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**ISOCARP – Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC)
Young Planning Professionals National Workshop – Guangzhou 2016**

City Memories and Recreation of Lost Space
Laoxiguan (Old Western Gate) District
(working title)

Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, May 22nd - 27th 2016

**CALL for INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS
– YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS**

BACKGROUND

ISOCARP and the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) have recently made an agreement which entails a **Young Planning Professionals National Workshop**, intended for Chinese and international young planners and being a part of the pre-congress activities. This workshop is a part of ISOCARP's Young Planning Professionals' Program, which since 1991 has been bringing together young professional urban planners from all parts of the world. The YPP Workshops provide an opportunity to work together as a closely-knit team. The workshops are hands-on and aimed at establishing a good working relationship with young colleagues from all parts of the world, while working towards results in a very short period of time. Within the framework of the YPP National workshop in China it is intended to bring together a group of **16 CHINESE YPPs AS WELL AS 4 INTERNATIONAL YPPs**.

OBJECTIVES AND THEME OF THE WORKSHOP:

The workshop aims to provide young Chinese and international planners responsible for, or participating in, the shaping and development of settlements, with the principles and practices of effective contemporary urbanism and practical knowledge that will be of immediate use to each participant.

The objective of the workshop is to provide the workshop participants with hands-on practical experiences. YPPs work in a studio setting under the *guidance of two international experts* from among the members of ISOCARP on a project site chosen jointly by ISOCARP, UPSC and representatives of the local partners from Guangzhou municipality and region. They will be accompanied by the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP program for the entire duration of their stay in Guangzhou.

The theme of the workshop is associated with the regeneration of a large urban area, located in close proximity to Guangzhou city center. This site was one of the pioneer areas leading Guangzhou prosperity in the early 19 century with all trades related to inner harbor, famous for cultural heritages

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and traditional southern China architectures. The former commercial and retail center, now under deterioration, needs regeneration and redevelopment.

AUDIENCE:

The workshop is targeted at junior Chinese and international planners. They come from various backgrounds such as architecture, civil engineering, spatial planning and real estate management. Most of them have professional degrees in planning and a few years of planning practice. It is intended that the workshop will gather **16 Chinese YPPs along with 4 international YPPs**.

CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES:

Tasks:

Each participant will spend 4 full days working with the YPP group during May 23-26th 2016. Before and after, there may be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press. **Therefore, workshop participants shall arrive on 22nd of May in the early afternoon AT LATEST and depart not earlier than 28th of May in the morning.**

Expenses:

ISOCARP will provide the **international travel allowance** of up to 500 Euro for the selected Young Planning Professionals. **ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS HAVE TO BE BORNE BY PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES. ISOCARP HAS A LIMITED BUDGET FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.** The money will be paid after completing the task **ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROVIDED TO THE SELECTED CANDIDATES AND AFTER RECEIVING THE ORIGINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.** UPSC along with the local partners will be in charge of arranging **hotels, meals and local transportation** for the entire duration of the workshop within the agreed dates.

LOGISTICS:

- The location of the YPP Workshop will be Guangzhou, People's Republic of China
- Expected arrival dates to Guangzhou – 22 May
- Departures should be scheduled: at the latest the day after the public presentation of the Workshop results – so not earlier than 28 May in the morning

Workshop participants are welcome to stay in China longer. However, their expenses for additional time spent in China beyond the time required for the workshop have to be borne by themselves. Both UPSC and ISOCARP should timely be informed on such an extension.

Selected workshop participants will be asked to arrange the INTERNATIONAL trip on their own. **Please note that from many destinations the most convenient way to get to Guangzhou is to go through Hong Kong. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS IN ADVANCE WITH VP YPP Piotr Lorens.**



CALENDAR

Issue of Call	March 29, 2016
Deadline - Reception of applications	April 15, 2016
Communication of Selection Results	April 25, 2016
Confirmation by selected Candidates	April 31, 2016 at the latest
Participation documents to selected candidates	between May 1 -7, 2016
Travel arrangements/procedures	in May, 2016
Arrival to Guangzhou	May 22, 2016
Departure	May 28, 2016 (after public presentation of Workshop results)

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION:

The call for **WORKSHOP INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS** is open to **YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS FROM OUTSIDE CHINA**. Candidates should have some basic planning skills. Successful candidates have the background in planning, urban design, social sciences, real estate and/or regional economics, geography, or architectural studies. It is required that the candidates are not older than 35 years old.

Candidates complying with the above criteria have to compile/send a set of documents which include:

1. **Application Form (signed, to be sent back digitally) – [Template see website](#)**
2. **Curriculum Vitae in accordance to ISOCARP CV standard format – [Template see website](#)**
3. **Recommendation Letter (drafted/signed by an ISOCARP member, their employer or by their university professor)**

All applications should be sent to kurth@isocarp.org

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

An evaluation and the final selection of candidates will be done by a Selection Committee formed by Piotr Lorens, ISOCARP YPP VP, as well as representatives of UPSC. Selected Candidates will be informed of their selection on April 25th. They have to confirm their availability and participation to the ISOCARP Head Office not later than April 30th. Participation documents will be sent to them between May 1st-7th. Travel procedures (incl. visa if applicable) will start immediately after April 25th.

Any questions during these procedures should be sent to ISOCARP Head Office, email address isocarp@isocarp.org ; kurth@isocarp.org Tel: +(31-70) 346-2654, Fax: +(31-70) 361-7909, Website: www.isocarp.org

Any questions regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to VP YPP, Piotr Lorens: plorens@pg.gda.pl, plorens.pg@gmail.com, tel +48 605 433 885



PROVISIONAL TIME-LINE FOR THE WORKSHOP PROGRAM:

May 22nd, Sunday

Afternoon: Arrival, group meeting and Team Organization

Evening: welcome dinner, first workshop participants meeting

May 23rd, Monday

Morning: Workshop topic introduction, Field trip,

Afternoon: First analysis of the site, problem statement

Evening: Formulation of the design / planning problems

May 24th, Tuesday

All Day: Studio work in teams – first discussions on the problem solution, development of the planning and design proposals for the site

May 25th, Wednesday

All Day: Studio work in teams – refining the proposed development concept, preparation of the specific design solutions,

May 26th, Thursday

All Day: Studio work in teams – preparation of the specific design solutions, development of the final project presentation, report and posters

May 27th, Friday

Morning: Presentation of workshop results by each team to a larger audience to be invited by UPSC, discussions and closing.