



International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)

The ISOCARP Swiss National Delegation is pleased to invite you to

**ISOCARP PLANNERS EXCHANGE WORKSHOP
“Regional Cooperation: Instruments and formats”
and
ISOCARP meeting
Basel 19th of October 2013
Minutes**

10 a.m. – 11.30 ISOCARP Planners Exchange Workshop

Regional Cooperation: Instruments and formats – IBA Office in Basel

Nicole Wirz Schneider as Bureau Member (BM) of the Swiss National Delegation (CH) welcomes all participants (see attendance list). She welcomes Khalid Ed Adli as Vice President (VP) for the National Delegations, Judith Ryser from UK and Brigitte Schmelzer from the German ND representing the BM.

The workshop participants give a short feedback on the IBA congress: the subject of cross border planning and cooperation is very welcome to Isocarp activities. Most contributions of the congress are appreciated, as well as the opportunity to have an informal Isocarp meeting on the same occasion.

Clenn Kustermans and Oliver Woeffrey from URBEGO (<http://www.ifhp.org/event/urbego-workshop>) gave a short presentation on their activities. They organize and participate in workshops about planning all over Europe and some in South America. They are organized as network among young planners, supported by IFHP (<http://www.ifhp.org/>). ISOCARP offers the format of YPPs to contribute to Isocarp congresses. If they are interested in further exchange, they could contact Piotr Lorens (VP).

Dirk Engelke presented a case on cross border cooperation between Germany and Switzerland. He comments that the exchange of information could be improved and discussed further, for instance at the Hannover Messe 2014 (see attachment 1).

Stefano Wagner gave a presentation on cross border cooperation between Italy and Switzerland. He comments as well that the exchange of information could be

improved and discussed further. Obviously they are no contacts or exchange between the planning authorities. There is the problem of financing infrastructure across the border as well.

Ideas for follow-ups of regional activities about cross border cooperation or other topics:

- 7.-11.4.14 Hannover Messe (Dirk Engelke, Susanne Fischer, Nicole Wirz)
- Gdynia, Sept. Water and cross border cooperation (Silja Tillner, Nicole Wirz)
- France, Spring 2014 Cross border region Geneva (Stefano Wagner)
- Spring, Scotland, future of ISOCARP

12 a.m. – 2 p.m. ISOCARP meeting

As a follow-up to the discussion organised by the German and the British National Delegation on the future of ISOCARP, the Swiss National Delegation invites ISOCARP members to participate in discussion about the organisation of ISOCARP.

Silja Tillner and Alfred Willinger attended the 49th congress in Brisbane and give a short report. Silja Tillner as member of the congress team reports, that the scientific level of the presentations/papers was very high. Unfortunately there weren't as much participants as in other congresses.

First of all, thanks to the presentation of the Bureau Meeting in Brisbane (see attachment 2), all the information can be reported to the ISOCARP members who couldn't attend Brisbane.

According to the presentation there were some comments:

Call for Experts and UPATs (Slide 2): The calls are often too late and too short-term. The information should come earlier to the members. The information should be in a loop. (Who finally was selected e.g.?) Some of the emails obviously are not responding.

ND meeting (slide 4): In general there is a big problem about financing regional activities. These meetings can also come along with other regional congresses. Any solution from the Head office is welcome.

Judith Ryser states that the meeting in London was a Workshop about ISOCARP's future.

Silja Tillner reports on the problem of members who do not pay their fees. The invoice should also be sent on paper to the home address, as obviously a lot of members do not read the emails or not frequently enough.

Ulla Hoyer states that for the call for the publication Best Spatial Planning Practice 1965-2015 there was almost no response.

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