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## ISOCARP – Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) Young Planning Professionals National Workshop – Shenzhen 2014

### **Urban Revitalization - Building City with Equity and Vitality**

(working title)

Shenzhen, People's Republic of China, June 23rd – 28th 2014

# CALL for INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTSYOUNG 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 the ISOCARP's Young Planning Professionals' Program, which since 1991 brings 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 the 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 Shenzhen 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 Shenzhen.

The theme of the workshop is associated with the regeneration of the large urban area, located in close proximity to Shenzhen Civic Center. It is also intended to develop an example of the comprehensive (strategic) urban redevelopment exercise for the Chinese cities undergoing during recent years complex growth and transformation processes. The detailed **first draft of the workshop brochure** is attached.

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#### **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 June 24-27 2014. Before and after, there may be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press. Therefore, workshop participants shall arrive on 23<sup>rd</sup> of June in the early afternoon AT LATEST and depart not earlier than 28<sup>th</sup> of June 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 MET BY PARTICIPANTS BY 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.** 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 Shenzhen, People's Republic of China
- Expected arrival dates to Shenzhen 23<sup>rd</sup> of June
- Departures should be scheduled: at the latest the day after the public presentation of the Workshop results

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 the most convenient way to get to Shenzhen is to go through Hong Kong. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS IN ADVANCE WITH VP YPP Piotr Lorens.





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#### Calendar

Issue of Call May 12, 2014 **Deadline - Reception of applications**Communication of Selection Results

May 23, 2014

May 27, 2014

Confirmation by selected Candidates May 31, 2014 at the latest

Participation documents to selected candidates between June 1-7, 2014

Travel arrangements/procedures in June, 2014
Arrival to Shenzhen June 23, 2014

Departure June 28, 2014 (after public presentation of Workshop

results)

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION:**

The call for **WORKSHOP INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS** is open to **YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS FROM <u>OUTSIDE</u> CHINA**. Candidates should have some basic planning skills. The successful candidates should 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 under 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 ATTACHED
- 2. Curriculum Vitae in accordance to ISOCARP CV standard format TEMPLATE ATTACHED
- 3. Recommendation Letter (drafted/signed by an ISOCARP member, their employer or by their university professor)

All applications should be sent to <a href="mailto:kurth@isocarp.org">kurth@isocarp.org</a>

#### **SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

An evaluation and 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 May 27th, after which they will have to confirm their availability and participation to ISOCARP Headquarters not later than May 31st. Participation documents will be sent to them between June 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Travel procedures (incl. visa if applicable) will start immediately after May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Any questions during these procedures should be sent to ISOCARP HQ, email address

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Website: www.isocarp.org

Any questions regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to VP YPP, Piotr Lorens: <a href="mailto:plorens.pg@gmail.com">plorens.pg@gmail.com</a>, tel +48 605 433 885

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#### TIME-LINE FOR THE WORKSHOP PROGRAM:

#### June 23rd, Monday

Afternoon: Arrival, group meeting and Team Organization

Evening: Welcome dinner, first workshop participants meeting

#### June 24th, Tuesday

Morning: Workshop topic introduction, Field trip,
Afternoon: First analysis of the site, problem statement
Evening: Formulation of the design / planning problems

#### June 25th, Wednesday

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

#### June 26th, Thursday

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

#### June 27th, Friday

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