement from that region.

2. In 2014 I was invited to participate in the Abu Dhabi Ascent organized by the UN SG Ban Ki-moon and Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, UAE Minister of State, which was the main high-level meeting before the UN Climate Summit in 2014 (<https://www.abudhabiascent2014.com/>). The participation was followed by an invitation to join HLAG in 2014.
3. I was invited and served as a member of the World City Summit Program Committee 2013-2014, WCS, Singapore. Secretary General Didier Vancutsem and I attended the World City Summit in 2014 (<http://www.worldcitysummit.com.sg/>). This participation generated several possibilities for developing new partnership within the global planning community, details of which are available with the SG.
4. During 2014-2015 I worked with several high level Abu Dhabi UPC officials on starting the UPC Urban Research Institute. This activity, still in progress, may result in raising our cooperation with the Abu Dhabi Planning Council to a higher level of collaboration, and potentially bring in new projects. The next meetings are scheduled November-December. VP YPP Piotr Lorens is also on the team.
5. On invitation, I delivered the presentation “Climate Change and Planning: Towards a More Integrated Approach” in the 3rd International Conference “Climate Change: Urban Adaptation to Climate Change-Building Resilience in Hong Kong and Asia's Major Cities”, Hong Kong, November 2014 (<http://iccc.hk/>).
6. I was invited by ICLEI and served on the Program Committee of the ICLEI Resilient Cities in 2013 and 2014 and participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation. These engagements provided opportunities for developing closer links between ISOCARP and ICLEI which have finally resulted in the MoU and starting the URTF program. The negotiations were successfully completed by SG Didier Vancutsem in spring 2014.
7. I brought ISOCARP as a supporting partner to the conference “Beyond Big Plans-Let’s reinvent planning!” which was organized as a pre-event to this year congress. The conference was held in Seoul, Korea, in March this year. In my function as President I officially opened the Conference and delivered the speech “Culture as a Drive in Making Places Sustainable: Translating Ideas into Reality”. I also moderated one of the Expert Working Groups and contributed to the forthcoming publication. President-Elect Ric Stephens participated in the event as well, he delivered the closing speech and moderated one of the Expert Working Groups as well. The participation of ISOCARP and its contribution to the conference was much appreciated and recognized by the Seoul Metropolitan Government and the Korean Association of Planners. The Seoul officials expressed an interest for enhancing ISOCARP’s presence there.
8. On invitation and presenting ISOCARP, I participated in the conference “L:NOTRE INSTITUTE-The International Landscape Forum Conference, Bucharest, April 2015. The event was part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of ISOCARP and our Society participated in several ways. I delivered a keynote speech, and together with Vice Presidents Piotr Lorens and Gabriel Pascariu participated in the ISOCARP Round Table, organized by VP Gabriel Pascariu.
9. During 2012-2015 I have participated in a number of other international events, e.g., in Metropolitan Solutions in Hannover, the RESPAG Conference in Belgrade or Sedlarjevo srećanje

in Ljubljana, and delivered speeches in the events organized by NDs and national planning associations in Slovenia, Romania, Poland, Italy and Serbia.

### ***ISOCARP as a meeting place for planners' activities worldwide***

In parallel to our increasing visibility and the raising recognition internationally we were receiving many requests for endorsing other organizations' events. Each time the request was assessed against ISOCARP's mission and character and the scope of our work. Many of them were accommodated through the EEA-Event Endorsing Agreement and respective information appeared on our website (the EEA specifies the rules and conditions of using the ISOCARP name, and the way the Society should be presented by a partner). This form of cooperation has enlarged our visibility in some parts of Africa and Asia as well as in the Middle East and South Europe. The added value is visible in a raising interest for us among the professionals from these regions, and potentials for enlarging the ISOCARP community.

### ***ISOCARP in the web world and social media***

2014 is marked by the launch of the new ISOCARP web site, enriched and expanded in content, with tools that provide a dynamic and vibrant communication platform for all members. Many compliments have been received for its content and attractive design, for which credits go to Pietro Elisei, VP Communication and Marketing, the Secretariat staff and EXCO members who contributed with their ideas, suggestions and collegial advice. Since its introduction the rate and frequency of accessing our pages has dramatically raised; today, our virtual community significantly exceeds the actual membership. This positive trend has been reinforced by introducing social media.

The EXCO has committed itself to continue ISOCARP'S expansion into the virtual world by adding additional opportunities for on-line meetings, working groups, and accommodating the needs of our members.

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The 50th Anniversary Celebration started in Gdynia and has gone as a year round sequence of events and activities. Max van den Berg dedicatedly served as Chair of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee since its establishment in January 2013, however, in June he had to withdraw due to his health situation. Max provided a driving force to the 50ACC by bringing in ideas, commitment and a very special liveliness in inspiring members to join the celebration. It was with great gratitude that we acknowledged the acceptance of Jef Van den Broeck to take over the position of Chair. He brought in new energy and together with his team dedicatedly worked on implementing the Anniversary Celebration Program. A number of projects have been accomplished: "IMPP-International Manual of Planning Practice" (Judith Ryser and Teresa Franchini), "Five Decades of Knowledge Creation and Sharing" (Judith Ryser), "Ten Years of UPATS-Results and Effects"(Bernd Scholl, Martin Dubbeling and Ana Perić) and an on-line collection "Absorbing 50 years of CARP"(Ulla Hoyer <http://isocarp.org/50th-anniversary-celebrations/> ).

Several NDs and member groups prepared national and regional events to which the President and some Vice-Presidents were invited to attend ([www.isocarp.org](http://www.isocarp.org)) .

The formal launch of the 50th Anniversary took place in Gdynia, part of which was a Roundtable in honor of our former presidents. The Roundtable was dedicated to the beginnings of ISOCARP and its development over the past five decades. It was a wonderful opportunity for sharing experience and memories on how we started and how we have developed. For many who joined us only recently this event was an occasion to meet the former presidents in person and learn more about the Society.

The closing celebrating event is taking place in Rotterdam. Jef Van den Broeck and his team prepared the program which addresses some of the key achievements over the fifty years of our existence “The Highlights of Society-ISOCARP matters”, and will take a look into the challenging issues of the planning profession-“Planning and planners/urbanists matters”. Lorraine Gonzales, Bernd Scholl and Fernando Brandao Alvez will join the stage.

## **ACTIVE MEMBERS MAKE ISOCARP STRONG**

### ***Enlargement and strengthening of the ISOCARP community***

The objective of enlarging and strengthening the ISOCARP community was among the priorities of my Presidency. In contrast to the results achieved in other areas, here only modest results have been reached.

Although each year many colleagues have joined the Society, the arrivals, almost as a rule, equalled a number of the non-paying and leaving members. The previous VP NDs and Membership Khalid El Adli worked hard on redirecting the trend, and the same objective guides the work of his successor VP Gabriel Pascariu.

We need to attract talented, knowledgeable and dedicated professionals. ISOCARP, as a world-wide network of professionals active in different areas of the planning profession can fulfil its mission only through the sound and world-wide membership. While ISOCARP members have been successful in many endeavours and have accomplished a lot in making ISOCARP internationally recognizable and visible, we have not yet achieved the targeted geographic presence, nor have we reached the optimal size for our effective functioning. We need to create new opportunities to attract our colleagues and evoke their interest to join us.

### ***Decentralizing ISOCARP***

The objective of decentralizing the Society came as a side-effect of the objectives prioritized for 2012-2015. The initiatives and activities taken by NDs, representatives to international organizations and individual members are numerous. They all have greatly contributed to the wider recognition of the Society and its place at the forefront of the planning profession.

The most visible indication of the change is this year congress organized by twelve towns in three countries. The initiative to transform the congress format and make it decentralized and open came from LOC and it is their genuine idea; yet, it reflects the shift taking place in the Society. I am convinced that this “experiment” will give us a lot of “food for thought”.



The recently redesigned web page and newly launched Newsletter contribute to it by providing the platform for all members to express their opinion, present their activities, or debate on planning issues and the future of ISOCARP. Adding social media brought in new opportunities for the efficient day-to-day networking among us all.

#### **SECURING THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE SOCIETY**

Our finances are becoming more stable and I believe that the challenges we faced in 2011 and 2012 are behind us. Yet, as ISOCARP is growing so are its financial needs to support numerous activities and programs. During 2012-2015 the President and all Vice Presidents dedicatedly worked to secure ISOCARP's financial stability. Some substantial improvements have been achieved. However, there is also a need to identify new areas of ISOCARP expertise and activities which will further generate income. Vice Presidents responsible for Events, Technical Assistance, UPATs and ISOCARP Institute should be encouraged to foster their activities in that direction and unlock new opportunities to strengthen the financial stability of the Society.

#### **WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS**

I started my Presidency with a motto: Acta not Verba! The work we have jointly carried out over the period of three years reflects our joint commitment to make it work. Working together, sharing knowledge and experience and supporting each other once again proved to be the strongest bond that keeps the ISOCARP community together.

The credits and the words of appreciation go to all EXCO members who passionately and with dedication worked on implementing the Program 2012-2015, in addition to the tasks they posted as the objectives of their own service time. Very special thanks go to ISOCARP representatives of international organizations, National Delegations and our committed members who took part in many initiatives and projects that EXCO developed, along with those they started on their own initiative. Nothing could have happened without the support of the Secretariat staff to whom I warmly thank for their time and service.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as President of ISOCARP. I thank you all for this great opportunity and for this wonderful professional experience.

To my dear colleague and friend Ric Stephens I wish a very successful Presidency. His knowledge, wisdom, experience and dedication will keep the ISOCARP flag high.

Thank you.



Milica Bajlić-Brković, President  
Belgrade, September 2015



# Connectivity

- Provide online map database (geocoding) for member networking.
- Outreach and collaborate with international planning organizations.
- Crowdsource projects at the regional, national and multi-national scale.

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Name (English)	Name (National)	Acronym	Website	Address	Country Code	Contact	Email	Telephone	Description	Member Affiliations	
International Simulation and Planning Association	ISAGA	ISAGA	<a href="http://www.isaga.org">www.isaga.org</a>	Appelhofstraat 24, 4301 LW Odijk, Netherlands	Multi-national	Dr. Hesterke	<a href="mailto:isaga@isaga.net">isaga@isaga.net</a>	Tel +31 (0) 486 400000	ISAGA is the International Society of City and Regional Planners. Founded in 1965, we are a global association of experienced professionals, bringing together recognized and highly qualified planners from more than 80 countries worldwide.	PRO	
International Society of City and Regional Planners	ISOCARP	ISOCARP	<a href="http://www.isocarp.org">www.isocarp.org</a>	P.O. Box 983, 2003 CC The Hague, Netherlands	Multi-national	Gaby Kuri	<a href="mailto:isocarp@isocarp.org">isocarp@isocarp.org</a>	Tel +31 (0) 70 486 40000	ISOCARP is the International Society of City and Regional Planners. Founded in 1965, we are a global association of experienced professionals, bringing together recognized and highly qualified planners from more than 80 countries worldwide.	PRO	
International Union for Conservation of Nature	UICN	UICN	<a href="http://www.iucn.org">www.iucn.org</a>	2190 Gland, Switzerland	Multi-national	Hermann Kuster	<a href="mailto:h.kuster@iucn.org">h.kuster@iucn.org</a>	Tel +41 (0) 22 364 6100	UICN helps find solutions to the most pressing environmental concerns throughout the world. It is the world's largest and oldest international, environmental organization.	NGO	
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	UICN	UICN	<a href="http://www.iucn.org">www.iucn.org</a>	Rue de la Woluwe 64, 1200 Brussels, Belgium	Multi-national			Tel +32 (0) 22 364 6100	UICN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, helps the world find pragmatic solutions to the most pressing environmental and development challenges. UICN's work focuses on saving and restoring nature, ensuring effective and equitable governance of its use, and developing nature-based solutions to global challenges in climate, food and development.	NGO	
International Union of Architects	UIA	UIA	<a href="http://www.uiaworld.org">www.uiaworld.org</a>	Four Maestriweg, 3713 CA, Utrecht, The Netherlands	Multi-national		<a href="mailto:uiaworld@uiaworld.org">uiaworld@uiaworld.org</a>	Tel +31 (0) 43 24 34 34	The International Union of Architects (UIA) is a non-governmental organization, a global federation of national associations of architects, architects and architectural firms.	PRO	
International University of Architecture and Urban Planning	IUAUP	IUAUP	<a href="http://www.iuaup.org">www.iuaup.org</a>	1000 Avenue de la Paix, 1000 Brussels, Belgium	Multi-national				IUAUP is a global membership association where public and private policy-makers and urban professionals come together to share knowledge, experience and learning tools for integrated urban planning and development.	PRO	
International Urban Planning Association	IUPA	IUPA	<a href="http://www.iupa.org">www.iupa.org</a>	1000 Avenue de la Paix, 1000 Brussels, Belgium	Multi-national				IUPA is a global membership association where public and private policy-makers and urban professionals come together to share knowledge, experience and learning tools for integrated urban planning and development.	PRO	
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# International Planning Organizations

