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# **Program 50th anniversary: ambitious and rich**

**Initiated by Max van den Berg prof. ir.  
Former President ISOCARP  
(paper on the website 'Evolution of planning  
1965-2003')**

- **50 Years of CARP**
- **National symposia**
- **Update International Manual of Planning Practice: IMPP**
- **10 years of Urban Planning Advisory Teams: UPATs**
- **5 Decades of knowledge creation and sharing**
- **Sam Van Embden Awards**

**A conclusion: Planning matters!**



# Absorbing 50 years of CARP

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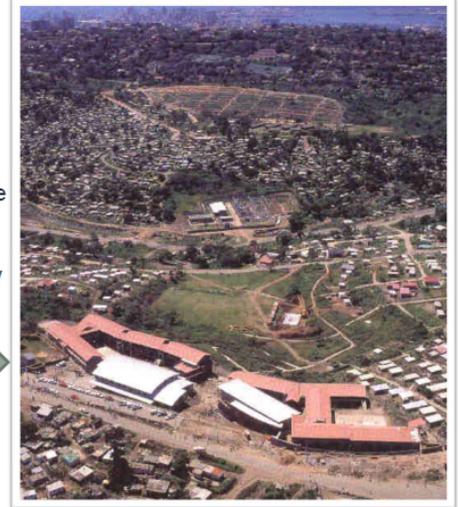
Significant practices in countries  
or regions 1965-2015 in 8 slides  
on the ISOCARP website.

Up to now 12 countries/regions :  
Canada/Ontario, China,  
Flanders/Belgium, Germany, Greece,  
Israel, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Spain,  
South-Africa, Switzerland, USA

A work in progress: Invitation to  
everybody to add interesting practices  
in countries and regions and to give  
comments on the website

## Spatial planning to achieve integrated nodal development in flagship projects – Cato Manor / South-Africa

- Spatial planning was used to achieve integration, coordination and harmonisation of spatial, social, environmental and economic planning and budgeting for Cato Manor reconstruction
- On a 2000 ha site, 7 km from city centre, from which over 100 000 people had been forcibly removed by the apartheid government in 1960s
- Reconstruction initiative started in early 1990s to create an efficient "city within a city" for 150 000 residents and 25 000 jobs
- Wiggins multi-purpose centre, comprising primary and secondary schools, sports field, library and community hall on a 2.1 ha site, surrounded by formal and informal housing



# National/Regional Symposia

Organized in many countries and regions within the scope of the 50th Anniversary for instance in:

Seoul, Bucharest, Kunming-Yunnan/China, Lisbon, Bor/Serbia, Ruhr/Germany, Nova Gorcia/Slovenia, Vilnius/Lithuania, ....

Let's reinvent planning!

## BEYOND BIG PLANS



11-15 MARCH 2015 **SEOUL**

**ISOCARP** 국제 컨퍼런스

12.mar. 국제 심포지엄 15.mar. 전문가 워크숍 최종발표

(International Society of City and Regional Planners) **ISOCARP**  
Urban Action Network

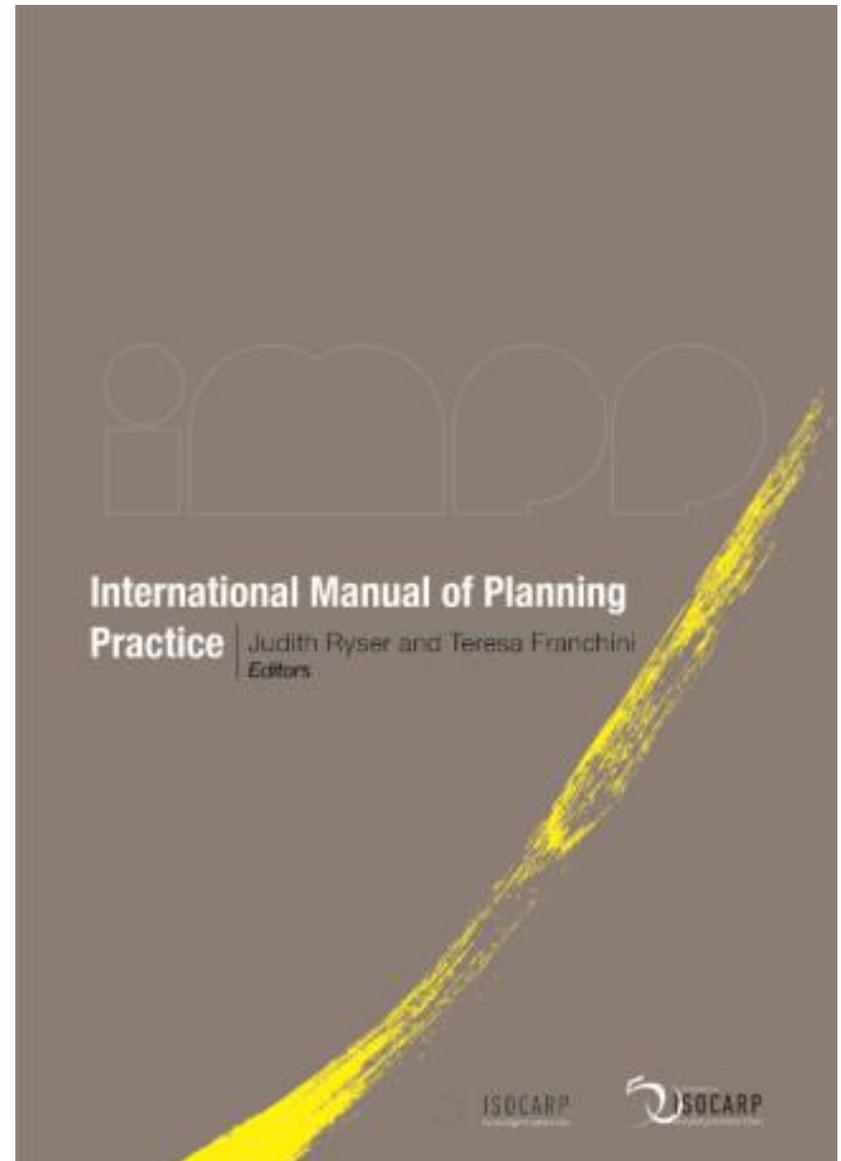
# Update International Manual of Planning Practice

Because of the huge success of the first edition: a rich compendium of planning systems and practices in 135 countries (Africa 28, The America's 25, Asia 34, Europe 48)

New edition by :

