

## Call for Candidates

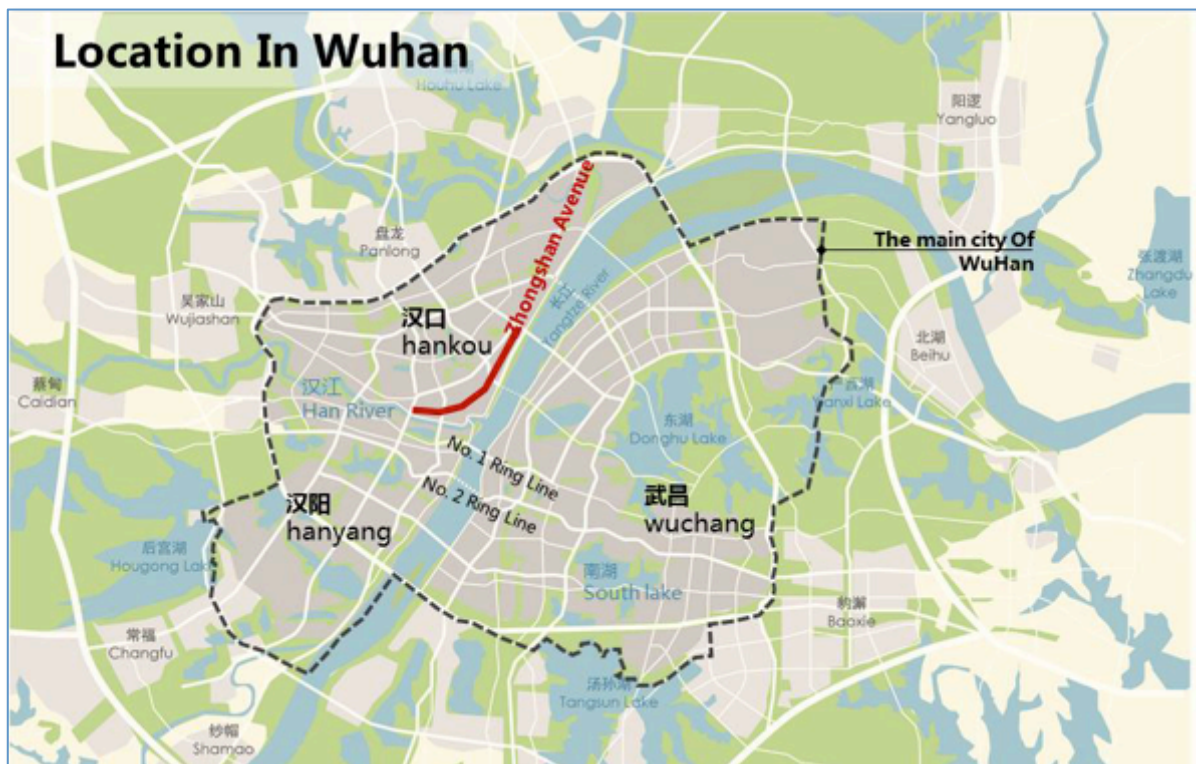
Urban Planning Advisory Team (UPAT)