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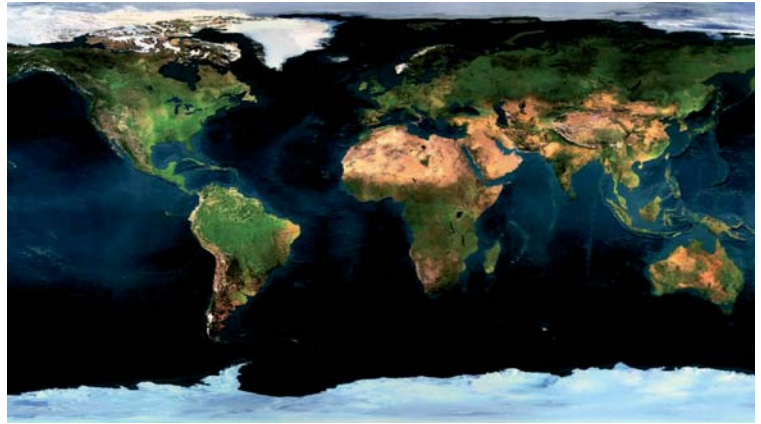
# Expansion

- Increase membership to 1,000 by 2017. Identify future growth objectives and target size.
- Expand existing programmes corresponding to membership interests.
- Expand administrative services to support membership services.



# Programmes

- Create new programmes from membership initiatives and partnerships.
- Provide urban resiliency planning for communities in need.
- Promote regenerative, transformative planning as global leaders.



## Knowledge for better Cities



**1** Goals &  
Objectives?

**3** Membership  
Size &  
Composition?

**2** Programmes  
& Projects?

**4** Congresses &  
Events?



**5** Young Professional Planners?

**7** Urban Planning Advisory Teams?

**6** Education & Training?

**8** Communication, Media & Publications?

## 9 Awards & Recognition?

**Ric Stephens, President**  
**Milica Bajic-Brkovic, Immediate Past President**  
**Didier Vancutsem, Secretary General**  
**Guy Vloebergh, Treasurer**  
**Khalid El Adli, VP Educational Development-ISOCARP Institute**  
**Martin Dubbeling, VP UPATs**  
**Pietro Elisei, VP Awards / Communication**  
**Slawomir Ledwon, VP Congresses & Events**  
**Piotr Lorens, VP Young Professional Planners**  
**Shi Nan, VP Publications**  
**Shipra Narang Suri, VP Technical Assistance - Projects**  
**Gabriel Pascariu, VP Members & National Delegations**

# 10 Services & Benefits?





# ISOCARP

Knowledge for better Cities

## 2016 Strategic Plan

### Mission Statement

The Society intends to be the leading international professional organisation of city and regional planners and has as its aims -

- the promotion of the best practices of the profession of planning
- the promotion of planning research;
- the promotion of excellence in planning education;
- taking up a position vis à vis important professional matters;
- the promotion of proper understanding at all levels of correct professional practice—its nature, the conditions required and the results to be expected.
- developing and maintaining fraternal relations between members;
- supporting and protecting planning interests and professional planners at an international level.

The Society intends to achieve its aims by -

- organising international meetings of urban and regional planners either independently or in cooperation with other organisations;
- establishing a code of conduct for professional planners at an international level;
- wherever necessary providing information or advice to public authorities or agencies on matters of planning, in consultation with the National Delegation concerned.

The 2015-2018 Strategic Plan centres on three primary goals:

#### Membership – Serve our members

The focus is on providing membership services and resources that help in meeting professional and personal interests in city and regional planning through informative communication, relevant events and professional activities.

#### Knowledge – Provide “knowledge for better cities”

### ISOCARP Goals

# Strategic Plan

The focus is on sharing state-of-the-art city and regional planning knowledge between organisations and individuals through education and training, multi-media, presentations, programmes, projects and research.

## Advocacy – Promote Society planning values

The focus is on representing and promoting Societal values with professional and governmental organisations and individuals through participation and leadership in multi-national activities.

The Strategic Plan is organized around the Executive Committee structure for clarification of implementation. The strategies must be collaborative and implemented by the collective Executive Committee. The Strategic Plan should be revised annually or as necessary by the Executive Committee. The strategies are listed alphabetically.

## 1

### Academic Development—Institute

The Vice-President Academic Development – Institute is responsible for the *ISOCARP Institute, Centre of Urban Excellence*. The Board of Directors for the initial 3-year term consists of the Vice-President Academic Development – Institute, Secretary General and President.

- a. Prepare an annual *Institute Programme* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Serve on the Board of Directors for the ISOCARP Institute
- c. Promote the Institute via Society and public media.

## 2

### Awards

The Vice-President Awards / Communication and Marketing is responsible for Society awards.

- a. Prepare an annual *Awards Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Organise and direct Awards Committees for all Society awards
- c. Promote the Awards via Society and public media.

## 3

### Communication

The Vice-President Awards / Communication and Marketing is responsible for Society communication.

- a. Prepare an annual *Communication Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Coordinate Society communication with online media: website and social media: Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter
- c. Announce all Society events and activities via Society and public media
- d. Announce all partner/endorsed events and activities via Society media
- e. Share Society announcements with partner organisations
- f. Prepare and email a quarterly e-newsletter

## 4

## Congresses and Events

The Vice-President Congresses and Events is responsible for the annual International Planning Congress and Society events.

- a. Coordinate one (1) annual International Planning Congress
- b. Coordinate international Society events as required
- c. Coordinate with Congress and Events Local Organising Committees (LOCs) and represent the LOCs to the Executive Committee
- d. Direct the Scientific/Congress Committee (SC) and represent the SC to the Executive Committee
- e. Coordinate with the Vice-President Awards / Communication and Marketing to promote Congresses and events via Society and public media
- f. Update the *International Planning Events database*
- g. Review and approve event endorsements
- h. Prepare an annual *Post-Congress Report*

## 5

## Executive Programmes and Projects

The President is responsible for Society leadership, inter-organizational representation and societal administration with the intent to unify the direction and voice of the Executive Committee.

- a. Prepare a *Strategic Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Preside over the annual *International Planning Congress* and Society events
- c. Represent the Society at international events and activities
- d. Promote Society *strategies*
- e. Prepare an *Identity Standards Manual* for Executive Committee review and approval
- f. Assist in implementing *Strategic/Technical Assistance Teams* (STATs)
- g. Communicate with membership on a quarterly basis with a *President's Message*
- h. Conduct international planning organisation outreach
- i. Develop the *International Planning Organisations database*
- j. Serve on the Board of Directors for the ISOCARP Institute
- k. Promote all activities via Society and public media

## 6

## Financial Planning

The Treasurer is responsible for the Financial Plan and all strategy budgets

- a. Prepare an annual *Financial Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Review, revise and approve the Society budget for the annual International Planning Congress in coordination with the Vice-President Congresses and Events, and with consent of the Executive Committee
- c. Review, revise and approve all strategy budgets with approval of the Executive Committee

- d. Provide financial plans or summaries for all strategies at each Executive Committee meeting. (These may be requested from the responsible Executive Committee member)

## 7 Intensive Training Programmes (ITPs)

The Vice-President Young Planning Professionals and Intensive Training Programmes is responsible for the Intensive Training Programmes.

- a. Prepare an annual *ITP Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Coordinate two (2) or more ITPs annually
- c. Coordinate with the Intensive Training Programme (ITP) Local Organising Committee (LOC) and represent the LOC to the Executive Committee
- d. Promote the ITP via Society and public media

## 8 Management / Administration

The Secretary General is responsible for the general management and administration of the organization.

- a. Prepare an annual *Administrative Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Serve as official liaison for the Society
- c. Prepare inter-organisational agreements such as Memoranda of Understanding
- d. Direct Society staff; be responsible for hiring/terminating staff; creating contracts
- e. Serve on the Board of Directors for the ISOCARP Institute

## 9 Marketing

The Vice-President Awards / Communication and Marketing is responsible for Society marketing.

- a. Prepare an annual *Marketing Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Coordinate Society marketing with online media: email, website and social media
- c. Coordinate Society marketing with other Vice-President programmes and projects

## 10 Membership Service

The Vice-President Members and National Delegations is responsible for issues connected with membership concerns.

- a. Prepare an annual *Membership Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Conduct an annual *Membership Survey* to guide the *Membership Plan*
- c. Monitor and maintain a membership database
- d. Develop a professional CV database for ISOCARP programmes (i.e. STATs, UPATs and ITPs)
- e. Set membership target at 1000 members by 2018
- f. Promote membership via Society and public media

## 11

**Mentoring**

The Vice-President Congresses and Events is responsible for developing the ISOCARP Mentoring programme.

- a. Prepare an annual *Mentoring Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Organise an annual mentoring activity
- c. Promote the Mentoring Programme via Society and public media

## 12

**National Delegations (NDs)**

The Vice-President Members and National Delegations is responsible for issues connected with National Delegation affairs.

- a. Coordinate ND elections
- b. Coordinate with NDs on programmes and projects
- c. Coordinate annual World Town Planning Day activities (November 8) in coordination with the Vice-President Congresses and Events
- d. Coordinate with the Vice-President Congresses and Events to conduct a Bureau Meeting at the annual Congress
- e. Promote National Delegations via Society and public media

## 13

**Publications / Multi-Media**

The Vice-President Publications / Multi-Media is responsible for Society publications and multi-media.

- a. Prepare an annual *Publications/Multi-Media Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Publish the *ISOCARP Review* annually
- c. Publish the *International Manual of Planning Practices* every five (5) years
- d. Publish ITP, STAT, UPAT, YPP and other ISOCARP documents
- e. Organize and direct a Publication Committee (PC) to review, edit and approve Society publications
- f. Administer intellectual property rights on behalf of the Society
- g. Promote media via Society and public media

## 14

**Scientific/Congress Committee (SC)**

The Vice-President Congresses and Events is responsible for management of the Scientific/Congress Committee. Specific Scientific/Congress Committee Strategies for 2015-2018 include:

- a. Prepare an annual *Scientific/Congress Committee Report* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Prepare an *International Planning Congress Programme* for Executive Committee review and approval
- c. Review and/or prepare Congress themes, materials and documents as directed by the Vice-President Congresses and Events
- d. Review and/or prepare research, policy and technical papers as directed by the Executive Committee



- e. Initiate research, policy and technical papers with approval and direction from the Executive Committee

## 15

### Strategic / Technical Assistance Teams (STATs)

The President (or as delegated) is responsible for coordinating projects and programmes initiated by members or organisations within specific parameters. These programmes or projects shall address the primary actions; be limited in scope and duration; consist of Society members; and not be comparable to other Society events and activities. The Vice-President Technical Assistance - Projects may also form and coordinate STATs.

- a. Prepare an annual *STAT Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Organize and coordinate emergency and disaster rapid response teams as requested or as initiated by members and/or professional / governmental organisations
- c. Organize and coordinate strategic/technical experts per the requirements of the requesting organization
- d. Organize and coordinate specific programmes or projects that are not comparable to other Society strategies
- e. Promote the STAT via Society and public media.