Judith Ryser and Teresa Franchini

Available in a printed copy and on the website

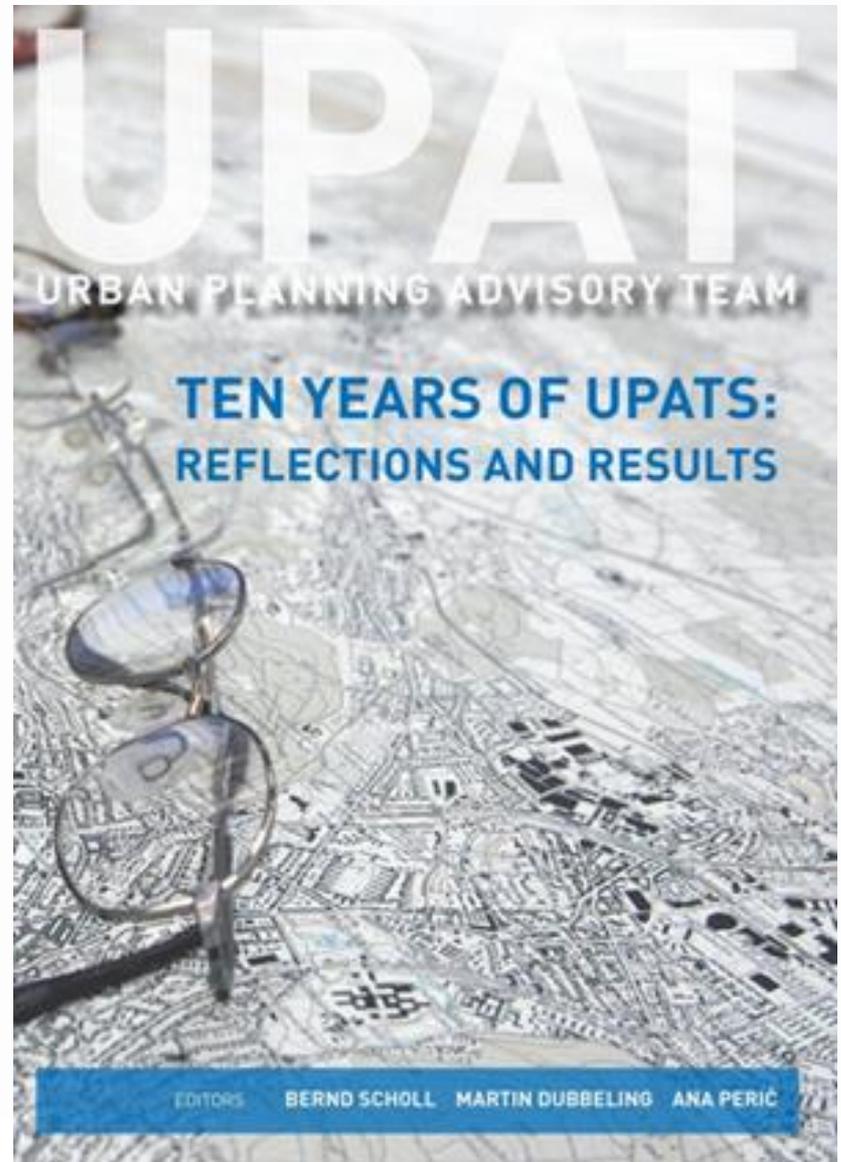


# 10 Years of Urban Planning Advisory Teams

**UPATs: one of the main inspiring ISOCARP activities of the last decade.**

**UPATs: ISOCARP expert teams provide an eye opener for authorities & planners in many cities**

**A publication by Bernd Scholl, Martin Dubbeling and Ana Peric with a reflection on past, present and future UPATs explaining the results, the approach and the methodology**

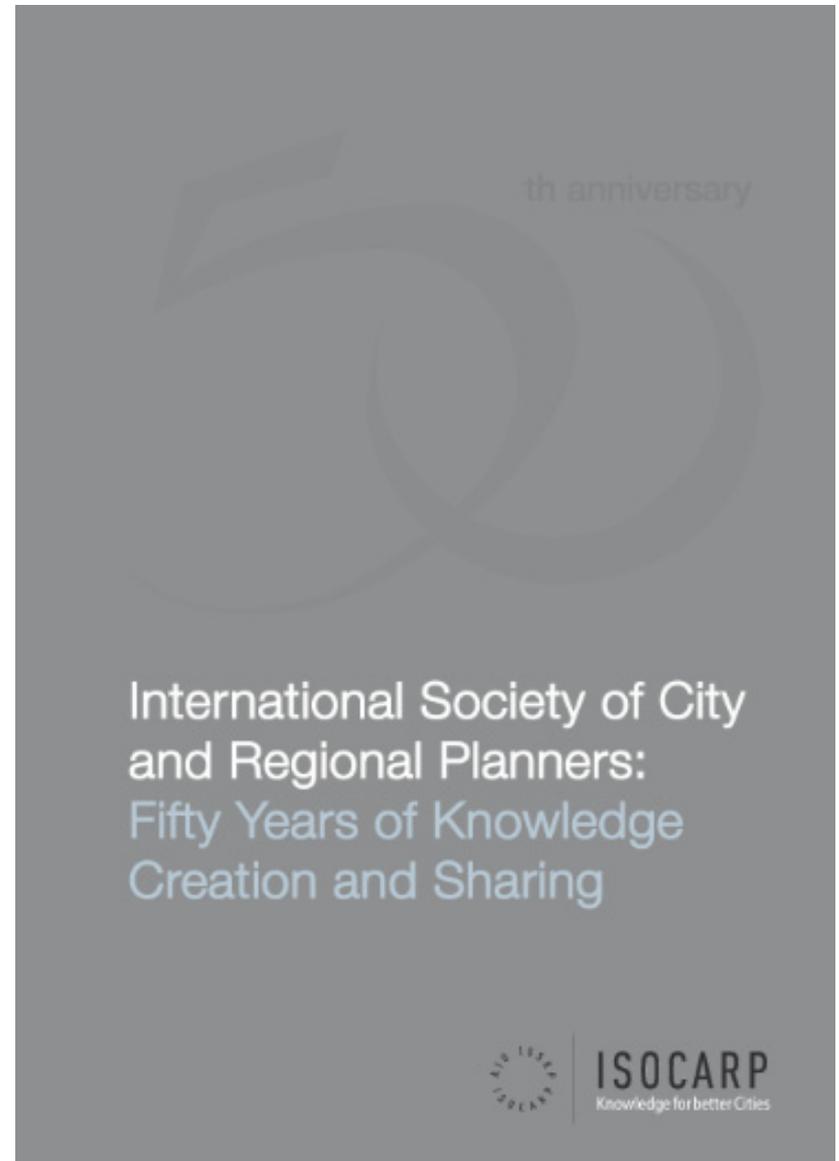


# Five Decades of Knowledge Creation and Sharing

**A critical and reflective overview of the planning history in relation to the changing social-cultural-economic and political context.**

**By Judith Ryser using the issues and content of ISOCARP congresses, the speeches of the Presidents and ample sources**

**Available in a printed copy**



# Special ACC50 Sam Van Embden Award

A famous dutch planner, inspirator,  
one of the founders and first  
president of ISOCARP

Tomorrow during a ceremony at  
2PM ISOCARP will give the Awards  
to:

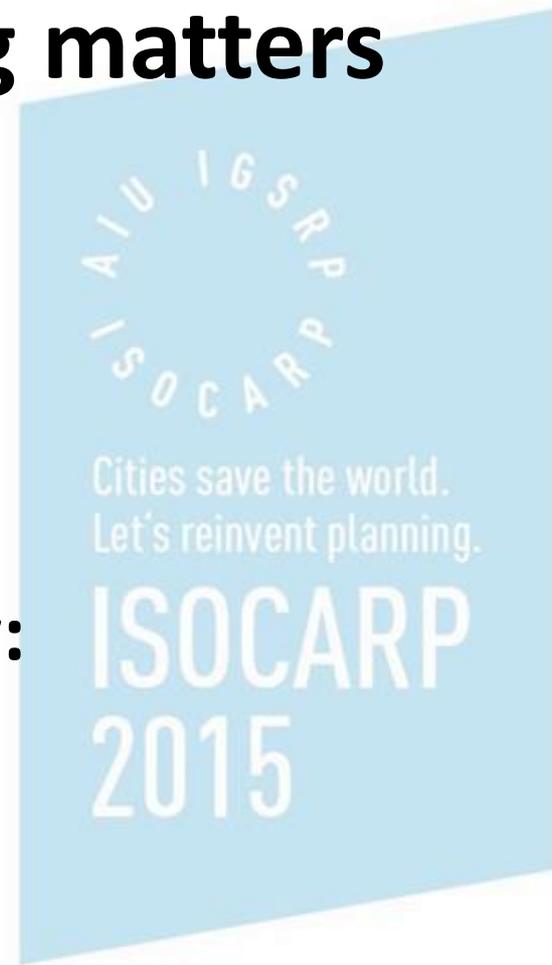
- a person for a lifetime achievement
- an organization
- a City/region for an inspiring project

## Very valuable nominations for:

- Cat. 1: Dhiru Thadani (US),  
dr. Farid Sobeh Al-Queeq  
(Palestine), Puvendra Akkiah  
(South Africa)
- Cat. 2: UN-Habitat, METREX  
(Network of European  
Metropolitan Regions),  
Department of Spatial Planning,  
University of Thessaly/Greece
- Cat. 3: City of Antwerp (Parc  
Spoor-Noord) and Municipality  
of Amaroussion/Greece for its  
spatial environmental policy

# ISOCARP and Planning matters

**Highlights of the Society:  
ISOCARP matters  
by Milica Bajic-Brkovic**



# THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SOCIETY: ISOCARP MATTERS



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## Join ISOCARP!

