



*WORKSHOP BRIEF - YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP
 "HOWARD SMITH WHARVES: INNER CITY REJUVENATION AND URBAN CONNECTIVITY"*

*ORGANISED AS A PART OF
 49TH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNERS*

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1. Introduction

The workshop is a part of 49th annual ISOCARP congress which is hosted by the City of Brisbane, Australia. It is intended to function as a platform for Young Planning Professionals (YPPs) from various parts of the world to further associate with modern planning principles and emerging ways of thinking. At the same time, the international workshop delegates will be joined by a number of Australian YPPs. The workshop will provide all participants with the opportunity for exposure to different schools of thought and planning techniques used across the world.

The topic of 2013 annual workshop is "Howard Smith Wharves: Inner City Rejuvenation and Urban Connectivity" and deals with the future of one of the most important parts of the Brisbane city center – a riverside precinct comprising heritage-listed industrial buildings which remain one of the last surviving connections to Brisbane's development history. The Howard Smith Wharves, constructed in the 1930's, have continued to languish since the Port of Brisbane was established at the mouth of the Brisbane River, the gateway to Moreton Bay and the Pacific Ocean. As a result, much of Brisbane's river-dependent industries relocated to the Port of Brisbane, leaving the Howard Smith Wharves to deteriorate over the years. It is important to remember that Brisbane is a newer world-city and its history only dates back to the early 1800's which is quite distinct from other older cities around the world. Hence the value of protecting these wharves and ensuring their enduring value can be appreciated by future generations.

Despite the value of this very important precinct to the City of Brisbane, its abandonment over recent years has effectively formed a significant barrier between the city and the Brisbane River, a river which is celebrated and enjoyed by the people of Brisbane. It has also contributed to the functional and aesthetic degradation of a potentially key urban waterfront area.

Therefore, this workshop will ask YPPs to propose new solutions for this city-river frontier as well as its connection with other significant places and spaces which surround it. These solutions must be effective, efficient, budget conscious and functional. The specific design problems will focus on the redesign of the public space below the Storey Bridge and its connectivity to surrounding locations. The primary constraint will be the retention of the existing heritage-listed buildings. You will be asked to focus on new opportunities for the development of an attractive and functional waterfront public space in this location.

A detailed information pack will be provided to you within the next few weeks which will include photographs, web links, Council documents include planning instruments, policies and strategies and the heritage conservation management plan. You will be expected to read this material prior to your arrival in Brisbane. The following maps and photographs depict the location and present situation of the site.



Figure 1: Brisbane, Australia (Source: Google Maps, 2013)

