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# ANNOUNCING

**The 49<sup>th</sup> World Congress**  
of the International Society  
of City and Regional Planners



## **Frontiers of Planning**

Evolving and declining models  
of city planning practice

Royal International Convention Centre  
**Brisbane, Australia**  
1-4 October 2013







## Invitation from the President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

Each year, the annual World Congress of the International Society of City and Regional Planners combines cutting edge presentations from international experts, papers from planners from all over the world, and discussions of challenging issues facing communities and governments everywhere, all in a unique atmosphere of collegiality and friendship.

And each year, we meet in a new city that offers special opportunities for learning, discovery, and the stimulation of engaging with a new and fascinating place and culture.

In 2013, the Congress addresses the neglected but critically important issue of planning practice – as outlined in General Rapporteur Jeffrey Featherstone’s introduction opposite. As usual, the Congress will also include an International Planners’ Forum, an Education Forum, workshops, technical tours, and special events and seminars.

In 2013, the Congress is being hosted in the City of Brisbane, a city which is recognised for its support for the arts and innovation, and for its world-beating achievements in metropolitan planning and governance.

I’m looking forward to seeing you in Brisbane!

**Professor Milica Bajic-Brkovic**  
University of Belgrade  
President of ISOCARP



## Welcome from the Lord Mayor of Brisbane

Brisbane is emerging as a leading city in the Asia Pacific Region, ranking among the most liveable cities in the world. Distinctly different from other Australian capital cities, Brisbane offers the energy, competitiveness and corporate edge so integral to its economic growth. Our city is uniquely compact and offers a safe subtropical lifestyle, excellent green credentials and significant cultural attractions.

The Planning Institute of Australia awarded Brisbane City Council five planning awards in 2011, including awards for best planning ideas in large and small project categories. Four other urban planning awards were also received in 2011 for urban renewal initiatives, planning processes and individual urban planning achievements.

Brisbane City Council manages the largest local planning program in Australia and works to implement urban projects that are integral to Brisbane’s growth. With such strong credentials and trusted industry relationships, Brisbane welcomes your delegates with the warmth and friendliness for which we are renowned.

**Graham Quirk**  
Lord Mayor



## Welcome from the Chair of the Congress Committee

Brisbane is indeed an exciting venue for the 49th world ISOCARP Congress. The Local Organising Committee is working hard to make this a memorable and rewarding event. We have a widely representative membership of enthusiastic people pursuing two main tasks: ensuring the Congress and the associated events run as smoothly as possible and making sure that every participant takes home happy memories from their Congress experience.

Brisbane has lots to offer in terms of urban planning approaches and practices. The Congress itself will be held in the new Royal International Convention Centre, an innovative centrepiece of a major inner-city urban renewal project. This location will provide an opportunity for urbanists (both ISOCARP members and others) to experience the dynamism of Brisbane – “Australia’s new world city”.

In addition a range of memorable technical tours are being organised to support the Congress, as well as pre-Congress and post-Congress tours to exciting places.

The Committee looks forward to welcoming you in October 2013.

**Professor John Minnery**  
University of Queensland  
Chair, 2013 Congress Committee



## Join us at the Frontiers of Planning Practice

The world’s planners are working on every kind of urban challenge, in every kind of city and region. In 2013, ISOCARP’s World Planning Congress asks:

**What is effective planning practice at the global frontiers, whether planning for the local community, or mature metro, or mega-city, or vast urbanizing region?**

We invite authors and delegates to consider this vital question in the context of four distinct arenas in which planning practice is evolving around the world, delivering successes on the ground, and lessons for planners everywhere.

### The new world of planning practice

Given rapid urbanisation, economic uncertainties, and competing values, physical design models are not enough. Planning practice must be augmented or re-shaped through new thinking and new planning approaches to achieve sustainable outcomes. New styles of planning practice will build on past successes, if planners can find better ways of applying what they already know.