Zhongshan Avenue District, Wuhan (PRC) March - May 2017

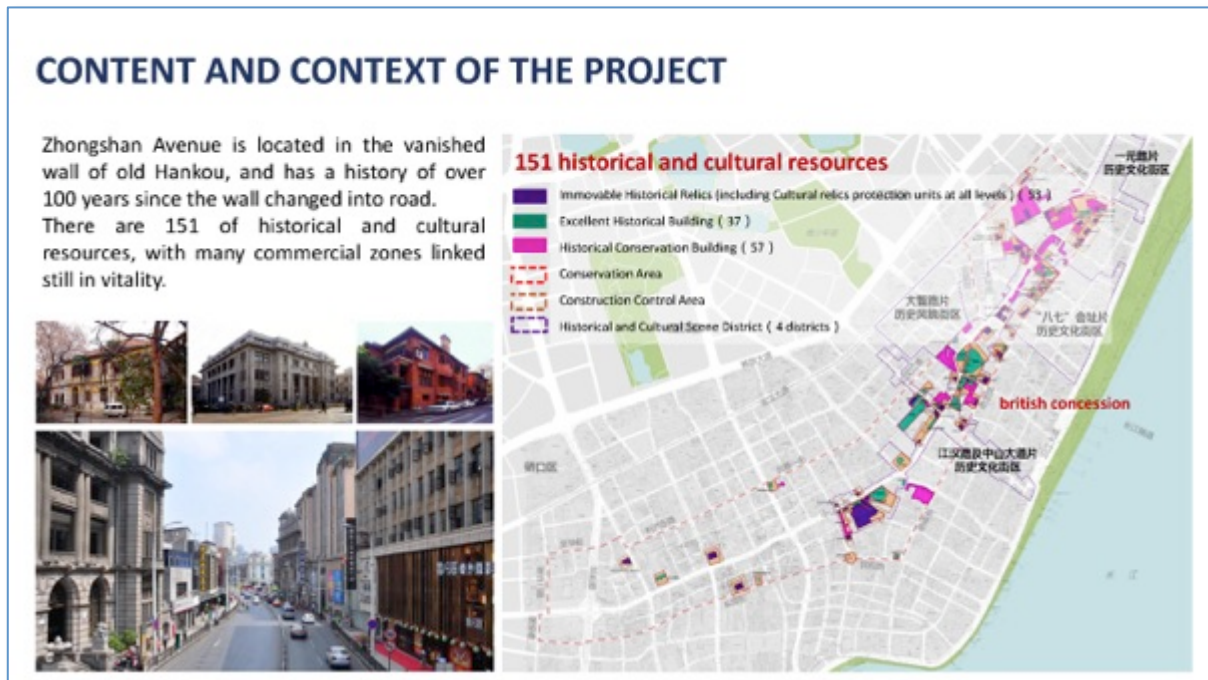
## Introduction

In September 2016, at the 52<sup>nd</sup> ISOCARP Congress in Durban, the Wuhan Land Use and Urban Spatial Planning Research Center (WLSP) and Ben Wood Studio Shanghai LLC received the ISOCARP Award of Excellence for the planning and the renewal of the Zhongshan Avenue District in the historic centre of Hankou Town in Wuhan. The project was honoured for its highly inclusionary public participation and focus on the street as the umbilical cord within the network of the public realm, striving to improve public transport, protect the history and culture of place, and encourage community involvement. In December 2016 the first section of the renewed Zhongshan Avenue was opened for the public.

Wuhan is located at the confluence of the Yangtze and Hanshui Rivers in Central China. With a population of over 10 million inhabitants, it is the largest and the most important city in that region. Wuhan is divided into three towns, Hankou, Wuchang, and Hanyang. The Zhongshan Avenue follows the course of the old wall that once surrounded Hankou and has been the most important commercial and transport artery of Hankou old town for over a century.



In 2014 the City of Wuhan commenced construction of Metro line 6 under Zhongshan Avenue and took the opportunity to reduce traffic, to improve public space and to enhance the rich and cultural atmosphere in the historic urban fabric.



## Scope of work

The UPAT Team will assist the WLSP in the assessment of the newly opened Zhongshan Avenue District with an emphasis on public space, transportation organization and economic vitality. The UPAT Team will also make suggestions for the replicability of Zhongshan Avenue Renewal Project in Wuhan and other Chinese cities.

The UPAT Team members will utilize their knowledge and experience to:

- Provide professional assessment of the Zhongshan Avenue Renewal Project;
- Assess the influence of renewal investments on the urban fabric inside and adjacent to the planning area;
- Carry out in-depth evaluation of the cross cutting themes and spatial and transport planning principles of the Zhongshan Avenue Renewal Project;
- Carry out comparative research between best practice in comparable cities and Wuhan;
- Draw lessons from the Zhongshan Avenue Renewal Project for implementation in other cities.



The UPAT Team members working jointly with WLSP will:

- Prepare and present initial findings and recommendations of the UPAT Team to the city officials on the last day of the workshop;
- Write an article (3,000 – 5,000 words) about the Zhongshan Avenue Renewal Project for inclusion in the 2017 ISOCARP Review (number 13) and for presentation at the 2017 ISOCARP Congress in Portland, Oregon;
- Write and publish a dedicated issue of the ISOCARP PLAN Magazine (number 4, 64-80 pages) with the findings and recommendations of the UPAT Team;
- Organize a UPAT seminar at the 53rd ISOCARP Congress, October 2017 in Portland.