ISOCARP is the International Society of City and Regional Planners. Founded in 1965, we are a global association of experienced professionals, bringing together recognised and highly-qualified planners from more than 80 countries worldwide.

## Featured



## News

18 Sep 2015

Proceedings of Brisbane Congress 2013  
indexed in Web of Science

4 Sep 2015

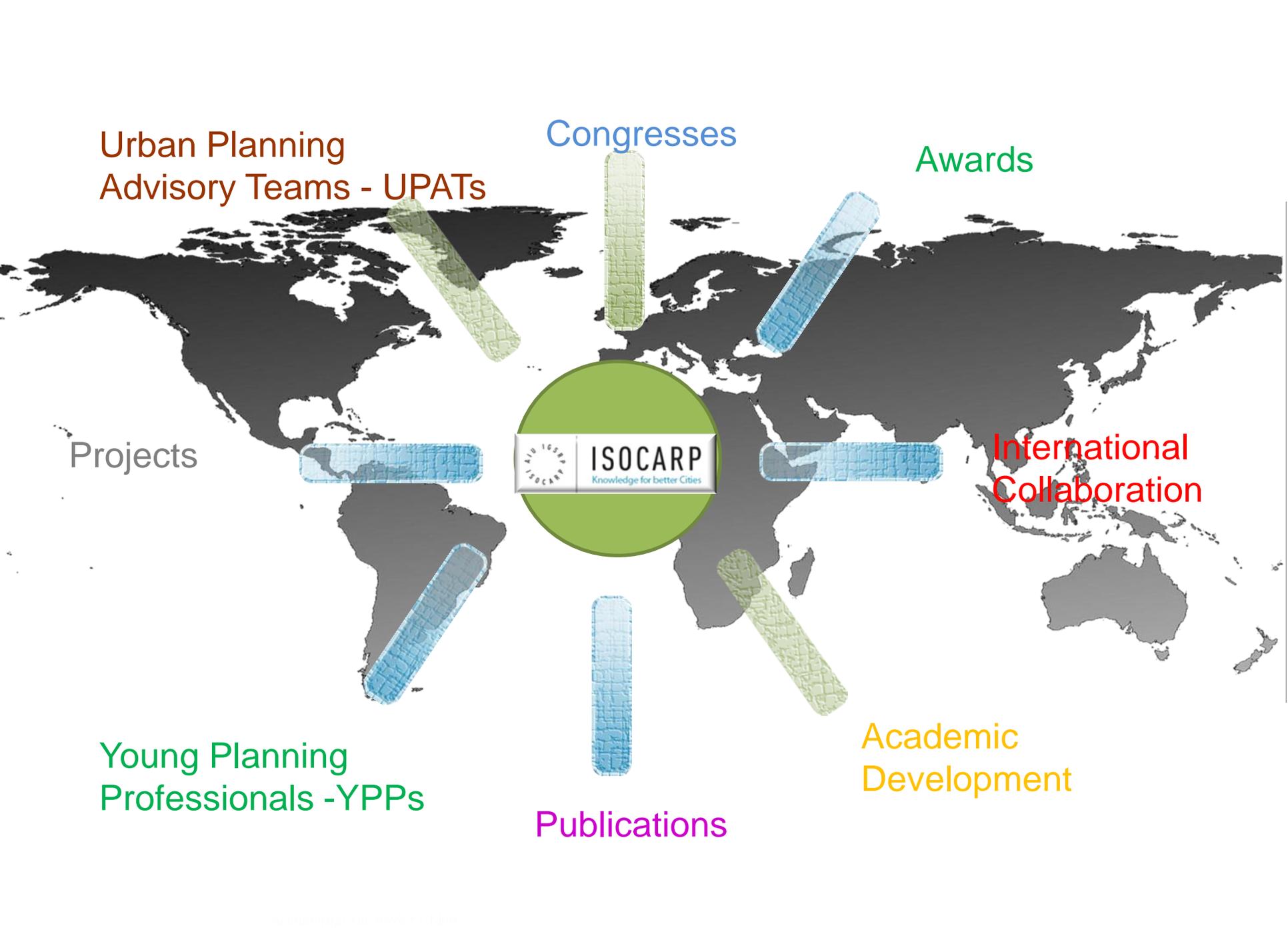
ISOCARP endorses Utilities Infrastructure  
Africa

Milica Bajić-Brković, President



A world map with a light blue background and white outlines of continents. Numerous yellow circular dots are scattered across the map, representing the global network of ISOCARP members. The dots are most densely clustered in Europe and Asia, with smaller numbers in North America, South America, Africa, and Australia.

ISOCARP has grown to become a global network of city and spatial planners, creating and sharing knowledge for better cities, promoting education and planning practice, and supporting city and regional planners in all places and all fields of activity-professional practice, administration, policy making, teaching and research



Urban Planning  
Advisory Teams - UPATs

Congresses

Awards

Projects



International  
Collaboration

Young Planning  
Professionals - YPPs

Academic  
Development

Publications



# 50<sup>th</sup> ISOCARP

International Planning Congress  
Urban Transformations - Cities and Water

GDYNIA, POLAND, 23-26 September 2014



# Frontiers of Planning

ISOCARP Congress 2013

BRISBANE Australia 1-4 October



47<sup>th</sup> ISOCARP CONGRESS  
WUHAN - CHINA  
24 - 28 October 2011



48 ISOCARP CONGRESS  
PERM

## Fast Forward:

Planning in a hyper-dynamic urban context

PERM, RUSSIA  
10-13 SEPTEMBER 2012



## SUSTAINABLE CITY DEVELOPING WORLD

46<sup>th</sup> ISOCARP Congress | 19 - 23 September 2010 | Nairobi, Kenya



Urban Dialogues | 43<sup>rd</sup> IsoCaRP International Planning Congress | 16-23 September 2007 | Antwerp

## 43rd ISOCARP Congress, Antwerp, Belgium, 2007



45<sup>th</sup> ISOCARP CONGRESS



## 45th ISOCARP Congress, Porto, Portugal, 2009



42<sup>nd</sup> IsoCaRP Congress

## 42nd ISOCARP Congress, Istanbul, Turkey, 2006



## 44th ISOCARP Congress, Dalian, China, 2008



Management of Urban Regions  
Experiences and New Intervention Possibilities



41<sup>st</sup> ISOCARP WORLD CONGRESS  
BILBAO  
17-20 October 2005

## Planning in the Information Age



37<sup>th</sup> International IsoCaRP Congress  
16-20 September 2001, Utrecht, The Netherlands



