



Young Planning Professionals Workshop

13th to 15th October

Since 1991, the objective of the three-day UNESCO-ISoCaRP Young Planners' Workshop is to bring together young professional urban planners from all parts of the world. The Workshop provides an opportunity to work together as a closely-knit team on a specific subject, to establish a good hands-on working relationship and achieve results in a very short period of time. For 2005, the young planners (20 places available) will focus on a planning issue related to the theme of the Congress: "Bilbao La Vieja as a Creative Space: Strategies for Urban Redevelopment".

PROGRAM

The Young Planners' Workshop is always held 3 days prior to the Congress in the Congress City. Comprises of a group of max. 20 Young Planners: 15 YPs from abroad and 5 YPs from the Host Country. The Young Planners present the results of their Workshop to the entire Congress Audience in an official Congress Plenary Session.

Wednesday, [12th October](#) (Place: Albergue Bilbao Aterpetxea)

Arrival to Bilbao
Welcome Dinner

Thursday, [13th October](#) (Place, Bilbao Arte)

Morning
Introduction with Site Visit
Afternoon
Workshop

Friday, [14th October](#) (Place: Bilbao Arte)

All Day
Workshop

Saturday, [15th October](#) (Place: Bilbao Arte)

All Day
Workshop

Sunday, [16th October](#) (Place: Congress Venue Palacio Euskalduna)

Morning
Free
Afternoon
Walking Tour (with congress participants)
Pre-Congress Workshop (VROM & V&W) Presentations to Congress Participants
Evening
Pre-Congress UNESCO-ISoCaRP Workshop and Presentation to Congress Participants (15th Anniversary)
40th Anniversary ISoCaRP
Welcome Reception

Monday, [17 to Thursday, 20 October](#)

Main Congress, compulsory participation

Friday, [21 October](#): Departures

OR

Sunday, [23 October](#): Departures (if registered to the Post Congress Mobile workshops, optional)

PROJECT and THEME

“BILBAO LA VIEJA AS A SPACE FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY”

The ISOCARP-UNESCO Young Planners Workshop 2005 (YPW) will take place within the context of the 41st ISOCARP World Planning Congress and will be held in the city of Bilbao in October 2005. The YPW is a three-day event organised prior to the Congress. The YPW will be organised by ISOCARP with the collaboration of Fundación Metrópoli, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the Congress.

The overall theme of the Congress is “Making Spaces for the Creative Economy” and will focus on the more recent transformations that some cities are already facing as the result of the growing importance of what is known as the “creative economy”.

The topic of the YPW will be closely related to the main Congress theme, and will be focused on the Bilbao La Vieja area of the city. The YPW will suggest urban regeneration strategies based on the attraction and retention of the creative industries compatible with the existing urban scale of this area.

BILBAO LA VIEJA

Before Don Diego López de Haro officially founded the city in the year 1300, Bilbao was a small fishing settlement on the banks of the Nervion Estuary. The site of this settlement is today's Bilbao La Vieja.

Bilbao La Vieja is one of more depressed neighbourhoods within the city. This triangular section of the city is cut off from the rest of the city by the river and the railway station on two sides, and hemmed in by hilly terrain to its back, where there was also a quarry. The result is a marginalised, low-income neighbourhood with significant urban, social and economic issues.

The Bilbao City Hall has identified this area as an important focus of their urban regeneration efforts the city. In recent years, new urban facilities such as a municipal police station, a health centre, primary school, students residence and public housing units. Connections to the rest of the city has been improved with metro and tram stations at the two ends of the neighbourhood, and the new Plaza de la Cantera will finally connect Bilbao La Vieja to Miribilla to the rear. The river front has been recovered and is now pedestrianised. For 2005 to 2009, there is a plan for further infrastructure improvements (water network, pedestrianisation of some streets, pavements, road surfaces, street lighting, plazas etc).

In addition to the urban infrastructure investments in Bilbao La Vieja to “equilibrate” the different city neighbourhoods, mention must be made of Bilbo-Rock (a cultural centre) and BilbaoArte (an art school) both housed in rehabilitated buildings. The two municipal centres spearhead the efforts of the City Hall to endow the neighbourhood with a special character: one that is linked to the arts and culture.

Given the potential synergies between the chosen workshop location and the Congress theme, the YPW will focus on exploring possible strategies for Bilbao La Vieja to become an urban innovation hub of creativity that at the same time can maintain its character and involve the local residents.

The Young Planners participating in this workshop are expected to engage in thinking “outside the box” to generate both “hard” and “soft” ideas for this neighbourhood. In order to be better integrated with the study zone, the YPW will be held at BilbaoArte, which has generously providing the workspace for the team.

DEFINITION CANDIDATE

A candidate for the UNESCO-ISoCaRP Young Planners Programme must:

- Be NOT older than 32 years
- Has at least four years of professional planning experience
- Has a keen interest in the congress theme
- Is an MSc student or a PhD student in Planning, Urban Design, Policy Development, Geography, Architecture, Social Sciences with emphasis on settlements issues, or another related discipline
- Or has a combination of training and professional experience acceptable for entry.

Definition Complete Application (Criteria for Admission):

(1) Application Form*

- (2) Curriculum Vitae
- (3) Recommendation (by an ISoCaRP member or employer or University's Professor) Letter
- (4) Abstract according to the congress theme related to the Congress Theme to be submitted on the Case Study Platform* (see Call for Papers and Authors' Platform).

