

CALL for COORDINATORS

**Young Planning Professionals' Workshop
organised as part of the 54th ISOCARP WORLD CONGRESS
KRISTIANSAND, NORWAY, 24-29 September 2018**

**COOL PLANNING IN SOUTHERN NORWAY
NEW KRISTIANSAND - DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE POLYCENTRIC URBAN MODEL**

BACKGROUND

The Young Planning Professionals' Programme was initiated in 1991 at the 26th ISOCARP Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. Since then, senior members of ISOCARP have happily – and at times perhaps a little enviously – observed the competition for admission to the workshop, the creative spirit of the workshop itself, and the enthusiastic response of the participants. It has become tradition to organise the workshops in the week preceding the annual world congress in order to provide unique opportunities to Young Planning Professionals (YPPs) to share their experiences in an attempt to resolve complex and multi-dimensional planning problems. The YPP Programme, together with workshops and intensive training programmes, has become a source of meaningful debate, and new ideas and rejuvenation for the Society; and has made a huge impact on participants' professional lives. It has contributed towards making life-long friendships beyond borders, languages, cultures and professional backgrounds. According to this tradition, two YPP workshop will be offered again during the 54th ISOCARP World Congress, one of which will take place in Kristiansand, Norway. The workshop itself will take place between 24 and 29 September, and the final public presentation will be scheduled at the last day of the workshop as well as during one of the congress sessions. The workshop will be organised in partnership with Kristiansand Municipality.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

Since 1991, the objective of ISOCARP's Young Planning Professionals' Workshops has been to bring together young professional urban planners from all parts of the world. The workshops aim to provide young professionals with an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural setting, share their experiences on real-life planning problems, and exchange ideas and learn from each other. At the same time, it is intended to engage them in planning exercise under the guidance of highly-qualified practitioners with extensive international experience. In terms of desired results, it is intended that the YPP workshop results will serve the Kristiansand Municipality in defining possible solutions of the given planning problem with fresh and innovative ideas. The workshop results may be of potential interest to other key stakeholders, including Agder County (which is the regional administration including a.o. Kristiansand, Songdalen and Søgne municipalities), universities and other public and private infrastructure providers, and will therefore be presented locally at the end of the workshop. On the other hand, the workshop results will become an important part of the 54th ISOCARP World Congress, and the outcomes will be available both to congress delegates and all interested members of the Society (in the forms of public presentation, exhibition, publication and website dissemination). In addition to the practical outcomes of the workshop exercise, its results may also contribute to the wider congress discussions.

NATURE OF THE WORKSHOP

The YPP Workshops are traditionally organised in the week preceding the annual ISOCARP Congress and focus specifically on the Congress's main theme. The project site is chosen jointly by ISOCARP and the related Local Organising Committee. Over a concentrated period of three to four days, the YPPs work in closely-knit international teams, exchanging ideas and learning from each other under the guidance of international experts among the members of ISOCARP accompanied by the local coordinator(s), lecturers as well as the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP programme throughout the process. The workshops are brief, but very intense, brainstorming planning and design exercises. They provide a synergetic platform where new ideas and creative solutions to complex and multifaceted urban issues are produced. YPPs are required to defend their ideas in front of a critical jury, the local decision-makers, professionals and the public, as well as the participants of the annual congress. The teams have to prepare a well-rehearsed presentation that frequently catches the special attention of the planning authorities. The tangible results are then presented at the main congress (and at the headquarters of key stakeholders upon request), are published in a Workshop Report, both on the ISOCARP website and different digital mediums. The intangible ones, however, stay in the hearts and minds of the participant YPPs, who not only learn from each other, but also make life-long friends. We strongly recommend you read the past YPP workshop reports, which are available on the ISOCARP website. This will provide further guidance as to the calibre of results to be achieved.