39<sup>th</sup> International Planning Congress  
Cairo, Egypt, 17-22 October, 2003

38<sup>th</sup> International Planning Congress

## THE PULSAR EFFECT

## 38th ISOCARP Congress, Athens, Greece, 2002

# ISOCARP CONGRESSES: KNOWLEDGE FOR BETTER CITIES



URBAN RESILIENCE SUSTAINABILITY CULTURE AS A FOURTH PILLAR

OF SUSTAINABILITY CLIMATE CHANGE SEA LEVEL RISE

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION NETWORKING SOCIAL RESILIENCE

FLOODING DRYING REGIONS WATER ENERGY URBAN LIVEABILITY

FAST FORWARD HYPER-DYNAMIC AGE CARBON CITIES

SMART CITIES URBAN EXPANSION MEGA CITIES URBAN

RESPONSIVENESS FRONTIERS OF PLANNING ACCESSIBILITY

GREEN DEVELOPMENT GREEN CITIES ACCESS TO ALL



**ISOCARP**  
Knowledge for better Cities



# YPP Young Planning Professionals Program



## ACTA, NON VERBA!



# UPAT Urban Planning Team Advisory Team

## International Society of City and Regional Planners

"Knowledge for Better Cities"

Typical Process	
Week	Activity & Responsibility
1	Identify Project & Local Coordinator Local Representatives
2	Submit Letter of Interest ISOCARP Local Coordinator
3	Review & Approve Programme Proposal ISOCARP UPAT VP
4	Assign Team Leader UPAT VP & Local Coordinator
5	Publish "Call for Candidates" UPAT VP
6	
7	Review & Select Senior Planners ISOCARP Programme Committee
8	Determine Agenda Local Coordinator & Team Leader
9	Select Young Planners Local Coordinator
10	Distribute & Study Project Materials Programme Manager & Team Leader
11	
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13	
14	Conduct Program Urban Planning Advisory Team Day 1. Site Visit Clarify Issues & Gather Data Day 2. Technical Presentations/Interviews Gather & Assess Data Day 3. Analysis & Scenario Generation Development & Evaluate Alternatives Day 4. Synthesis & Scenario Development Select Alternative Plan(s) Day 5. Scenario Refinement Review & Refine Alternative Plan(s) Day 6. Final Proposal Prepare Optimal Plan(s) Day 7. Presentation Present Recommended Plan(s)
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20	Compile & Edit Draft UPAT Report Team Leader & Local Coordinator
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24	Approve & Publish UPAT Workbook ISOCARP Programme Committee

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**ISOCARP**  
International Society of City and Regional Planners

ISOCARP is a global, non-governmental organisation, a network of professional planners recognised by the United Nations, UNESCO and the Council of Europe. Members are planners and other stakeholders involved in the development and maintenance of the built environment.

The objectives of ISOCARP are to improve cities and territories through planning practice, training, education and research. ISOCARP promotes the planning profession in all its aspects. ISOCARP keeps its focus on being a politically and commercially independent network of professional planners.

**UPAT**  
Urban Planning Advisory Team

The objective of an ISOCARP Urban Planning Advisory Team (UPAT) is to offer the extensive planning knowledge and experience of ISOCARP members to provide expert and independent advice to local and regional authorities and communities in a particular urban or regional topic.

**Projects**  
15 International UPATs Since 2004

**Topics**  
Environmental Design & Community Revitalization

**Connecting Cities**  
Exchange of Knowledge & Experience

City and Regional Planning  
Landscape and Urban Design  
Mobility, Transport & Tourism  
Heritage Conservation  
Sustainable Development  
Research & Education  
Assessment & Capacity Building  
Housing & Urban Renewal  
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

The UPAT programme promotes and stimulates the active cooperation between regions and cities. The exchange of knowledge and experiences between regions and cities can help in finding solutions for profound problems and can assist in formulating strategic planning policies and visions for the future.

**Team Members**  
ISOCARP VP for UPATs, Local Coordinator, Team Leader, Programme Mgr, Sr Planners, Young Planners

**UPAT VP:** ISOCARP's Vice President is in charge of the program and represents the Executive Committee (EXCO) to the local / regional authorities and all interested parties. The VP helps define the scope of the programme and coordinates with the EXCO, Local Coordinator, Programme Manager and Team Leader.

**UPAT Programme Manager:** The PM provides logistics support throughout the process. **UPAT Rapporteur:** The Rapporteur writes and edits the UPAT Report with the contributors of the UPAT Team members and in close cooperation with the Local Coordinator, the Team Leader and the VP UPATs.

**UPAT Local Coordinator:** The ISOCARP member that is proposing the UPAT will usually be in charge of the general coordination of the process, before and during the exercise. A Local Organising Committee (LOC) includes local counterparts.

**Team Leader:** Considering the area of expertise of the UPAT subject, the UPAT VP and the Local Coordinator will assign an expert in the field as a Team Leader. The Team Leader is responsible for team coordination and final report presentation.

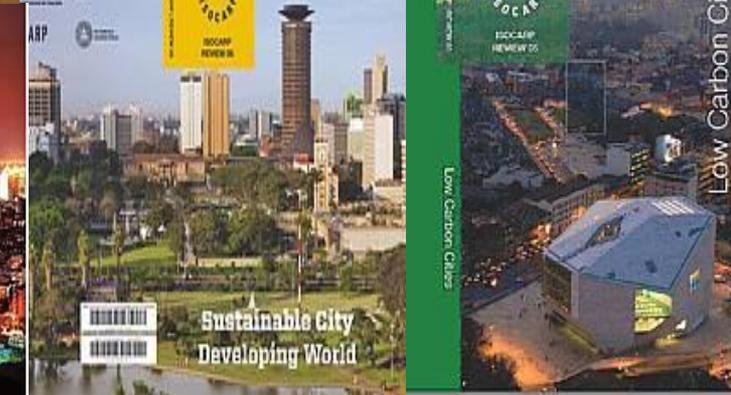
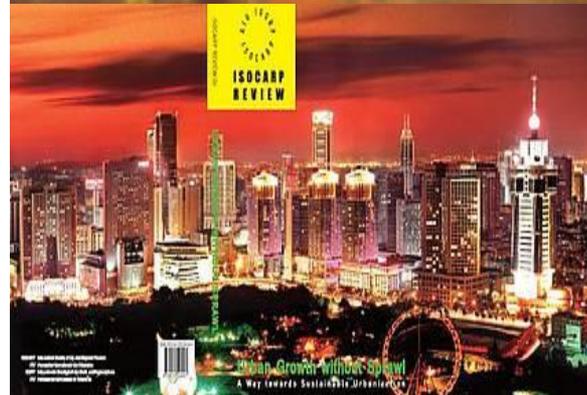
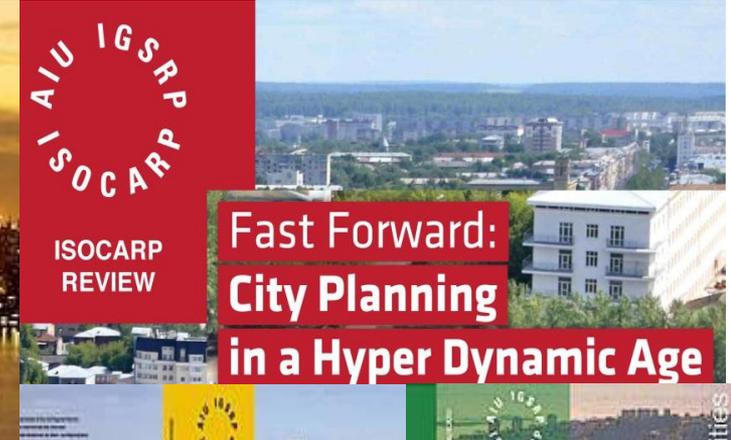
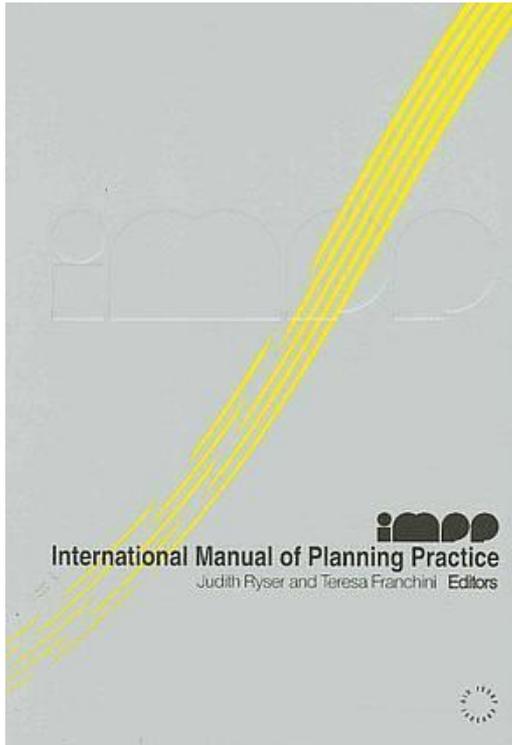
**Senior Planner:** Experts on relevant subjects will be selected to collaborate with the Team Leader, Local Coordinator, fellow Senior Planners and Young Planners to complete a report during the project visit. UPATs usually include five or more Senior Planners.