## Terms of Reference

The role of the UPAT Team is to work closely and collectively with the WLSP as colleagues for one week to review practical concepts, designs and solutions for the Zhongshan Avenue District.

### *Team Organization and Selection*

The UPAT Team will comprise of seven ISOCARP members: the Team Leader, the UPAT Rapporteur, two senior planners, two young planning professionals and the Vice President UPATs. The team will be complemented with two young planning professionals from China.

The expertise and experience of ISOCARP members selected for this project need to match with the nature, scale and complexity of the planning of the Zhongshan Avenue District and with the requested deliverables.





The Vice President UPATs will send out Call for Candidates on 25 January 2017. The deadline for the applications will be 18 February 2017. Candidates with the following expertise and skills will be encouraged to apply:

- Research of urban transportation and transit-oriented development;
- Strategic urban planning and urban design;
- Research and analyses of cities, global trends, case studies of best and worst practises;
- Research and review of spatial planning policy documents;
- Writing clear and comprehensive spatial planning and vision documents and economic feasibility assessments;
- Translation of vision into principles, scenarios, strategies and directly applicable practical solutions;
- Work experience in China (Chinese cities) is recommended, but not required.

### ***Assignment***

The selected team members will be requested to arrive for the UPAT Workshop in Wuhan on Saturday 25 March 2017. The UPAT Workshop starts on Sunday morning 26 with a visit to the Wuhan Urban Planning Exhibition and a city tour. The UPAT Team will visit the City of Wuhan and the Zhongshan Avenue District and meet representatives and officials of the WLSP. Local representatives and officials will be available to exchange ideas and respond to questions throughout the workshop week. The UPAT Workshop will end with a presentation of the preliminary results on Friday 31 March 2017. The selected team members will be free to depart from Wuhan on Saturday 1 April 2017.

The Team Leader, the UPAT Rapporteur and the team members will all contribute to the presentation, the article for the ISOCARP Review and the PLAN Magazine. The UPAT Team's findings will be presented and discussed during UPAT Seminar at the 53<sup>rd</sup> ISOCARP Congress 24-27 October 2013 in Portland, Oregon.

The WLSP will provide all necessary and relevant information, data and maps related to the work of the UPAT Team.

The UPAT Team will bear in mind that the article for the Review and the PLAN Magazine will need endorsement from City of Wuhan and need to be written according to the publication requirements of ISOCARP. The two documents will have to meet the Society's and WLSP expectations of professionalism and excellence. The PLAN Magazine should comprise all UPAT working documents and materials produced by team members and should be written and edited in English.



### ***Contribution and Expenses***

Participation in the Urban Planning Advisory Team is open to full ISOCARP Members only. Their participation in and contribution to the Zhongshan Avenue District UPAT workshop in Wuhan is in principle voluntary (there will be no professional or per diem fees). However, for this exceptional UPAT workshop ISOCARP has negotiated a fee for the UPAT Team members who actively participate in the UPAT workshop in Wuhan and in producing the article for the ISOCARP Review and the PLAN Magazine.

The WLSP will provide accommodation, meals and local transportation during the UPAT Workshops. The Wuhan Land Resources and Planning Bureau will also provide the working and meeting facilities, access to the Internet, local information, maps and all necessary supplies required for the UPAT Workshops and to produce a comprehensive presentation, the article for the ISOCARP Review and Plan Magazine.

An allowance for international travel expenses will be provided (cf. actual cost supported by tickets and boarding passes) based on a travel distance policy. UPAT participants will receive a maximum travel allowance for flight and visa costs of up to € 1.000 if their trip originates in Asia and up to € 1.500 if their trip originates from outside Asia. In either case, applicants will receive whichever is the lower of the two figures – actual expense and the maximum limit. Travel expenses will be reimbursed against submitted original receipts, tickets, boarding passes, etc. Selected applicants will be strongly advised to make their travel arrangements and to apply for a visa as soon as possible and to take advantage of the best available airfares.