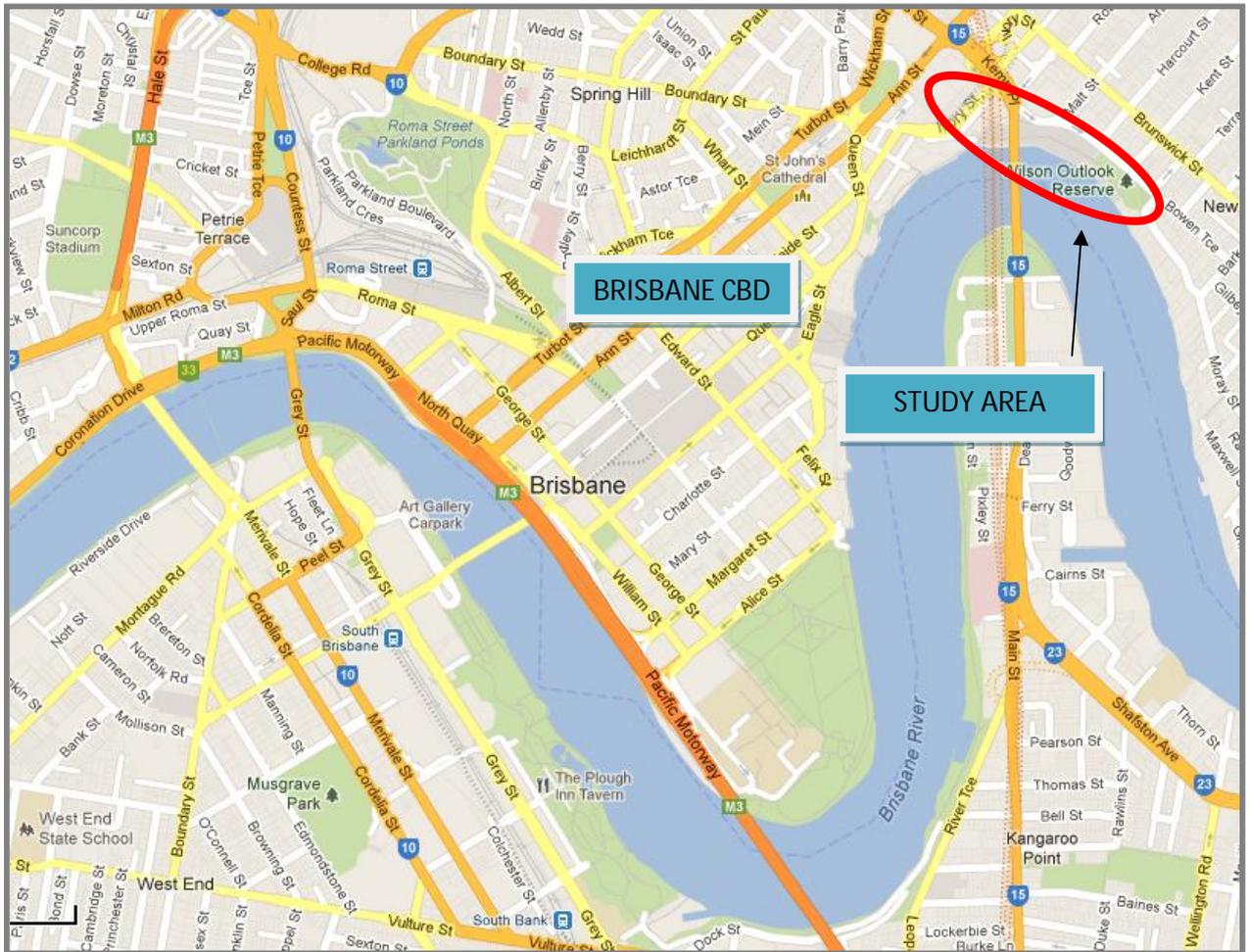


Figure 2: Map illustrating Brisbane CBD and location of Howard Smith Wharves study area
(Source: Google Maps, 2013)



Figure 2: Image of Howard Smith Wharves study area (Source: Brisbane City Council, 2013)

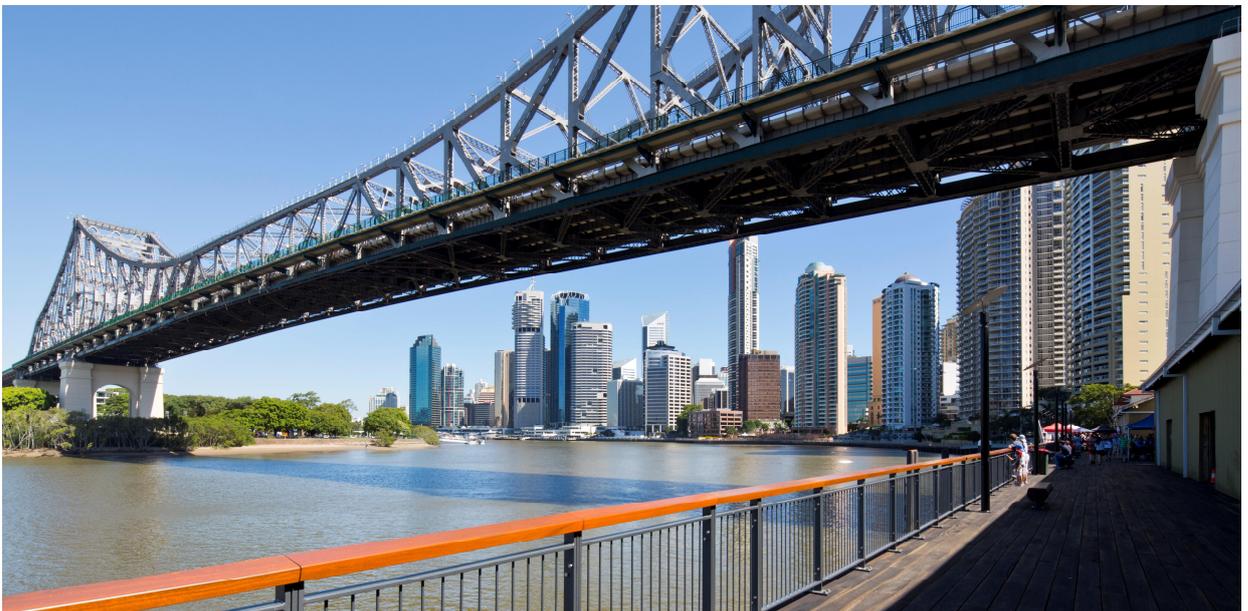


Figure 3: View from Howard Smith Wharves study area (Source: Brisbane City Council, 2013)



