



ISOCARP INSTITUTE

(Year End Report)

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1. THE INSTITUTE

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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 rooster;
- initiate partnership w/ international bodies;
- explore training, research & consulting;
- explore potential collaborative opportunities in EU;
- instigate the process of initiating a joint-journal;

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