### ***Risks***

The Zhongshan Avenue UPAT in Wuhan will be carried out under the responsibility of WLSP and ISOCARP. Traveling in China is comfortable and Wuhan is a safe city. However, in principle, the UPAT team members will travel and stay in China at their own risk. WLSP and ISOCARP will do their very best to safeguard the safety, integrity and well being of the UPAT team members.

### ***Logistics***

- The location of the UPAT will be in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China.
- Expected arrival date of the participants to Wuhan for the UPAT Workshop is Saturday 25 March 2017 at the latest.
- Immediately after the selection, the WLSP will provide the UPAT team members official invitation letters that they need to apply for their visa.
- Transportation will be provided to and from the airport.
- A detailed program will be provided to the selected team.



- The Wuhan Land Use and Spatial Planning Research Center will arrange and pay for the hotel, meals, working and meeting facilities and local transportation for the UPAT Team.
- Selected team members are requested to bring their laptops and digital cameras.
- UPAT Team members are requested to take a personal travel insurance to cover their risks.
- Departures of the team members will have to be scheduled for Saturday 01 May 2017.
- Immediately after the selection in February one or two UPAT team members will need to carry out research and initiate writing the article for ISOCARP 13. The complete article will need to be submitted by the deadline of 18 April 2017.
- All UPAT Team members will be expected to contribute to the PLAN Magazine that needs to be ready for publication on 10 May 2017.
- The selected team members will be invited to participate in the UPAT Seminar at the 53<sup>rd</sup> ISOCARP Congress in Portland, Oregon, 24-27 October 2017.

### ***Calendar***

Call for Candidates	25 January 2017
Deadline - Reception of Applications	18 February 2017
Selection and announcement of Results	24 February 2017
Arrival of UPAT Team in Wuhan for the UPAT Workshop	25 March 2017
Zhongshan Avenue District UPAT Workshop	26-31 March 2017
Departure UPAT Team from Wuhan	01 April 2017
Article for the ISOCARP Review 13 ready for Editorial Team	18 April 2017
Fourth PLAN Magazine ready for publication	10 May 2017
UPAT Seminar at the 53 <sup>rd</sup> ISOCARP Congress in Portland	24-27 October 2017

### ***Provisional Time Schedule Wuhan UPAT Workshop***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Saturday	All day	Arrival of participants, introduction to Wuhan
Sunday	09:00	Visit to the Wuhan Urban Planning Exhibition
	12:00	Welcoming Lunch
	13:00	Inner City Tour I (day time)
	20:00	Inner City Tour II (night time)
Monday	09:00	Meetings and interviews WLPS
	13:00	1. Working Session
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback / Discussion
Tuesday	07:00	Inner City Tour III (early morning)
	12:00	2. Working Session
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback WLPB



Wednesday	09:00	3. Working Session
	13:00	4. Working Session
	16:00 - 20:00	Feedback WLPS
Thursday	09:00	Elaboration / Conclusions
	14:00	Elaboration / Conclusions
	18:00	Feedback WLPS
Friday	08:00	Final adjustments Elaboration/ Conclusions
	10:00	Presentation of Conclusions to WLPS and Wuhan officials
	17:00	Feedback / Discussion deadline Review and Magazine
	19:00	Farewell Dinner
Saturday	All day	Departures

### ***How to apply***

Applications must include a letter of intent addressed to the Vice President UPAT program, Martin Dubbeling, outlining the reasons why you would like to be part of the advisory team and your innovative ideas related to the areas of interest to this UPAT. With this letter of intent, include a one page Curriculum Vitae (resume) that highlights your relevant experience.

We kindly remind you that UPATs are only open to full members of ISOCARP. Members of the ISOCARP Executive Committee are not allowed to apply. The selection outcomes will be communicated to successful applicants by e-mail by the deadline set in the calendar.

The Vice President UPATs will communicate openly and transparently to all applicants during and after the selection process.

Applications and CV (resume) should be sent to Martin Dubbeling, Vice President UPATs: **dubbeling@isocarp.org**, with a copy to the ISOCARP Secretariat: **isocarp@isocarp.org**.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Call for Candidates for the Zhongshan Avenue District UPAT workshop in Wuhan, please send an email to Martin Dubbeling, Vice President UPATs.

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