**YPP:** Young Planning Professionals are selected by ISOCARP and local universities by the Local Organising Committee. Education in a planning-related discipline and IT skills are desirable. UPATs usually include some YPPs.

For more information on ISOCARP and UPATs, please visit the website at [www.isocarp.org](http://www.isocarp.org)

# PUBLICATIONS

the flagship of ISOCARP



# ISOCARP NETWORKING

Advice - Academic development – Memoranda of Understanding – World Town Planning Day - Training courses - Technical assistance – Joint projects



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taking a journey through the fifty years of ISOCARP's existence provides a unique experience of exploring urban and spatial development globally and the evolution of the planning profession over the half a century

# Planning matters!

**We reflect about the object and the scope of our discipline and our 'job' with:**

- **Bernd Scholl, prof.dr. ETH-Zürich also involved in concrete projects and planning processes**
- **Lorraine A. Gonzales, project team manager&member and advisor for various comprehensive, concept and transportation plans and current planning tasks**
- **Amos Brandeis, architect, owner Urban and Regional Planning firm, author of many urban projects**
- **Milica Bajic-Brkovic, prof.dr. University of Belgrado, President ISOCARP**



# **A boring discipline with limited influence?**

**A young planner:**

**‘... I enjoyed the planning education and especially the lectures in social studies but find the work boring and uninteresting because what I have to do has nothing to do with my creative skills nor with social-spatial processes...’**

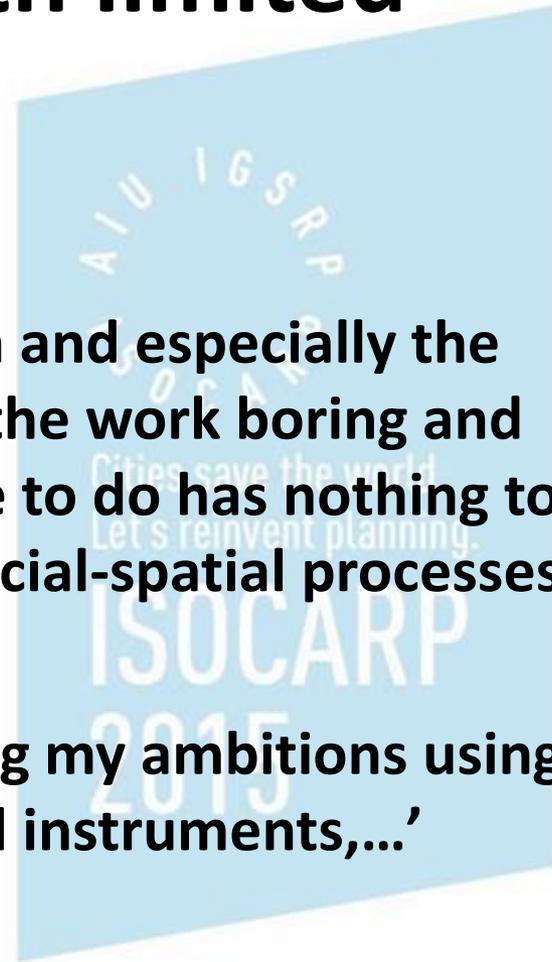
**A developer:**

**‘... planners are bureaucrats blocking my ambitions using bureaucratic arguments, tools and instruments...’**

**An experienced planner:**

**‘... power systems and relations, and market forces are much stronger than spatial values...’**

**A rather negative image about planning/urbanism! Is it?**



# The object of planning?

**Planning/urbanism =**

- **‘Architecture on an extended scale’?**
- **Von Hayek: ‘Care for the general welfare’: too general!**
- **50 year of congresses dealt with many complex concrete spatial issues**
- **Issues always related with a changing socio-economic-financial, cultural, environmental, ecological and political context influencing the development and quality of space and places. It has to do with people, values, interests, power relations, with time and with creativity.**



# How to deal with it?

- **Be aware of the context/circumstances influencing our capacity to (re-)act**
- **Be aware of the always missing relevant knowledge at the 'right' moment, the uncertainty**
- **Be aware of the (clashing) value/power systems and interests and the huge complexity**
- **Static blueprints and 'ideal' concepts: not the answer**
- **Need for new (strategic) approaches, visions, action-oriented tools and instruments: let us re-invent planning!**