Figure 4: Howard Smith Wharves (Brisbane City Council, 2013)

In terms of objectives and desired results, the workshop will function as an opportunity to provide the municipal administration of Brisbane, the Brisbane City Council, with fresh and innovative ideas regarding the future use and development of this key area of the city center. These ideas can be further elaborated upon in conjunction with Brisbane City Council and potentially included in revised local planning instruments including the Brisbane City Plan and City Center Master Plan. Also, the workshop results may be of potential interest to key stakeholders, including Queensland University of Technology, the Queensland State Government and public and private infrastructure providers.

In addition to the practical outcomes of the workshop exercise, its results may also contribute to the wider congress discussions, as the topic is strongly associated with the Congress theme of 'planning frontiers'.

2. YPP workshop as a part of ISOCARP activities

The Young Planning Professionals Program was initiated in 1991 in order to provide unique opportunities to YPPs to share their knowledge, skills and experiences in an attempt to resolve complex and multi-dimensional planning issues. Since then, the YPP Program has become a



crucial component of ISOCARP's dedication to the promotion and enhancement of the planning profession. The objective is to provide emerging professionals with an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural setting and share their experiences.

The first Young Planning Professionals' Workshop took place at the 26th ISOCARP Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico (1991). Since then, senior members of ISOCARP have happily – and at times perhaps a little enviously – observed the competition for admission to the workshop, the creative spirit of the workshop itself, and the enthusiastic response of the participants. The YPP workshop has become a source of meaningful debate, new ideas and rejuvenation for the Society. It is now not only a unique opportunity for young planning professionals and post-graduate students from around the world to meet and exchange technical and scientific knowledge, but also a basis for making life-long friends.

3. Nature of the YPP workshop

YPP Workshops bring together young planners from all parts of the world. The workshops are brief, but very intense, brainstorming planning and design exercises in which our young colleagues work on real-life planning problems in the host city in an area defined by the local authority or university departments.

The YPP workshop has its own specific theme which is related to the main Congress theme. The theme relates to a specific area and/or project. The workshop is hands-on and seeks to establish solid working relationships between young professionals from all parts of the world who together seek final findings and results in a very short period of time.

Over a concentrated period of four days, the YPPs will work in closely-knit international teams, exchanging ideas and learning from each other. The workshop, thus, provides a synergetic platform where new ideas and creative solutions to complex and multifaceted urban issues are produced. The tangible results are then presented at the main congress, are published in a Workshop Report, both on the ISOCARP website and on CD. The intangible ones, however, stay in the hearts and minds of the participant YPPs, who not only learn from each other but make life-long friends.

Therefore, YPP Workshops are brief-but-intense brainstorming and design exercises that resemble what are commonly known as 'charrettes'.

Another benefit of the YPP Workshop is related to the quality of the new ideas, concepts or proposals that are prepared and presented. The Young Planning Professionals are required to defend their ideas in front of a critical jury, the participants of the annual congress. Thus, the working teams have to prepare a well-rehearsed presentation that frequently catches the special attention of the planning authorities. The host Local Authority or Planning Agency

usually welcomes the fresh ideas that arise from the Workshops. Sometimes these ideas and inputs have even been used as inputs in their own strategies for the study area.

We strongly recommend you read the past YPP workshop reports which are available at the ISOCARP website. This will provide further guidance as to the caliber of results to be achieved.

4. About Brisbane

Brisbane is the capital city of the State of Queensland, one of six States and two Territories of Australia and located in the beautiful sub-tropics. It remains at the heart of one of Australia's fastest growing regions, well known for its natural beauty and wildlife, world-class tourism attractions and very attractive climate. It has a metropolitan area spanning almost 6,000km² and is home to just over 2 million people. It is the third most populous city in Australia, behind Sydney and Melbourne.

