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The year 2015 is very special for ISOCARP as we have reached the milestone of 50 years. We are grateful to all members for contributing to our 50th anniversary by organizing a special event, publishing a book or article, or making a donation. Each contribution, be it small or big, is very much appreciated and will help us to have a truly Golden Jubilee year.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the ISOCARP Newsletter in a new format with the wide-ranging and more comprehensive coverage of all our activities. The Newsletter belongs to all our members. It is a platform for exchange and sharing, a place where members can report on their on-going projects, experience of their participation in ISOCARP community and projects we organize, and a meeting place where much broader debate on planning, cities and space can be held. The Newsletter will serve as a voice of EXCO too. Its members are very enthusiastic about this communication channel and will contribute to each issue by reporting on current projects, planned activities and new initiatives.

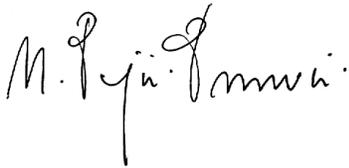
This is a jubilee year, the very special for ISOCARP. Fifty years ago the Society was founded by a group of committed man and woman who shared a common vision on the importance of working together and sharing professional knowledge and experience. Through its membership today ISOCARP is present in more than eighty countries around the globe. Our work and quality of professional exchange made us recognized internationally by many international and national organizations. We collaborate with the UN agencies, professional association like ICLEI, AESOP or ITACUS, and with many national institutions, non-governmental, private and public bodies world-wide.

ISOCARP has always been forward-looking and at the forefront of the planning profession. So it is nowadays. Our forthcoming 51st Congress which will be held October 19-23 in twelve cities in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany and with a two day peak event in Rotterdam, provides an outstanding opportunity for planners, architects, policy makers, urban managers, and all those who are involved in making places to share their knowledge and experience in making cities better places for all. Some of the most important planning, research and decision making issues are on the agenda of this year gathering: how to build cities in a co-operative way, how to create a sustainable knowledge region, how to react when traditional industries move away, how to build a trans-boundary urban system, how to sustain energy resources, and many others that cities and regions nowadays are faced with.

The 50th Anniversary of ISOCARP makes this year gathering different and special. The jubilee year round celebration, launched last year in Gdynia, has resulted in many ISOCARP led projects, and national and regional events organized by our members in their countries. We have produced several publications all of which will be presented in this year congress. Many of our members heartily and selflessly devoted their knowledge, time and energy to making this year special. To all these committed and passionate woman and man I extend my very warm thanks. The “jubilee grand finale” is taking place in Rotterdam on October 21. It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to you to join us at this very unique event of celebrating cities and our profession.

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I look forward to meeting you at our 51st ISOCARP Congress in October this year. With warm thanks for your support and commitment,



Milica Bajic-Brkovic, President

Belgrade, July 26, 2015

EXCO ACTIVITIES

UN-HABITAT III: ISOCARP CHAIRING THE CONSTITUENT GROUP „PROFESSIONALS“ AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PARTNERS - WORLD URBAN CAMPAIGN

ISOCARP is co-chairing the General Assembly of Partners, represented by Shipra Narang Suri, Vice-President of ISOCARP, and chairing the Constituent Group (CG) of “Professionals”, represented by Secretary-General Didier Vancutsem. Please read the UN-HABITAT III documents: <http://isocarp.org/habitat-iii-think-thank-documents-general-information/general-assembly-partners>

SUCCESSFUL ISOCARP WORKSHOP DURING THE METROPOLITAN SOLUTIONS - BERLIN MAY 2015

ISOCARP as partner of the Metropolitan Solutions – Hannover Messe was organizing a successful one-day workshop in cooperation with CORP on "Innovative Solutions for Cities – Between Research and Practice“, supported by Doppelmayr and Microsoft. More information: <http://isocarp.org/our-partners/hannover-messe>

NEW TOOL DEVELOPED BY ISOCARP AND ICLEI: URBAN RESILIENCE TASK FORCE (URTF)

A new tool developed by ICLEI and ISOCARP helps cities to anticipate and prevent adverse impacts, take advantage of new opportunities and embrace change: the URTF – Urban Resilience Task Force. More information: <http://isocarp.org/news/new-tool-developed-by-isocarp-and-iclei-urban-resilience-task-forces>

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GAZA AND WEST BANK UPAT WORKSHOPS 7-14 JUNE

