PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON 2013-2014

Milica Bajić- Brković
President
OBJECTIVES 2012-2015

• Strengthening the existing and developing new forms of knowledge creating and sharing

• Enlargement and strengthening of ISOCARP community

• Development of collaborative and partnering links with other organization

• Setting up of the new programs and activities
STRENGTHENING ISOCARP INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY
UN HABITAT World Urban Forum-WUF7- a global partnership platform to promote dialogue, sharing, and learning about how to improve our urban future, was held 5-11 April, in Medellin, Colombia. ISOCARP participated on several tasks, moderated the Dialogue *Urban Planning and Design for Social Cohesion*, and took a role in the World Urban Campaign and HABITAT Professionals Forum meetings. 

http://wuf7.unhabitat.org/
ISOCARP was elected to lead two important groupings related to UN-HABITAT:

Vice President **Shipra Narang Suri** was elected co-Chair of the World Urban Campaign ([www.worldurbancampaign.org](http://www.worldurbancampaign.org))

Past President **Ismael Fernandez Mejia** was elected to chair the Habitat Professionals Forum
President Milica Bajić-Brković was appointed a member of the High Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport convened by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

[Link to UN Press Release](http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/sga1493.doc.htm)

"The Advisory Group will work with governments, transport providers, businesses, 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 around a post-2015 sustainable development agenda and implement it."
The President was invited by the UAE Minister of State to participate in *Abu Dhabi Ascent: in support of Climate Summit 2014*, held 4-5 May in Abu Dhabi ([https://www.abudhabiascent2014.com/](https://www.abudhabiascent2014.com/)).

The Abu Dhabi Ascent was a main high-level meeting before the Climate Summit which took place on 23 September 2014.
Both the President and Secretary General attended the *World City Summit* which was held from 2-5 June in Singapore. ([http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/)).

Milica was a member of the WCS Program Committee over 2013-2014 and participated in assembling a very exciting program for the event. Several new opportunities for developing partnership within the global planning community emerged.
Collaboration with ICLEI: MoU signed in Gdynia

Collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Planning Council

ISOCARP in the ICLEI Resilient Cities 2014 Conference

Activities / collaborate with AESOP, UNESCO, EEC and OECD
EXISTING AND NEW PROGRAMS
Congresses, UPATs, YPPs, collaborative projects with our partners, supporting activities of our partners and organizations we collaborate with, participation in other organization events, and supporting of other organization events (all available in individual VPs’ reports).

New programs:

Mentor and Student Research Lab

Urban Resilience Task Force
Technical Cooperation Agreement with UN HABITAT for providing professional assistance on demand to the UNHABITAT projects

UN HABITAT Expert group engaged in developing the International Planning Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning

ITACUS-ISOCARP project “Case Studies on Underground Space Planning” is in the final stage
ISOCARP INSTITUTE

ISOCARP INSTITUTE is the establishment of the Society endowed to generating and disseminating knowledge for the benefit of our members and the planning profession. The Institute is focused on research and projects that improve the planning profession in all its forms, increase awareness of major development trends, and provide new knowledge for the betterment of humankind and its living environments.
MEMBERS ARE OUR ASSETS
There are 39 colleagues from around the world who have joined us.

I welcome them all and wish them an active and enjoyable stay in the ISOCARP community.

Peter Robinson (South Africa) represented us in the African Construction EXPO held in Johannesburg, 27-28 May, and delivered a presentation on ISOCARP and its relation to urban growth in Africa.

Judith Ryser (UK) and colleagues from the UK organized a regional ISOCARP workshop in Dundee, Scotland, entitled ‘The Realism of Implementation - Engagement of Local Resources’, 8-11 May 2014.
The *Polish members* together with their national organization-*TUP* organized a regional ISOCARP workshop on ‘*Limits of Formal Planning in Managing the Urban Development*’, 10-12 April 2014 in Lodz.

**UNESCO**: Deputy Representative Janine Marin (Report available with the Secretariat) and representatives Bernard Aubert, Philippe Vaillant and Hari Baral.

**European Council**: Bernard Aubert, Béata Hildebrand and Gerard Guillaume.
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Launch of the 50th Anniversary Celebration: Gdynia, September 2014

50ACC Chair: Jef Van den Broeck
Immediate Past Chair: Max van den Berg

Judith Ryser and Teresa Franchini (eds.): *IMPP-International Manual of Planning Practice*
Judith Ryser: *Five Decades of Knowledge Creation and Sharing*
Group of Authors (Bernd Scholl/ETH support): *Ten Years of UPATs*
Ulla Hoyer (ed.): *Absorbing 50 years of ISOCARP* (on-line edition)
Launch of the 50th Anniversary Celebration: Gdynia, 25 September 17:00

NDs are preparing national and regional events. If you are doing the same, please let us know by contacting the Secretariat (isocarp@isocarp.org).

All NDs/membership activities will be displayed on our website.

All the ideas, suggestions and remarks from all our members are very much welcome. 50ACC and EXCO will gladly communicate with you and will take care of every suggestion received from you.
FINANCIAL RESULTS
Report by VP Treasurer
WHERE ARE WE AFTER A YEAR TIME?
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Enlargement and strengthening of ISOCARP community ✅

Development of collaborative and partnering links with other organization ✅ ✅

Setting up of the new programs and activities ✅ ✅

Financial stability ✅ ✅
Sincere thanks to EXCO members, the Secretariat and all our members for their excellent work, commitment and love for ISOCARP
THANK YOU