## 16

### Technical Assistance

The Vice-President Technical Assistance – Projects is responsible for guiding ISOCARP technical support for inter-organisational programmes and projects.

- a. Prepare an annual *Technical Assistance-Projects Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Represent ISOCARP at designated United Nations and partner programmes
- c. Organise and coordinate Strategic / Technical Assistance Teams as required
- d. Promote the technical assistance—projects via Society and public media

## 17

### Urban Planning Advisory Teams (UPATs)

The Vice-President Urban Planning Advisory Teams is responsible for the UPAT programme.

- a. Prepare an *Urban Planning Advisory Team Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Coordinate two (2) or more UPATs annually
- c. Coordinate with the UPAT Local Organising Committee (LOC) and represent the LOC to the Executive Committee
- d. Coordinate with the Vice-President Publications to produce UPAT documentation and multi-media
- e. Promote the UPAT via Society and public media

## 18

## Young Planning Professionals (YPPs)

The Vice-President Young Planning Professionals and Intensive Training Programmes is responsible for young planning professionals programmes and projects.

- a. Prepare a *Young Planning Professionals Plan* to be updated at each EXCO meeting
- b. Coordinate two (2) or more YPP programmes annually
- c. Coordinate with the Young Planning Professionals Local Organising Committee (LOC) and represent the LOC to the Executive Committee
- d. Promote YPP events via Society and public media



This Strategic Plan was approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee by a unanimous vote on January 22, 2016.



## Annual Report 2015 Secretary General

Didier Vancutsem

### What was on our agenda September 2014 in Gdynia?

- **Communication with our members**
  - New Website to implement – discussion platform for All
  - Great 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and ISOCARP2015 pre-events
- **Network of Excellence and Partnerships**
  - Develop joint activities with partner organisations
- **Reference in Knowledge and Research**
  - Think Tank ISOCARP Habitat III 2016
  - Develop the ISOCARP Institute



### Communication with our members

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- **New Website** as **communication platform** for our members and National Delegations – we have it **operational** -- **please use it and send us your remarks!**
- **Regular News** to our members in appropriated format: Endorsed Events, Projects calls, activities – **Newsletter, regular Emails** – **is it too much?**
- Involvement of membership: **Open Calls** to the members for each new project – **Several Calls to our members** - **please react to be part of the teams**
- **Major involvement of our members community**, together with dialogue between EXCO and members, even helped by innovative technological tools – bottom-up process and transparency – **Strong increase of use of Social Medias since 1 year**

## Communication with our members

Change in Members (since 1 January 2015)

<b>2015 Individual Members</b>	
New Members	<b>65</b>
New Associate Members	3
New Young Planning Professionals	25
New Full Affiliated Members	3
New Institutional Member Representatives	5
New Life Members	0
Resignations	-11
Deceased	-6
Unpaid membership 2013-2015	-38
<b>Institutional Members</b>	
New Institutional Members	1
Resignations	0
Unpaid Institutional membership 2013-2015	-3
	<b>+46</b>
<b>09.10.2015</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>BUT 17.09.2014</b>	<b>699</b>

### New Individual Members

**New Members (65)**  
**Present at 2015 ISOCARP Congress in Rotterdam, the Netherlands\***

Albania:  
**Rudina Toto\***  
**Eranda Janku** <sup>(1)</sup>

Australia:  
Aman Mehta

Belgium:  
**Adrian Hill** <sup>(1)</sup>

Bulgaria:  
Galina Aleksiova

Canada:  
Matthew Neville

China:  
**Alejandro Camprubi\***

France:  
Eric Huybrechts

Germany:  
Benjamin Scheerbarth <sup>(1)</sup>

Ghana:  
Godwin Kavaarpoo <sup>(1)</sup>

India:  
**Ghulam Hassan Mir\***

Iran:  
Behrooz Qiasli

Italy:  
Nadezhda Bobyleva <sup>(1)</sup>

Kenya:  
Prodigy Milosevic

Lebanon:  
Sadije Kelmendi

Netherlands:  
David Struik <sup>(1)</sup>

Nigeria:  
Oluwabusola Ayangbile <sup>(1)</sup>

Poland:  
Naved Ull-Haq

Romania:  
Matei Cocheti <sup>(1)</sup>

Russia:  
**Anira S. R. Ahmad** <sup>(1)</sup>

Serbia:  
Predrag Milosevic

Switzerland:  
**Ana Peric\***

United Arab Emirates:  
Anamika Mishra

United Kingdom:  
Kreils von Fyre Ekelund <sup>(1)</sup>

United States:  
Gizem Caner\*

Yemen:  
Xin Feng <sup>(1)</sup>

Yugoslavia:  
Eugene Birch

Zimbabwe:  
Joseph Poliner

Other countries:  
Roger Caves

Other countries:  
David Struik <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Eva Marianne van Bolderen <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Gjibbertus Slagmolen <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Hans Hofman\*

Other countries:  
Hyun Park

Other countries:  
Kai Wang <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Katharina Guggerli\*

Other countries:  
Lena Niel <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Marc Lampe\*

Other countries:  
Tim Strikers

Other countries:  
Oluwabusola Ayangbile <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Ebiyenseya Ndiwari

Other countries:  
Norway:

Other countries:  
Marian Plas - Vlaamse Vereniging voor

Other countries:  
Ruimte en Planning - VRP

Other countries:  
Farid Al-Qeeq

Other countries:  
Muneeb Elbaz

Other countries:  
Portugal:

Other countries:  
Pedro Garcia

Other countries:  
Romania:

Other countries:  
Matei Cocheti <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Sabina Dimitriu <sup>(1)</sup>

Other countries:  
Wendy Laura Cinta <sup>(1)</sup>

### New Institutional Member Representatives (5):

Ireland:  
William Brady - UCC Centre for Planning and Sustainable Development

Germany:  
Martin Birgel - Dragomir Stadtplanung GmbH

Netherlands:  
Deborah Lambert - Felixx, Landscape Architects & Planners

Martin Aerts - Gemeente Rotterdam - Cluster Stadsontwikkeling

Milena Iwovici - Blok74 - Built Environment | Urban Gaming

### New Institutional Members (5):

Ireland:  
UCC Centre for Planning and Sustainable Development

Germany:  
Dragomir Stadtplanung GmbH

Netherlands:  
Blok74 - Built Environment | Urban Gaming

Poland:  
Felixx, Landscape Architects & Planners

Gemeente Rotterdam - Cluster Stadsontwikkeling

### Town and Country Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK) represented by Mairura Omwengwa

### New Associate Members (3):

Iran:  
Behrooz Qiasli

Pakistan:  
Naved Ull-Haq

Poland:  
Monika Trojanowska

### New Fully Affiliated Members (3):

Belgium:  
Marian Plas - Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ruimte en Planning - VRP

Germany:  
Trudy Tertilt - Vereinigung für Stadt-, Regional- und Landesplanung (SRL)

Netherlands:  
Michiel van Driessche - Felixx Landscape Architects & Planners

## Communication with our members

### Results of the Elections of the National Delegations

- New National Delegations since September 2015 – operational today
- New Bureau Members and Deputy Bureau Members, e.g. Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Egypt, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon,
- **not reacted:** Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Brazil, Indonesia
- **in preparation:** Netherlands, UAE, Russia, China

## Network of Excellence and Partnerships



## Network of Excellence and Partnerships

Work started with a **survey of existing relationships with organisations**

- Elaboration of **partnership strategy**:
  - identification of **potentials** for membership
  - expected **win-win benefits** for the members and the Society on **short, medium and long term**
  - selection of **strategic orientations of partnerships**
- **Method**: seeking cooperation and synergies with actual selected partners, starting **new cooperation activities** starting with **public and private partners**, and moving towards **private, public partners and stakeholders-planners communities** of interest
- Elaboration of different **categories of agreements and relationships**, such as **MoU, MoC, Event Partnership, Strategic Partnership, or Project Partnership**.

## Network of Excellence and Partnerships

**Institutional Partners** - MoU's, Partnerships, Projects Agreements

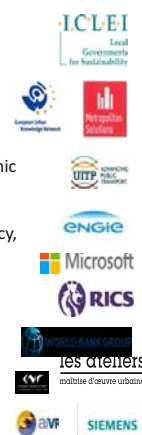
- **New** MoU's finalized with ICLEI World, Metropolitan Solutions Hannover Messe, UITP (International Union of Public Transport)
- MoU's **under development** with UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission Europe), AIVP (International Association of Port Cities), Ateliers de Cergy, RICS Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, World Bank Group, EEA European Environment Agency, EIB European Investment Bank, EUKN (European Knowledge Network, NL), OECD Paris

**Private Partners** – new partnerships

- ENGIE, Doppelmayr, Microsoft

New Partnerships **under development**:

- ARCADIS, SIEMENS, Open Geospatial Consortium OGC, PLANTAGON, Lafarge, CISCO



## Reference in knowledge and research

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- ISOCARP is considered as a **Think Tank!**
- We aim to achieve a **balanced partnership in research, practice and institutions**, by having a **bottom-up process** starting by the members and the National Delegations, encouraging initiatives on local level - and **top-down** by having key roles in high-level institutions
- **Developing activities**, such as: ISOCARP Educational Forum, HABITAT III Think Tank open to all members, research projects for international organisations, Urban Resilience Task Force (URTF) with ICLEI, **Brussels Friday's Debate on Finance as a new initiative**
- By **participating in several events** in last months: Urban Future Conference Graz, CORP Gent, UN-HABITAT Conferences, Hannover Messe – Metropolitan Solutions May 2015 Berlin, etc. - we **increased substantially the ISOCARP visibility**
- Thank you for checking our website and reacting on our messages



## Our Staff at the Headquarters

### Headquarters The Hague

- Internal **management** and daily communication
- **Staff** at Headquarters
  - Gaby Kurth, Programme Manager
  - Monica Ornek, Office Manager
  - Eline van Haastrecht, Project Assistant until May 2015
  - Bart van Tongeren, Project Assistant until May 2015
  - Hajo Vis, Bookkeeper
  - Daniel Radaï, Project Assistant since June 2015
  - Claire Shapira, Project Assistant since June 2015



## What's Next?

- Continue to develop our **Website – discussion platform for All**, and integrate a YPP Platform
- Continue to develop **joint activities with partner organisations** – e.g. URTF's with ICLEI
- Contribute to the **UN-HABITAT III Conference in Quito October 2016** – also via our Think Tank ISOCARP Habitat III Task Force
- Participate to **several events in the next months**: e.g. COP21 Paris in December, Urban Thinkers Campus Dubai, 10.-11. January 2016, Urban Future Global Conference, Graz / Austria 2.-3. March 2016, Metropolitan Solutions 2016 - 31. May - 02. June 2016 Berlin, World Cities Summit Singapore – 11.-13. July 2016, ISOCARP Congress Durban 11.-16. September 2016
- Develop **new products for our members** and ISOCARP
- Start the activities of the **ISOCARP Institute** early 2016

**Thank you!**

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Didier Vancutsem  
Secretary General

## **Secretary General Report 2014 - 2015**

**Presented in the Bureau meeting and Annual General Assembly, in Rotterdam 2015**

### **1. General responsibilities for the Secretary General**

The Secretary General of ISOCARP is responsible for implementation of the ISOCARP strategies, of the EXCO and President decisions and programs, when and as required.

He is providing and submitting reports on all activities, as well as responsible for monitoring, guiding and supporting the Secretariat as direct responsible person of the secretariat staff as well as internal matters such as statutes. Another activity is the development of EU projects and their policy, as well as the proposal and monitoring of the execution of the EU projects.

Furthermore, his task is to develop and control all activities and responsibilities in relation to fund raising, looking for and submitting applications for sponsorship, grants and donations, soliciting gifts from individual donors and request. He develops and submits to EXCO for approval the ISOCARP policies on financial sponsorships, grants, requests, etc.

