International Society of City and Regional Planners

Capacity building

YPP @ Intensive Training programs
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1. Young Planning Professionals Program – basic facts

- Crucial component of the ISOCARP activities
- Started in 1991 and since then traditionally associated with annual congresses
- Allows younger members of the planning community getting acquainted with the contemporary planning workshop
- Focus on including individuals from all parts of the world and with various experience
2. Key types of activities

- Traditional – congress-related workshop (so-called YPP International workshop)
- YPP National / Regional workshops
- Special event – associated workshops (like EU-Projects related)
- Trainings offered to groups of YPs
- Publications
- Congress-related exhibitions
3. National, Regional and Special-purpose workshops

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- Provide focused approach (YPPs having similar cultural and educational background)
- Allow promoting modern planning skills and knowledge, also in the underprivileged areas and countries
- May focus on topics specific for particular settings
- Can represent the more „practical” approach – workshop outcomes can be used by the host
2014 Shenzhen National YPP Workshop
2014 Moscow Urban Forum
YPP Workshop
4. Key advantages for Young Planning Professionals

- Mixing experiences and approaches
- Learning from one another
- Exposure to „mature” planning topics
- Direct contact and opportunity to work with high-level professionals (workshop coordinators)
- Opportunity to experience new professional challenges
- Opportunity to gain new skills and abilities, which can be used in every-day work
5. Key advantages for planning community and external partners

- Provides fresh ideas – especially for the „traditional” planning communities
- Allows „safe” discussion of the non-traditional approaches to the old planning problems
- Increases interest among young people in the planning profession
- Increases interest in „learning from one another”
The Young Planning Professionals (YPP) Program is a crucial component of ISOCARP’s dedication to enhance the planning profession. The objective is to provide young professionals with an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural setting and share experiences. Since 1991, ISOCARP has been organizing YPP Workshops, bringing together young planners from all parts of the world. The workshops are brief, but very intense, brainstorming planning and design exercises in which the YPPs work on real-life planning problems in the host city in an area defined by a local authority or university departments.
6. YPP Trainings

- Introduced in 2010
- Since then – offered in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, plans to introduce these in other countries.
- Focused on providing the groups of Young Planners knowledge and elements of the planning workshop that is required in their geographical and cultural settings / contexts.
- Four different concepts of trainings developed so far – two of them „tried and tested”
- May involve presence of the international YPs.
Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council – „Urbanism 1 & 2” (since 2011)
Al Ain municipality
7. Lessons learnt

- It pays back to organize the YPP program – although it may take different forms
- YPPs need more attention from the planning community
- And the planning community needs more YPPs
- Different forms, topics and settings – but the **partner approach** is a key to success
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