UN-Habitat and UNDP joined forces to curate and facilitate a spatial visioning exercise between the 6th and the 14th of June 2015. The International Society for City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP), which is an international planning NGO, was commissioned to compose and lead an Urban Planning Advisory Team (UPAT). A team of eleven international and regional urban planners from different parts of the world (Asia, Australia, Europe and USA) worked closely with local Palestinian planning experts, practitioners, and officials on spatial development strategies for Gaza and central West Bank:

<http://isocarp.org/activities/upats/upat-workshop-gaza-west-bank-7-14-june-2015/spatial-visioning-palestine-a-planning-and-capacity-building-exercise/>

NEW ISOCARP/ITACUS PUBLICATION ON UNDERGROUND SPACE

The partnership between ISOCARP and ITACUS has resulted in a new publication – “Think Deep: Planning, development and use of underground space in cities”. The publication includes five excellent case studies written by ISOCARP members, on Athens, Hong Kong, Naples, New York-London (a comparison), and Tianjin. For more information, see:

<http://isocarp.org/publications>

ISOCARP HAS A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE HABITAT III PROCESS

The members of the World Urban Campaign recently launched a special initiative to collate and present stakeholder inputs to the forthcoming HABITAT III conference (2016). ISOCARP V-P Shipra Narang Suri was elected Vice-President of the General Assembly of Partners (GAP) towards Habitat III, while Secretary General Didier Vancutsem chairs the Partners Constituent Group “Professionals”. For more information, see:

<http://www.worldurbancampaign.org/resources>

EMERGING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ISOCARP AND UN-ISDR

At the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in March in Sendai, Japan, ISOCARP issued a statement of Voluntary Commitment that outlined the Society’s pledge to further the discussion and sharing of knowledge on issues of DRR. ISOCARP is also well represented in the newly constituted Urban Planning Advisory Group (UPAG) established to support the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG). More information is available on:

<http://www.preventionweb.net/drr-framework/commitments>

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ISOCARP CONGRESS 2015

Preparations for the 2015 ISOCARP Congress are on the way. Abstracts have been reviewed and selected, now it is time to register. Please find more details (including a preliminary programme, information how to register and proposed congress hotels) at:

<http://isocarp.org/activities/isocarp-annual-world-congress-2/51st-isocarp-congress-netherlands-belgium-germany-19-23-october-2015/preliminary-programme-2015>

2014 GDYNIA CONGRESS RESULTS PRESENTED IN LIVERPOOL

The results of 2014 ISOCARP Congress in Gdynia were presented by the General Rapporteur Amos Brandeis during the Liverpool International Waterfront Forum, June 4th.

<http://isocarp.org/activities/50th-international-planning-congress>

MENTOR AND STUDENT RESEARCH LAB FINAL PUBLICATION

The final publication with the results of Mentor and Student Research Lab 2014 was published. It contains the outcomes of the research conducted by ISOCARP mentors and Polish students, from June to September 2014 in Gdansk, Poland.

<http://urbantransformations.urbancloud.pl/>

2015 CALL FOR ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

According to the Statute of the organization, elections for National Delegations are held every three years, before the General Meeting of that year. The deadline for the election of the new National Delegations and for their representative in the Bureau is 15th of September 2015. The announcement will be soon sent to all National Delegations and Bureau Members.

<http://isocarp.org/members-area/isocarp-statutes>

NEW ISOCARP MEMBERS

During the last year, more than 50 new individual members and a few institutional ones joined the organization. It is a great pleasure to welcome all of them and wish them all having a great professional experience within the society. Their expertise and participation to the activities of the society will be highly appreciated.

<http://isocarp.org/members-area/welcome-new-isocarp-members>

CONSULTATION

During the next interval of time a consultation will be launched in order to get the opinion of the individual and institutional members of the Society about the way and means to increase and improve their participation and involvement in the activities of the organization and to enhance the bilateral connections among NDs at regional scales.

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ISOCARP CONGRESS

The ISOCARP2015 congress comes at a time of unprecedented global urbanization. Voices from the global level down to the ground – in both the public and private sector – are calling for a ‘planning’ approach to address the complex challenges that this brings. The congress is therefore an opportune time to open up to the world, work together and learn from each other. The 51st ISOCARP International Planning Congress “Cities Save the World: Let’s Reinvent Planning” will take place from 19 to 23 October 2015 in the Netherlands where ISOCARP was founded 50 years ago and in Belgium and Germany.