Together with the other VPs, he provides and submits Progress Reports to ExCo for the regular ExCo meetings or on request, prepares strategic guidelines in relation to the SG responsibilities at the beginning of each year and submits to ExCo for adoption, as well as annual report for BM and GM." (SG Profile Elections)

### **2. Actions undertaken October 2014 – October 2015**

The actions of the Secretary General are oriented on **strategic guidelines**, which were presented and agreed with the Executive Committee and the Bureau in Gdynia September 2014:

- Increasing attractiveness of the society and better involvement of the membership
- Becoming part of a network of excellence and partnerships
- Effective Headquarters organisation and staff
- Worldwide reference in knowledge and research as Think Tank
- Sustainable and stable financial situation

#### **1. Increasing attractiveness of the society and better involvement of the membership**

Together with the VP Communication and the Headquarters, the Secretary General worked on the concept of the new website, as well as new flyer and bookmark. This new website is going to go "live" after our Gdynia congress; it will include new functionalities for the membership, become the new "business card" of the Society and the core of the membership's involvement. The contents and information of the website will gradually increase in the next weeks; as an example, links to existing urban planning databases are going to be established, e.g. with EUKN ([www.eukn.org](http://www.eukn.org)) and others. Newsletters and other regular information will follow. You will find more information regarding the website in the report of our VP Communication.

Also the involvement of our members is increasing: each new project or contribution to the Society is open to our members. Open Calls are regularly sent to the members, as it was recently the case for the training courses in Abu Dhabi. We will have more of such projects in the future.

#### **2. Becoming part of a network of excellence and partnerships**

As a first step, a survey of relationships with other organisations, cooperation networks, public and private actors was done by the Secretary General together with the Headquarters: it turned out that the Society has already relations with 39 "partners". Based on this survey, a collaboration and partnership strategy was elaborated, by identifying the potentials for membership and expected win-wins for the Society.

A primary importance network for the period 2014-2017 and selection of new partners were discussed and agreed by the Executive Committee in January 2014.

By implementing this strategy, ISOCARP is seeking cooperation and synergies with actual selected partners, and starting new cooperation with proposed partners, in a “proactive way”. The win-wins / benefits to ISOCARP and ISOCARP members are clearly identified, to be developed in steps on short, medium and long term.

A “Partnership Program” document was elaborated, describing the different ways how public and private partners can become partners of ISOCARP, and what kind of benefits they will get.

Different categories of partnerships were developed:

- MoU agreements: a new generation of agreements focussing on better win-win activities,
- Congress Partnership Agreements (CPA): an agreement on sponsorship of congress activities together with exhibition (package),
- Event Endorsement Agreement (EEA) and Project Endorsement Agreement (PEA): research or design projects can be endorsed, with identification of benefits for the Society,
- Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPA): content related, the agreements with global and local players can be established. Connected to actions and ISOCARP products, agreements can bring long-term benefits to membership and Society. Here, private actors are targeted: public sector, urban infrastructure, mobility, building industry, real estate, investment banking, IT, foundations, etc,
- Project Partnership Agreement (PPA): project partnership, where ISOCARP is joining a project consortium.

Regarding institutional partners, ISOCARP was in the last months actively developing relationships with several partners, such as:

- ICLEI World: the MoU signed just before the Gdynia congress is aiming to develop close cooperation between the two organisations regarding joint events, projects, expertise and Urban Resilience Task Forces – a new Expert Task Force product organized jointly with ICLEI;
- Metropolitan Solutions: the MoU signed is including ISOCARP into the new Urban Fair organized by the Hannover Messe in Berlin in May 2015.

More partnerships are in the discussion with other national or international organisations, such as “Les Ateliers de Cergy – France”, UITP – the International Union of Public Transport, RICS – the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, the World Bank Group, the European Investment Bank, or the EEA - European Environment Agency.

Regarding private partners, ISOCARP is at the moment also in active discussion with several partners, which could become strategic partner of our Society, such as Siemens or Plantagon (pioneer of urban agriculture).

### **3. Effective Headquarters organisation and staff**

The internal management of the Headquarters is effective and is continuously supervised. The Secretary General has a daily communication with the staff. Questions regarding staff functions and responsibilities were clarified early 2014: the staff hierarchy and the corresponding salaries were adopted during the last Exco. Gaby and Monica will have their salaries automatically yearly updated to Dutch level. The employment contracts of Eline van Haastrecht, Project Assistant, and Bart van Tongeren, Project Assistant, were prolonged (Eline until October 2015, Bart until End 2014). Eline is helping now three days/week the secretariat, Bart will continue to work on UN-Habitat issues together with Shipra. Talya ten Brink, Student, was helping the secretariat in layout questions and print; she leaved the Headquarters; another student, Iris Ploum, was helping us some months and had to leave us again. Not to forget the precious help of Hajo Vis, our bookkeeper, who is helping the secretariat with all financial questions. We are constantly discussing how we can enhance the effectiveness of the secretariat as the workload was substantially increasing in the past months and will increase again regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Thanks to the secretariat for their very good job!

### **4. Worldwide reference in knowledge and research as Think Tank**

We hear more and more that ISOCARP is considered as a Think Tank. ISOCARP is part of the global network and is becoming a worldwide reference in knowledge and research. We are aiming to achieve a balanced partnership in research, practice and institutions, by having a bottom-up process starting by the members and the National Delegations, encouraging initiatives on local level - and top-down by having key roles in high-level institutions, such as UN-Habitat or World Bank. Research and education institutions and partners are involved in the process, e.g. with AESOP, interested universities and research institutions.



Early this year, we started to have regular brainstorming sessions in the Executive Committee, discussing actual topics and future topics related to congresses, events or projects. In our discussions we identify the trends and challenges of our Society, which themes are relevant and could be developed. The Habitat III Think Tank going to take place during our Gdynia congress is an example of this process.

The Secretary-General was participating in several events during the last months, representing the Society and making its visible, e.g. in February 2014 at the Cities of Tomorrow Conference, in Brussels, organized by the European Commission, at the Hannover Messe – Metropolitan Solutions in April 2014, at the Geospatial World Forum, Geneva in May 2014, presenting a keynote on “Geodata and urban planning challenges”, at the ICLEI Resilient Cities 2014, Bonn in May 2014, where very good contacts and meeting with interested colleagues took place. In June 14, the Secretary General was attending together with the President the World Cities Summit Singapore, where also important meetings with potential partners took place.

#### **5. Sustainable and stable financial situation**

Together with the Treasurer, the Secretary-General is working on a balanced and sustainable financial situation, which is stable today, thanks to the several projects – please have a look at the Treasurer report. As we are facing new challenges with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and the several products we are planning towards our next congress, we constantly work with financial discipline and at the same time on new strategic partnerships and sponsorships, good event results, joint events with financial return, projects and products (UPATs, YPP, training courses). This allows us to be optimistic and looking forward in the future. Together we build a brighter future.

Didier Vancutsem  
SG ISOCARP



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## Annual Report

Slawomir Ledwon  
VP Congresses and Events

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## Agenda

1. 2015 The Netherlands
2. 2016 Durban
3. 2017+ updates
4. Mentoring Programme

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## 2015 The Netherlands

- Welcome, hope you had a good time...
- Innovative and experimental approach – thanks to LOC's efforts
- 430+ registrations
- Young planners much involved
- Evaluation to follow
- Financial problems – expected loss on LOC side, ISOCARP will support, figures to be determined

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## 2016 Durban, South Africa Update

- Dates: **13-16 (10-16) September 2016**
- Location: **Durban ICC** – International Convention Centre

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## 2016 Durban, South Africa Theme

- Theme **Cities we have vs Cities we need**
- Subthemes:
  1. Transforming human settlements
  2. Active citizenship
  3. Envisaging Planning Theory and Practice for the next decades
  4. Sustainable Planning and Policy making for urban settlements in times of extremes
  5. Intelligent Cities
  6. Rural and rural urban divide

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## 2016 Durban, South Africa Next steps

- Finalising formal agreements
- Congress programme
- YPP and UPAT programmes
- General Rapporteur selection process
- Themes – to be developed
- Organisation of the details/logistics
- To deliver an exciting and meaningful event in South Africa!

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### 2017+ locations **on hold**

- **Singapore:**
  - No updates – not interested for the time being
- **Seoul:**
  - Postponed, not likely
- **Saskatoon, Canada**
  - Withdrawn, could not form LOC, too expensive
- **Sarawak, Malaysia**
  - No updates



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### 2017+ **potential** locations

- **Ottawa, Canada:**
  - Meeting at ISOCARP HQ
  - They are looking for LOC
- **Liverpool, UK:**
  - Potential expression of interest to bid
  - More updates after the congress
- **Banff, Alberta, Canada**
  - Interest to host the congress
  - Site visit and meetings
  - Forming LOC



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### 2018? Banff, Canada Site visit and meetings

- SL invited to meet 12-13 September in Banff
- Parties involved:
  - GDJconnect (Gemmeke de Jongh)
  - **The Banff Centre** (Jody Thrale)
  - Travel Alberta (Nicola Alexander)
  - **Council for Canadian Urbanism** (Thom Maher)



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### 2018? Banff, Canada Summary

- Thom Maher from CanU to bring together LOC, after discussing with the board
- Very good congress infrastructure
- Capacity to host a congress
- Picturesque settings, Calgary nearby
- Much interest from The Banff Centre and Travel Alberta to support LOC and facilitate the process
- Potential interest in 2018



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### (New) Mentoring Programme

1. **Mentor-Mentee congress meeting**  
(duration: 1 day-1 month)
2. **"Adopt a paper" programme**  
(duration: 6-9 months)
3. **Full mentoring programme**  
(duration: 12 months)
4. **Mentor and Student Research Lab**  
(duration: 4-6 months)

*Document attached*



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### Mentoring Programme

1. **Mentor-Mentee congress meeting**  
(duration: 1 day-1 month):
  - Mentors meet with Mentees for a short meeting during the congress:**
    - application from Mentors and Mentees,
    - Mentors and Mentees are matched, a meeting is set up,
    - (they can communicate prior to the congress),
    - they meet and get to know each other during the congress,
    - exchange of experience (also about ISOCARP) from Mentor to Mentee,
    - (possible follow up actions)



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## Mentoring Programme

### 2. "Adopt a paper" programme

(duration: 6-9 months):

**Mentors help Mentees with their paper submitted for the congress:**

- (version 1) Mentees propose short outline of the paper before they submit the abstract to the congress,
- (version 2) Mentees apply to the programme once their abstract is selected for the congress,
- Mentors look through the applications and find research that is of interest/relevance to them,
- together they work with Mentees to ensure the high quality of the paper.



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## Mentoring Programme

### 3. Full mentoring programme

(duration: 12 months):

**Mentees work towards a certain goal they want to achieve (write a paper, work on a project, find a job, etc.):**

- Mentees prepare a proposal and specify their goal,
- Mentors select interesting applications,
- together they develop an action/work plan,
- Mentor helps to execute the plan and achieve the goal.



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## Mentoring Programme

### 4. Mentor and Student Research Lab

(duration: 4-6 months)

- to be followed... based on the first edition.



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Thank you!



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**Report on  
Technical Cooperation/ Projects**

Shipra Narang Suri  
Vice-President, TC/Projects

ISOCARP ExCo Meeting October 2015

**Update on activities  
June – October 2015**

- UN-HABITAT
- UN-ISDR
- Urban Crisis Alliance (new!)