**???**

**Dear colleagues:**

**Which are the most important issues in the next two decades?**

**Are there 'shared issues' all over the world or are they very diverse and localized?**

**Should we focus on specific scales?**

**Do we need new approaches, tools and instruments to effectively realize change and innovation?**



**???**

**What is the character of the planner's activity?**

**Can it be defined?**

**Is it a confusing ambiguous activity?**

**What is its 'image'?**

**What is the core of our discipline?**





**Planner = a fisherman/women?**

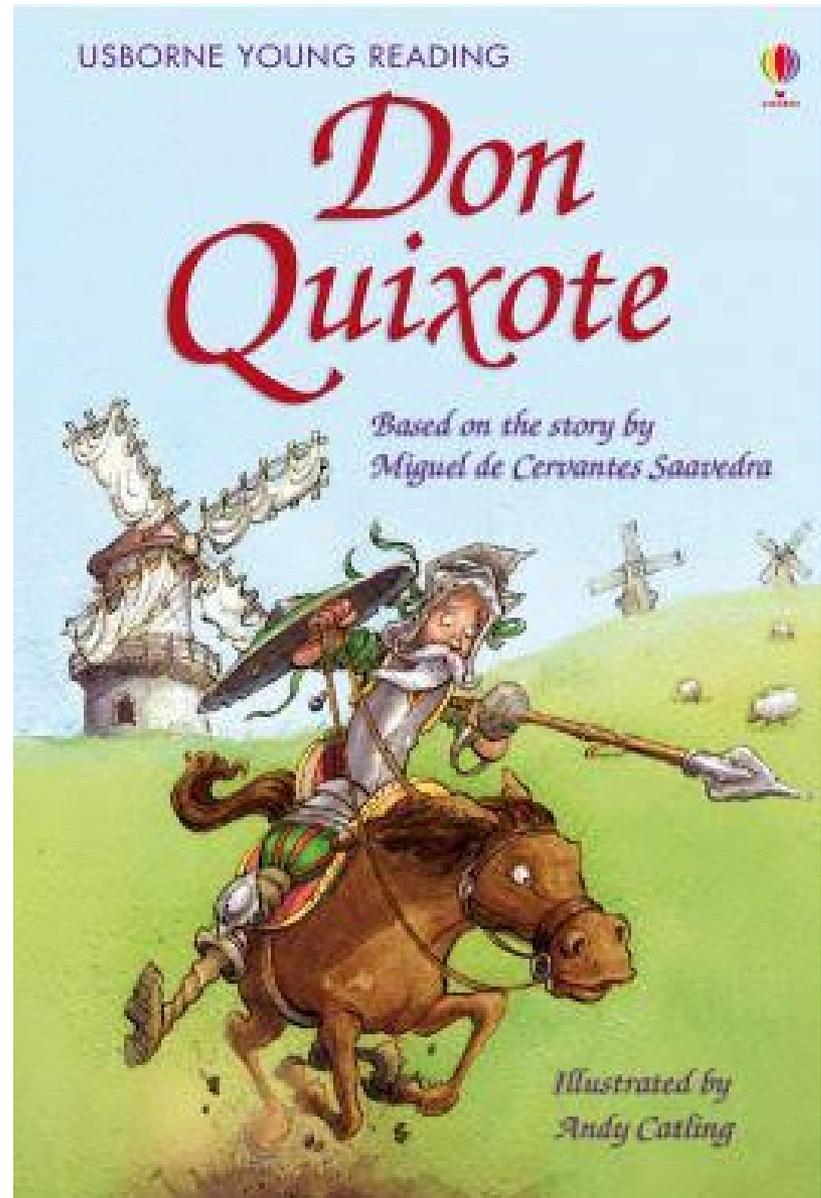
**Dreaming ? -**

**Hoping without much confidence?**

**Waiting for opportunities?**

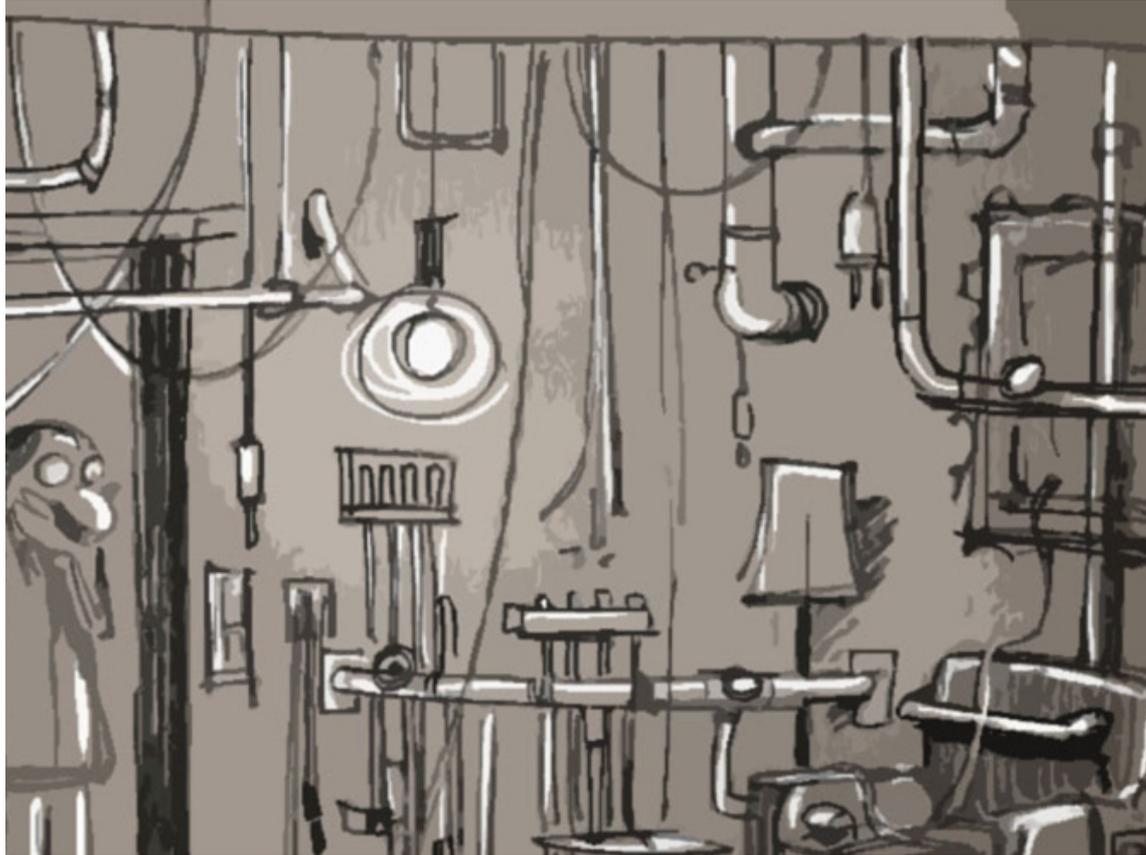
# A Don Quixote?

Fighting against windmills?