True to its exploratory spirit, ISOCARP is staging a congress with a difference for its 50th anniversary. Cities are increasingly seen as the engines of national economies and the 2015 Dutch hosts are attributing them the driving seat at the congress. **Twelve cities in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany** host 2-day interactive workshops on topical themes to them and to planners worldwide. The conclusions and lessons learnt of the workshops will be debated at the **plenary in Rotterdam, Netherlands**. This year the congress will be different, not only in terms of having interactive workshops in 12 different cities in The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, but also in terms of presentation in the workshops. **There will be no full presentations of papers or projects**. This means that the submission authors prepare will be incorporated ‘live’ in the face to face exchanges, in the discussion. Authors should be prepared that the congress team asks them to elaborate a paper that suits the specific workshop, but in principle the written contribution is a means to enliven the discussion. Written contributions of authors who attend the congress will be compiled in Congress Proceedings (with ISBN).

Workshop cities in alphabetical order:

- **Amsterdam:** How to build the city in a cooperative way?
- **Antwerp:** How to rework the productive city?
- **Brussels:** How to reconcile local expectations with strong international challenges when renewing a city?
- **Delft/The Hague:** How to create a sustainable knowledge region?
- **Deventer:** How to implement a (national) legal framework through local integrated planning?
- **Dortmund:** Ruhr Region, Germany: How to leverage economic growth from spatial projects?
- **Eindhoven:** How to react when traditional industries move away?
- **Groningen:** How to sustain energy resources?
- **Maastricht:** How to overcome national borders?
- **Rotterdam:** How to develop unprecedented port-city synergy?
- **Schiphol - Amsterdam:** How to connect in a globalized world?
- **Wageningen:** How to feed the world’s metropolises?

Join the discussions on the [ISOCARP2015 Congress Platform](#).

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ISOCARP-UNESCO COLLABORATION

Collaboration between ISOCARP and UNESCO has a long history. It started during the 1990s with their recognition of ISOCARP and generous support to the YPP program, and has been followed by our participation in different UNESCO led events and initiatives. Our pro-active and committed work brought us the Consultative NGO status. Over the last six year the collaboration has been intensified along with a wider recognition of ISOCARP by other UN agencies.

This time, we would like to give you a glance on our collaboration with UNESCO and the accomplishments for the period 2009-2015. Our current formal Consultative NGO status is expiring soon and its renewal shall take place this year. This makes a perfect moment to evaluate the results we have achieved and explore new possibilities to move forward.

In 2009, President Ismael Fernandez Mejia participated as a speaker in the UNESCO conference on the World Heritage. This was followed by ISOCARP's active participation in the UNESCO initiative on the Historic Landscapes. Our Society was among the four NGOs invited to attend the event, which resulted in the adoption of the important and widely recognized document "Recommendations for Historic Cultural Landscapes". Ismael also held a number of other positions in UNESCO's events including the international exchange under the umbrella of the UNESCO/UN-HABITAT project on inclusive cities and participation in the General Conference of UNESCO in 2011.

The collaboration has been intensified in the period 2012-2015 thanks to the committed work of the ISOCARP representatives with UNESCO. Thus, ISOCARP contributed to the First International Forum of NGOs on Quality of Education in 2013, participated in the General Conference of UNESCO in 2013 and sessions of the PNG/NGO Committee of the Executive Board of UNESCO. In 2013 President Milica Bajic-Brkovic was a speaker at the UNESCO conference "Culture: Key to Sustainable Development" held in Hangzhou, PR China, and served as a member of the Working Group on developing the "Hangzhou Declaration: Placing Culture at the Heart of Sustainable Development Policies" adopted in Hangzhou, PR China in 2013.

ISOCARP participated in many programs, including: JPC "Eradication of Poverty"; JPC "Human Rights"; workshops on the NGO Day of the Liaison Committee; 20 years of the Convention on the Right of the Child; Africa and Sustainable Human Development; JPC "Dialogue between Cultures for Peace"; JPC "Science and Ethics"; Preparatory Group on the Human Rights implementation at the local level (member of the Steering Committee); Preparatory Group on the International Forum on "Water for All in Africa"; and International Forum on "Youth in Preservation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage".

Our plans for the next cycle 2015-2018 are many and ambitious. We are already part of the two important groups: Preparatory Group on "Women fighting against Poverty"; and Preparatory Group of the International Forum on "Rapprochement des Cultures".