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***Partnership with UN-HABITAT***

- **Agreement of Cooperation:** Final report being prepared; will be submitted before end of 2015
- **International Guidelines on Planning:**
  - Adopted by the UN
  - Being launched in different countries and languages
  - ISOCARP should consider whether it would like to take the lead (e.g. campaign for Guideline implementation in countries; support to implementation/ capacity building; etc.)
- **World Urban Campaign/ Habitat III:**
  - Process gaining momentum
  - Professionals coming together under Partner Constituent Group of GAP (led by ISOCARP)
  - Policy Units of Experts constituted
  - ISOCARP Inputs on Issue Papers welcomed and available on [habitat3.org](http://habitat3.org)

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***Partnership with UN-ISDR/ Urban  
Planning Advisory Group (UPAG)***

- Involvement by ISOCARP members (Ebru/Shipra/Han/Antonia) on “individual basis”
- Writing of “Words to Action” guides commenced by UPAG members
- No formal institutional involvement of ISOCARP at this stage

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### ***Urban Crisis Alliance (New Proposal)***

- A new platform to address issues related to humanitarian crises (natural/ man-made disasters, conflicts, fragility, insecurity) in cities
- Based on the premise that protracted crises in urban settings are the “new normal” context
- Alliance to bring together urban practitioners with more traditional “humanitarian actors”
- Alliance being promoted by UN-HABITAT, International Federation of Red Cross, World Humanitarian Summit secretariat



- Alliance has specifically requested involvement of UCLG (as voice of local governments) and ISOCARP (as voice of planners)
- SNS approached as individual subject expert as well as ISOCARP representative
- Could provide important opportunity for ISOCARP members to provide planning expertise in disaster/conflict/crisis situations
- Potential meeting in January 2016 to flesh out details
- **Proposal for EXCO decision:** SNS to continue as ISOCARP focal point for the Urban Crisis Alliance; we will see where this goes



### ***Update on Potentials for 2015-16 (as reported in last meeting)***

### **UNESCO/ISOCARP partnership - India**

- Funding proposal of USD 200,000 to Cities Alliance for a project on Inclusive Cities for Migrants
- Proposal cleared first stage but not finally accepted by Cities Alliance (over a hundred proposals received for only 12-15 grants)
- **BUT, Cities Alliance remains a potential donor and we should keep “knocking on that door” till it opens!**



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JUNE 2015 → OCTOBER 2015

Achieved results and issues to solve.

Pietro Elisei

VP ACM

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## 1. Awards

TEN (10) PARTICIPANTS JOINED THE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE (AFE) COMPETITION

THREE (3) PARTICIPANTS JOINED THE GERD ALBERS COMPETITION

EIGHT (8) PARTICIPANTS JOINED THE SAM VAN EMBDEN COMPETITION



WE HAD AN INCOME OF 10.000 US DOLLARS (AROUND 9.000 EUROS)

THE SAM VAN EMBDEN AWARD AFTER MANY YEARS IS BLOOMING UP AGAIN  
(GOOD IDEA TO LINK IT TO NDs)



THE GERD ALBERS NEEDS TO BE RE-THOUGHT AND RE-DESIGNED

Making a publication out of the awards? Why not?



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From June to October 2015

1. Awards
2. ISOCARP newsletter
3. Harmonizing communication with Dutch LOC for AWARDS
4. EU projects action (involving ISOCARP in further 100% financed proposal)
5. Marketing Priorities
6. Marketing Activities
7. Visibility



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## 2. ISOCARP Newsletter

I-NEWS #01 - "ISOCARP Newsletter New Edition" WAS LAUNCHED ON JULY 2015

ITS TABLE OF CONTENT WAS FRAMED AS FOLLOWING:

[Message from the President](#)  
[EXCO Activities](#)  
[ISOCARP Congress](#)  
[ISOCARP UNESCO collaboration](#)  
[ISOCARP Awards](#)  
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### Newsletter achievements

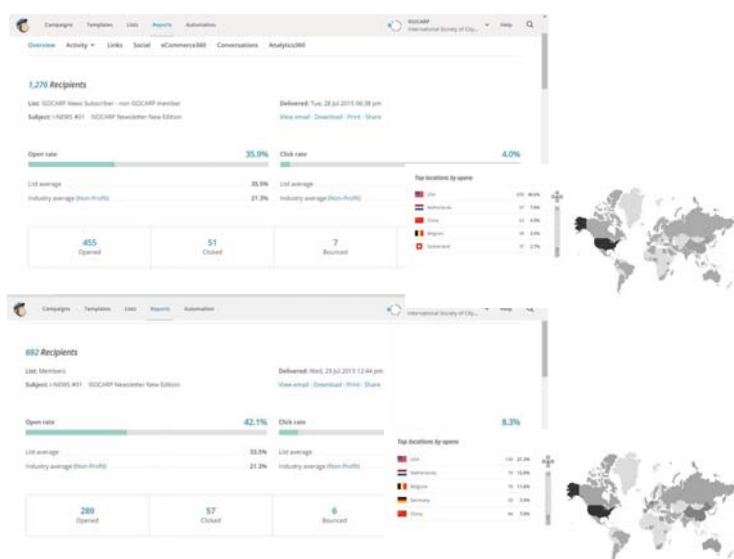
The newsletter has been sent at the end of the month of July (28th and 29th of July) due to the existence of two categories of senders in the Mailchimp.

In this respect, we should work on the emails existing in the two categories and check exactly where are the members and where are the subscribers, since we observed the existence of some addresses that were in both places.

The direct effect is that the member/subscriber can be sometimes bothered because he receives the same email two times and also that some members do not receive a certain email since they are in the other list.

The email has been sent to 1974 email addresses (we do not know the exact number of addresses that are doubled- but we are gonna solve this issue as soon as possible) and the results are as you can see from the following images:

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### Plan for the next newsletter:

1. Word from the New President – Expectations and development of ISOCARP in the Future (Ric)
2. ISOCARP through the lenses of an ex-President- Message at the end of the mandate (Milica)
3. Most important achievements from all the VPs - We will need the contribution from every body- especially those who did not contributed for the last Newsletter
4. Special section for the Congress – Message post-Congress from Judith Ryser- resume and conclusions
  - Conclusions from each workshop- done by the YPP in charge
  - Winners of the awards- presentation of the best 3 projects and also winner of the Sam van embden and Gerd Albers Awards
  - Three messages of no more than half a page from the keynote speakers
5. Endorsed events.
6. Launching a campaign to involve NDs in the overall ISOCARP process- for each newsletter, we will choose 3 countries and the NDs of those countries will provide a message to promote the ISOCARP and other planning activities in their countries. In that way we will get also to know them, since there will be also a photo with the ND and a short presentation.

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### 3. Communication with Dutch LOC for AWARDS

GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH THE LOC ON HARMONISING THE DIFFERENT AWARDS AND ESTABLISHING A PROGRAMME FOR THE AWARDS CERIMONY

EVERYTHING IS READY FOR THE AWARDS (PROGRAMME, DIPLOMAS AND AUTOMATICALLY RUNNING PRESENTATION)





#### 4. EU projects action (involving isocarp in further 100% financed proposal)

OUT OF FOUR (4) PROJECTS DELIVERED FOR EVALUATION (ALL OF THEM WAS PRESENTED UNDER HORIZON 2020 PROGRAMME, WITH EXCEPTION OF ABACUS→INTERREG), **ONE (1) GOT THE FINANCING!!!**

ABACUS ☹️

RAAB ☹️

CITIZEN4LANDSCAPE ☹️

ESPRESSO (BUDGET FOR ISOCARP AROUND 48.000 euros) 😊



THIS RESULT IS A FIRST CONCRETE AND POSITIVE RESULT OF THE COLLABORATION OPENED BETWEEN ISOCARP AND OGC

THE PROJECT IS STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH UNECE (THEY ARE ISOCARP'S SUBCONTRACTORS IN THIS PROJECT)



Part. no.	Participant organisation name	Part. short name	Country
1 (Coord)	Open Geospatial Consortium Europe	OGC	UK
2	Deutsches Institut für Normung	DIN	DE
3	Trento Rise	TRISE	IT
4	PriceWaterhouseCoopers	PWC	IT
5	International Society of City and Regional Planners	ISOCARP	NL
6	Trilogis	TRILOGIS	IT
7	Ordnance Survey	OS	UK
8	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung E.V	FRAUNHOFER	DE
9	Localdata	LOC	ES
10	Virtual City Systems	VCS	DE
11	Atos SE	ATOS	ES
12	University of Kaiserslautern	UNIKL	DE
13	Smart City Lab (Tartu)	TART	EE
14	City of Rotterdam	ROTT	NL
15	Building Smart UK	BSUK	UK
16	European Telecommunications Standards Institute	ETSI	FR
Sub no.	Third party or subcontractor	Short name	Country
S1	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	UNECE	UN



#### ESPRESSO

Systemic standardisation approach to empower smart cities and communities

"systEmic Standardisation apProach to Empower Smart cities and cOmunities" (ESPRESSO) focuses on the development of a conceptual Smart Cities Information Framework, which consists of a Smart City platform (the so-called Smart City enterprise application) and a number of data provision and processing services to integrate data, workflows, and processes in applications relevant for Smart Cities within a common framework. To build this framework, the project will identify relevant open standards, technologies, and information models that are currently in use or in development in the various sectors. It analyzes potential issues caused by gaps and overlaps across standards developed by the various standardization organizations and provides guidelines on how to effectively solve those issues. Particular emphasize will be put on common denominators in order to eventually allow for horizontal interoperability between the various sectors of a smart city. Though horizontal interoperability is out of scope for this project, emphasizing integration reference models as a key common denominator (e.g. in the form of multi-dimensional city models) already defines essential parts of the foundation for future levels of interoperability.

#### BUDGET ESPRESSO

No	Participant short name	Country	(A) Direct personnel costs/€	(B) Other direct costs/€	(C) Direct costs of sub-contracting/€	(D) Direct costs of providing financial support to third parties/€	(E) Costs of in-kind contributions not used on the beneficiary's premises/€	(F) Indirect Costs / € (=0.25*(A+B+E))	(G) Special unit costs covering direct & indirect costs / €	(H) Total estimated eligible costs / € (=A+B+C+D+E+F+G)	(I) Remuneration rate (%)	(J) Max. grant / € (=H*I)	(K) Requested grant / €
1	Open	UK	122 067	48 000	0	0	0	425 16.75	0	212583.75	100	212583.75	212583.75
2	Trilogis Srl	IT	51 700	5 000	0	0	0	14175.00	0	70875.00	100	70875.00	70875.00
3	Din Deutsche	DE	58 640	7 500	0	0	0	16535.00	0	82675.00	100	82675.00	82675.00
4	Associazione	IT	33 300	4 500	0	0	0	9450.00	0	47250.00	100	47250.00	47250.00
5	Part. Advisory	IT	75 050	5 000	0	0	0	20012.50	0	100062.50	100	100062.50	100062.50
6	Isocarp	NL	25 000	4 000	12 000	0	0	7250.00	0	48250.00	100	48250.00	48250.00
7	Ordnance Sur	UK	54 880	4 000	0	0	0	17226.75	0	86103.75	100	86103.75	86103.75
8	Fraunhofer	DE	44 250	7 000	0	0	0	12812.50	0	64062.50	100	64062.50	64062.50
9	Localdata	ES	10 800	1 500	0	0	0	3075.00	0	15375.00	100	15375.00	15375.00
10	VirtualCitySys	DE	39 500	4 000	0	0	0	10875.00	0	54375.00	100	54375.00	54375.00