### Migration as the new face of change

Migration is a fundamental force in urbanisation and is likely to increase. Population movements take many forms: shrinking cities left behind when people move to urban agglomerations; permanent movements of economic migrants; massive shifts of people serving seasonal or tourist industries; temporary migrants to resource-rich regions; flows of rich opportunists and flows of desperate refugees. This calls for new ways of thinking and new models of planning practice in response to migration.

### Valuing what already exists

Rapid urban growth overwhelms city centres, neighbourhoods, farms, forests, landscapes, landmarks; on the other hand, urban decline leaves these resources stranded. Planners manage change while protecting what is valuable, valued, culturally precious and essential to life. What works, what doesn’t? How do we know? Which planning practices protect existing resources best?

### Community and stakeholder engagement

Successful plans build on successful engagement. Securing the support of important stakeholders can be the critical step in making a plan a reality. Planners are developing new techniques and strategies to address competing interests and reduce conflict. How does planning practice for community and stakeholder engagement differ by scale, cultures, and regions? And what are the implications for teaching, learning and research?

**Professor Jeffrey Featherstone**  
Temple University, Philadelphia  
General Rapporteur, ISOCARP Congress 2013

## Planners from Australia and 50 other countries are coming to Brisbane in October 2013

The most recent ISOCARP Congresses have reflected ISOCARP’s growth as a truly global network of planners, bringing together an international community of practitioners, academics, researchers, policy makers and senior urban managers in government.

The past four Congresses were held in Portugal, Kenya, China and Russia, offering delegates rewarding cross cultural perspectives while they interacted with keynote speakers, authors and presenters from all parts of the world.

Recent Congresses have addressed issues for planning at the cutting edge: growth without sprawl, low carbon cities, sustainability versus development, liveability in rapid urbanisation, and (last year) “Fast Forward”, planning in a hyper-dynamic urban context. All of these issues shift the focus to planning practice.

General Rapporteur Professor Jeffrey Featherstone is bringing together an international Congress Team to present the best possible program of keynotes, papers, seminars and workshops on the frontiers of planning practice.

Brisbane has some very significant stories to tell in the fields of planning and urban governance, and the six Australian states, with their diverse but effective planning systems, offer fascinating lessons and contrasts in urban planning and governance.

I know that Congress Committee Chair Professor John Minnery and his team will make this a Congress to remember.

**Jeremy Dawkins**  
ISOCARP Vice President, Congress





Present a paper at the 2013 ISOCARP Congress in Brisbane  
 The General Rapporteur will shortly issue the  
**Call for papers**  
 Information and deadlines will be posted on the Congress website:  
 2013.isocarp.org

## One of the highlights of the 2013 ISOCARP Congress

will be a day-long session presented in partnership with the Planning Institute of Australia.

The subject will be state-of-the-art planning systems around the world. Comparative examples will be drawn from the Australian states, all of which have their own mature planning systems that demonstrate both long and diverse traditions and frequent reform and innovation. An international panel will lead an interactive discussion and debate on planning systems - similarities and differences, local or universal, lessons to be learned.

With an annual city budget of \$A 2 billion (\$US 2 billion) the Brisbane City Council initiates ambitious planning projects, a number of which will be discussed during the day.

Other highlights will include over 100 technical papers, an Education Forum, workshops, seminars, special events and technical tours.

	Tues 1 October	Wed 2 October	Thurs 3 October	Fri 4 October	
YPP team arrives four days prior for YPP Project	Registration	<b>Planning Successes and Challenges</b> jointly with Planning Institute of Australia 9:00-10:30; 11:00-12:30	Congress papers in parallel sessions 9:00-10:30; 11:00-12:30	Congress papers in parallel sessions 9:00-10:30; 11:00-12:30	
	<b>Opening plenary</b>		Lunch	Lunch	
Pre-Congress tours	Keynotes on major theme	<b>Planning Successes and Challenges</b> Continues 1:30-3:00; 3:30-5:00	Congress papers in parallel sessions 1:30-3:00; 3:30-5:00	<b>ISOCARP General Meeting</b>	Post-Congress tours begin
Pre-Congress meetings and events	YPP presentation				
<b>Monday 31 Sept:</b> All-day tours Registration begins	<b>Technical tours</b>	Cocktails and sponsored events	Seminars, meetings, delegates' events	<b>Final plenary</b> Closing ceremonies	
ISOCARP ExCo meeting	<b>Welcome reception</b>	Formal and informal dinners	Awards ceremony <b>Congress dinner</b>		
Exhibition, displays and side events					