VENUE: KRISTIANSAND

Kristiansand is the administrative, business and cultural capital of Southern Norway. Nicknamed ‘the coolest Riviera’ by the media, it is a modern city with a cosmopolitan history. A leading light in the technology sector and number one in exports, the Kristiansand region is one of the fastest growing regions in Scandinavia and the fastest growing region in Norway. With a population of 137,000, the region comprises the municipalities of Søgne, Songdalen, Iveland, Vennesla, Birkenes, Lillesand and Kristiansand. Surrounded by picturesque scenery - from tiny rocky islands in the fjords to snow-covered mountains inland – Kristiansand offers a rich variety of recreational activities. Flourishing businesses around Kristiansand attract engineers and professionals from the University of Agder and other educational institutions within the city. Some of the largest companies are energybased, either as suppliers to the oil industry or as producers of or suppliers to the emerging renewable energy market. The geographical proximity to the hub of the European continent, nature and the wide range of cultural activities is making the region an attractive place to live. Kristiansand is brimming with exciting opportunities, both professional and recreational. Kristiansand is the gateway for more than two million travellers each year.



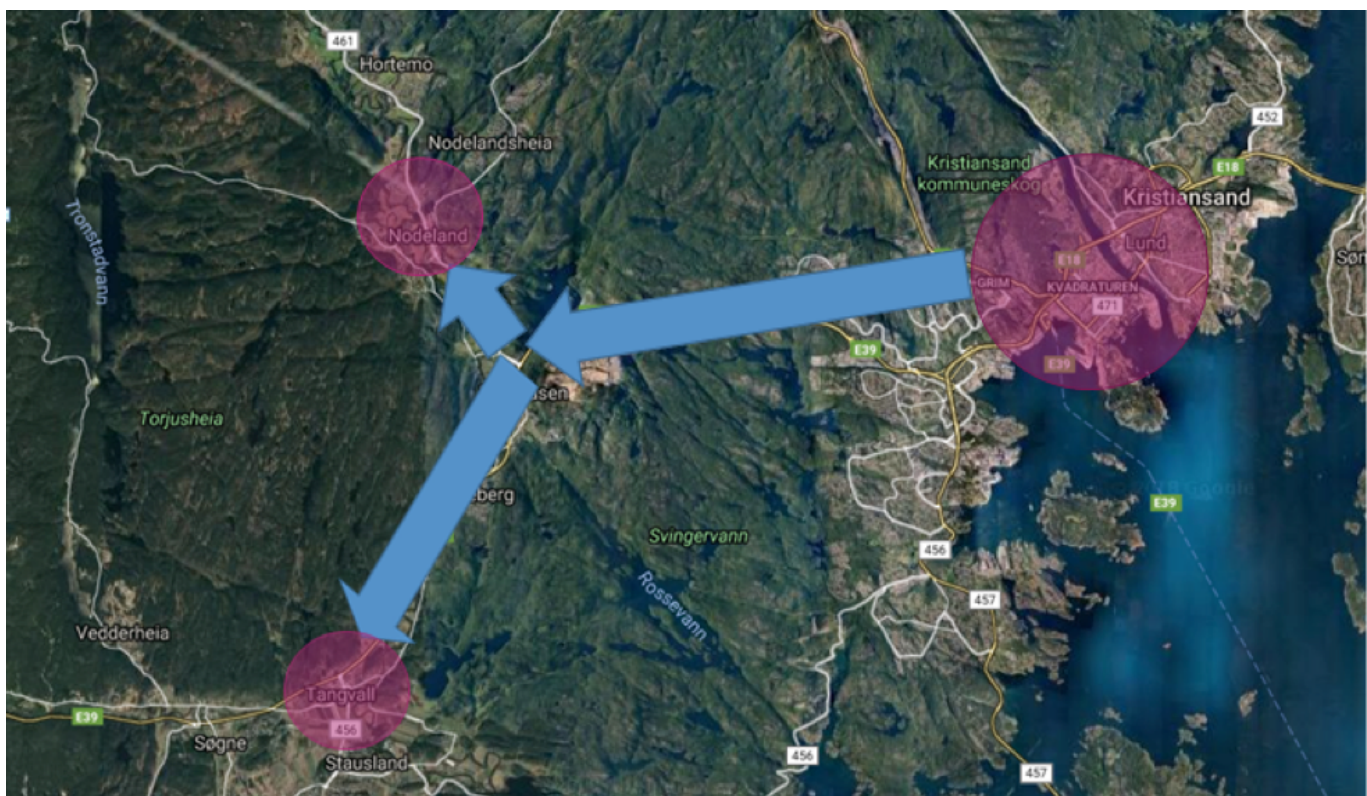
Kristiansand By Anders Martinsen

THEME OF THE WORKSHOP

“COOL PLANNING IN SOUTHERN NORWAY

NEW KRISTIANSAND - DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE POLYCENTRIC URBAN MODEL”