SELECTION of CANDIDATES

- The Programme is coordinated by the ISoCaRP Vice President (function: Young Planners) and by two Coordinators: one ISoCaRP member and one Local Organising Committee Member.
- All three co-ordinators are responsible for the selection of the candidates.
- In relation to the above mentioned criteria: candidate's education (2) and the recommendation (3), the coordinators will also take into consideration the submitted abstract (4) showing the candidate's expertise in planning and his/her abilities of expression.
- ISoCaRP handles further selection criteria with a view to:
 - creating equal chances for all countries; a world-wide spread participation
 - an equal representation of males and females
 - a representation of different planning related disciplines

DEFINITION PARTICIPATION (Various options of participation)

Due to the fact that ISoCaRP handles a.o. the criterion that a candidate has to submit an abstract related to the congress theme, three options for participation are possible:

1. A candidate might be chosen by the Congress General Rapporteur and his Team, only. In which case:
 - Participation to this UNESCO Workshop is NOT invited
 - Participation to the main congress is invited at a reduced fee (see Registrations, Students or Candidate Planners)
 - Sponsoring cannot be considered
1. A Candidate might be chosen by the Coordinators, only. In which case:
 - Participation at a reduced fee to both this UNESCO Workshop and to the main congress is invited
 - Sponsoring can be considered (see UNESCO support)
2. A Candidate might be chosen and invited by both the Coordinators and the Congress General Rapporteur and his Team. In which case:
 - Participation at a reduced fee to both this UNESCO Workshop and to the main congress is invited
 - Presentation of the full invited paper in one of the main Congress Parallel Sessions is compulsory
 - Sponsoring is considered (see UNESCO support)

DEFINITION AGREEMENT

Acceptance of invitation to the Young Planners Programme implies:

- A signed Agreement - stipulating the candidates' rights and responsibilities - between UNESCO-ISOCaRP and the invited candidate
- Compulsory participation to both this UNESCO Workshop and the main congress event.
- Compulsory contribution with a poster to the Congress Exhibition

The Agreement takes effect after acceptance of the candidate (signature)

The agreement requires the candidate's submission of additional documents such as: earmarked flight costs by travel agent and flight schedule.

UNESCO SUPPORT

ISOCaRP is grateful that UNESCO (France) has granted a subvention that enables ISoCaRP to fund some 10 candidates from developing countries* in:

- a) 20-50% of air travel according to the country of residence. The other part should be borne by the selected/invited candidates themselves.
- b) Full accommodation costs for 9 nights in a double-shared room.

d) 100% congress fee if selection option 3) applies (see definition participation)

Candidates wanting to apply to this financial support should fill in the special request on the application form.

INVITED YOUNG PLANNERS (NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT)

- Coming from Europe (see exceptions*) are NOT eligible for sponsoring.
- Have to pay their own air travel and accommodation and pay the reduced YP's fee.

*see Registrations/developing countries

AFTER SELECTION/INVITATION

- All Candidates receive the outcome of the selection according to the time framework.
- Chosen candidates receive at the same time the agreement and further details regarding their participation.
- After receipt of all signed agreements, the Coordinators receive a final list of candidates.

YOUNG PLANNERS PARTICIPATION FEE

Euro 210 which includes basic inclusions under 'Registration', PLUS

- Entrance to this UNESCO Workshop (lunches and dinners included)
- 9 days local public transport
- 20 October '05: Farewell Cultural Evening

ACCOMMODATION - ALBERGO BILBAO ATERPETXEA

In order to create a strong international relation, selected/invited Young Planners are all staying in the same hotel (University) in double rooms (compulsory)

Price per person per night in a double room: approx. Euro 15,10

Rooming list (males/females separately) will be drawn up by the ISoCaRP Secretariat; discussion on rooming is not possible.

Invited participants wishing to bring along their Partner: In order to secure the team working spirit, ISoCaRP can not allow disturbance by the presence of possible accompanying partners during the entire length of the workshop (often the working continues in the evenings)

Room-sharing: This also applies to the sharing of rooms during the length of the workshop. At the start of the main Congress, workshop participants having brought along their partners and then wanting to share their room with them from that moment must pay for their partner's accommodation as well as for any possible extra costs that his/her initial workshop roommate will have to face.

TIME FRAMEWORK 2005

Before 30 April: All documents as mentioned under 'Definition Complete Application' with ISoCaRP Secretariat.

1 June: All Candidates will be informed on the choice of abstracts by the General Rapporteur.

15 June: All Candidates will be informed on the choice of candidates by the Coordinators (which choice - once more emphasised - may differ from the General Rapporteur and this Team).

20 June: Chosen candidates receive their agreement.

30 June: Signed agreements must be with the ISoCaRP Secretariat including other documents, a.o. earmarked travel agent's invoice and flight schedule.

Candidates, also invited to present their full paper in the main congress also have to comply with those deadlines see 'Call for Papers'

30 July – 30 September: ISoCaRP will keep in touch (final list of participants and other details)

POSTER

CARFAX Publishers (UK) have made available to ISoCaRP a prize of US\$500. The Carfax Prize will be awarded to the best Poster (UNESCO and VROM* participants) in relation to the Congress Theme. The Award Ceremony takes place at the end of the Closing Session of the Congress.

Poster have to brought along to the Congress by the invited candidates.

Poster format: follows after selection/invitation

* VROM = see NL Ministry VROM Candidate Planners Workshop

VISA

15 July – 30 September: All candidates must have completed – if needed - their Schengen Visa.

As of 1st October: ISoCaRP can no longer assist.

All chosen/invited candidates must start their visa procedures immediately after invitation (see link 'General Information' for the basic principles)

Candidates working/living/studying in other countries than their home country are advised to carefully investigate whether there are no obstacles for their return to the country where they live/work/study.