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ISOCARP representatives will continue participating to different working groups and attending UNESCO/NGO meetings. Our program of planned activities also includes the preparation of the application for upgrading the ISOCARP status with UNESCO. Based on the achievements 2009-2012-2015, and ISOCARP's expansion into research (ISOCARP Institute) and education/professional training (extensive YPP programs), we plan to go for the Associate NGO status.

The ISOCARP 2012-2015 representatives with UNESCO are Milica Bajic-Brkovic, Janine Marin, Philippe Vaillant, Berbard Aubert and Hari Baral.

Milica Bajic-Brkovic and Janine Marin
Paris-Belgrade, July 2015

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ISOCARP AWARDS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES EXTENDED TO 31 JULY 2015

The ISOCARP Awards have a special configuration and importance in 2015, as our Society is celebrating 50 years of active presence in the realm of urban and regional planning. The topic of the congress is *Cities Save the World. Let's Reinvent Planning*. The spirit of this congress is to comprehend and contextualize the role of cities as engines of economy. In understanding this role it is important to build upon an exploratory, international, cross-cultural and innovative attitude that always has characterized ISOCARP initiatives. In this extraordinary year for ISOCARP besides classic and established ISOCARP Awards for Excellence and the Gerd Albers Award there will be the ACC50 Sam van Embden Award.

THE ISOCARP AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE (IAE) are conferred in recognition of exceptionally innovative urban and regional planning initiatives in an increasingly urbanized world. Through the IAE, ISOCARP intends to encourage and promote innovative spatial projects at different scales that have resulted in improved natural or built environment, enhanced quality of life, sustainability and resilience.

<http://isocarp.org/activities/isocarp-annual-world-congress-2/51st-isocarp-congress-netherlands-belgium-germany-19-23-october-2015/isocarp-awards-2015/isocarp-awards-excellence-2015>

THE ACC50 SAM VAN EMBDEN AWARD is a unique award to commemorate and celebrate 50 years of ISOCARP. The ACC50 Award will be awarded only once, in 2015 at the ISOCARP World Planning Congress.

<http://isocarp.org/activities/50th-international-planning-congress/acc50-awards-sam-van-embden-award>

THE GERD ALBERS AWARD is addressed to the best publication by ISOCARP Members in 2015 (you can deliver publications issued from September 2014 to deadline of the award) has reached its 15th edition.

<http://isocarp.org/activities/isocarp-annual-world-congress-2/51st-isocarp-congress-netherlands-belgium-germany-19-23-october-2015/gerd-albers-award-2015>

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ENDORSED EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Link
2nd Annual Affordable Housing Africa	29-31 July 2015	Cape Town, South Africa	http://isocarp.org/events/2nd-annual-affordable-housing-africa-2015
Real Estate Show Myanmar (RESM) 2015	3-5 August 2015	Yangon, Myanmar	http://isocarp.org/events/resm2015
Green Buildings & Parks World 2015	4-5 August 2015	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	http://isocarp.org/events/2nd-green-buildings-and-parks-2015
Apartments Conference 2015	9-10 September 2015	Melbourne, Australia	http://isocarp.org/events/apartments-conference-2015
Smart Parking UAE Conference 2015	5-6 October 2015	Dubai, UAE	http://isocarp.org/events/smartparking2015
Qatar Transport & 2015	13-14 October 2015	Doha, Qatar	http://isocarp.org/events/qatar-transport-infrastructure-2015
Global Trade Development Week	27-29 October 2015	Dubai, UAE	http://isocarp.org/events/global-trade-development-week-2015
17th International Planning History Conference	17-21 July 2016	Delft, The Netherlands	http://isocarp.org/events/iphs2016

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IN MEMORY OF...

It is a time to both reflect on the past, as well as look forward. In the past two years we lost four of our former Presidents, two of whom were founder members: Manuel Da Costa Lobo, Halûk Alatan, Derek Lyddon and Gerd Albers. With their dreams and visions they had a considerable part in shaping ISOCARP. Therefore, this festive year also feels a bit like the end of an era – a 50 year (circle in time) that is nearing its completion. We encourage all members to carry on their membership in the ardent spirit of the founder members, so that ISOCARP can continue to build and share Knowledge for Better Cities.