Del. N.	Deliverable name	WP n.	Short name of lead participant	Type	Del. Let.	Delivery date
D1.1	The Atlas of Smart City and standards	1	TRISE	DEC	PU	M8
D1.2	Capacity building plan and actions report	1	TRISE	R	PU	M01, M13, M24
D1.3	Report on capacity building actions	1	UNIKL	R	PU	M06, M12, M18, M24
D2.1	The scope of Smart City standardisation	2	ATOS	R	PU	M03, M16
D2.2	The scope of Smart City use cases	2	ISOCARP	R	PU	M05
D2.3	Details of CASSIOPEIA	2	OS	R	PU	M06
D2.4	Gap & SWOT analysis	2	OS	R	PU	M09
D2.5	Interoperability Pilot deployment & test plan	2	TRILOGIS	R	PU	M08
D3.1	Cross-SDOs analysis on harmonisation of Smart City standards report	3	OGC	R	PU	M12
D3.2	Coordinated development of high-level cross-domain standardisation requirements report	3	DIN	R	PU	M14
D3.3	Standardisation harmonization and development priorities report	3	DIN	R	PU	M16
D3.4	Recommendations for fast-track standardisation procedures report	3	OGC	R	PU	M19
D4.1	Shared vocabularies for Smart City	4	LOC	R	PU	M7
D4.2.1	Smart City reference architecture report	4	OGC	R	PU	M7
D4.2.1	Products and best practices for Smart City implementations	4	OGC	R	PU	M8
D4.3	Smart City indicator platform	4	ISOCARP	DEC	PU	M6
D4.4	Overview of existing certification programs	4	FRAUNHOFER	R	PU	M12, M15
D4.5.1	Smart City 1 pilot activity report	4	TRILOGIS	R	PU	M24
D4.5.2	Smart City 2 pilot activity report	4	TRILOGIS	R	PU	M24
D5.1	Smart city domain strategic growth map	5	OS	R	PU	M07
D5.2	Future trends in economic, financing and procurement models	5	OS	R	PU	M09
D5.3	Report on market opening actions	5	TRISE	R	PU	M06, M12, M18, M24
D5.4	Smart city one-stop-portal	5	UNIKL	DEC	PU	M06, M12, M18, M24
D6.1	Report on legal and administrative impacts	6	TRISE	R	PU	M18
D6.2	Report on societal impacts	6	PWC	R	PU	M24
D6.3	Report on business impacts	6	PWC	R	PU	M24
D7.1	Dissemination plan	7	UNIKL	R	PU	M01, M07, M13, M19
D7.2	Media pack, Website, Web2.0 channels	7	UNIKL	DEC	PU	M01, M12, M23
D7.3	Awareness report	7	UNIKL	R	PU	M13, M24
D7.4	Standardisation Roadmap	7	DIN	R	PU	M24
D8.1	Project Report	8	OGC	R	PU	M12, M24
D8.2	Project charter	8	TRILOGIS	R	PU	M01
D8.3	Data Management Plan	8	TRILOGIS	R	PU	M06, M14, M24
D8.4	Innovation report	8	TRISE	R	PU	M04, M16



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## 6. Marketing Activities

RE-DESCOVERING OUR CONTENT

INVESTING IN CREATION OF NEW CONTENT/INCREASING RELATIONAL-NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

MAKING THE MOST OUT OF OUR CONGRESSES

ACTIVATING LOCAL WORKSHOPS AND NDS ACTIVITIES (BEING PRESENT AT LOCAL LEVEL)

What kind of services we provide?

NEWSLETTER (double edged tool content, but even advertising)

FACILITATING TO OUR MEMBERS ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL INFORMATION (review, books, practices, articles)

NETWORKING

OTHER SERVICES? (let's think together about this → PORTFOLIO OF ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE)



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## 6. Marketing Priorities

NO RELEVANT ACTIONS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH CONTINUITY IN MARKETING IN THE LAST 4 MONTHS!

ONE SIMPLE MARKETING ATTEMPT IN THE I-NEWS #01 ...IT REQUIRES A DEDICATED PERSON PUSHING ON IT

If you want to promote in this newsletter, addressed to an important community of international planners, a plan, a policy initiative, a project of your city, region, ministry or of your private company, please contact directly the VP for Awards, Communication and Marketing (ACM) at: [elisei@isocarp.org](mailto:elisei@isocarp.org)

- Better products to be present in order to attract more members – what do they get for the money they pay
- Rethinking of the promotional materials
- More flexible and personal services for the members
- Better targeting of the potential members- customized marketing strategy for them- separate promotion materials in function of the type of members we want to attract



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## 7. Visibility (SOCIAL MEDIA)

Our online community is increasing **we were about 600 in January 2015, we are 1600 in June 2015, we are around 2000 in this moment!**

Our social media are growing. The FACEBOOK has increased his visibility and position among direct competitors, **from 10<sup>th</sup> (January 2015) to 6<sup>th</sup> position (June 2015) to 2<sup>nd</sup> (October 2015).**

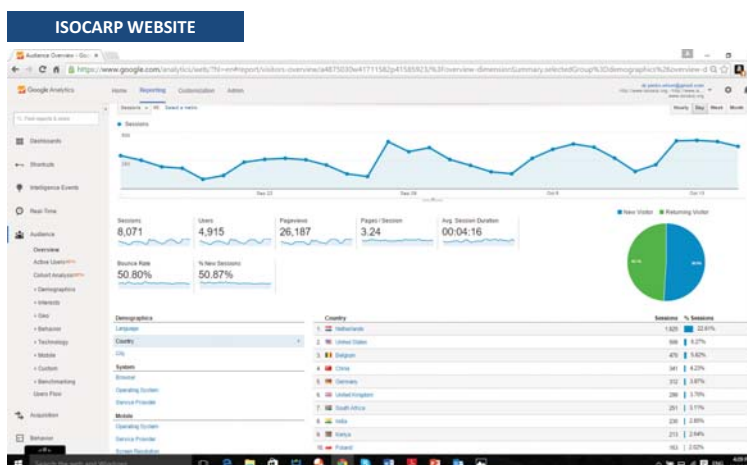
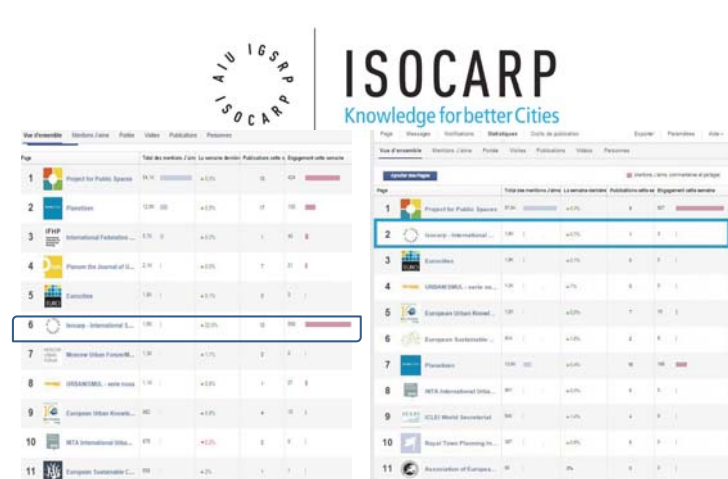
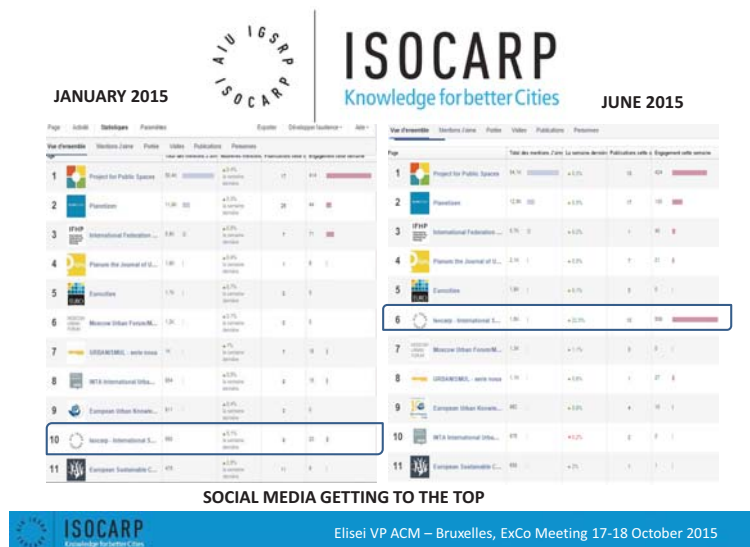
**It is becoming difficult now to reach the competitor at first place!**



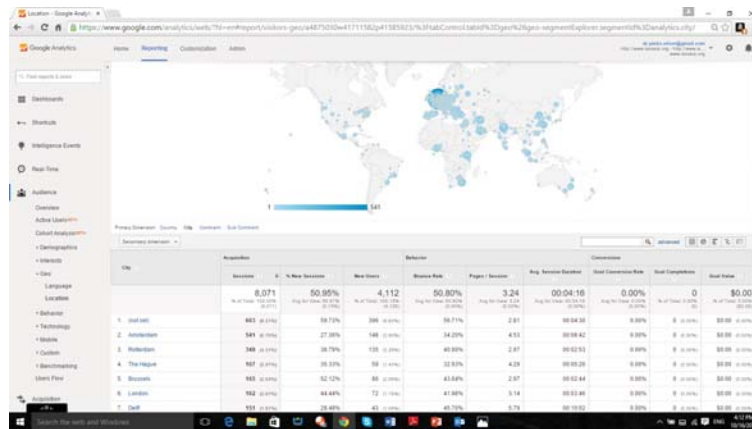
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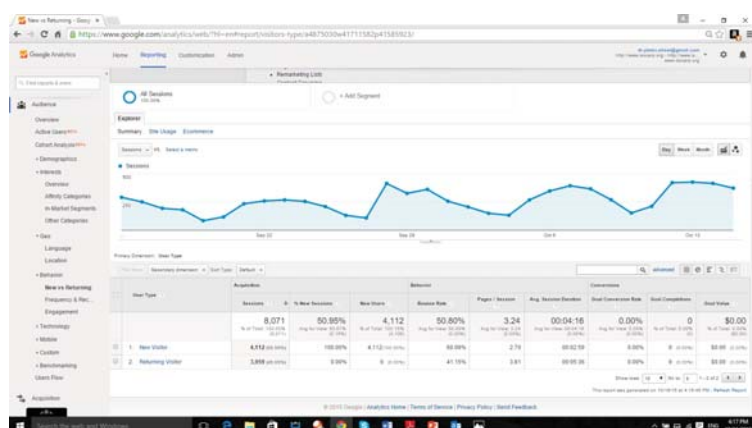
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## World Town planning Day

<http://www.planningtheworld.net>  
<https://www.cip-icu.ca/Events/World-Town-Planning-Day>  
<https://www.planning.org/ncpm/worldtown/>  
<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/briefing-room/news-releases/2015/may/rtpi-calls-for-abstracts-for-the-world-town-planning-day-online-conference-2015/>  
<http://www.ectp-ceu.eu/index.php/en/13-news/latest-news/318-world-town-planning-day-2015>

**What are we going to do?**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

Pietro Elisei



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## ISOCARP INSTITUTE (Year End Report)

**Khalid Z. El Adli,**  
VP, Academic Development – ISOCARP Institute

### 1. THE INSTITUTE

- About the Institute
- Vision
- Mission
- Objectives
- Core Functions
- Thematic Areas
- Suggested Program Offerings

### *About the Institute*

- A virtual but formal body committed to knowledge generation, documentation & dissemination.
- Is the training, research & consultancy arm of the Society.

### *Vision*

**“A world-class planning knowledge center empowering individuals, organizations and institutions to achieve better human settlements”.**

## ***Mission***

- ❖ enrich the knowledge base
- ❖ develop the capacity of individuals, organizations & institutions responsible for development of human settlements
- ❖ bridge the gap between planning theory & practice while contributing to knowledge creation & dissemination

## ***Objectives***

- Strengthen cross-border collaboration globally;
- uphold professional excellence in planning;
- advance sustainable green planning;
- increase awareness of major development trends & promote best practices;
- serve as a “Think Tank”- facilitating generation & dissemination of knowledge for better cities.

## ***Core Functions***

- Deliver capacity building / intensive training programs to individuals, organizations & institutions;
- conduct research & promote knowledge transfer;
- offer advice & short term consultancy services to government, non-government & international bodies.

## ***Thematic Areas***

- Sustainable Planning & Design;
- Hazard Mitigation & Disaster Risk Reduction;
- Placemaking / Livable Cities;
- Community Planning;
- Mobility;
- Urban Management;
- Urban Revitalization;
- Green Infrastructure;
- Real Estate;
- and .....?

