On this warming planet, with its population more than 50% urban, we urgently need cooler cities and towns. And good urban planning can help deliver them. The aim of ISOCARP's 54th Annual Congress is no small feat: the Society is calling on the best and brightest of the planning profession to come to Bodø, Norway and tell us how to save civilisation. Nothing less.

We believe the future of civilisation now more than ever depends on the way we plan and manage our cities and towns. Their role in the evolving planetary climate drama is three-fold - cities and towns are the villains, the victims, and the potential saviours. Villains - because urban areas are the principal consumers and polluters of the tiny habitable layer on our planet we call the ‘biosphere’. Victims - because more than half of humanity lives in urban areas, and almost all of them are exposed to some form of climate impact. Saviours - because the possible remedies and solutions can be applied efficiently, effectively and in time, only when populations are concentrated. So the root cause of, and the solution to, the global climate crisis are fundamentally urban.

There is no alternative. On a warming planet, cooler cities are the only option.

Professor Dushko Bogunovich
Congress General Rapporteur 2018
CONGRESS TRACKS

1. THE GLOBAL VIEW:
   Climate Change Impacts, Sustainability and Resilience

2. SPOTLIGHT CITIES:
   Planning for Coastal Cities, Remote Towns and High North Cities

3. CLIMATE-PROOF CITIES:
   Planning for Weather, Water, Food and Energy

4. TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE:
   Clean, Green, Smart and Resilient

5. SOCIAL NETWORKS:
   Citizen Participation, Urban Governance and Cultural Transformation

6. CONTEMPORARY PLANNING PRACTICE:
   Projects and Paradigms

SUBMISSION DETAILS

PAPER:
- Academic contribution / paper and presentation

CASE STUDY:
- Professional contribution to the planning practice

SESSION:
- 90-min. panel discussions, moderated debates, invited speakers, interactive workshops, round tables

KEY DATES:
- March 31, 2018 – Abstract submission deadline
- July 15, 2018 – Contribution submission deadline (papers, case studies, session proposals)
- July 31, 2018 – Early bird registration deadline

CONGRESS PROGRAMME

- Plenary keynotes: speakers from practice and academia
- Round table sessions / Poster presentations
- Thematic group sessions / ISOCARP meetings
- Award ceremony: best projects and publications
- Mentoring and networking opportunities
- Congress dinner / Get together party
- Mobile workshops / Post-congress tours

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION

As a partner at the conference you are provided with an opportunity to participate in a unique knowledge creation and sharing with colleagues from many countries and regions. Showcase your activities, services and products to an expert audience: the congress brings together policy makers and the private sector in a professional setting of international experts. 2018 ISOCARP Congress Target Market Profile includes:

- ISOCARP members worldwide
- Technology sector
- Consultancies
- Public sector
- Academic institutions

POST-CONGRESS TOURS

Located in the heart of what several international tourist organisations described as the world’s most beautiful coastline, the town offers a wide range of spectacular natural experiences – directly at your doorstep:

- Scuba diving in the world-famous maelstrom Saltstraumen
- Hang gliding from the Keiservarden mountain
- Sea eagle safari to the north of the town
- Ski trip to the Erlingbu cabin
- Bike ride around the lake Soløyvannet
- ...and more

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The main venue for the congress is the Stormen Concert Hall with the Stormen Library (plenary meetings), the Scandic Havet Hotel (two sessions) and the Radisson Blu Hotel (two sessions). Four additional hotels are within 5-min. walking distance. Distance from the airport to downtown is 1,200 m.

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THE CITY OF BODØ

Bodø itself is cool in both senses of the word: this quaint and human-scale seaside town is located only 80 km inside the Arctic Circle. The location of the conference is significant: The Arctic has been affected by an unsettling mix of air and ocean phenomena, to the point where many reputable scientists now openly speculate about the possibility of an abrupt and catastrophic climate ‘shift’, rather than the commonly discussed climate ‘change’. Whether shift or change, the planet’s ‘refrigerator’ may indeed be irreversibly broken.