Kristiansand is in the process of amalgamate/merging with two neighbouring municipalities west of Kristiansand: Søgne and Songdalen. This is a huge process involving some 8000 municipal employees and 110.000 inhabitants. The new municipality ‘New Kristiansand’ will be operational from 01.01.2020. The centre of gravity will inevitably shift towards the west, and Kristiansand City will have to work together with the municipal centres in Søgne and Songdalen: Tangvall and Nodeland (reference image below). The workshop participants will then be looking at: How Kristiansand can develop as a polycentric city? How can these three centres complement and strengthen each other to make the new municipality not only more competitive, but also more dynamic and interesting for the inhabitants? Exploring the different characteristics and identities of the three centres as a basis for developing a polycentric city is important, besides reducing the mental distance between these centres through new ways of transport and communication. The guiding strategic principles include major focus on environmental, economic and social sustainability, climate change and adaptation.



REQUIRED TASKS FOR WORKSHOP COORDINATORS

Each workshop coordinator will spend 4 full days working with the YPP group between 24 and 29 September. The workshop results will be presented in Kristiansand and/or Nodeland and Tangvall on the 28 September 2018, followed by a Certificate Ceremony and Exhibition Opening (venue to be announced soon). After the Young Planning

Professionals' Workshop, the workshop coordinators are also obliged to attend the 54th ISOCARP World Congress in Bodø between 1 and 4 October. Here, the workshop results will be presented again during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon). There will be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press both in Kristiansand and Bodø. Therefore, all coordinators should arrive on 24 September in Kristiansand at the latest and depart not earlier than 5 October from Bodø.

The required tasks of the workshop coordinators are as follows:

- assistance in selecting the YPPs with the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP Programme (if necessary)
- coordination of the framework, the scientific and professional content of the workshop theme in collaboration with the local coordinator(s) and the Vice President responsible for the YPP programme
- guidance on the work of the YPPs throughout the workshop, stimulate discussions, instruct on the presentation format
- guidance on the public presentations to key stakeholders including the decision-makers, professionals and the public in Kristiansand, and during the annual congress
- coordination of YPP exhibitions conducted both during the workshop in Kristiansand and during the congress in collaboration with the local organisation committee
- coordination of the publication of the workshop results in collaboration with the ISOCARP Vice President responsible for the YPP Programme and the local organisation committee
- participation in events aimed at promoting the Programme during Kristiansand Workshop and during their stay in 54th ISOCARP World Congress

All results of YPP Workshops are published as reports, and can be downloaded as a PDF, e-book or can be ordered as a CD-Box (available from 2008 to 2017). The dissemination of knowledge is also made available through ISOCARP's Review and PLAN magazine upon request. After the workshop, a YPPs' Workshop Report is published, and made available in various formats including E-Book and Hardcopy (upon request). All YPPs are obliged to write down the results of the work of their specific group immediately after the programme under the supervision of workshop coordinators. The final lay-out, printing, etc. of the publication will be done by ISOCARP and local organisers. (For examples of past years have a look at the ISOCARP website: [Publications](#)). For the purpose of this, workshop coordinators (along with 2-3 selected YPPs) will collect all materials and prepare the first draft of the report.

The results of the YPP Workshop will be exhibited at the end of the workshop in Kristiansand as well as during the annual ISOCARP World Congress for the effective and interactive dissemination of knowledge. All YPPs are obliged to publish the results of the work of their specific group in an ISOCARP YPP Poster format before the congress starts (The format will be given to participants during the workshop). The final lay-out will be done by YPP participants under the supervision of the Workshop Coordinators. The printing of the posters will be done by local organisers.

CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES

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

There will be honorarium of €1500 for each of the YPP Workshop coordinators for the duration of time they will spend guiding the YPPs. This sum will be paid directly by ISOCARP after the completion of the task.

The local organisers (Kristiansand Municipality) will provide the international air ticket for the selected coordinators (arrival to Kristiansand and departure from Bodø) (economic fare), as well as compensate transportation costs from Kristiansand to Bodø by plane. Thus, all selected workshop coordinators should arrange and submit their international travel itineraries to ISOCARP Head Office by 30 June 2018 at the latest.