## ***Suggested Program Offerings***

- Introduction to sustainable green planning
- Smart cities - principles & practices
- Zoning & urban form
- Urban design - the art of shaping cities
- Public space & livable cities
- The educative city
- Community planning practices
- Redevelopment & revitalization – principles & practices

## ***Suggested Program Offerings***

- Planning coastal & waterfront developments
- Hillside planning – principles & practices
- Planning & mobility
- Towards resilient cities – principles & practices
- Introduction to infrastructure & green energy technology
- Urban economics & land-use integration
- Introduction to real estate economics
- Introduction urban management & municipal finances

## ***2. UPDATE***

- Progress to Date
- Potential Opportunities
- Proposed Course of Action

## ***Progress to Date***

- Capacity building & intensive training programs in alliance w/:
  - Vigor, Kuwait
  - Env. Center of Arab Towns, Dubai
    - expressed interest
    - proposal submitted
    - to follow-up
- Education Forum 2015 (thnx to SL)

## ***Potential Opportunities***

- **Prospects for alliance & collaboration w/:**
  - **UITP MENA CTE** (Center for Transport Excellence), Dubai
    - interest in training programs in the MENA region
    - interest in collaborating on research projects including: “Guidelines for Integration of Urban Planning, Land Use & Urban Transport Systems”- Jan. 2016
    - drafted preliminary MOU for review
  - **100 Resilient Cities / Rockefeller Center**
    - in deliberations
  - **China ???**

## ***Proposed Course of Action***

- **Register the Institute;**
- **develop membership roster;**
- **initiate partnership w/ international bodies;**
- **explore training, research & consulting;**
- **explore potential collaborative opportunities in EU;**
- **instigate the process of initiating a joint-journal;**



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## ***Proposed Course of Action – Contd.***

- **document & classify 50 yrs of accumulated knowledge in the Society;**
- **develop program / course outlines** - in coordination w/ interested members;
- **develop an online web page;**
- **instigate an online “Knowledge Bank”;**
- **organize more “Education Forums”;**
- **seek membership input in activities .**

***THANK YOU***



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## Report on Members and National Delegations

Name  
Vice-President **Gabriel Pascariu**

### Content

*Statistics (based on the last elections for NDs and BM results and communication from the secretariat)*

*Collaboration and communication with NDs*

*Procedures for membership application*

*Categories of members*



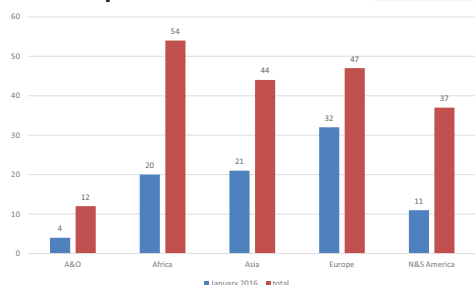
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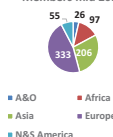
### Statistics (countries)

**88 Countries (out of 194)  
+ 1 compared to mid 2015**



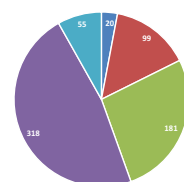
### Statistics (members)

Members mid 2015

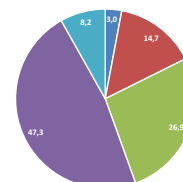


	Jan. 2016	% of total	June 2015	% of total	
A&O	20	3,0	26	3,6	↓
Africa	99	14,7	97	13,5	↑
Asia	181	26,9	206	28,7	↓
Europe	318	47,3	333	46,4	↑
N&S America	55	8,2	55	7,7	↑
<b>Total</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>100,0</b>	

members (number) / Jan. 2016– total 673



members (%) / mid. 2015– total 717



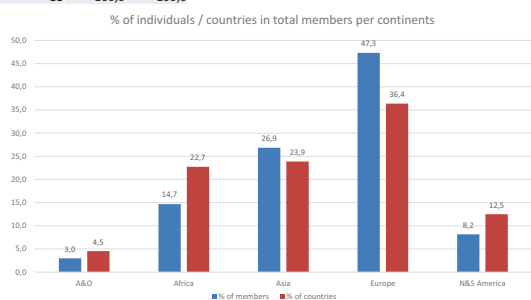
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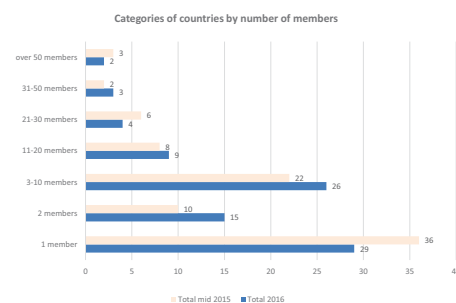
continent	individual members	country members	% of members	% of countries
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### % of individual members and % of countries / continent



### Number of countries by no of members

	Total	A&O	Africa	Asia	Europe	N&S America
1 member	29	2	8	4	10	5
2 members	15	1	5	5	3	1
3-10 members	26		4	9	9	4
11-20 members	9	1	2	1	5	
21-30 members	4				3	1
31-50 members	3		1	1	1	
over 50 members	2			1	1	
	88	4	20	21	32	11



Jan 2016 compared to mid 2015 indicates:

- decrease of number of 1 member countries

- increase of number of countries with 2 to 20 members

### Individual membership by categories of countries:

- 30% of the members are from 70 countries with 1-10 members

- 34 countries have 1-2 members

- aprox. 35% of the members come from 13 countries with 11-30 members

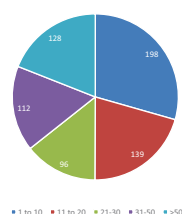
- aprox. 35% of the members come from 5 countries with more than 30 members

- average no. of members / country – aprox. 7,6 members

After the 2015 elections there are around 80 BM appointed by the NDs and more than 30 NDs appointed a Dep. BM too.

	Jan 2016		mid 2015	
	no	%	no	%
1 to 10	198	29,4	178	24,8
11 to 20	139	20,7	122	17,0
21-30	96	14,3	145	20,2
31-50	112	16,6	66	9,2
>50	128	19,0	206	28,7
	673	100	717	100,0

Members by categories of countries



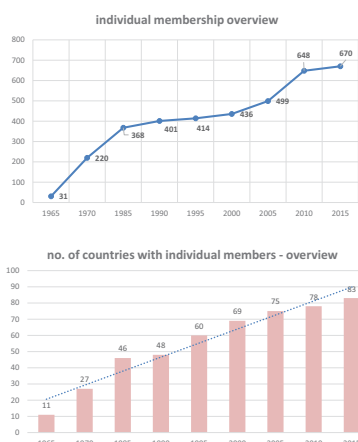
### Institutional membership / Jan. 2016

country	no.
1 Australia	1
2 Belgium	6
3 China	2
4 Czech Republic	1
5 Germany	1
6 Ireland (Republic)	1
7 Israel	1
8 Kenya	2
9 Netherlands	6
10 Poland	2
11 Serbia	1
12 Spain	1
13 Switzerland	2
14 Tunisia	1
15 United Arab Emirates	1
16 United States	1
Total institutional members	30

30 members from 16 countries from 5 continents (9 – Europe, 3 – Asia, 1 – Africa, 1 – North America, 1 – A&O)

### Overview of the individual membership 1965 – 2015 (secretariat data)

- there is a general growth over the past 50 years with 2 main growth intervals:
  - 1965-1985 and
  - 2005-2015
- along the 50 years interval members from more than 120 countries were ISOCARP members
- a significant number of countries from South America, Africa and Asia were members for a rather short interval and left the organisation



### Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs

#### Proposed measures

- Direct contact to BMs (letter prepared)
- Contacting representatives from countries where NDs are still missing (China, Italy, Pakistan, Russia, Netherlands)
- Getting in contact with former members (where possible) especially from countries which are no more represented
- Discussing with BMs and encouraging regional events
- Improved dissemination of the information concerning the Incentive Fund (IF)
- Developing the presentation package (for the new members but also for recruiting new members)
- Preparing an annual opinion poll
- Inviting one BM (from most active NDs) to the ExCo meetings

### Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs

#### Proposed measures

#### Improved dissemination of the information concerning the fund the Incentive Fund (IF)

- Preparing by mid Feb. a short regulation about the IF and launching the announcement for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual call (mid or end of March)
- Increasing the IF for 2016 (to 4-5,000 euro)
- Regulation will include eligible actions, application forms, evaluation criteria)
- Encouraging the use of the IF for World Town Planning Day (WTPD) (2<sup>nd</sup> call can be launched beginning of September)

### Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs

#### Proposed measures

#### Developing the presentation package (for the new members but also for recruiting new members)

- Can be done by end of February
- Will include:
  - short presentation of ISOCARP (with excerpts from the Statute)
  - short presentations of main ISOCARP activities (Congress, YPP, UPAT, Institute etc.)
  - main actions foreseen for the current year
  - main contacts and administrative issues (fees and others)

### ***Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs***

#### **Proposed measures**

##### **Preparing an annual opinion poll**

- A questionnaire can be prepared by mid March
- The poll can be launched by end of March for 30days
- Results can be processed by mid May for the next ExCo meeting

### ***Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs***

#### **Other measures (mid / long term)**

- To analyse the possibility of setting up regional branches (in areas with at least 50 members)
- To analyse the possibility of modifying the representation of NDs in the Bureau
- Preparing the strategy for the NMC (New Member Campaign) – by end of April 2016

### ***Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs***

#### **Other measures (mid / long term)**

To analyse the possibility of setting up regional branches (in areas with at least 50 members) and the possibility of modifying the representation of NDs in the Bureau

#### **Preliminary ideas:**

- minimum 3 members for a ND; countries with less than 3 members can join at regional levels and set up a Zonal Delegation (ZD) that can be represented in the Bureau
- proportional representation in the Bureau (according to number of members; 1 BM up to 5 members, 1 BM and 1 Dep. BM for more than 5 members)

### ***Collaboration and communication with NDs and BMs***

#### **Other issues related to ND and BMs**

- To discuss the limitation of the duration of mandates for ND / BM / DBM (for instance: to max. 2 consecutive mandates)
- Asking BMs to prepare yearly short reports (this is done already but might need a monitoring and a survey) and a 3 years report by the end of the mandate (a template can be proposed in order to facilitate the preparation of the reports)

## Procedures for membership application

### Additional demands

- a written recommendation from an ISOCARP member
- a new CV template that should be compulsory

For YPP to have at least one year of practical professional experience in the field of town and regional planning

## Other issues related to membership

Proposals for small revisions concerning membership (benefits, responsibilities, criteria for acceptance):

### 1. Criteria for acceptance for FM and YPP / AM includes now:

*“graduate from an accredited or recognized program by the Society”*

**Proposed modification:** *“graduate from a higher education (bachelor, master or equivalent) programme in urban and regional planning or related domains (such as architecture, geography, civil engineering, economics, sociology, ecology or others)”*

### 2. Criteria for acceptance for FM says now: “under the age of 65”

**Proposed modification:** *either eliminate the condition or change it in “being an active person in urban and regional planning or related domains”*

## Other issues related to membership

Proposals for small revisions concerning membership (benefits, responsibilities, criteria for acceptance):

### 3. Adding to benefits for FM and YPP:

*“eligibility in taking part to ISOCARP projects and events / activities”*

### 4. Condition for acceptance for YPP says now:

*“has less than five years experience in planning or an allied profession (no age limit)” and*

*“a Young Professional is under the age of 33 and/or is registered as a student”*

**Proposed modification:** *“has minimum one year and less than five years of experience in planning or an allied profession” and*

*“a Young Professional is under the age of 35”*

## Other issues related to membership

Proposals for small revisions concerning membership (benefits, responsibilities, criteria for acceptance):

### 5. Benefits of HM :

*“enjoys the full privileges of a Full Member but with no voting rights”*

**Proposed modification:**

*“enjoys the full privileges of a Full Member but with no voting rights and not eligible to apply for elected positions”*

### 6. Concerning Associated Members (AM):

**Proposed modification:** *making a separate category from YPP in order to make it clearer as there are similarities but also differences from YPP (for instance the age limit or the possibility of becoming a FM)*