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US

SMART AND SUSTAINABLE PLANNING FOR CITIES AND REGIONS 2015

Event organized in cooperation with ISOCARP Italia and EURAC. The conference focuses on innovative planning methodologies, tools and experiences which are aimed at supporting the transition of our cities and regions towards a more smart and sustainable dimension, approaching different scales, environments and perspectives. Contributions from different research fields within urban and regional planning from the scientific as well as the professional community are welcome. Cooperation and demonstration projects are warmly invited to disseminate their innovative approaches, implemented activities and achieved results. On November the 19th and 20th, 2015 in Bolzano/Bozen (Italy)

http://www.eurac.edu/en/research/technologies/renewableenergy/conferences/Pages/SSPCR2015_home.aspx

23RD ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM OF THE COMMISSION ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF RURAL SYSTEMS (CSRS) - INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION (IGU): "SUSTAINABLE RURAL SYSTEMS: SMART ANSWERS FOR A SMILING FUTURE"

27 JULY - 2 AUGUST 2015

LISBON, PORTUGAL

In a globalized world a myriad of constraints and potentialities challenge our capacity to find a strategy in order to develop the territory with inspiration and creativity. In the European Union three priorities are put forward in the framework of Europe 2020 Strategy: Smart Growth, based on knowledge and innovation; Sustainable Growth, towards a greener and more competitive economy using resources more efficiently; Inclusive Growth, to boost employment and reach social and territorial cohesion. We offer this framework to you so that together we can try to find the smart answers for a smiling future!

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URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION'S 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference Theme: Social Justice in the Global City? Views on Social Control, Borders, and Equity
Conference Date: March 16-19, 2016.

Location: Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel—San Diego, California, U.S.A. Abstract/Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2015.

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) is North America's leading urban policy research association engaged in understanding emerging issues and looking for feasible solutions from a multidisciplinary perspective. For more than forty years, the UAA has brought together social scientists, public administrators, planners, and others interested in urban affairs to exchange information, experiences, and ideas on the most important urban issues. For more information about the conference: urbanaffairsassociation.org

Questions? Contact us at: conf@uaaemail.org

HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT, COMMON PROSPERITY AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF CITIES AND REGIONS

The world in which we live is still riven by the effects of the economic crisis that started in 2007 and by a range of unresolved conflicts. The world has however started to change in many ways with in particular the economic rise and/or social progress in emerging economies. A new international architecture for political and economic cooperation is starting to take shape (not without disagreement and conflict in some cases) as new development banks are established by the BRICs and in East Asia, as the European Union expands eastwards, as regional cooperation arrangements evolve and as the United States embarks on a pivot to Asia.

These trends are underpinned by trends in comparative global regional and urban development, and they are changing the context in which urban and regional development occurs, posing a set of challenges to which cities and regions must respond. The rise of China is one of the main drivers of the reshaping of the world, although it faces challenges as it seeks to reform its model of development by promoting sustainable and more regionally balanced urbanization.

This conference will take place in Hangzhou in eastern China which faces challenges of upgrading although it is already one of the leading centers for e-commerce in China. The aim of this conference is to consider the ways in which (1) cities and regions throughout the world are facing up to and can adapt to these challenges, (2) cities and regions can help create an architecture and construct relationships that can contribute to the development of a world that is more harmonious (people-people and people nature) and capable of promoting common prosperity and (3) the map of economic and social development is consequently changing. The RSA is pleased to announce that there will be a limited number of workshops in Mandarin. We also encourage the submission of proposals for Special Session to be presented in Mandarin.

[Submission of papers](#)

Please submit proposals for papers in the form of a 400-500 word abstract (text only, no pictures,

graphs or tables) through the Regional Studies Association online portal by 31st July 2015. Registration and submission is available on the Regional Studies Association website at: www.regionalstudies.org/conferences.

RSA Organizer: Please contact Elizabeth Mitchell at elizabeth.mitchell@regionalstudies.org further details and questions regarding abstract submission.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT RIC STEPHENS

ISOCARP has enormous potential for networking, ‘crowdsourcing’ and global activism. We have members in more than 80 countries with a collective experience of over three millennium. The EXCO continues to work on strengthening membership connectivity, and I have prepared a geocoded map for eventual use in the “Members” section as part of this effort. In another effort to broaden our global connections, my students at the University of Oregon are researching international planning organizations. When updated, this database of over 1,200 international planning organizations will be available to ISOCARP members and also serve as a reference for developing multi-national collaborations. If you have information related to planning organizations, please visit our website and contact the listed researcher or me. The website is <http://blogs.uoregon.edu/global/database-format>.

Sincerely, Ric Stephens, President-Elect

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