Kristiansand Municipality will be in charge of arranging accommodation, boarding (lunches and most dinners) and local transportation for the entire duration of the workshop (including transfers to and from the program venue and airport according to their various individual planned flight itineraries), within the agreed dates in Kristiansand. Selected coordinators have to take care of arranging accommodation for the duration of the congress on their own (If requested, ISOCARP will guide in booking rooms in budget accommodation with the YPPs under the supervision of Bodø Municipality).

Coordinators are welcome to stay in Norway longer than 5th October and to participate in other activities such as post-congress tours. However, their expenses for additional time spent in Norway beyond the time required for the workshop and congress have to be borne by themselves. Both Kristiansand Municipality and ISOCARP should timely be informed on such an extension.

Please discuss your travel plans in advance with VP YPP Zeynep Gunay.
All selected coordinators have to take care of their own health and travel insurance.

CALENDAR

Issue of Call	1 March 2018
Deadline - Reception of applications	20 March 2018
Communication of Selection Results	1 April 2018
Confirmation by selected Candidates	5 April 2018
Travel arrangements/procedures	20 April – 30 June 2018
Arrival to Kristiansand	24 September 2018
Departure from Kristiansand	29 September 2018
Departure from Bodø	5 October 2018

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 programmes, with no outstanding membership fees. Colleagues with experience in urban design and planning, strategic planning and environmental, economic and social sustainability and climate change are especially encouraged to apply. International experience is a plus but not a must. Also, the basic understanding and/or interest in the Nordic region will be treated as advantage.

It is intended to select 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, members with extensive planning and/or educational practice are especially encouraged to apply. For the 'junior' coordinator, former YPPs with further professional and/or educational experience are especially welcome to apply, although applications from members 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.

The applicants are required to send the following:

- 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)
- Curriculum Vitae pointing out the relevant experience (please use the [ISOCARP Template](#))
- A portrait photograph (5x5 cm, in 300 dpi)
- A clear scan of your passport (photo page) and information whether you need a visa to Norway, and – in the positive case – which country/city/consulate you will be applying for it.
- All applicants are also encouraged to submit paper proposals for the 54th ISOCARP World Congress – please see the congress website: <https://isocarp.org/2018congress/>

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

SELECTION COMMITTEE

An evaluation and final selection of candidates will be done by a Selection Committee formed by Zeynep Gunay, ISOCARP YPP VP and local coordinators. Selected candidates will be informed of their selection, after which they will have to confirm their availability and participation to the ISOCARP Head Office. Participation documents will be sent to them shortly afterwards. Travel procedures (including visa if applicable) will start immediately after the selection process has been completed.

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL TIMELINE FOR WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Day 0 September 24th, Monday

Arrival - Group meeting and Team Organisation (in the afternoon)
(informal meeting: optional, depending on YPPs' and coordinators' travel schedules)
Welcome Reception

Day 1 September 25th, Tuesday

Official welcome, short introductory lecture(s) by local and invited international experts
Site visit (by bus and/or on foot) allowing the participants to understand the character and issues associated with the selected site
Documentation of site-specific characteristics, formulation of the design / planning problems and spatial development strategy

Day 2 September 26th, Wednesday

Studio work in teams – defining the problem solutions at the macro scale and developing strategies and key projects of intervention
Group presentations and discussions

Day 3 September 27th, Thursday

Studio work in teams – defining the specific proposals and key urban projects constituting the part of the strategy, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Group presentations and discussions

Day 4 September 28th, Friday

Studio work in teams – refinement of the proposed solutions, defining the specific proposals and implementation methods, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Public presentation and exhibition - Certificate Ceremony - Opening of the YPP exhibition

Day 5 September 29th, Saturday

Travel to Bodø

Day 6 September 30th, Sunday

Rehersal for public presentation
Final preparations for congress presentation

October 1-4th, Monday - Friday

54th ISOCARP World Congress: "Cool Planning: Changing Climate and Our Urban Future"
Presentation of workshop results during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon)

QUESTIONS

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

Phone: +(31-70) 346-2654

Email: kurth@isocarp.org

Website: www.isocarp.org

Any questions regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to VP YPP, Zeynep Gunay: gunay@isocarp.org.

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