### General structure of 2013 ISOCARP Congress Brisbane

## ABOUT ISOCARP

The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) is a global association of experienced professional planners. It was founded in 1965 in a bid to bring together recognised and highly-qualified planners in an international network. The ISOCARP network brings together individual and institutional members from more than 80 countries worldwide.

As a non-governmental organisation ISOCARP is recognised by the UN, UNHCS and the Council of Europe. The Society also has a formal consultative status with UNESCO.

The objectives of ISOCARP include the improvement of planning practice through the creation of a global and active network of practitioners. ISOCARP encourages the exchange of professional knowledge between planners, promotes the planning profession in all its forms, stimulates and improves planning research,

training and education and enhances public awareness and understanding of major planning issues at a global level.

The association's main event is the annual World Congress which focuses on a globally-significant planning theme and which takes place in a different country each year.

Prior to the congress Young Planning Professional workshops are organised. This YPP programme seeks to bring together emerging young planning professionals from all over the world to tackle 'real-world' planning projects.

ISOCARP Urban Planning Advisory teams (UPATs) assist partner organisations by offering the extensive experience and expertise of ISOCARP members to work on important local or international planning projects, programs and policy initiatives.

## ABOUT BRISBANE

**Brisbane is the capital of the State of Queensland**, one of the six federated states in the Commonwealth of Australia. Queensland is the north-eastern quadrant of the Australian continent, mostly lying above the Tropic of Capricorn, in the subtropics and tropics. Perhaps its most famous landmark is the Great Barrier Reef. Brisbane rightly sees itself as a positive and forward-thinking city region, generous and optimistic, and describes itself as Australia's new world city.

**Brisbane is a leading city in the Asia Pacific Region**, ranking amongst the most liveable cities in the world and one of the Australia's fastest growing city regions. Brisbane City Council, by far the largest municipal government in Australia, has received many awards and accolades for its urban planning projects including being a finalist for the Lee Kuan Yew City Prize 2012 and one of only five cities from 62 nominations awarded a special mention for outstanding planning.

**Australia is a fantastic destination** for the ISOCARP Congress 2013. Popular for its many tourist attractions, remarkable wildlife and beautiful beaches, Australia delivers an intriguing contrast of vast open landscapes and sophisticated, vibrant cities – and a hundred-year tradition of energetic urban planning, urban design and metropolitan management.

**The Congress is being held in a brand-new venue**, Brisbane's Royal International Convention Centre, which is itself the centrepiece of an exciting urban renewal precinct. The Convention Centre has the latest technology for all aspects of conventions and exhibitions, and allows all Congress activities to be held under one roof.

**The Congress venue is close to the CBD** and adjacent to Brisbane's Fortitude Valley, an inner city quarter with a full choice of hotels and a vibrant night life.

**Brisbane has a fabulous subtropical climate.** At the time of the Congress the average minimum and maximum temperatures are 14° and 24° respectively (57°F-75°F). September is the driest month, before the wetter summer months beginning in October.

**And Brisbane is easy to get to**, with many premium and low-fare airlines serving the city. There are *direct connections* to many countries in the region and to major hubs including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Seoul, Taipei, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Manila, Dallas and Los Angeles, and from those hubs to every part of the globe.

The Congress website will contain useful information on travel, visas and local conditions.

## SEE YOU IN BRISBANE!

- Hear leading keynote speakers and international papers on cutting edge planning
- Join in workshops on planning practice at the frontiers, attend the International Planners Forum
- Explore Australia's new world city, the Australian tropics, and the Great Barrier Reef
- Visit Sydney and Canberra, Australia's planned capital city, in its centenary year

For information  
 visit the Congress  
 website:

**2013.isocarp.org**