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52nd ISOCARP Congress – Durban, South Africa Young Planning Professionals' Workshop

Cities we have vs. Cities we need

CALL for COORDINATORS



BACKGROUND

Since 1991 ISOCARP has organized – along with the annual congress – the Young Planning Professionals' workshop, intended to stimulate the professional interests and the development of planning skills of the youngest members of the planners' family. According to this tradition, the YPP workshop will be offered again during the 52nd ISOCARP congress that is to be held in Durban, South Africa. The workshop itself will take place between September 9th and 11th, and the final presentation will be on September 13th, during the first day of the congress. The workshop will be organized in partnership with University of Kwa Zulu Natal, which will be hosting the workshop participants.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop aims to provide young planners responsible for or participating in the shaping and development of urban structures, 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. The project site will be chosen jointly by ISOCARP and the Local Organizing Committee.

The theme of the workshop reflects the general congress theme and will be adjusted in the course of the workshop preparations.

AUDIENCE

The workshop is targeted at young professionals, up to 35 years old. They come from various backgrounds such as architecture, civil engineering, spatial science technology and real estate management.

YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS' WORKSHOP - THEME & SITE

The topic of the workshop will be chosen with the participation of the Local Organizing Committee in agreement with the municipal planning services. Since the choice of the site (s) is still under discussion, it will be announced later on in the course of the workshop development.





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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORKSHOP COORDINATORS

Tasks of the two coordinators:

- 1. Assist the VP YPP in the selection of the YPPs participating in the workshop if necessary (up to 24 YPPs are expected to be selected)
- 2. Be responsible for the co-ordination of the framework, the scientific and professional content of the Workshop Theme in collaboration with local coordinator(s) and the responsible VP.
- 3. Guide the work of the Young Planning Professionals throughout the workshop, stimulate discussions among YPPs, instruct on the presentation format.
- 4. Take an active part in the presentation of the workshop results during the Congress session.
- 5. Coordinate the publication of the Workshop results in cooperation with the VP responsible for the YPP Program.

CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES

The call for WORKSHOP COORDINATORS is open to ISOCARP Members only.*

* with no outstanding membership fees

Tasks:

Each coordinator will spend 3 full days working with the YPP group in-between September 9th and 11th Before and after, there may be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and the press. The first informal meetings are scheduled for September 8th in the afternoon / evening.

Honorarium:

Since this is an activity attached to our congress, there will be no honorarium for the YPP Workshop coordinators.

Expenses:

The cost of modest accommodation and meals during the workshop as well as local transportation during the stay of the workshop will be covered by the organizers. However, ISOCARP will not be able to provide any assistance with respect to travel expenses. The selected workshop coordinators will be asked to arrange the trip on their own and not arrive in Durban later than Sept. 8th in the afternoon. Departures should be scheduled not earlier than September 17th in the morning, as coordinators are strongly encouraged to stay for the duration of the entire congress. Coordinators are also welcome to stay in South Africa longer and to participate in the other congress activities as well as in the post-congress tour on their own cost.

Waiving the congress fee:

Since the YPP workshop presentation is constituting an important part of the congress program, it was agreed that the congress fee will be waived for the workshop coordinators – as a reward for their work and involvement in the YPP program.



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CALENDAR

Issue of Call

Deadline - Reception of applicationsCommunication of Selection Results **Confirmation by selected Candidates**

Participation documents to selected candidates

Selection of the YPPs team

(in cooperation with VP YPP and ISOCARP Program Officer)

Travel arrangements/procedures

Arrival to Durban (Workshop Coordinators)

Departure (Workshop Coordinators)

March 17th, 2016

April 4th, 2016April 30th, 2016

May 10th, 2016 at the latest

between May 10th – May 15th, 2016 between May 10th and May 15nd, 2016

between April 29th – July 15th, 2016

September 8th, 2016 September 17th, 2016

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

Two Workshop Coordinators will be selected from among the applications. ISOCARP welcomes applications from **full members** with proven expertise in urban design and planning and with academic experience and/or teaching experience in similar professional training programs.

Colleagues with experience in landscape architecture, urban waterfront regeneration, design for transportation spaces and design for environmentally fragile areas are especially encouraged to apply. International experience is a plus but not a must.

It is intended to select both one "senior" and one "junior" coordinator, which should allow both, the provision of professional expertise and good abilities to work with the group of YPPs. For the "senior" coordinator post colleagues with extensive planning and/or educational practice are especially encouraged to apply. For the "junior" coordinator post former YPPs with further professional and/or educational experience are especially welcome to apply, although applications from colleagues not being part of previous YPP workshops are also welcome.

The most effective composition of the team will be taken into account for the final selection.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. A CLEAR statement of intent explaining why you want to apply and for which position (meaning "junior" or "senior" coordinator). Please be specific and refer to prior workshop coordination or participation experience (maximum 1 page);
- 2. A 2 page Curriculum Vitae/Resume pointing out the relevant experience;
- 3. A selected list of publications and/or conference papers.
- 4. All applicants are also encouraged to send an abstract for the congress please see the congress website: http://isocarp.org/52nd-isocarp-congress/

Applications and CV (Resume) should be sent to kurth@isocarp.org and isocarp@isocarp.org.



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SELECTION COMMITTEE

An evaluation and final selection of candidates will be done by a Selection Committee formed by Piotr Lorens, YPP Program VP, as well as other members of the YPP Advisory Committee.

Any questions during these procedures should be sent to the ISOCARP Head Office:

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ANNEX 1

YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP TIMELINE $9^{TH} - 11^{TH}$ OF SEPTEMBER 2016

September 8th, Thursday

Evening: Arrival - group meeting and Team Organization (informal meeting: optional, depending on YPPs' and coordinators' travel schedules)

September 9th, Friday

Morning: Workshop introduction, introductory lecture(s) by local and invited experts

Afternoon: Field Trip, first analysis of the topic

Evening: Formulation of the design / planning problems

September 10th, Saturday

All Day: Studio work in teams – defining the problem solutions at the macro scale;

Group Presentations and discussions

September 11^h, Sunday

Morning: Studio work in teams – refinement of the proposed solutions, defining the specific

proposals

Afternoon: Group Presentations and discussions Evening: Final preparations for public presentation

September 12th, Monday

Possible final adjustments and preparations (to be discussed later on)

September 13th, Tuesday

Morning: Presentation of workshop results during the opening session of the 52nd ISOCARP Congress (intended time: 11.30-13.00)