The land upon which Brisbane was established was traditionally occupied by the Jagera and Turrbal Aboriginal people who remain the traditional owners of the land. European settlement first occurred in 1823 following previous exploration efforts by Matthew Flinders in 1799. Brisbane took its name from Sir Thomas Brisbane, a British soldier who travelled to Australia as part of the English Military which accompanied the initial convicts. Sir Thomas Brisbane was Governor of New South Wales (a separate State of Australia) at the time Brisbane was named. Brisbane originally functioned as a penal colony for convicts sent from Sydney.

Fast forward to 2013 and Brisbane is the most welcoming and friendly city in Australia! In fact, in 2012 Brisbane was named in the top 7 most livable cities in the world at the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize. It was the only Australian city named as a finalist for this prize which recognizes excellence in urban design, governance and innovation.

The City of Brisbane is partly established on the Brisbane River flood plain and has subsequently endured a number of disastrous flood events since its original settlement, the most recent being in 2011. Over time however and with the assistance of good planning, Brisbane's flood resilience continues to grow. Whilst we may not be able to prevent flooding, we can plan for it. To this end, Brisbane maintains a very strong natural disaster prevention mindset which has translated into many State and local planning instruments.

Despite the flood risk sometimes posed by the Brisbane River, Brisbane residents continue to enjoy and celebrate the river upon which the city is located. In fact, it plays a central role in the annual Brisbane Festival, formerly 'Riverfestival', which in 2013 will take place between September 8 and 29. In recent years, a number of government projects have aimed to increase public access and participation in an around the Brisbane River, considered to be the 'lifblood' of the city.

Brisbane accommodates the State Parliament, maintains the central business operations for a number of major national and international organisations and businesses. As with any great capital city, Brisbane includes a diverse range of architecture and public spaces. Buildings and spaces of note (and worth a visit) include:

- City Hall and King George Square
- Customs House
- Parliament House
- ANZAC Square and Shrine of Remembrance
- Queen Street Mall
- Queensland Club
- Roma Street Parklands
- City Botanic Gardens
- Southbank Parklands
- Gallery of Modern Art
- Queensland Performing Arts Centre
- Teneriffe Woolstores (urban renewal precinct)
- China Town
- Brisbane Powerhouse

In late September and early October, the climate is quite pleasant moving into mid-Spring. The general temperature at this time of the year ranges between minimums of around 15 degrees Celsius and maximums of around 26 degrees Celsius. Rainfall can also occur at this time of the year. In summary, this time of year you can expect warm days and cooler evenings.

In terms of public transport, Brisbane includes a range of bus, train and ferry services. Taxi cabs are also available from most locations and can be ordered by telephone if you desire. An Airtrain service operates between Brisbane Domestic and International Airports, to the city centre, known as Central Station. Tickets for this service can be purchased on arrival in Brisbane and the service departs the airports every 15 minutes between 5:00am and midnight (approximately). If arriving in the very early hours of the morning, a taxi cab is recommended as the preferred option for transportation into the city centre. A large taxi rank is located immediately outside the terminals.

For further helpful information about the City of Brisbane, please visit the follow websites:

General information and tourism:

www.visitbrisbane.com.au

www.queenslandholidays.com.au

www.australia.com.au

www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/queensland/brisbane>

Queensland and Brisbane news:

www.couriermail.com.au

www.brisbanetimes.com.au

Attractions:

www.brisbanelookout.com.au – Mt Coot-tha Lookout for spectacular views of Brisbane

www.australiazoo.com.au – Home of the Crocodile Hunter (40 mins north of Brisbane)

www.storybridgeadventureclimb.com.au – Climb Brisbane’s most iconic bridge

www.kangaroooint.com.au – Beautiful views to the CBD and adventure activities

www.dreamworld.com.au – Gold Coast thrill seeker theme park (45 mins south of Brisbane)

www.movieworld.com.au – Warner Brothers Movie World (45 mins south of Brisbane)

www.seaworld.com.au – Gold Coast theme park (1 hour south of Brisbane)

www.wetnwild.com.au – Gold Coast water fun park (45 mins south of Brisbane)

www.visitsouthbank.com.au – Brisbane’s premier parkland destination on the Brisbane River