*Thank you and best regards  
from a frozen city!*





### EXCO Report

Shi Nan, VP Publications

## Book Structure

- Regular Annual Review: 256 pages, 14 articles, 3 Forewords
- Special Celebration for ISOCARP 50 Years:
  - Title – Reinventing Planning: Examples from the Profession
  - Evolutionary logic: planning progresses + current challenges + future perspectives
  - Different types of planning: economic, social, physical, regeneration etc.
  - Scale Spectrum of planning
  - Balanced combination of *Practice* and *Academic*
  - Foreword from President: *"For five decades, the Society has been at the forefront of ... ISOCARP has always believed that ... The five decades of ISOCARP's international involvement testify to the strength of our commitment and to our contribution to its achievement on a global scale."*
  - Unfortunately a predesigned devoted ISOCARP History paper lost



## Timeline for Review 11

- Editorial work started since Gdynia Congress Sep. 2014
  - **Get Articles** (7 months): Theme selection, identify authors, invitation sent to authors, authors prepare articles, articles submitted to EG.
  - **Other Review elements** (2 months): Prepare Forwards, Editorial, About Editors, About authors etc.
  - **Editing articles** (4 months): EG review articles, articles accepted/revised by authors, EG edit content text, illustration, pictures etc. layout design, author approve the article and design
  - **Production** (1 month): Prepare cover and colophon, page proofs, print and deliver the book to head office.
- EG Skype discussions every week, lots of email communications, 19 Progress Reports



## New Technology and Methods

- Exploring Cumulative Effects of Regional Urban Growth Strategies: A Planning Scenario Case Study from the Calgary Region of Western Canada, *by Matt Carlson etc.*
- Urban Dynamics: A systems thinking framework for economic development and planning, *by Khalid Saeed*
- Designing Future Cities: Lakesim Integrated Design Tool for Assessing Short - and Long-term Impacts of Urban Scale Conceptual Designs, *by Joshua Bergerson etc.*
- Space Syntax: An Evidenced – based Approach to Urban Planning & Design, *by Tao Yang*
- Big/Open Data in Chinese Urban Studies and Planning: A Review, *by Ying Long etc.*
- Tupan Solar City: The Demonstration City of National New Energy, *by Zhang Hongwei etc.*



## Emerging Issues

- Climate Change and Action Planning to Increase Resiliency, *by Ebru Gencer etc.*
- Growing High Value Food in Small Spaces: The relationship between cities and food production, *by Elizabeth Reynolds*
- Building Age Friendly Cities in Ageing Asian Tigers, *by Belinda Yuen etc.*



## Miscellaneous

- Other Elements:
  - ISOCARP President's Foreword
  - Local Organizing Committee's Foreword
  - Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment Foreword
  - From the Editors
- New Cover Design
- Printed in Romania: 1,700 copies, including 200 copies for 50 ACC
- Costs: €10,000-6,600= € 3,400 saved
- Editorial Group:
  - VP Publications as Editor-in-Chief: Shi Nan(China)
  - Editors: Jim Reilly, Fran Klass(United States)
  - Coordinator: Lucian Perici(Romania)
  - Graphic Designer: Ricardo Moura(Portugal)



## Exemplary, Forward-looking City Plans

- Making a New District Center Using Eight Principals: Chenggong, a new town near Kunming, China, *by Zhigao Wang etc*
- Making Street Smile to regenerate Cities: a case of Chongqing, China, *by Yang Jiang etc*
- Philadelphia's University City: a model of urban renewal anchored and lead by private sector institutional investment, *by Anthony Sorrentino*
- Western Harbor in Malmo, *by Stefan Anderberg*
- Ecological Infrastructure as a Tool for Smart Preservation and Smart Growth: The Negative Approach, *by Kongjian Yu etc*



## Presentation and Beyond

- ISOCARP Publication Session at Plenary Rotterdam:
  - Review 11
  - IMPP
  - 50 Years
  - UPAT, YPP
  - MSRL,
  - Gdynia Congress CD Rom,
  - Think Deep etc
- For Review 12: theme of the 52th Congress? EG continue its work? **Decision needed.**





## Other Businesses

### ➤ ND ACC 50 Event 1 in China

- Date: April 28, 2015
- Venue: Kunming City, Yunnan Province
- Joint event with UPSC meeting
- Some 300 participants, including 5 ISOCARP members
- Shi Nan represent ISOCARP and ACC 50 at the opening ceremony
- Ms. HE Yong presented as ISOCARP member
- ISOCARP materials displayed, brochures handed out
- Event disseminated by UPSC's official web and Weibo
- ISOCARP Lunch Meeting for members



*This weibo message was viewed by 3754 followers*



## Other Businesses

### ➤ Possible ISOCARP EXCO Meeting in China

- Venue: Shenyang City
  - Time: May 2016
  - Possible fiscal arrangement: international travel costs + hotel covered, contributions from EXCO members requested: lectures or consultation meeting
- ### ➤ ISOCARP Liaison Office at Beijing
- Promote ISOCARP in China and Asia
  - Regional office supported by UPSC
  - Details to be discussed and subject to approval of Chinese government




## Other Businesses

### ➤ ND ACC 50 Event 2 in China:

- To be complete, presumably in November
- A joint event with UPSC's affiliate Committee on Regional Planning and Urban Economy, will be organized by Mr. Wang Kai, Head of the Chinese ND
- Chinese members will be informed beforehand
- Event will be disseminated through UPSC's network
- Shi Nan will attend the event representing ISOCARP and ACC 50.

### ➤ Promote ISOCARP in Uzbekistan:

- Shi Nan and another ISOCARP member He Yong Visited Uzbekistan in early May, meeting with National Commission of Architecture and Construction, University of Architecture and Civil Engineering at Tashkent and Samarkand, National Institute of Architecture and City Planning
- Presented ISOCARP to the hosts with ISOCARP Review 10, ISOCARP brochures etc. invited to join the 51th Congress and 50 Anniversary .



**ISOCARP**  
Knowledge for better Cities

**Report on  
Young Planning Professionals  
activities  
October 17th – 18th 2015**

**Piotr Lorens**  
VP YPP

ISOCARP ExCo Meeting 17-18 October 2015

**Report structure**

- Activities in-between June –October 2015
- CDs and publications after 2014-2015 activities
- New possibilities in 2015/2016
- YPP workshop Congress 2016
- 25th YPP Anniversary
- Providing endorsement and support to planning students' associations
- Other issues

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**1. Activities in-between  
June –October 2015**

- Roundtable during AESOP congress in Prague – completed
- Participation in EUSS in Bremen
- Initial contacts with Han Admiraal on YPP – ITACUS initiative (meeting to be held in Rotterdam)
- Continued conversation with Fondation Metropoli on YPP Award (meeting to be held in Rotterdam)

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**2. CDs and other publications after  
2014-2015 activities**

- CDs to be ready for Rotterdam session
- Routledge Prize – money allocated to the production of the Action Book after workshops
- European Urban Summer School book (Bremen, Sept. 2015) – to be produced in cooperation with AESOP at the beginning of 2016

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**3. New possibilities in 2015/2016**

- Abu Dhabi / Al Ain trainings
- Russia / Dubai / Namibia trainings
- YPP National Workshops – Russia, China, Poland
- EUSS in 2016
- Rio GPEAN Congress 2016

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**Abu Dhabi / Al Ain 2016 – prospects**

- Expressed interest to continue trainings, although no budget for further activities to be undertaken in 2015
- Planned few rounds of trainings: Urbanism 1 and Urbanism 2, possibly Urbanism 3
- Preparatory visit – originally scheduled for September 2015, postponed till late fall (no further news so far)

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### Russia / Dubai / Namibia 2016 – prospects

- Expressed initial interest to develop YPP trainings, although no firm expression of interest provided
  - Dubai – contacts made by Didier
  - Namibia – contacts made by Guy
  - Russia – contacts received via RUPA
- To be discussed further on ONLY AFTER any further communication regarding any of these activities is received



### Other YPP workshops under discussion

- Moscow (Moscow Urban Forum) – under discussion (meeting to be held in late November 2015)
- China (UPSC) – to be discussed with Shi Nan
- Gdynia (TUP – Society of Polish Town Planners) – decision made, to be organized in June 2016
- Possible joint event with ITACUS (under discussion)



### EUSS 2015 – 2016

- Planned publication after EUSS 2015 (under preparation, as a result of Brussels EXCO decision)
- Plans to continue cooperation with AESOP on European Urban Summer School
- No firm decisions regarding time, place, form of commitment yet



### Rio GPEAN Congress 2016

- Congress to be organized in Rio de Janeiro in June / July 2016
- Initial talks with GPEAN on ISOCARP involvement – session / roundtable / other activities
- No firm decisions yet



### 4. YPP workshop and activities Durban Congress 2016

- 25<sup>th</sup> YPP workshop
- Topics and location to be discussed – planned preparatory visit in February 2016
- Further involvement of YPPs in the development and execution of the congress program – lessons to be learnt from the 51st Congress



### Major lessons for future congresses

- YPs have reacted positively (if not enthusiastically) to the new form of their involvement in the congress (although it is not yet clear what will be the final result)
- Many young planners registered for the congress
- This shall bring to the discussion table the question: **what will be the mode of their involvement in future congresses? This needs reflection and discussion, and afterwards – decisions with financial consequences**



### 5. 25th YPP Anniversary

- YPP program founded in 1991 – so in 2016 there will be 25th anniversary of this
- As discussed before, the **major celebrations shall take place in Durban in 2016**
- This shall allow to extend the flavour of the 50th anniversary till 2016
- Therefore, this shall be accompanied by extra events (trainings, workshops) and mark the **new mode of YPs involvement in the congress and in the society**



### 6. Providing endorsement and support to planing students' associations

- Received request from our colleagues from An-Najah National University
- Somehow in line with previous initiatives – BTP and „Mentor and Student...”
- This can be possibly developed worldwide as a future source of YPPs



### 7. Other issues

- Our own training activities – still to be planned and developed as courses offered to possible YPPs and other professionals in our Hague / Brussels office
- Possible cooperation / interaction with VP Institute – needed
- **Possible MoUs with other „scientific” organizations – like „Society of Planning Historians” (based on our policy)**





**Report on  
Urban Planning Advisory Team (UPAT)  
Programme  
October 17th – 18th 2015**

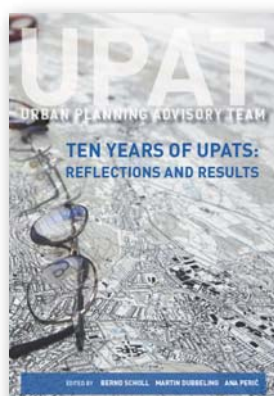
**Martin Dubbeling**  
VP UPATs

## West Bank & Gaza UPATs

- Two teams West Bank & Gaza 7-14 June 2015
- Two times five team members
- Both teams are excellent and very active
- Resulting in three Magazines
- Working for UNDP and UN-Habitat
- Resulting in a terrible organizational nightmare
- Expected income for ISOCARP: \$ 70.000

## Ten Years of UPATs

- ETH Zürich & ISOCARP
- Past, present & future
- Bernd Scholl
- Martin Dubbeling
- Ana Perić
- 244 pages, 700 copies
- Basis for the brochure



## West Bank & Gaza UPATs



## Objectives for future UPATs

- Important source of income for ISOCARP
- UPATs provide a high profile for ISOCARP
- Keys of Success: 'Innocence and Experience'
- and 'Always select the best possible team'
- Maximum two 'L or XL' UPATs a year
- Focus on the innovation of the concept
- UPATs are NOT charitable activities



## The quest for future UPATs

- **Ninbo and Jining** (PRC) > positive leads
- **Sydney** > still on the table
- **Ulyanovsk** > I do not see it happen
- **Durban** > No reaction so far
- **Kabul** > via UN-Habitat, follow-up of West Bank
- Pitches at the UPAT Match Making Session



## Four items to Approve

- Name\*

Full name

- Email

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- 1. Adoption of the Minutes of the Bureau Meeting held in Gdynia, Poland, in September 2014\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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- 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Gdynia, Poland, in September 2014\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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- 3. Approval of the Annual Accounts January 2014-June 2015\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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- 4. Approval of the Budget July 2015-June 2016\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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- Do you have any comments/questions/concerns about items 1-4?

## 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](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"
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](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

## 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 Rıhtımı 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