**A visionary?**

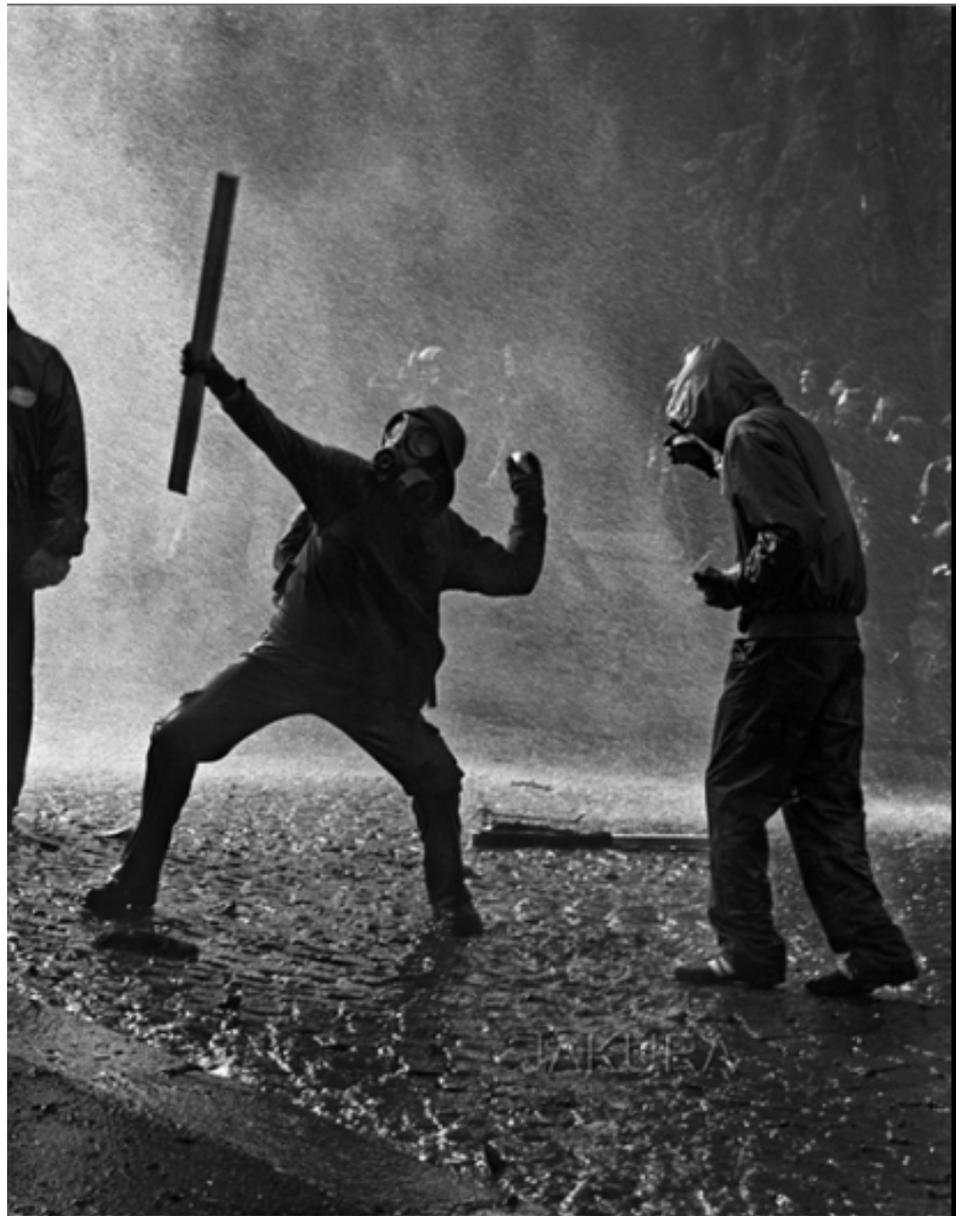


**A plumber solving problems?  
Or/and a designer of complex  
systems?**



**A (peaceful) activist?**

**A radical activist?**

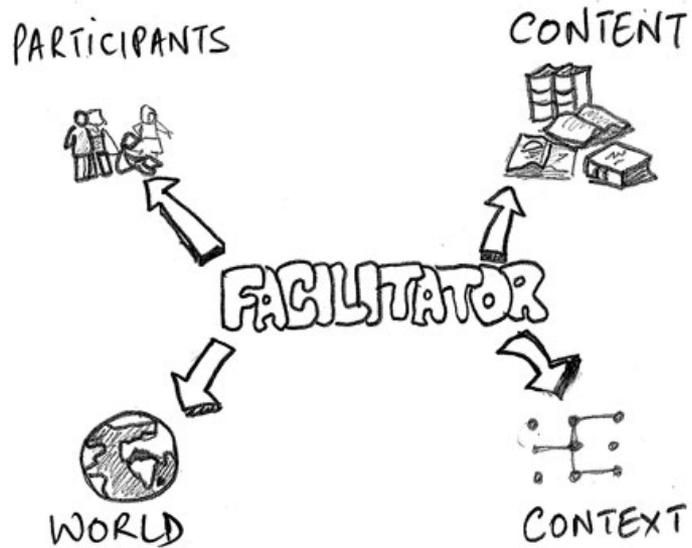


# A process/projectmanager?



# A facilitator

bringing things and people together?