www.skypoint.com.au – Climb the peak of the Gold Coast’s highest skyscraper

www.qagoma.qld.gov.au – Queensland’s Gallery of Modern Art

www.qm.qld.gov.au – The Queensland Museum

www.suncorpsstadium.com.au – View national sporting and entertainment events

www.westendtwilightmarkets.com – Local markets arts and crafts in West End

www.eaglestreetpier.com.au – Brisbane’s prestige waterfront entertainment precinct

www.queenstreetmall.com – Brisbane’s central food and shopping destination

www.romastreetparkland.com.au – Brisbane’s CBD parkland area

www.visitgoldcoast.com – Visit Gold Coast and Surfers Paradise (1 hour south of Brisbane)

www.visitsunshinecoast.com.au – Visit Sunshine Coast (1 hours north of Brisbane)

5. Workshop Theme

The theme of the workshop is “Howard Smith Wharves: Inner City Rejuvenation and Connectivity”. This comes from the need of redefining the city development strategy in relation to the indicated area, which will reinforce its competitive position, strengthen the central part of the city and take advantage of the extension of an existing and well-established network of the city’s public spaces.

Further information on the workshop theme – including detailed maps and photos – will be provided separately.

6. Definition of planning situation

The Brisbane City Council is currently in the process of amending and revising the Brisbane City Center Master Plan as well as its critical planning instrument, the Brisbane City Plan (visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ‘City Centre Master Plan’ and ‘Draft Brisbane City Plan’).

As part of preliminary consultation with the community, prior to the August release of the Draft City Centre Master Plan, much thought and design concepts have been developed for the Howard Smith Wharves area.

Further details on the statutory and strategic planning framework will be provided separately.

7. Expected results

It is expected that the workshop will be concluded with:

- preliminary presentation to local officials and other interested parties
- final presentation, conducted during the congress
- final report, prepared using all gathered materials

For the purpose of this, Workshop Tutors along with 2-3 selected participants will collect all materials and prepare the first draft of the report.

The final version of the report may be published on the web and in a CD version.

8. Presentation at the Congress

The workshop results will be presented during the 49th ISOCARP congress to be held at the brand new Royal International Convention Centre in Brisbane (www.ricc.com.au). The presentation will take place on the first day of the event, during the plenary session.

9. International and local tutors and their responsibilities

According to the established practice and methodology, the workshop will be coordinated by the group of professionals, composed of the two selected ISOCARP members and one local tutor.

Besides these, there is a group of workshop organisers responsible for preparation and logistics of the workshop. These include official representatives of ISOCARP and Local Organisation Committee (LOC).

Each of them has different tasks and responsibilities, as described below. The ISOCARP coordinators were selected in April 2013 and in the following months, will be in close contact with the workshop organisers in order to secure the best possible outcome.

ISOCARP workshop coordinators (tutors):

Professor Sofia Morgado – “Senior” Workshop Coordinator
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Zeynep Gunay – “Junior” Workshop Coordinator
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Tasks and responsibilities:

- assistance in selecting the YPPs taking part in the workshop (if necessary)
- co-ordination of the framework, the scientific and professional content of the workshop theme in collaboration with the local coordinators and the Vice President responsible for the YPP program.
- guiding the Young Planning Professionals’ work throughout the workshop, stimulate discussions among them, instruct them on the presentation format.
- coordination the publication of the workshop results in collaboration with the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP Program.

Local workshop coordinator (tutor):

Laura Gannon – Local Workshop Coordinator
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Tasks and responsibilities:

- providing all possible help in understanding the site and its context
- guiding the Young Planning Professionals’ work throughout the workshop, stimulate discussions among them, instruct them on the presentation format.
- coordination the publication of the Workshop results in collaboration with the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP Program

Workshop preparation/technical coordination:

Piotr Lorens – Vice President for Young Planning Professionals, ISOCARP
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Tasks and responsibilities:

- negotiating the workshop topic with Local Organization Committee (LOC)
- workshop preparation and negotiations with LOC
- selection of YPPs and coordinators
- ensuring the smooth running of the workshop

Associate Prof. John Minnery, Queensland University – Head of LOC
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Tasks and responsibilities:

