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Letter of Intent

Dear colleagues and friends,

I would like to ask for your support regarding my candidacy for the position of ISOCARP Board Member. It is my great pleasure to share with you my statement of commitment for our Society, where I will try to present my approach, ISOCARP activities, my vision, and relevant experience.

ISOCARP has for long remained a unique place for dialogue for members from all over the world with an objective of serving communities in the development of cities and regions. For me, for the last 15 years, it is also an extended family of friends and colleagues with whom I can share ideas or ask for support. Over those years I served as:

- YPP tutor co-organiser of YPP Workshop 'Rethinking the city-water interface in Gdynia' during 50th ISOCARP Congress in Gdynia 2014
- Co-organiser and local tutor of 4 YPP Workshops in Gdynia in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and tutor in Moscow in 2016
- Jury member of Routledge Poster Award for YPP in 2016 and 2017
- Congress team member for 52nd ISOCARP Congress in Durban, 55th ISOCARP Congress in Jakarta and 58th ISOCARP in Brussels
- Vice-head of Polish National delegation, ISOCARP Bureau and Council member
- Co-organizer of ISOCARP regional workshop in Lodz 2014 'Limits of Formal Planning in Managing the Urban Development'
- ISOCARP Expert in H2020 project Systemic Standardisation Approach To Empower Smart Cities And Communities

Yet, current "post crisis" trends have posed numerous challenges for our Society demanding new approaches to knowledge dissemination and education of young planners. To answer those, if I were to be elected, I will seek to:

- continue to further develop the good practices and methodologies of the YPP program, following closely the footsteps of our valuable former Board Member Zeynep Günay,

- make ISOCARP YPP program more visible and acknowledged internationally through further development of collaboration with other organisations in the field of education and training (UN, UNESCO, ICOMOS, APA, AESOP),
- strengthen the network of young planning professionals, who is the essential pillars for the future development of ISOCARP (through dedicated database, social media channels and meetings - face-to-face and virtual),
- upgrade the communication and dissemination of the workshops results, promoting ISOCARP as the forward-thinking professional organisation,
- actively seek out YPP workshop hosting partnerships, and motivate young professionals to take part in the YPPs events and to become ISOCARP members,
- seek ISOCARP colleagues' views regarding their expectations concerning ISOCARP YPP program

As Chartered urban planner with 18 years of experience working both for private and public sector, Professor at Gdansk University of Technology and long standing member of the Board and former President of Society of Polish Town Planners - Gdansk division, I believe that my experience can be useful for our society.

If elected, I will serve both the Society and our Members with commitment and determination and have the development and effective functioning of the YPP program's the best interest at heart. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any questions connected to my vision for YPP program or the society as a whole.

Sincerely,



Dorota Kamrowska-Zaluska