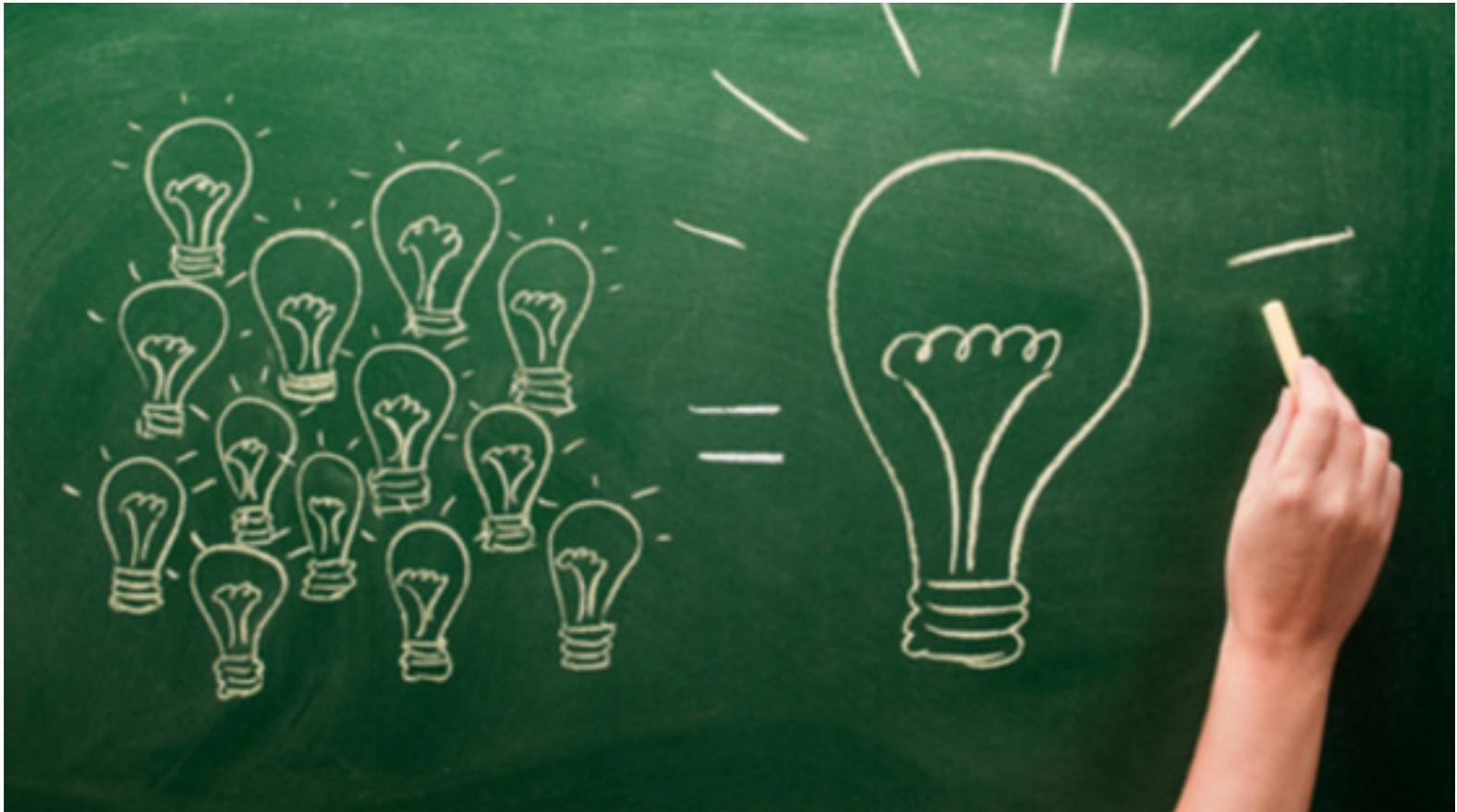
**A negotiator?**



**A trader?**



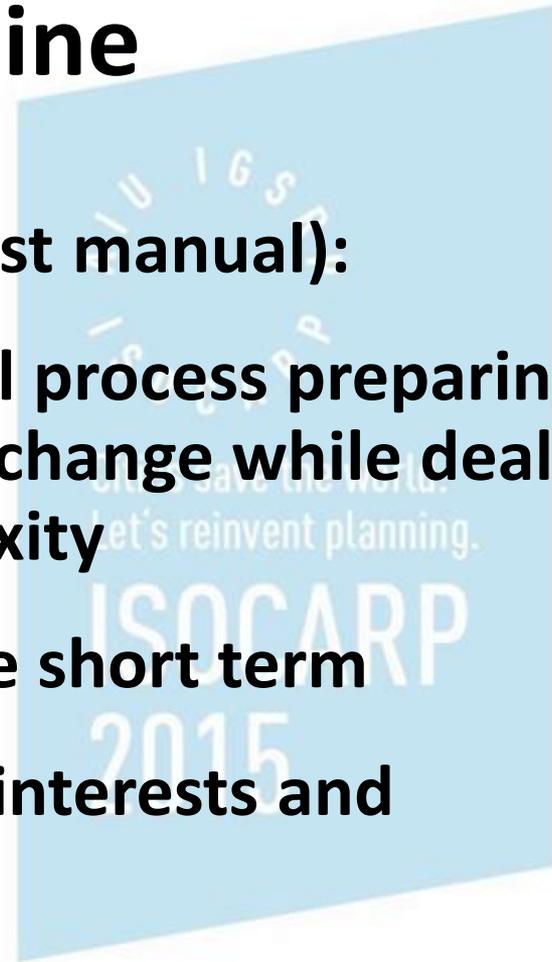
**An expert? In what?**



# The core of our discipline

**ISOCARP's definition in 1992(first manual):**

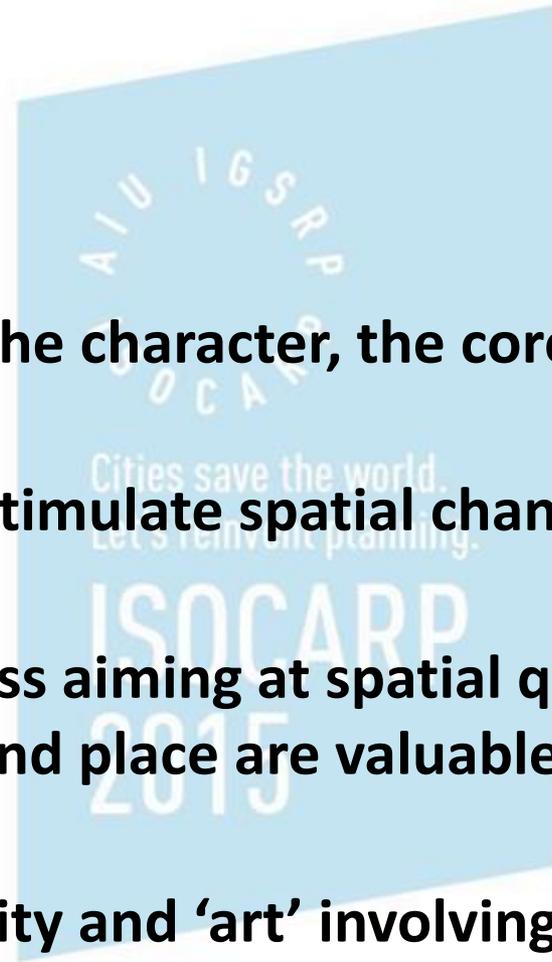
- **A continuous spatial- political process preparing a foreseeable future, managing change while dealing with uncertainty and complexity**
- **Focussing on the long and the short term**
- **Balancing private and public interests and conflicting demands**
- **Broad spectrum of tools and instruments to transform plans in reality keeping options open**



# Planning = ?

Dear colleagues

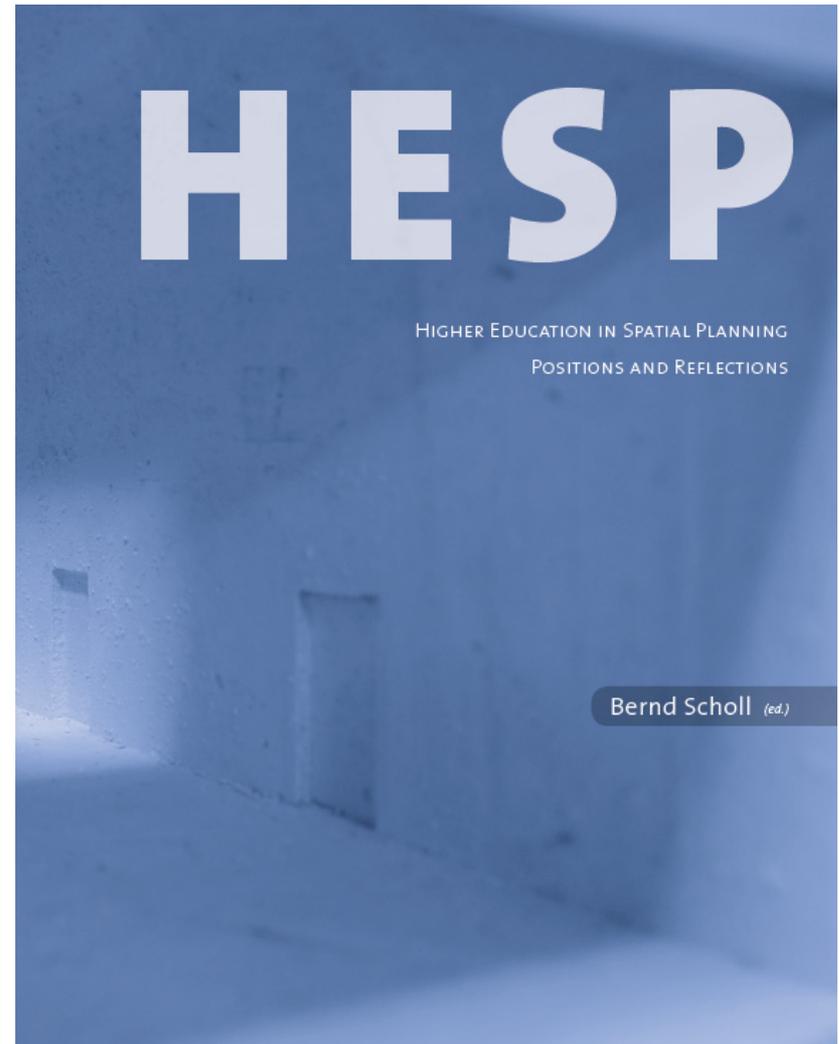
- **What in your mind is the nature, the character, the core of our discipline?**
- **Is (strategic) planning capable to stimulate spatial change and innovation?**
- **Is it a social-political-spatial process aiming at spatial quality and sustainability because space and place are valuable and common goods?**
- **Is it also a collective creative activity and 'art' involving and empowering people looking for possible futures and solutions?**
- **Do we have to adapt the definition? In what sense?**



# Which knowledge's and skills we need?

**HESP (Bernd Scholl 2012):  
Higher Education Spatial Planning  
Reflections by  
academics/practitioners: which  
knowledge's and skills  
planners/urbanists need? :**

- **Need for different knowledge's**
- **Dealing with the imperfection of knowledge and argumentation**
- **Design skills: essential**
- **Cooperation, communication, charisma**



# **A planner: cooperative, communicative, charismatic**

- **Not a kind of facilitator**
- **An actor with an own identity, values, knowledge's and creative skills**
- **Open for other visions/opinions/knowledge's**
- **Empathic professionalism, social responsibility,**
- **Capacity to listen and to deal with emotions**
- **Accept that impact often is humble on the short term but important on the long term**



**‘Planners/urbanists cannot stop the flow of a river but they can influence its course and even its volume by throwing (many) stones in it at the right places’**

**It is lifetimes job but at the end you will feel good!**

**Thank you Milica, Lorraine, Fernando and Bernd**

**Thank you all and we wish you an exciting congress**