- providing the modest but acceptable accommodation including breakfast for the entire group of YPPs during the entire workshop and congress, meaning from September 26th till October 5th 2013
- providing the modest but acceptable accommodation including breakfast for the two ISOCARP workshop coordinators for three nights, meaning Sept. 26th – 30th 2013
- ensuring the provision of the proper venue
- ensuring the provision of the adequate maps of the project site on all scales
- providing drawing materials (incl. paper, pencils etc., copy machine, overhead plus sheets)
- providing equipment during entire Workshop: Computers (at least one computer per group) with Power Point software and printers.
- providing local manpower to help with the organization
- ensuring the presence of the local speakers introducing the topic and the project site, including:
 - o Introduction to the Municipality of Brisbane
 - o Introduction to Australia, region and the city
 - o Brief history of the city and introduction to its development problems
 - o City Master Plan and its consequences for the workshop site
- providing Local transport support during the Workshop, including the airport transfers and field/site trip related to the Topic
- providing the welcome dinner – as stated in the workshop time-line, lunches and other dinners during the workshop. The LOC needs to be aware that Young Planning Professionals often want to work until late evening; the YPPs Venue should therefore have the possibility to be open in the evenings and lunches and dinners need therefore be modest and short.

10. Workshop agenda

The draft workshop agenda includes:

September 26th, Thursday

Evening: Arrival and group meeting and team organisation (informal welcome dinner)
- informal meeting of the workshop participants and tutors at 6:00pm
- networking

September 27th, Friday

Morning: Introductory lecture(s) by local experts to the City of Brisbane, workshop site and its planning context. Field survey / analysis of the site
Afternoon: Analysis of the topic, formulation of the design / planning problems
Evening: Welcome event and drafting the first conclusions regarding the nature, importance, development potential and problems of the site

September 28th, Saturday

Morning: Drafting the first ideas for the future of the waterfront area
Afternoon: Defining the urban development vision of the site in the urban context.
Evening: First presentation and critique of the results.

September 29th, Sunday

Morning: Developing the final version of the urban development concept(s) of the future of the workshop area. Selection of the detailed issues and topics for further elaboration
Afternoon: Drafting the detailed development proposals and implementation policy.
Evening: Second presentation and critique of the results.

September 30th, Monday

Morning: Final preparations for the presentation and exhibition, printing out posters, rehearsals etc.
Afternoon: Final presentations continued, installing the exhibition.

October 1st – 4th, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

All day: Participation in the congress

October 5th, Saturday

Departure

This agenda is subject to further discussion with workshop coordinators and organisers.

11. Workshop methodology

The workshop methodology will include:

- Introductory lectures
- Group discussions and elaboration of conclusions
- Plenary discussions of the selected topics
- Development of the proposals in a paper and .ppt format

In conclusion, both oral and written reports will be prepared.

12. Workshop materials

Workshop participants will have access to the following resources:

- maps 1:5000, 1:2000
- general plan of the city
- information on the city and surrounding area
- tracing-paper
- flipchart
- projector
- plotter
- 1 free laptop

At the workshop venue there will be free access to internet.

All participants and tutors are kindly asked to bring their own laptop computers as well as digital cameras.

13. Workshop participants

The group of workshop participants will include two groups:

- the international YPPs selected by ISOCARP and
- local YPPs from Queensland whom are selected by the LOC.

The group of international YPPs includes 21 people. The full list, along with the country of origin/studying is presented below:

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IMPORTANT NOTE: International delegates are to participate in the Routledge Poster Prize (A1 size) which is based upon your YPP Workshop Nomination Paper.

The group of local YPPs includes:

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Please note that, due to unpredictable circumstances, some of the members of the above mentioned group may not be present at the workshop. Although ISOCARP undertakes all possible precautionary measures to avoid such the situation, we must remain open to slight changes in this participation register.

14. Workshop logistics

The workshop participants and tutors will travel to Brisbane at their own expense.

ISOCARP will waive the congress fee for coordinators and offer discount fee for YPPs.

The workshop will be hosted by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) along with the Brisbane City Council, which will provide the working space for the time of the workshop.

The accommodation for the International YPPs and coordinators will be provided in inexpensive accommodation in the heart of the city – the exact location is still being negotiated. Local delegates will be responsible for their own accommodation, but please do not hesitate to contact the Local Tutor if you have any issues.

The lunches will be provided in close vicinity to the workshop venue (possibly in the same building) and during the congress – as for the congress participants.

The YPPs will be met at the airport on Sept 26th, and they will be transferred to their hostel. On the departure day the transfer to the airport will be provided.